

INTERREG PROGRAMME AUSTRIA-HUNGARY 2021-2027

Kick-off event, 13 July 2023





PAST, PRESENT AND NEAR FUTURE

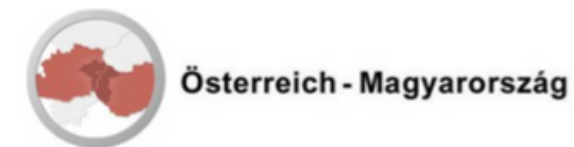
1995-2004



2007-2013



2021-2027



2004-2006



2014-2020





TOPICS FOR TODAY



What will remain the same?
(Structures, organizations, etc.)



What does the Austria-Hungary Interreg Programme look like?
(Thematics, expectations towards projects, intervention logic, etc.)



What improvements are offered?
(Applicant portal, factsheets, tutorials, SCOs etc.)



NEW



IMPROVED PROGRAMME AT YOUR SERVICE

- ➔ Renewed where there was room for improvement/manoeuvre,
- ➔ Simplifications for smoother application and implementation process,
- ➔ Increased focus on outputs and results,
- ➔ If novelties (or old rules) are unclear:
 - Consult RCs for content/financing,
 - Consult JS (and MA) for programme rules and technicalities.





WHAT REMAINS THE SAME?



Programme area



Management structure

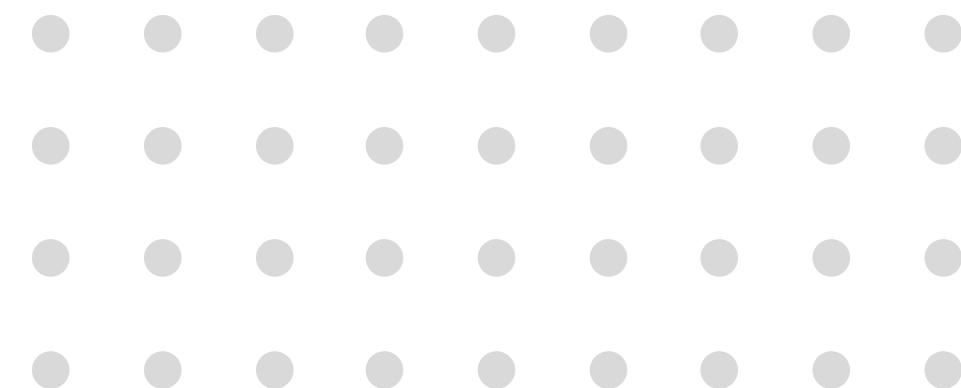
- MA in Eisenstadt
- JS in Sopron
- RC Network continues its work



Control tasks organised on the level of Member States



Use of common tools developed by Interact





PROGRAMME THEMATIC IN FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE



GREENER, LOW CARBON EUROPE P1

- Promoting climate change adaption and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches
- Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution
- Promoting access to water and sustainable water management



BETTER CONNECTED EUROPE P2

- Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate-resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility



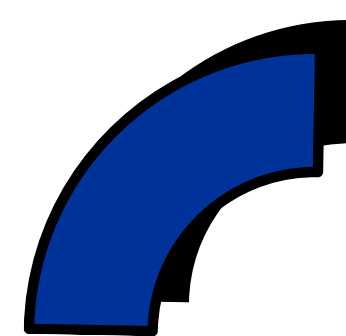
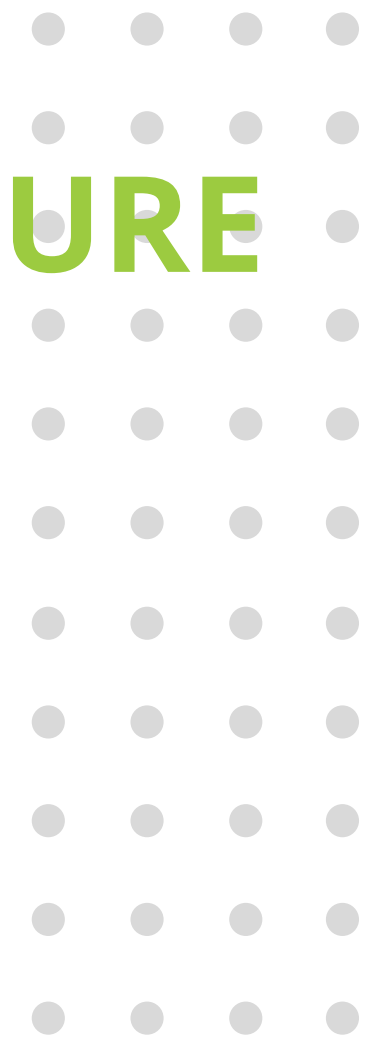
MORE SOCIAL EUROPE P3

- Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and life-long learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training
- Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation



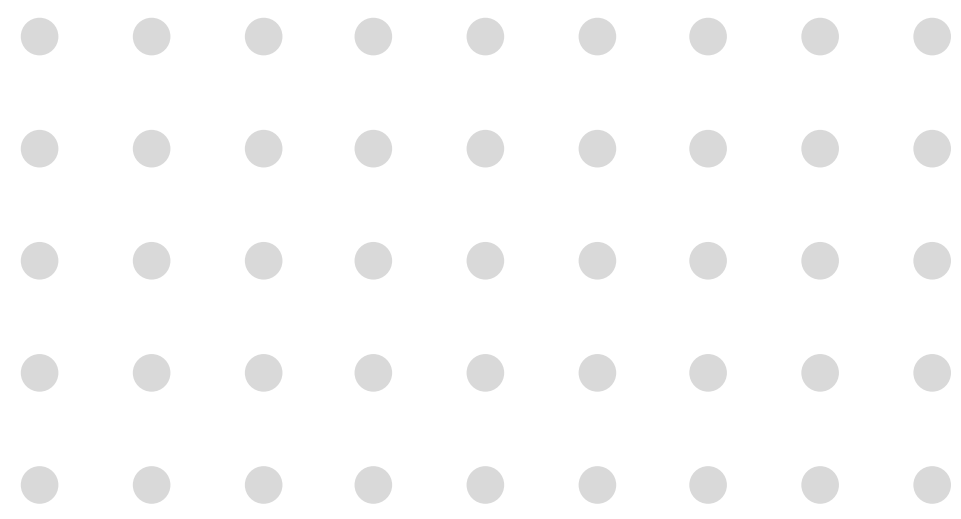
INTERREG GOVERNANCE P4

- Enhancing efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular, with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions





NATURE PROTECTION STILL IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Priority 1:
A green and
resilient
border region**

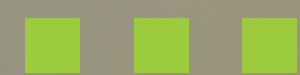


SO11: Climate change adaptation

SO12: Sustainable water

SO13: Nature protection and biodiversity





SO11: CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION



Type of action 1.1
Cross-border research as well as data collection and exchange to improve know-how and preparedness towards climate change impacts

Type of action 1.2
Developing cross-border strategies, management and action plans addressing climate change impact, risks and natural hazards in the border region

Type of action 1.3
Implementing actions including small-scale investments in climate change adaptation and mitigation measures

Type of action 1.4
Awareness raising on climate change adaptation and mitigation, especially on local level



SO12: SUSTAINABLE WATER

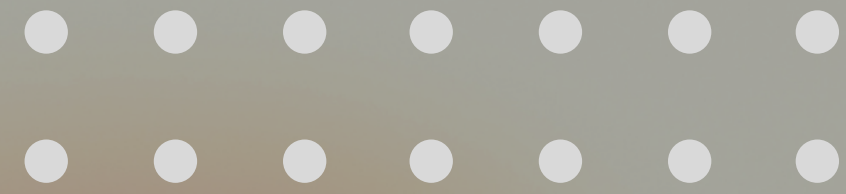
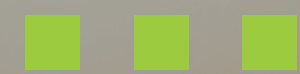


Type of action 2.1
Data collection, monitoring and analysis as well as (interdisciplinary) know-how exchange to improve the knowledge on water quality and ecology, on sustainable water management as well as on flood hazards

Type of action 2.2
Developing strategies and action plans for a more sustainable water management in the border region

Type of action 2.3
Implementing actions including small-scale investments promoting the sustainable water management and sustainable use of water resources





SO13: NATURE PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY



Type of action 3.1
Data collection and research as well as (interdisciplinary) know how exchange to gain better knowledge about the region's ecological status and threats

Type of action 3.2
Developing strategies and action plans to enable a positive development of nature and biodiversity in the cross-border region

Type of action 3.3
Implementing actions including small-scale investments that contribute to protecting nature or reducing pollution

