



Interreg

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CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

Annual Implementation Report 2020



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 2020 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 2020. 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 2020. It presents key points and highlights from the year.

COMPOSITION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

priority axes and investment priorities

SK-AT cooperation programme 2014-2020 ("Interreg Slovakia-Austria")
Improve frameworks and policies and deliver concrete solutions



PA1 Contributing to a smart cross-border region (TO 1)

1.1 Strengthen collaboration in the innovation system (IP 1b)

1.2 Improve higher education and lifelong learning (IP 1b)



PA2 Fostering natural and cultural heritage and biodiversity (TO 6)

2.1 Foster natural and cultural heritage valorisation (IP 6c)

2.2 Foster restoration and management of ecological corridors (IP 6d)



PA 3 Supporting sustainable transport solutions (TO 7)

3.1 Support environmentally friendly transport solutions (IP 7c)



PA 4 Strengthening cross-border governance and institutional cooperation (TO 11)

4.1 Strengthen institutional cooperation (IP 11)

4.2 Strengthen the cooperation between educational institutions (IP 11)

PA 5 Technical Assistance

5.1 Efficient & smooth implementation of the cooperation programme

Europe 2020
smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

The programme area consists of:

the Austrian Länder:

- Wien
- Niederösterreich
- Burgenland (only Nordburgenland and Mittelburgenland)

the Slovak side:

- Bratislavský kraj
- Trnavský kraj



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



OUR PROJECTS IN 2020

2

rounds



10

approved projects

4

closed projects

examples

NemoNet Network Integrative Quality Tourism in the Neusiedler See - Modra region



Partners: Stadtgemeinde Purbach am N.S.
Marktgemeinde Jois
City of Modra

Priority axis: 2

Investment priority: 2.1

Budget: 1,6mil. EUR

EU funding (ERDF): 1,25 mil. EUR

Duration: 1.7.2017 - 31.10.2020

The project was engaged in the joint development and improvement of inclusive quality tourism offerings, as well as green transportation possibilities, which are both sustainable.

The fields of interest are ecomobility (development infrastructure e-mobility), water management (revitalization of natural ponds in Modra and Purbach), and culture (history of the German-speaking forest workers - Huncokari - in Modra).

Know-how transfers on bird habitats, nature conservation and sustainable tourism as well as water management round off the project, creating cross-border synergies.

Blühlinge Flourish landscapes for butterflies in SK and AT



Partners: Umweltschutzorganisation GLOBAL 2000
Bratislavské regionálne ochranárske združenie

Priority axis: 2

Investment priority: 2.2

Budget: 1.4 mil. EUR

EU funding (ERDF): 1,2 mil. EUR

Duration: 2.11. 2017 - 31.10.2020

Through the project, model nodes and stepping stones were built directly, representing oases for butterflies, insects and biodiversity in an intensively used landscape.

General workshops provided knowledge that could be used directly in your own garden or in the schoolyard by creating your own little stepping stones through the use of butterfly packages.

Schools, cities, municipalities, citizens, gardeners and media partners in SK and AT worked together on a solution in a cross-border project and at the same time form the basis for future projects on biodiversity.

COMMUNICATION

The MA/JS continuously informed the target groups about the stages of the implementation, provided useful information, downloadable documents and project news via the programme website (www.sk-at.eu) and through Facebook. In addition, Keep database (www.keep.eu) with project information has been regularly updated.

All communication activities were affected by the restrictions of Covid-19 pandemic situation, therefore the MA/JS prepared online seminars and consultations via Webex, MS Teams, Zoom, etc.

In order to support the effective implementation of projects and of the Cooperation programme, the MA in close cooperation with JS organized online “Lead beneficiary and partner seminar” on 24th September 2020 from Vienna.



