

**INTERREG VI-A NEXT
HUNGARY-SLOVAKIA-ROMANIA-UKRAINE PROGRAMME**

**SUMMARY OF THE 2ND CALL'S
CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

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1. GENERAL DATA OF THE 2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

1. Programme and financing source:

The Interreg VI-A NEXT Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine Programme (the Programme) is implemented under the Cohesion Policy within the 2021-2027 European Union financial framework under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) approved by the EC by its decision C(2022) 8029 on the 3 November 2022.

2. Programme area:

The programme area covers the following NUTS III level equivalent regions

in Hungary:

Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg
Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén

in Slovakia:

Košický kraj
Prešovský kraj

in Romania:

Maramureş
Satu Mare
Suceava

and in Ukraine:

Zakarpattia oblast
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast
Chernivtsi oblast

3. Eligible Applicants:

In general, the following organisations are eligible to apply for the EU contribution allocated to the Programme:

- public authorities
- bodies governed by public law
- non-profit organisations governed by private law

For a detailed description of eligible applicants, please consult Chapter 2 of the Guidelines for applicants (GfA).

4. Minimum requirements for partnership:

The partnership shall involve **at least one Applicant from one of the Member States** participating in the Programme **and at least one Applicant from Ukraine**, each and all satisfying the eligibility criteria for Applicants. Additional cross-border and/or domestic partner/s - satisfying the eligibility criteria for

Applicants - can be involved in the implementation of the project, provided the content of the project justifies so. **The number of partners receiving EU funds is maximum 6, including Lead partner.**

5. Priorities and Objectives:

The following Priorities and Objectives **are opened** under the 2nd CfP:

Priority 1: A resilient and green border region

Objective 1.1: Climate change adaptation, risk prevention (SO 2.4)

Objective 1.2: Biodiversity and reduced pollution (SO 2.7)

Priority 2: A healthy and attractive border region

Objective 2.1: Equal access to health care (SO 4.5)

Objective 2.2: Culture and tourism (SO 4.6)

Priority 3: A cooperating border region

Objective 3.1: Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation (ISO1 b)

For the indicative list of activities and their detailed descriptions for each of the priorities and objectives opened, please read Chapter 1.4 of the GfA.

Please note that for the Ukrainian part of an application, tourism element can be included and be eligible only if linked to healthcare rehabilitation and recovery (mental and/or physical). Please, read more in GfA (pages 13-15) under Objective 2.2 Culture and tourism.

6. Indicative total funds available, scales of projects:

The total available EU contribution for the present Call for Proposals is **28 500 000 EUR**.

The Programme will support projects of different scales. The scales are defined as follows:

- The EU contribution to a **Small-scale project** (marked with SSP) can be above or equal to 70 thousand and below 300 thousand EUR,
- **Regular-scale project** (RSP) can be above or equal to 300 thousand and below or equal to 1,5 million EUR (please, be noted that the Regular-scale project can be implemented with or without infrastructure element, this aspect determines the use of simplified cost option, as well as the submission deadline, please, consult the Chapter 10.5 of GfA and the Eligibility of expenditure document).

The below table shows the **indicative distribution** of the total available EU amount between the priorities and objectives within the present call, also specifying the indicative **EU contribution** available per project scales.

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>SSP (70K≤x<300K)</i>	<i>RSP (300K≤x≤1,5M)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>P1 – A resilient and green border region</i>	<i>1.1 Climate change adaptation, risk prevention</i>	<i>1 000 000</i>	<i>5 000 000</i>	<i>6 000 000</i>
	<i>1.2 Biodiversity and reduced pollution</i>	<i>1 000 000</i>	<i>1 500 000</i>	<i>2 500 000</i>
<i>P2 – A healthy and attractive border region</i>	<i>2.1 Equal access to healthcare</i>	<i>2 000 000</i>	<i>6 500 000</i>	<i>8 500 000</i>
	<i>2.2 Culture and tourism</i>	<i>1 000 000</i>	<i>7 500 000</i>	<i>8 500 000</i>
<i>P3 – A cooperating border region</i>	<i>3.1 Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation</i>	<i>1 000 000</i>	<i>2 000 000</i>	<i>3 000 000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>6 000 000</i>	<i>22 500 000</i>	<i>28 500 000</i>

7. Co-financing rate, advance payment:

On project level, **the Union co-financing rate is maximum 90%** of the total eligible expenditure. The Union co-financing rate shall not exceed 90% on project and on partner-level.

