



## Newsletter #4

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*The fourth Newsletter of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013 issued in the fourth year of the Programme's lifecycle brings you the latest news and information about results of the Third Call for Proposals, management of projects from the First and Second Calls, representation of the Programme at events, and presentation of a project in the field of municipal solid waste management.*

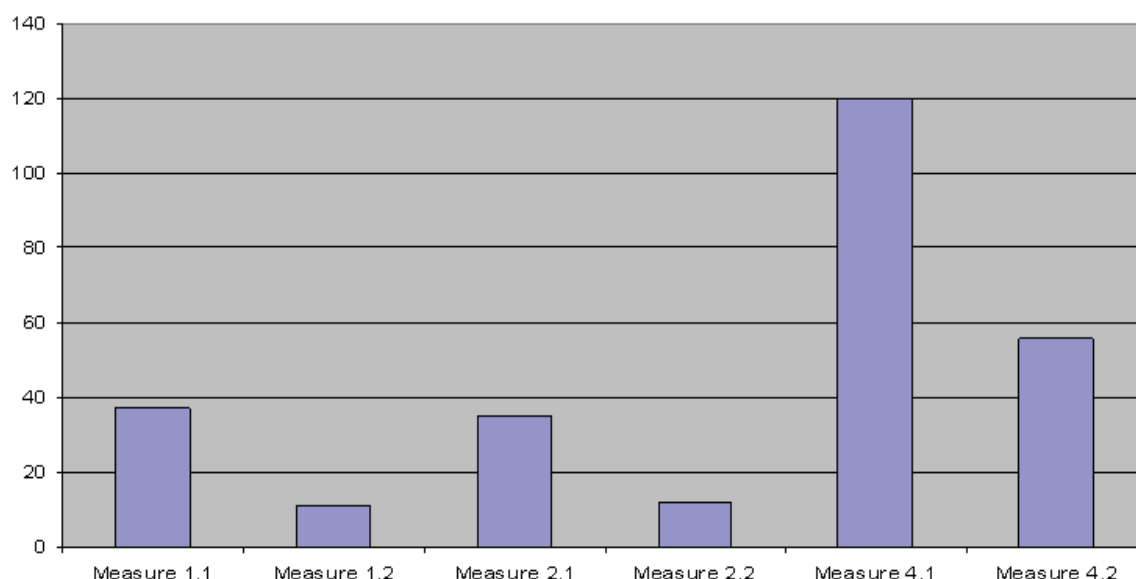
### Third Call for Proposals (HUSKROUA/1101)

The third Call for Proposals within the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013 was closed on 31 January 2012. In total **8 million EUR ENPI funds** were available within the third Call to support partnerships without borders. The **JTS received 271 project proposals**, the **total amount of financing requested by Applicants** in the submitted project proposals **approaches 83,9 million EUR**, which is ten and a half times more than the available ENPI allocation within the third Call.

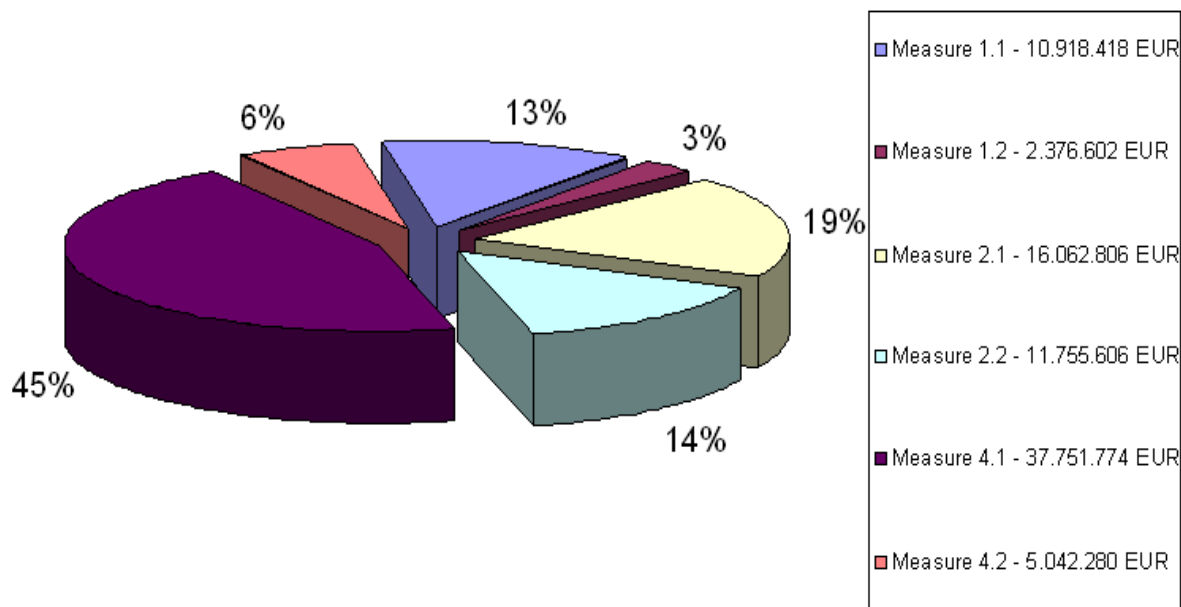
#### Comparison of ENPI contribution requested per measure with the indicative allocation:

	M. 1.1: Harmonised devel- opment of tourism	M. 1.2: Create better conditions for SMEs and business development	M. 2.1: Environmental pro- tection, sustainable use and manage- ment of natural resources	M.2.2: Emergency preparedness	M. 4.1: Institutional coop- eration	M. 4.2: Small scale "People to people" cooperation
Indicative allocation (EUR)	1,000,000	275,000	950,000	2,300,000	2,400,000	1,075,000
Requested funds (EUR)	10,918,418	2,376,602	16,062,806	11,755,606	37,751,774	5,042,280

**The number of submitted project proposals in a breakdown according to the measures is demonstrated on the following chart:**



*The following diagram demonstrates the breakdown of the requested ENPI funds (in EUR) according to measures and in %:*



The statistics show a very similar interest as it was experienced during the second Call. **The most popular Measure** proved to be **4.1 'Institutional cooperation'** attracting the highest number of project proposals (120), **followed by 4.2 'Small scale „People to people” cooperation'** (56) and **1.1 'Harmonized development of tourism'** (37). Considering the amount of requested ENPI funding, again the biggest share (45%) belongs to institutional co-operations whilst the second biggest share (19%) is represented by applications in the field of environmental protection and sustainable use of natural resources due to the larger size of these actions.

### Evaluation process

After the administrative and eligibility check performed by the JTS, selected external assessors carried out the quality assessment of the applications submitted under the respective Call. Based on the assessments Project Selection Committees discussed the project proposals and drawn up their recommendations to the Joint Monitoring Committee. The Joint Monitoring Committee took the final decision on projects to be approved and amount granted to them at its fifth meeting at the beginning of December 2012. The decision still has to be endorsed by the European Commission.

### Next steps

Applicants will be notified on the results of their applications at the end of January 2013. Implementation of awarded projects can begin following the signature of the grant contracts planned to start from March 2013. The list of the already contracted and implemented projects will be published progressively on the Programme's website ([www.huskroua-cbc.net](http://www.huskroua-cbc.net)). The result of the third Call and overall statistics of all the three closed Calls will be presented in the upcoming newsletter.

Once the selected projects are contracted the JTS and Branch Offices will organise Lead Partner Seminars in order to provide information on project implementation process, role and responsibilities of the Lead Partners. Partners will be also encouraged to participate to learn about the reporting and payment procedures, information and publicity standards etc.

***In line with the decision of the Joint Monitoring Committee no more Calls will be published within the HUSKROUA ENPI CBC Programme.***

## Implementation of projects of the first (HUSKROUA/0901) and of the second Call for Proposals (HUSKROUA/1001)

The contracting and implementation of 92 projects from the first and second Calls is ongoing with 34,43 million EUR awarded ENPI funds during year 2012. 15 projects closed their activities, 3 projects' Final Report was approved and balance payment paid to them.

Activities of the JTS related to project implementation included the processing of project modification requests, the checking and correcting Interim Reports/Final Reports, providing continuous help-desk to Beneficiaries (correspondence as well as phone and personal consultations) and also visiting of projects in order to monitor their progress.

### Seminars for Beneficiaries and Partners

The Joint Technical Secretariat in co-operation with RCBI project (experts) organised 1-day **Project Management Training** for project Beneficiaries/Partners awarded under the Second Call. The main goal of the event was to develop a better understanding of how to successfully launch and implement a project. During the seminars the attention of the participants was drawn to such topics as the role of the Lead Partner in the project, eligibility of expenditures, applicable rules for procurement, technical and financial reporting requirements.