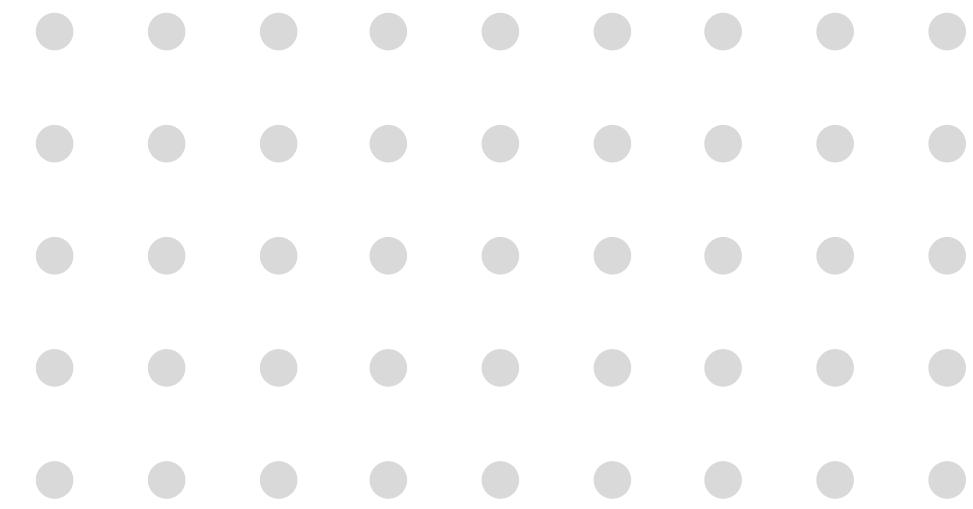
Type of action 3.4
Awareness raising activities on the need of nature protection and reducing pollution at local and regional level



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SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY STILL IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Priority 2:
A better-
connected
border region**



SO21: Sustainable transport





SO21: SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Type of action 4.1
Cross-border data collection and know-how exchange on cross-border traffic patterns and the mobility behaviour of the population in the programme region

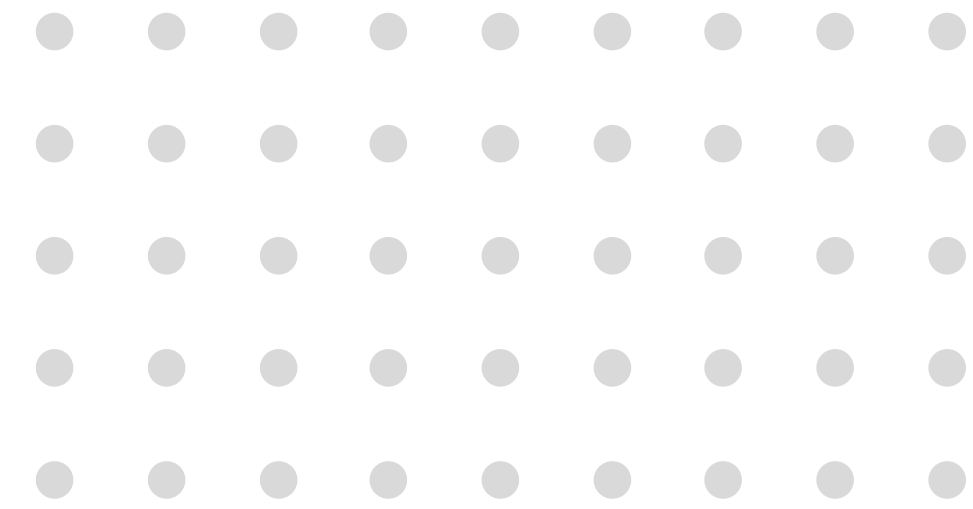
Type of action 4.2
Developing strategies and action plans aiming at a better organisation and linking of different modes of sustainable transport

Type of action 4.3
Implementing actions including small-scale investments to better connect regional and local public transport and cycling infrastructure and to enhance the sustainability, multimodality and safety of cross-border mobility





EDUCATION AND TOURISM STILL IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Priority 3:
A competent
border region**



SO31: Education and training infrastructure

SO32: Culture and sustainable tourism



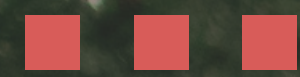


SO31: EDUCATION AND TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE

Type of action 5.1
Cross-border research and data collection as well as developing strategies to improve coordinated decision making on education and training issues across the border

Type of action 5.2
Implementing actions in cross-border education and training

Type of action 5.3
Implementing joint training actions focusing on language and intercultural aspects as well as labour-market needs



SO32: CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Type of action 6.1

Cross-border data collection and know-how exchange in the field of tourism and culture to better understand the cross-border tourism landscape and potential

Type of action 6.2

Developing cross-border strategies and action plans to allow a better strategic embedment of projects addressing culture and tourism