The remaining amount (as a general rule 10%) shall be financed from national sources (state contribution and/or own contribution of Applicants), which may differ per participating countries as described in Chapter 8 of the GfA.

Once the Lead Partner concludes the Subsidy Contract with the Managing Authority **an advance in an amount of maximum 25%** of the total EU allocation of a project will automatically be granted.

8. Project duration:

The planned implementation period of a project must not be less than **8 months**.

- For SSP the project must not exceed 12 months of its planned duration.
- For RSP the project must not exceed 24 months of its planned duration.

9. Selection of projects:

The description of the assessment, selection and contracting process is available in Chapter 11 of the GfA.

10. The APPLICATION PACKAGE for the 2nd CFP is comprised of the following documents:

Guidelines for Applicants – the basic document of the application package that includes all the most important information and details regarding the call for proposals.

Annexes to the Application:

Annex I: Declaration by the applicant - a general declaration obligatory for all applicants

Annex II: De minimis declaration by the applicant - a declaration regarding De minimis obligatory for all applicants except those not receiving financial support

Annex III: Declaration of Climate Change Resilience Check - only for projects with infrastructure elements with an expected lifespan of at least 5 years

Guides and Manuals:

Annex IV: Eligibility of expenditures - a document that defines the eligibility rules of expenditures for applicants, also includes Procurement rules for Ukrainian Partners as Appendix A

Annex V: Indicator guide – a detailed explanation of programme-level indicators

Annex VI: Visibility manual – a manual describing Programme’s brand standards, requirements and rules of usage of its elements. The Visibility manual also contains description of info and publicity packages.

Annex VII: User Manual of INTERREG+ Application module – a detailed description of the way to submit the application within the INTERREG+ system.

Annex VIII: State Aid – a document summarizing the applicable State aid rules

The package also contains annexes that are shared only for informing purposes by the application phase and will be necessary later at the contracting phase:

Draft Subsidy Contract for EU Contribution (includes General Terms and Conditions)

Draft Partnership Agreement

2. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

1. Consultation, Info days and Partner Search Forum:

In the application period, Applicants may ask for information, guidance and clarification from the designated contact persons of the JS and the Branch Offices **by phone or via e-mail**. **Personal consultations are provided only at pre-arranged appointments in JS office.**

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Note: Questions may be asked over the phone, however if you prefer to receive a written answer, questions should be put in writing (e-mail) but not later than 7 calendar days before the deadline of submission of the applications.

Info Days and Partner Search Forum: The Joint Secretariat of the Programme and its Branch offices will organize Info days preferably with physical presence in all eligible counties or online if not feasible. Partner Search Forum will be held online. For the dates and venues please consult the Programme website and upcoming Programme Newsletter.

2. Submission of applications:

Full applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically via INTERREG+ system. When you start filling in the application form, please consult the User Manual of the INTERREG+ Application Module (Annex VII of the Call Package).

The language of application forms is English. Application forms in languages other than English will be rejected.

For full list of supporting documents to be submitted please read Chapter 10.4.2 of the GfA.

3. Deadlines for submission of applications:

The **Applications for Small-scale Projects and Regular-Scale Projects without infrastructure budget line** shall be submitted online via the Application Module of INTERREG+ by **30 November 2025, 15:00 (Central European Time)**. Applications submitted after the given deadline will be considered formally non-compliant and will not be considered further.

The **Application for Regular-Scale Projects with infrastructure budget line** must be submitted online via the Application Module of INTERREG+ by **15 February 2026, 15:00 (Central European Time)**. Applications submitted after the given deadline will be considered formally non-compliant and will not be considered further.

The whole Application package and other relevant documents (e.g. the Interreg Programme, etc.) are available at next.huskroua-cbc.eu.