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This edition of the newsletter presents the progress made in implementing the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme and the most important communication events organized in 2017.



## *Status of implementation of the Interreg V-A Romania–Bulgaria Programme*

- ⇒ Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria is the first programme in Romania that submitted a payment request, with a value of approx. EUR 1.2 million at the European Commission in December 2016. At the same time, the previous 2007 -2013 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme was closed with an estimated final implementation rate of over 92%
- ⇒ **30 March, 2017**-The Monitoring Committee approved the launch of the third call for proposals dedicated to Priority Axes 1, 2 and 3
- ⇒ **August 2, 2017** - The Monitoring Committee selected a total of 140 project ideas in the first phase of the third call for proposals
- ⇒ The Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for 2016 was accepted by the European Commission on 25.07.2017
- ⇒ The Project Implementation Manual has been revised to support project beneficiaries



## **Stage of implementation of the Interreg V-A Romania– Bulgaria Programme**

Since January 2017, the following progress has been made in implementation:

- ⇒ 197 projects selected from the total of 854 submitted projects, with a total value of approx. 320 million euros
- ⇒ 91 contracted projects with a total value of approx. 123 million euros
- ⇒ 70 projects in implementation with a total value of approx. 108 million euros
- ⇒ reimbursement claims submitted with a total value of approx. 14 million euros
- ⇒ absorption rate of 3.04% (ERDF funds with a total value of about € 6 million)



## Examples of implemented projects

### ARCHIVE- eMS 9

- ⇒ **Budget: 494.928,67 euro**
- ⇒ **Implementation period: 18 months (05.04.2016-04.10.2018)**
- ⇒ **Partners: University of Ruse Angel Kanchev (UR) (Bulgaria), Ruse Regional Museum of History (RRMH) (Bulgaria), National Museum of History and Archeology Constanta (NMHAC)(Romania)**
- ⇒ **Objective: conservation and promotion of significant historical and cultural sites located at the bottom of the Roman Limes in the cross-border area**



### Balloon adventure - eMS 14

- ⇒ **Budget: 485,460.00 euro**
- ⇒ **Implementation period: 24 months (02.02.2016-01.02.2018)**
- ⇒ **Partners: Agency for Regional Development and Business Center - Vidin (ARDBC Vidin, Bulgaria), Agency for Regional Development and Business Center 2000, Bulgaria, Romanian Association for Electronic Industry and Software Oltenia, Romania**
- ⇒ **Objective: creating a new tourist product in the cross-border area, hot air ballooning**



## Examples of implemented projects

### E-bike Net- eMS1

- ⇒ Budget: 762,085.72 euro
- ⇒ Implementation period: 24 months(02.02.2016- 01.02.2018)
- ⇒ Partners: Agency for Regional Development and Business Center - Vidin (Bulgaria), Vidin Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Romanian Association for Electronic and Software Industry - Oltenia Subsidiary, Local Employers' Association for Small and Middle Enterprises Calafat
- ⇒ Objective: To create a network of electric bicycles (e-bikes) which people can use to cycle freely within the whole cross border area (32 cities)



### 6 Motives - eMS 5

- ⇒ Budget: 400,468.18 euro
- ⇒ Implementation period: 20 months (02.02.2016- 02.10.2017)
- ⇒ Partners: Association Pro-Mehedinti (Association Pro-Mh), Romania, Association "Regional partnerships for sustainable development - Vidin, Bulgaria
- ⇒ Objective: creation of a tourism marketing study used to promote tourism in close connection with environmental protection and to provide solutions for the development of the cross-border labor market

## Information and promotion events

During 2017 more information and promotion events took place:

- ⇒ 7 events to promote the launching of the Third call for project proposals organized in Veliko Tarnovo, Slatina, Giurgiu, Constanta, Vidin, Silistra and Bucharest
- ⇒ An online session for data introducing in the e-MS system dedicated to projects under implementation
- ⇒ One photo contest “*Europe through the European eyes*” promoted on the Facebook page of the Programme
- ⇒ One event for celebrating Europe Day—9<sup>th</sup> of May, organized in Calarasi and Ruse
- ⇒ 2 events dedicated to the potential beneficiaries, selected within the second stage of the Third call for project proposals, in Giurgiu and Plevna



## *Information and promotion events*



- ⇒ 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2017 – European Cooperation Day, organized in Calarasi
- ⇒ 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 - Annual Conference of the Interreg V-A Romania–Bulgaria Programme, organized in Balchik
- ⇒ 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 - on the spot visit for project ROBG 15, organised in Balchik
- ⇒ an online campaign on the Facebook page of the Programme to promote the results of projects under implementation



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