Other topics as national requirements and specialities related to implementation of EU projects, in particular procurement, registration and related issues, book-keeping and legal specialities, subcontracting foreign companies, etc. were outlined at national trainings organised separately in each participating country for Beneficiaries/Partners from that particular country. In **Member States the Lead Partner seminars** were organized in co-operation with national Controllers. **Ukrainian national specifics** were presented in a separate Project Management Training with the involvement of Interact experts.

### The seminars took place:

- In Romania:** 10-11 January 2012, Satu Mare
- In Slovakia:** 26 March 2012, Prešov
- In Hungary:** 04 April 2012, Nyíregyháza
- In Ukraine:** 22-23 March and 11 December 2012, Uzhgorod

## Participation in EURO Village and at European Cooperation Day

The EU Delegation to Ukraine organized a visibility event during EURO Championships 2012. The conference named **"EUROVillage"** took place from the 2nd of June to 1st of July, 2012 in Kiev (Ukraine) and showed co-operation between the EU and Ukraine through CBC programmes involving Ukraine. The **Beneficiary "NGO FORZA" of project European Mobility Week in Carpathy** (HUSKROUA/0901/139) presented their activities in promoting of walking, cycling and using public transport as an example of cross-border cooperation initiatives in Ukraine.

**European Cooperation Day** was celebrated across Europe and in neighbouring countries for the first time ever on and around 21 September 2012. The improvements in the quality of life and living conditions brought about by Territorial Cooperation and Cross-border Cooperation to the populations of Europe and Europe's neighbouring regions and countries were highlighted at more than 160 local events. Under the umbrella of the European Cooperation Day, **18 Interactive Open Days** and events were organized by **HUSKROUA ENPI CBC projects**. Inhabitants and visitors of the participating cities and villages were experiencing and jointly celebrating the achievements of cross-border cooperation over the eligible territories of the four countries.



A few examples of Interactive Open Days and events organized per countries:



#### In Ukraine:

- Inception conference of the project titled "Integrated network of bicycle touring routes along the Ukrainian-Hungarian border" (Uzhgorod)
- Carpathian Tourism Exhibition and Fair - Innovation projects and scientific research (Uzhgorod)
- Regional Festival of Slovak Traditional Arts (Uzhgorod)
- Open doors in Tisza River Basin Water Resources Directorate for transboundary projects presentation in the framework of EC Day celebration (Uzhgorod and Village Chervone)
- The Plaque of Honour Awarding Ceremony Minor: Precarpathian Vernissage, the festival of decorative art; the Festival of Bread (Ivano-Frankivsk)
- OPEN DAYS in Mukachevo Castle (Mukachevo)

#### In Hungary:

- Introducing Traditional Crafts (Sátoraljaújhely)
- Good practices in cooperation, integration and experience learning -- Cooperation to celebrate ECD in Nyíregyháza with AlterEgo Association, Down Association and "TO TEACH" Foundation of Rutinsoft Kft for high level education (Nyíregyháza)

#### In Slovakia:

- Kick off meeting of the project: Local acting on climate change impacts -LOC-CLIM-ACT (Košice)
- Mutual cooperation through football (village of Drienica)

#### In Romania:

- European Cooperation Day in Satu Mare County (Satu Mare)
- Open borders for bears in Maramureş (Baia Mare)





## Presentation of a Ukrainian-Romanian bilateral project applying environmentally sound technologies in municipal solid wastes management

The aim of project “**Improvement of environment in Ivano-Frankivsk and neighboring region applying environmentally sound technologies in municipal solid wastes management based on experience of Baia Mare, Maramures (Romania)**” (HUSKROUA/0901/126) is creation of a sustainable mechanism for segregated collection, transportation, processing and disposal of municipal solid waste (MSW) in Ivano-Frankivsk, applying experience of city Baia Mare, as well as reduction of the adverse impact on the environment and human health. The importance of such a project is justified by the fact that in Ukraine the population is provided with the removal system of MSW only by 70%. Annually it is accumulated 50 million m<sup>3</sup> of waste, which on average accounts for 300-400 kg per year for one person. Over the past 10 years, the volume of solid wastes per person increased by 40%.