Type of action 6.3

Implementing actions including small-scale infrastructure developments for sustainable culture and tourism development in the crossborder region

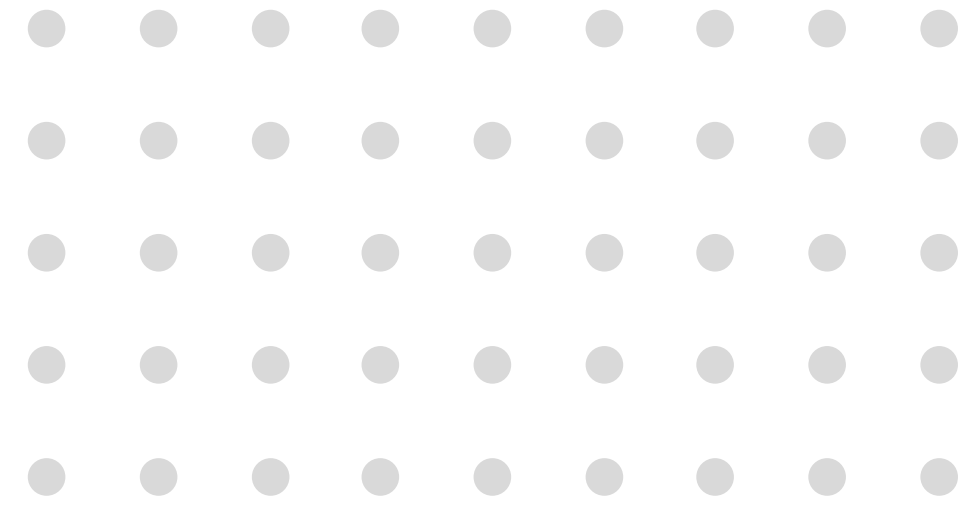
Type of action 6.4

Implementing thematic trainings and skill development of stakeholders in the culture and tourism sector





COOPERATION STILL IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Priority 4:
An integrated
border region**



SO41: Legal and administrative cooperation



SO41: LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION

Type of action 7.1
Elaborating monitoring and data exchange systems to improve cross-border know how exchange and decision making

Type of action 7.2
Developing strategic frameworks among public organisations in all relevant fields to address upcoming challenges of the border region

Type of action 7.3
Implementing joint solutions to improve cross-border governance and reduce cross-border obstacles

Type of action 7.4
Developing skills as well as awareness raising aiming at a better cross-border cooperation



NOVELTIES



NEW



Resources available to the programme (nearly -40%!): **49.561.200 EUR** (ERDF)



Co-financing rate: max. **80%** ERDF

for Hungarian beneficiaries 60% ERDF and 35% or 40% government contribution acc. to the Gov. Decree 241/2023







Further financial changes:

- Below 5 Million € VAT eligible (art. 64 2021/1060)
- No revenue issue
- No 20% rule related to costs outside the programme area





Introducing new solutions

-  Common tools developed by Interact (HIT, JEMS) – „new edition“
-  Possibility for standard and small-scale projects
-  Strong focus on simplified cost options (SCOs) incl. new options
-  Call planned for capitalization projects at a later stage

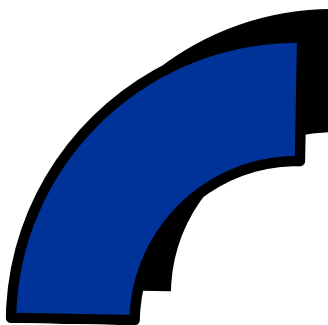




ERDF ALLOCATIONS TO PRIORITIES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

