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This edition presents the progress in the implementation of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, the most significant events that took place during 2021, as well as the status of the new Interreg VI-A Romania- Bulgaria Programme.



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Interreg V-A România -Bulgaria Programme— our highlihts

- ⇒ In 2021 approximately 58.4 MEuro (ERDF) were submitted to the European Commission, ensuring the fulfilment of the absorbtion target for 2021 and also for 2022
- ⇒ Approximately 131.7 MEur ERDF, representing 61.05 % of the ERDF allocation at Programme level, were requested to EC by 24th of December 2021
- ⇒ 117 projects out of 169 were completed, with considerable results on the development of the cross-border area
- ⇒ 52 projects are under implementation
- ⇒ The annual meeting of the Monitoring Committee was organized on the 16th of December 2021. The Programme’ progress in implementation, as well as the planned activities for 2022 were presented and decisions were taken.



Work in progress: Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme



- ⇒ In June 2021, the European regulations for the 2021-2027 period were officially approved and published
- ⇒ In February 2021, the Joint Working Group for Programming (JWG) has selected for financing Policy Objective 2 (*A greener low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe*) and Policy Objective 4 (*A more social and inclusive Europe*)
- ⇒ The new version of Programme was published for public consultations in August 2021
- ⇒ A new section reflecting the evolution of the programming process was launched on the Programme website: <https://interregviarobg.eu/en/partnership>
- ⇒ SEA procedure was launched in August 2021 (the scoping report was published for consultations)
- ⇒ The preparation process of the Policy Objective 5- *A Europe closer to the citizens'* implementation started with the setting up the Strategy Board (a partnership structure including relevant stakeholders from the area). The main role of the Strategy Board is to develop and implement the integrated territorial strategy of the Romanian-Bulgarian area connected to the Euro Velo 6 Route.
- ⇒ The first meeting of the Strategy Board was organised on the 8th of July 2021

Events

- ⇒ “*Europe Garden*”- a beautiful online event consisting of photos with flowers was organised for celebrating Europe’s Day on the 9th of May 2021. A video of all the photos was created and posted on the Programme’s website and Facebook page.
- ⇒ An online initiative to celebrate European Cooperation Day 2021 and 10 years of European Cooperation: “*Folk Costumes: identity and culture, ways to understand each other*” was organized in September 2021. A photo album with folk costumes representing different communities was posted on the Programme website and Facebook page.



Events

- ⇒ On 28th of September 2021 a site visit to “*Development of River Danube for better connectivity of the Euroregion Ruse-Giurgiu with Pan European transport corridor No 7*” Project was organized in a hybrid format (both physical and online participation)
- ⇒ The Annual Conference of the Programme was organized on the 29th of September 2021 in Ruse in hybrid format (physical presence and online participation)
- ⇒ The Programme joined the Interreg Annual Event, that took place on 7th-8th 2021, in Brussels, with “*Your health matters*” Project, presented within the *Interreg 30 years poster exhibition*
- ⇒ The Programme promoted the results of *RoBullUs: Tools for Enhancing Youth Engagement in Romania-Bulgaria Cross-Border Cooperation* project, an EU funded initiative, through a promotion campaign of 6 projects focused on the citizen’s involvement in the implementation of the programme (one project per week). This campaign was launched on the Programme’s Facebook page, for 6 weeks
- ⇒ 2 thematic meetings dedicated to project beneficiaries took place online on 17th of November 2021 and on 24th of November 2021



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