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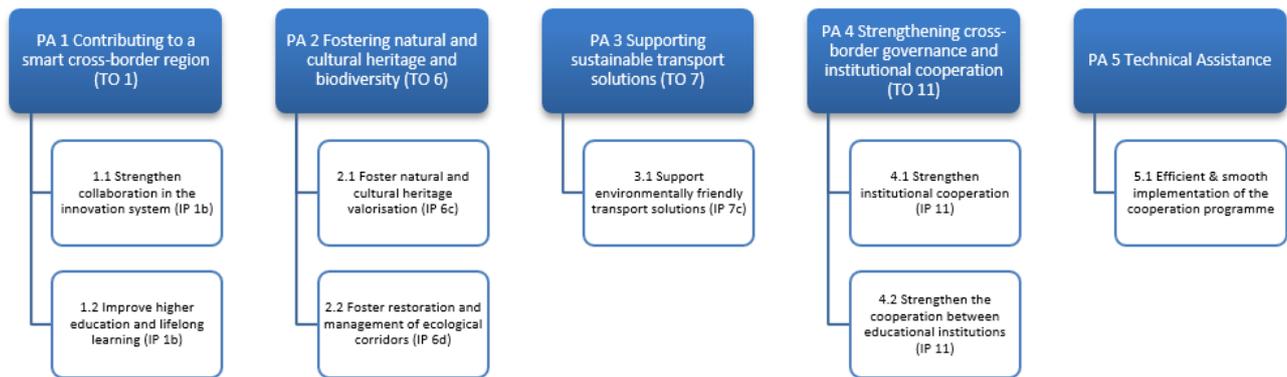
Annual Implementation Report 2019



A citizen's summary of the contents of the Annual Report has been made public and uploaded as an annex to the Annual Implementation Report. The Annual Report 2019 of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Austria Cooperation Programme has been prepared pursuant to Annex X of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/207. The report is intended to give an overview of the activities that were undertaken in the frame of the programming process, focusing on the year 2019. Regarding its structure, the Interreg V-A SK-AT cooperation programme addresses five investment priorities (IP) under four priority axes (PA). In addition, a fifth priority axis on technical assistance has been introduced.

This summary is report of Interreg V-A SK-AT activities in 2019. It presents key points and highlights from the year.

COMPOSITION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME



FUNDING OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

The total funding of the Programme represents EUR 89.3 mn, out of which EUR 75.9 mn from ERDF.

Priority axis	Thematic objective	EU support (€)	National sources (€)	Total financial sources (€)
Contributing to a smart crossborder-region	Strengthening research, technological development and innovation	19,7mn	3,5 mn	23,1 mn
Fostering natural and cultural heritage and biodiversity	Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	27,8 mn	4,9 mn	32,7 mn
Supporting sustainable transport solutions	Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key infrastructure networks	9,7 mn	1,7 mn	11,4 mn
Strengthening cross-border governance and institutional cooperation	Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities, and stakeholders and efficient public administration by promoting cooperation	14,1 mn	2,5 mn	16,7 mn
Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance	4,6 mn	0,8 mn	5,4 mn
Total		75,9 mn	13,4 mn	89,3 mn

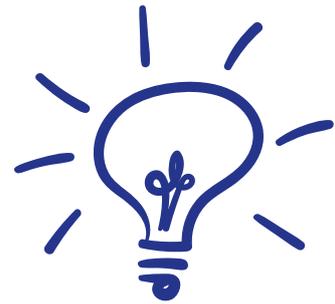


The programme area consists of the Austrian Länder: Wien, Niederösterreich, Burgenland (only Nordburgenland and Mittelburgenland) and of the Bratislavský kraj and Trnavský kraj on the Slovak side.