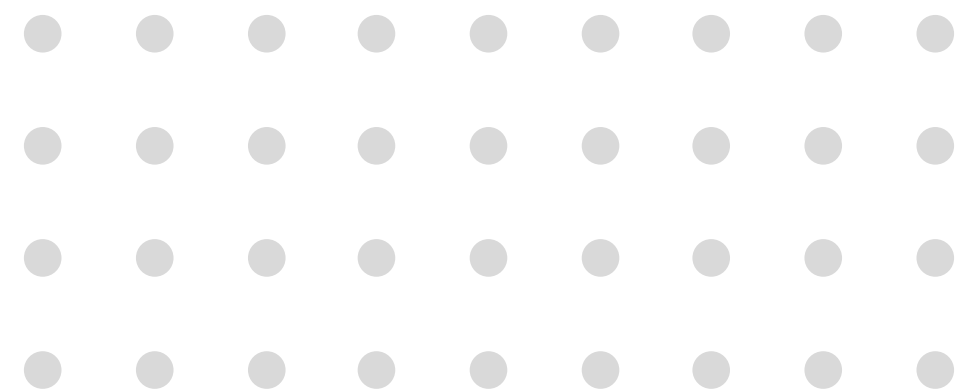
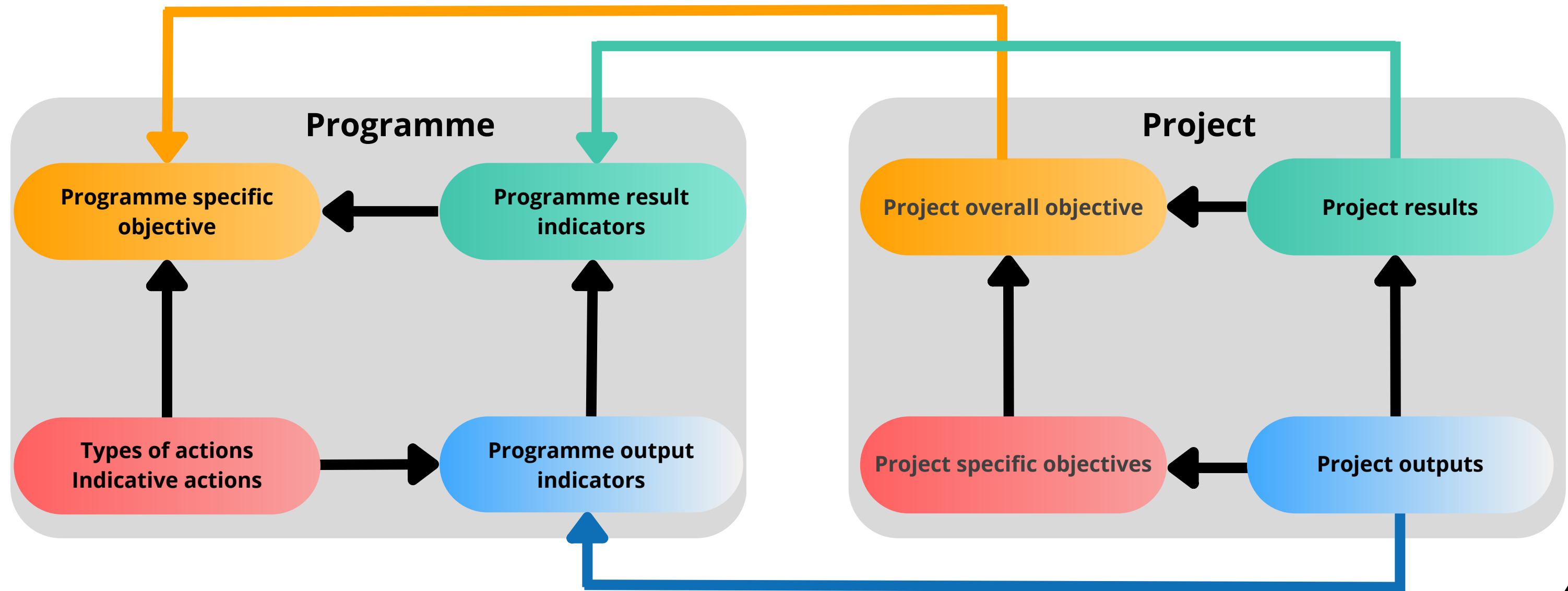
Priority 1: A green and resilient border region	19 169 319 EUR
SO 11 Climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention, resilience	6 835 686 EUR
SO 12 Sustainable water management	5 799 331 EUR
SO 13 Biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution	6 534 302 EUR
Priority 2: A better-connected border region	4 100 117 EUR
SO 21 Sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility	4 100 117 EUR
Priority 3: A competent border region	15 697 856 EUR
SO 31 Education, training and lifelong learning	7 124 127 EUR
SO 32 Culture and tourism	8 573 729 EUR
Priority 4: An integrated border region	6 851 587 EUR
SO 41 Legal and administrative cooperation	6 851 587 EUR