**The total budget of the project is 804,097 Euros (with 70.79% ENPI support) and the duration is 26 months.**

The following **organizational and information activities** have contributed to the achieving of project results:

1. Creation of **support structures**: nine Motivational community groups (MCG), Municipal Coordinating Committee (MCC) in Ivano-Frankivsk on solid waste management and the environment; Coordinative Romanian-Ukrainian Committee of both cities Baia Mare - Ivano-Frankivsk (CRUC) on coordination of designing and implementing of spatial planning measures;
2. Conduction of focus groups, trainings, public hearings, municipal consultations on the project and experience exchange in the treatment of solid waste, **children's competitions** “Clean city through the eyes of children” in Ivano-Frankivsk and Baia Mare.
3. Publication of **series of thematic articles in the media**, on radio and television;
4. Conduction of **Coordinative Romanian-Ukrainian Committee's meetings** to coordinate spatial planning and implementing of project activities and develop common positions in the collection, sorting and recycling of solid waste, study of positive achievements, experience sharing, joint conferences, workshops, seminars, study visits;
5. Presentation of the EU project at a meeting of the All-Ukrainian seminar on handling waste “Sanochystky-2011” conducted by the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine on “The role of population in separate collection of municipal solid waste with a view to the implementation of initiatives to improve the efficiency of waste” in Berdiansk in June 2011;
6. Issue of seventeen numbers of **bulletin “Clean environment”**;
7. Development and production of **brochures** “Why solid wastes should be sorted?” and “How to sort waste”, **booklets** “How to make money on sorting of solid waste” and “From information to separate sorting”, **children's comic book** “The story of how the city became clean”, which are bestseller among readers and is posted at the blog of the National Library of Ukraine. The circulation is 2000 copies of each.
8. **Presentation of project** at Ukrainian-Canadian Business Forum in September 2011 and also at the breakout session on “Cross-border and inter-regional cooperation” during the International investment forum “Partnership and Prospects”;
9. Conducting of two **study visits** (one to Ivano-Frankivsk and one to Baia Mare) to share experience, learn best practices, identify partners;
10. Conduction of **roundtable session** in Ivano-Frankivsk, which was attended by representatives of Baia Mare, on the discussion of the mechanism of private sector maintenance of solid waste transporting in Ivano-Frankivsk and Baia Mare, combating with the dumps appearing;
11. **Development of an action plan** for the neighboring cities, the **business plan** to attract business sector in solid waste management;
12. Developing of **internet platform “ECOMISTO”** that will involve the community to the solving problems related to the responsible waste management and organize effective communication on separate collection, removal and disposal of waste, elimination of waste dumps, mobilization of civic engagement to ensure the cleanliness of the environment between citizens, utilities, companies that deals with recycling and disposal of waste and local governments and their institutions.



From the practical side the following was done:

- **460 containers for separate collection of solid waste** were purchased;
- Six open **large removable containers for construction waste** were purchased;
- More than **100 container sites** were built;
- **Vehicle for transportation of containers** designed for the collection of construction waste was purchased;
- Vacuum cleaner for cleaning container sites and surrounding area was purchased;
- Environmental inspection of solid waste landfill in Rybne village was conducted.

**In addition to quantitative, it is important to take into account quality results.** The project significantly increased the level of public awareness on environmental issues. Residents really worried about the state of solid waste management in the city and in their own homes. One of the important achievements is improving the partnership between the city government and residents. Ivano-Frankivsk's citizens could feel their involvement in global issues through participation in project activities.

Structures of local government and the business sector have established partnership and now they have been already planning further improving of waste management in the city. Thanks to elaboration of action plans and business plans, results of study visits new project proposals will be developed.

The main task facing the team now is the maintaining of its sustainability. Innovative Internet platform will catch up the function of further monitoring of improvement of solid waste management in Ivano-Frankivsk. One of the future steps to continue the action is initiation of hazardous waste as a separate fraction.

**Initiative of separate waste sorting, which was started in Ivano-Frankivsk city, has rapidly been intercepted by region and other cities in Ukraine** (e.g. city of Tulchyn will use our approach to the project realization and information materials in their practice of introducing separate collection system of MSW). The idea of environmental police forming, which has been successfully operating in Baia Mare, has inspired local operators and authorities to implement similar activities.

Today, Ivano-Frankivsk is recognized as city that deepens and expands international cooperation through participation in EU programmes and projects, for which it **has received the third highest award from the European Council - Honorary Sign of Europe.**



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