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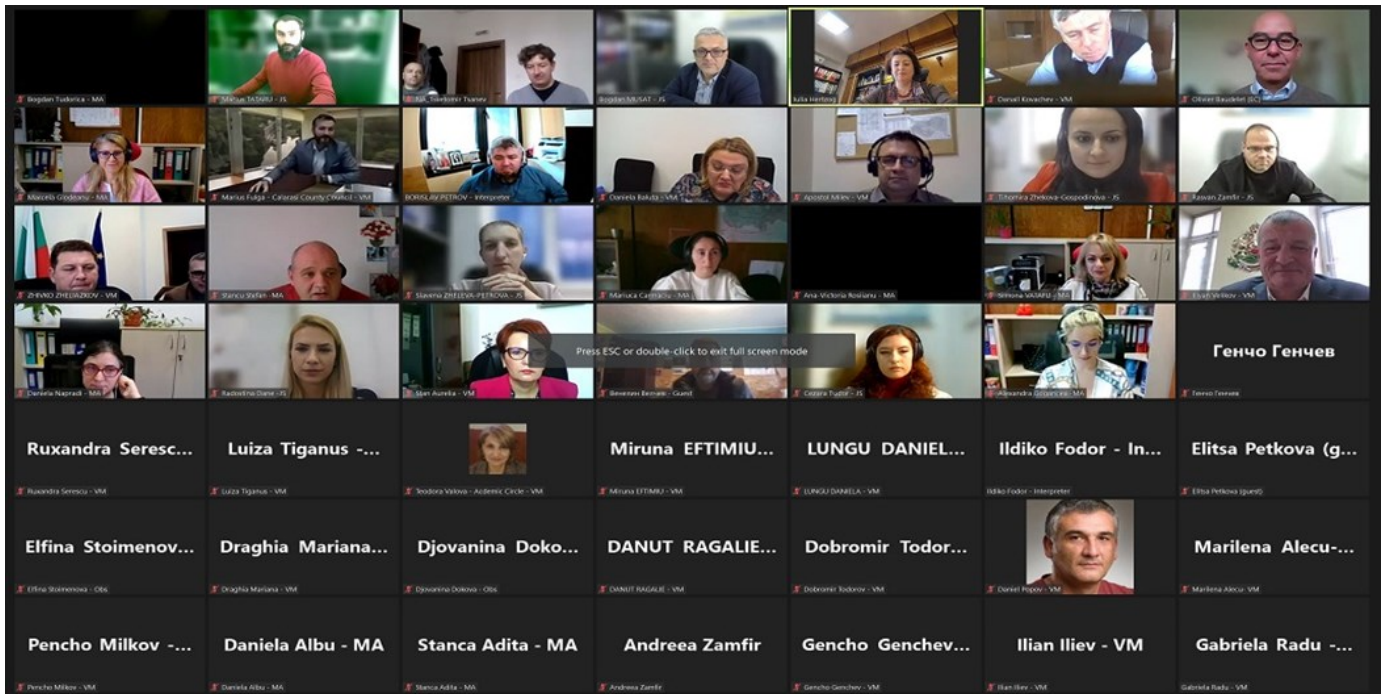
# Interreg



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## Status of Interreg V-A România -Bulgaria Programme

- ⇒ 172 projects, with a total of aprox. 275 million euros were contracted and received financing from Interreg V-A RO-BG Programme all of which produced outcomes that aided the cross border area's development
- ⇒ The most significant progresses are related to the increase of the Programme's absorption rate up to 84.50% representing approximately 182.29 million euros ERDF requested to the European Commission
- ⇒ The last meeting of the Monitoring Committee, organized online on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, represented a good opportunity to discuss all the processes and actions that took place during the 8 years of implementation of the Programme and the next steps regarding the implementation of Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria



## Status of Interreg V-A România -Bulgaria Programme



- ⇒ On March 1st 2023, the Launching Conference of Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme took place in Constanta. The event was attended by more than 200 participants interested in knowing more about the funding opportunities offered by Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria
- ⇒ The video of the Conference is available on our YouTube channel [here](#) or scan the QR code
- ⇒ Following the approval of the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme by the European Commission on 30 November 2022, the event marked an important milestone in the Programme implementation process
- ⇒ The Conference was organised in an interactive format, with various presentations by the Programme structures regarding the priorities objectives, budgetary allocation for each priority and applicable rules for accessing the funds as well as a Q&A session



## Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme –highlights

⇒ **On 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, the first calls were officially launched:**

**1. The call for the competitive call for projects dedicated to Priority 2: A green region, specific Objectives 2.4 and 2.7**

- 9,126,637 Euro are allocated for the climate change adaptation projects and 35,000,000 Euro for projects enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure projects and reducing all forms of pollution projects

**2. The call dedicated to the 4 operations of strategic importance (OSI) included in Annex 3 of Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme:**

- DISMAR - Danube Integrated System for Marking
- Rail connectivity- Enhancing rail connectivity and mobility across the Danube
- STREAM 2 - Streamlining cross-border cooperation: Joint approach in disaster resilience
- Danube risk - Danube risk prevention
- 25,000,000 Euro are allocated for enhancing the cross-border mobility and connectivity and ensure access to TEN-T at regional and local level (Specific Objective 3.2) and 41,875,000.00 Euro for projects for promoting disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches (Specific Objective 2.4)

⇒ **May - August 2023, support to applicants:** workshops, webinars, individual sessions, helpdesk;

⇒ **11 of September 2023, the deadline for submission of applications (Competitive call and OSI):**

- 64 applications, with a total value of 149,7 million euro, divided as follows:
- SO 2.4 and SO 2.7 - 62 applications, with a total value of around 115, 2 million euro.
- OSI - DISMAR + STREAM 2, with a total value of around 34, 3 million euro.

⇒ **Assessment on going**



## Information and promotion events

- ⇒ An online campaign, presenting projects, was promoted on Facebook in the context of the European year of skills
- ⇒ **Europe Day** was celebrated on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, through art, at the Art Gallery from the Elena Municipality, rehabilitated through "Culture in eternity" RO BG project 423, event attended by participants of all ages
- ⇒ The students expressed through paintings their view on Europe and cooperation and a folk ensemble of children from the "Radost" kindergarten, the "Mickey Mouse" group from Elena, performed on stage songs and traditional dances
- ⇒ On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated **Interreg Cooperation Day** in Balcic (Bulgaria) on the bike trail built on the beautiful promenade from Balcic, close to the Black Sea
- ⇒ Over 70 participants from Romania and Bulgaria enjoyed the bike rides organized and a special moment consisting in folkloric dances performed by children from dancing school "Vasil Levski"



## Information and promotion events



- ⇒ The **Final Conference for Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria** “Past, present and future in cross border cooperation between Romania and Bulgaria” took place on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Balcic, Bulgaria
- ⇒ More than 70 participants, consisting of our team and beneficiaries, celebrated together the final milestone in the implementation of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme and the years of successful cooperation and partnerships between Romania and Bulgaria



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