Σ 45 818 879 EUR





INTERVENTION LOGIC



PROGRAMME EXPECTATIONS

Specific objective	Available ERDF for projects (EUR)	Expected number of projects	Expected number of standard projects	Average ERDF per standard project (EUR)	Average number of partners per standard project	Expected number of small-scale projects	Average ERDF per small-scale project (EUR)	Average number of partners per small-scale project	Output indicator	Output indicator target value	Result indicator	Result indicator target value						
SO 11	19 169 319	29	8	800 000	3	2	150 000	2	RCO87	26	RCR84	18						
									RCO83	5	RCR79	3						
									RCO116	7	RCR104	3						
									RCO81	279	RCR85	84						
SO 12			19 169 319	29	7	800 000	3	2	150 000	2	RCO87	23	RCR84	23				
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											RCO116	6	RCR104	5				
SO 13					19 169 319	29	8	800 000	3	2	150 000	2	RCO87	26	RCR84	18		
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													RCO116	7	RCR104	5		
													RCO81	207	RCR85	62		
SO 21							4 100 117	6	5	800 000	4	1	150 000	2	RCO87	21	RCR84	15
	RCO83	2													RCR79	1		
	RCO116	4													RCR104	3		
SO 31	15 697 856	34							11	600 000	4	2	150 000	2	RCO87	46	RCR84	23
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			RCO81	275											RCR85	192		
			RCO85	110											RCR81	88		
SO 32			15 697 856	34					12	600 000	4	9	150 000	2	RCO87	60	RCR84	30
					RCO83	11									RCR79	5		
					RCO116	13									RCR104	9		
					RCO85	216									RCR81	108		
SO 41					6 851 587	18			9	600 000	3	9	150 000	2	RCO87	39	RCR84	27
							RCO83	9							RCR79	5		
							RCO116	11							RCR104	8		
							RCO81	169							RCR85	152		
Total	45 818 879	87					60	-	208	27	-	54	-	-	-	-		





STANDARD AND SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS

The basic rules of standard and small-scale projects are identical.

The specific rules applicable for small-scale projects are highlighted in the different manuals and are summarised in a dedicated factsheet.

Important dates concerning the two types of projects:

	Call opening	1st submission deadline
Standard projects	<i>27 July 2023</i>	<i>29 September 2023</i>
Small-scale projects	<i>6 November 2023</i>	<i>9 February 2023</i>



SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS



PARTNERSHIP

- At least one Austrian and one Hungarian partner
- Overall **maximum 3 partners**
- Adding **strategic partners** to the partnership is **not** allowed
- Possible beneficiaries: partners located in programme area and and/or such that have legally defined competences or field of function for certain parts of the area.

BUDGET

- Project size (total budget) must be between **25 000-200 000 €**
- Extensive use of simplified cost options (**SCOs**)

TIME-PLAN

- Maximum project duration is **18 months**

ACTIVITIES

- Organised in **one work package**
- Only activities with a cross-border impact (**no one-time actions** in only one direction of the border) e.g. preparations for digital processes, training, seminars and courses, cooperation between microregions, municipalities, schools, sports clubs, organisation and realisation of summer schools, cross border events, etc.
- **No** investment in **infrastructure and work**



NEW



SIMPLIFIED COST OPTIONS

Cost Category \ Type of SCO	Lump sum	Unit costs	Flat rate	Flat rate acc. to Article 56 CPR ("other costs" flat rate)
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Preparation costs



Staff costs



Office and administrative costs



Travel and accommodation costs





SIMPLIFIED COST OPTIONS

1		2		3	
Lump sum for preparation cost					
Staff costs based on unit cost		Staff costs as 20% flat rate of the direct costs (External expertise and services + Equipment + Infrastructure and works)		Staff costs based on unit cost	
Office & admin flat rate on staff costs		Office & admin flat rate on staff costs		All other costs (office & admin, travel & accommodation, external expertise and services costs, equipment costs, costs for infrastructure and works) as 40% flat rate of eligible direct staff costs	
Travel & accommodation flat rate on staff cost		Travel & accommodation flat rate on staff cost			
External expertise and services costs as real cost		External expertise and services costs as real cost			
Equipment costs as real cost		Equipment costs as real cost			
Infrastructure and works as real costs		Infrastructure and works as real costs			



NEW



UNIT COST FOR STAFF COSTS









- ➔ 4 Performance groups
- ➔ 8 Functions
- ➔ Hourly rates calculated per performance group per member state
- ➔ Reporting of staff costs on the basis of total working hours per employee
- ➔ Indexation of the hourly rates is foreseen in the future