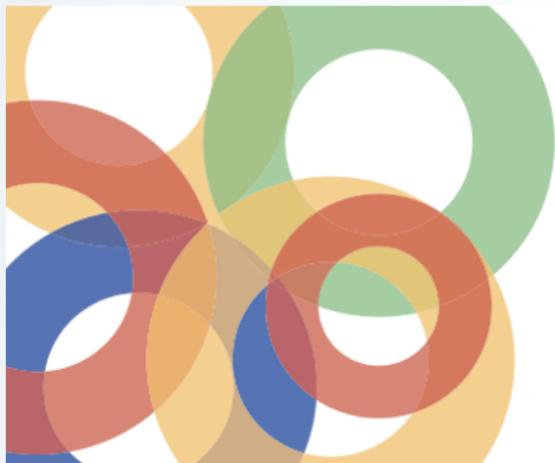
In addition, so-called “Open days” (consultations with applicants) were organized by the JS at 7 different dates during 2020 corresponding to particular assessment rounds of CfP – 4th February in Bratislava, 11th February in Vienna, 21st September and 6th October in Vienna and 8th October 2020 in online form in Bratislava and subsequently in full online mode (due to the deteriorating pandemic situation with COVID-19) on 11th and 19th November 2020.

The regular “Annual Event of the Programme” did not take place in 2020, due to the ongoing pandemic situation and the travel restrictions.



We celebrated 30 years of Interreg programmes

All along 2020, the Interreg community celebrates 30 years of Interreg and cooperation in all its shapes. As the second pillar of the Cohesion policy, Interreg is at the heart of the European spirit because it encourages regions and countries to tackle challenges they can solve only by working together.



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And we took part in interesting events

Online forum about cross-border cooperation, 21-25 April 2020



ECLAS LE:NOTRE Institute STU TU WU

9th LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum 2020
Cross-Border Landscapes
 Bratislava, April 21 - 25 2020



Marek Dinka
 Mag. rer. nat. Marek Dinka studied Geography and Spatial Planning at the University of Vienna in Austria and at the University of Münster in Germany. During his university studies, he conducted a professional internship at the Municipal Department 18 – Urban Development and Planning of the City of Vienna. He has been working at the Spatial Planning Division of the City of Bratislava since 2009 and as its director since 2019. Within the division, he worked at the Department for Coordination of Territorial Systems (2009–2014) and the Department of Land-Use Planning Document Procurement (2015–2018). He was project manager of the lead partner in the cross-border BAUM project (Bratislava Territorial Management) (2011–2014) and he is the specialist supervisor of the lead partner of the Interreg project BAUM 2020 (2017–2020).

Keynote Lecture
 April 22 11:00

Spatial Development across an International Border
Lessons learnt from BAUM - a joint initiative of Bratislava, Lower Austria and Burgenland

A cross-border city region of Bratislava has become a reality in the lives of people living on the Slovak-Austrian international border. One Burgenlandian and two Lower Austrian municipalities are just 7 kilometres or 10 driving minutes away from the historical centre of the Slovak capital. These three Austrian villages are closer to the city centre of Bratislava than half of the 17 administrative boroughs of the city itself. However, administrative borders and language barriers have been obstacles for the development of this area for many years. There is a need for a cooperative landscape development, in order to utilise the potentials and opportunities of a shared region. *BAUM - Bratislava Územný Management / Bratislava Umland Management* is an initiative of the City of Bratislava and the federal states of Lower Austria and Burgenland. BAUM2020 is a platform of Bratislava and neighbouring Austrian municipalities dealing with issues of territorial development and initiating common projects.



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Groundbreaking Ceremony of CAA (Centrum of Active Aging) project, 1st July 2020



There has never been a greater need for us to protect and restore our freshwater resources in Europe.

Water is essential to hygiene, public health and safety. One area where water plays an essential role in the safety and wellbeing of our communities is the area of the Danube, the world's most international river basin.

Linking 10 countries along nearly 3,000 km of the river and its tributaries, the Danube sustains countless human and natural habitats, providing flood protection, drinking water and recreation.

DANUBE DAY 2020
JUNE, 26



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