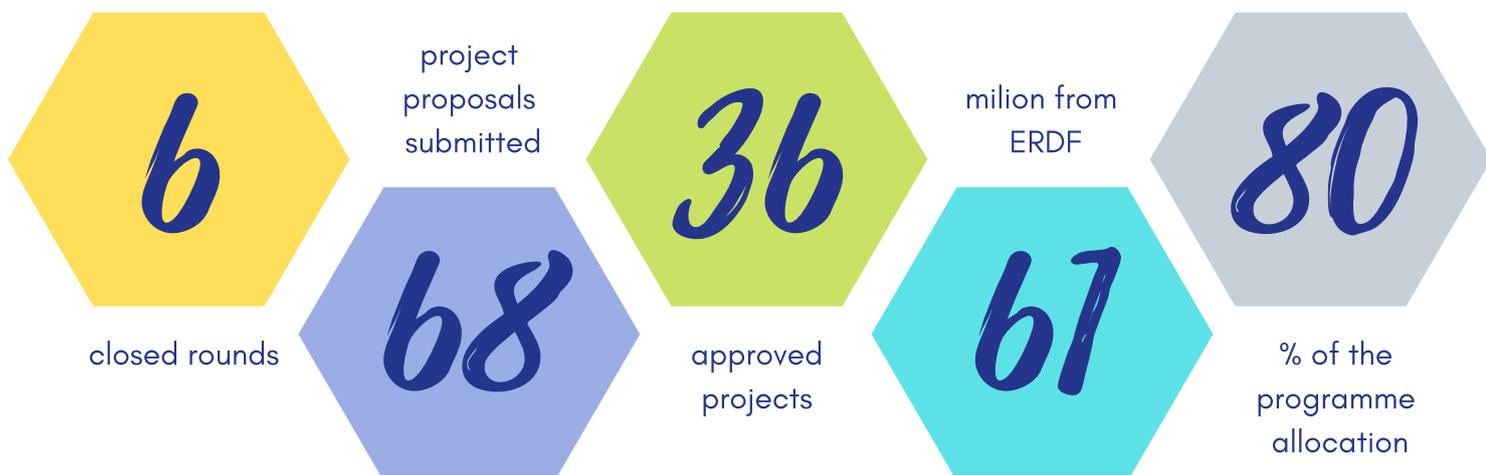


Pursuant to the approval of the Cooperation Programme by the European Commission on 28th July 2015, throughout the years 2016 - 2019 the Managing Authority supported by the Joint Secretariat and the partners elaborated and updated key programme documents. In 2019, the stress of the Managing Authority (MA) with the involvement of all management bodies was given mostly on the acceleration of the implementation process, with the focus on commitment and disbursement of funds. Actually, the year 2019 was the second year when disbursement of funds could be reported.

Four open Calls for proposals (hereinafter referred to as CfP) were launched in December 2016, covering the complete budget of the programme for Priority axes 1, 2, 3 and 4, i.e. EUR 71,339,118 from ERDF. After 3 rounds of CfP in 2017 and 2018 with 47 project proposals submitted, 3 more rounds followed in 2019. Under the 4th round with the deadline on 31st January 2019, 3 applications were submitted. The 5th round had the deadline on 28th June 2019 with 4 applications submitted. The deadline for the 6th round was set on 29th November 2019 and 9 applications were submitted. At the 8th MC meeting, the deadline for the 7th round was set on 28th February 2020.



As of the end of the reporting period, 36 projects have been approved by the Monitoring Committee (MC) under the Programme in the total amount of EUR 61.91 mn from ERDF, which represents 81.57 % of the programme allocation. For 33 projects, decisions on their approval have been issued. The level of contracting represents EUR 49.50 mn from ERDF - 65.22 % of the programme allocation. Disbursement rate has reached EUR 7.60 mn from ERDF, i.e. 10.02 % of the programme allocation. All the implemented measures throughout 2018 and 2019 have lead, among others, to the successful fulfilment of the N+3 rule also for 2019.



COMMUNICATION

In order to support the effective implementation of projects and of the Cooperation programme, in 2019 the MA in close cooperation with JS organized 3 “Lead beneficiary and partner seminars” on 23rd January, 26th June and 17th December 2019.



In addition, so-called “Open days” (consultations with applicants) were organized by the JS at 8 different dates during 2019 corresponding to particular assessment rounds of CfP - 15th January in Bratislava, 17th January in Vienna, 27th May in Vienna, 11th June in Bratislava, 30th September in Vienna, 22nd October in Bratislava, 6th November in Vienna and 13th November in Bratislava.



On 12th December 2019, the Annual Event of the Programme with the title “Destruction of Borders” - not only among countries but also among people, took place in Bratislava at Pistori Palace. The aim of the event was to interconnect children with young handicapped artists, to show the diversity in order to increase mutual understanding, respect and knowledge of different worlds. The event consisted of interactive workshops and various educational activities for children and adults.



WE TOOK PART IN MANY INTERESTING EVENTS

2019