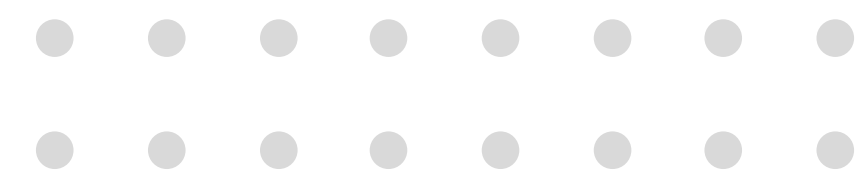


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UNIT COST FOR STAFF COSTS

Function		Performance Group
 Project manager	1	Managers
 Thematic coordinator	2	Coordinators and experts
 Communication or finance coordinator		
 Thematic expert		
 Thematic assistant	3	Professional assistants
 Management and communication assistant		
 Finance assistant		
 Assistant	4	Assistants

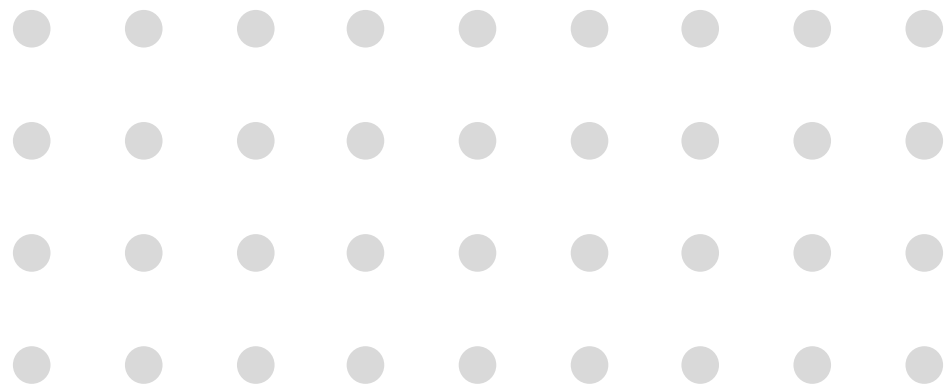




STATE AID



- ➔ De minimis - will be further used
- ➔ GBER Art. 20 - exemption from state aid rules for Interreg (can have an effect on the funding intensity)
- ➔ GBER Art. 20a - new, formalised rules for indirect state aid (aid provided by ATHU project partners to end-recipients)
- ➔ NEW: self-assessment by the project partner as part of the application form
- ➔ Unchanged: final assessment of state aid relevance done by the Member States during project-assessment phase



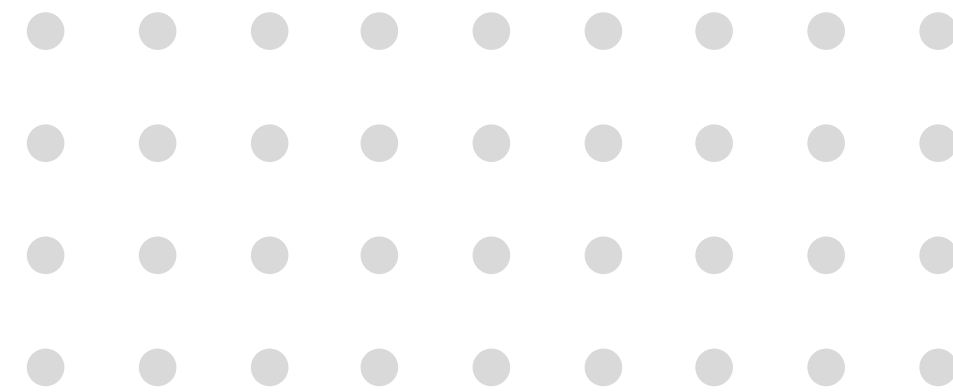


STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME MANUAL



The set of programme manuals will consist of the parts listed below:

- **Part 1 Application Manual**
- **Part 2 Jems Manual**
- **Part 3 Indicator Manual**
- **Part 4 Selection Criteria and Methodology**
- **Part 5 Eligibility Manual**
- *Part 6 Communication Manual*
- *Part 7 Implementation Manual (on contracting, reporting and modifications, etc.)*
- *Part 8 Closure Manual (optional, to be decided later if standalone or part of the Implementation Manual)*



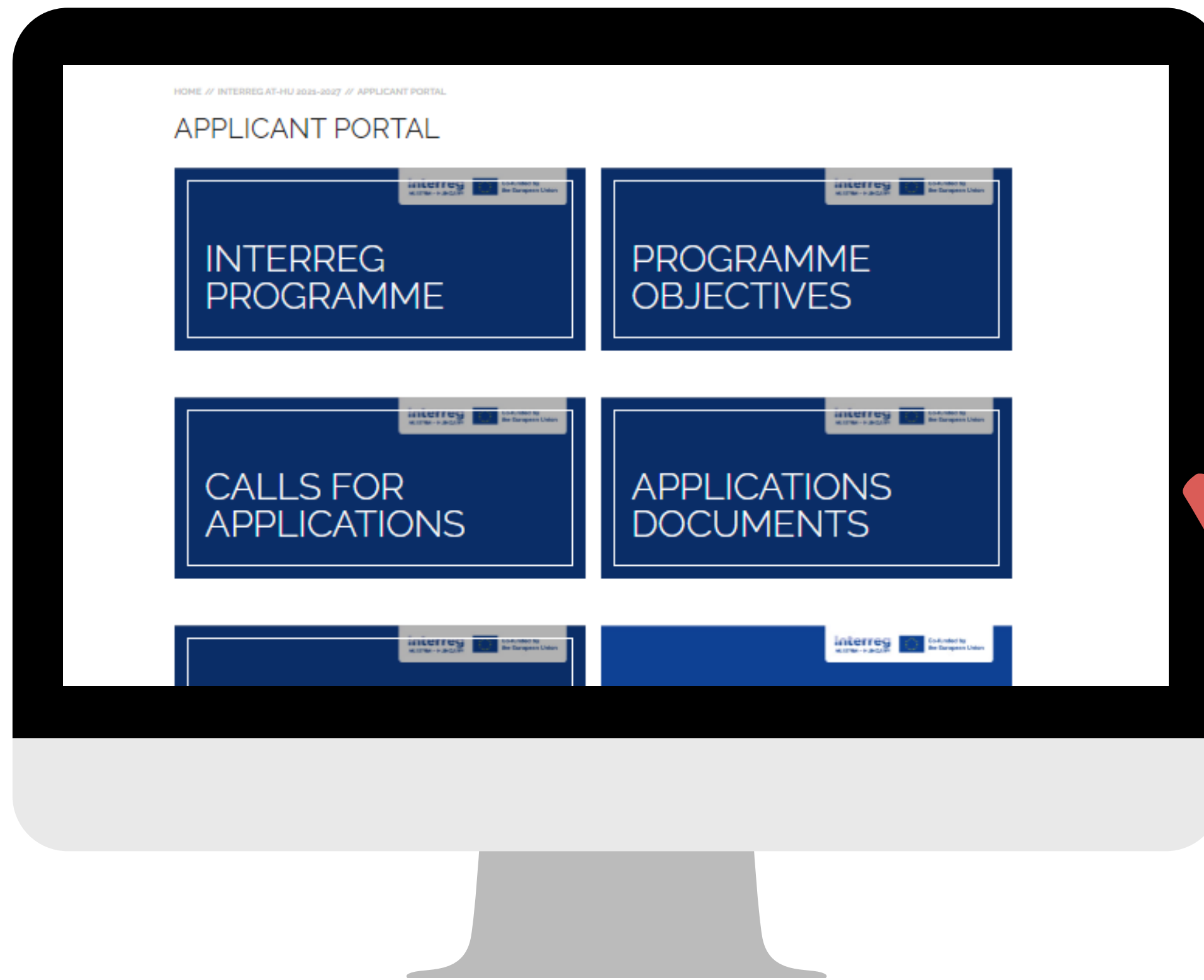


FACTSHEETS





NEW SECTION ON THE WEBSITE: APPLICANT PORTAL



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WHAT COMES NEXT?



Timing	Description
27 July 2023	Call opening for standard projects
29 September 2023	1st submission deadline for standard projects
6 November 2023	Call opening for small-scale projects
12-13 December 2023	Decision on standard project applications submitted in the 1st submission deadline for standard projects
9 February 2024	2nd submission deadline for standard projects and 1st submission deadline for small-scale projects
23-24 April 2024	Decision on standard project applications (2nd submission round for standard projects) and decision on small-scale project applications (1st submission round for small-scale projects)





REGIONAL WORKSHOPS



Aim of the regional workshops is providing technical and practical information about applying to the Programme potential applicants.

Details of the workshop in Hungary:

- it takes place on 22.08.2023
- programme overview, thematics and novelties
- programme expectations towards projects
- national financing for HU beneficiaries
- SCOs focusing on new ones in the programme
- presenting the application form
- introduction of Jems
- Q&A session

Details of the workshop in Austria:

- it takes place on 06.09.2023
- short plenary session on the intervention logic, application process, and eligibility rules;
- two parallel workshop sessions in the aforementioned topics





WE ARE ALMOST THERE, ANY QUESTIONS?

