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1 IDENTIFICATION

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2 OVERVIEW

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

Interreg V-A Austria-Hungary runs a continuous call for applications in the four thematic priorities since 16.12.2015.

Prior to 2020 seven project selection rounds have been concluded, 96% of the available ERDF funding committed to 49 approved projects. 43 were contracted, accounting for 88% of ERDF resources.

A targeted project development workshop, previously agreed by the MC and organised by the regional coordinators (RC) and the Joint Secretariat (JS) took place in January 2020. Applications with focus on so far underrepresented regions such as Styria and/or Lower Austria and specific thematic objectives whose implementation was partly delayed (SO22 / OI25 and SO42 / OI42) were in focus, not excluding other applications. 19.05.2020 was set as a date of submission, MC decision was scheduled for September 2020. In 2020 this single decision round was foreseen.

14 applications were submitted and 12 compliant ones discussed by the MC on 15-16.09.2020. 11 projects were new to the programme, 1 was resubmitted after being postponed. 6 projects were approved. Until 31.12.2020 altogether 55 projects were approved in the 4 thematic priorities, involving 220 partners (118 Austrian, 102 Hungarian). Until the end of the year 53 projects were contracted, 2 in January 2021.

The average project has about 1.3M€ ERDF funding, 4 partners, 328 000 € ERDF/partner, 38 months project length. Though all thematic objectives include some large projects, TO3 pulls the average upwards with ERDF of 3.3M€ ERDF/project. CrossBorder Rail, the project with highest ERDF (9.4M€) was finished in 2020.

The MC agreed in 2020 that in the next submission only postponed projects and those that were formally incompliant can be submitted as full applications. On 22.10.2020 also a call was published for project extensions contributing to the capitalization, enhancement, reinforcement or further development of project outputs and results of already selected projects.





2020 was largely influenced by the pandemic. On 13.03.2020 the programme has published a COVID19 info-sheet with answers to most urgent questions related to project implementation, incl. eligibility of cancelled travel costs, alternative measures for events, etc.

Measures proposed by the EC in CRII I and II were not used by the programme, mainly because in April 2020 already 96% of its budget were committed and the new submission round was already on its way. With the involvement of the Bilateral Working Group (BWG) a COVID19-overview was produced about necessary measures related to running projects, continued programme implementation and programming. Based on a query by the RCs among all project holders about implications of the pandemic it was decided that generic measures, such as prolongation for all, would not be purposeful, instead tailored solutions are needed.

Although many projects needed to be prolonged, especially those that need personal presence e.g. in the field of tourism, in spite of the COVID pandemic implementation is generally advanced.

Due to increased pressure by JS on project holders the delay in reporting has decreased but there is still room for acceleration. At the end of 2020, most submitted project reports reflected periods in 2019 or in few cases older. Capacity problems of some FLCs still play an important role in delayed verifications.

On 14.07.2020 the Austrian Financial Market Authority prohibited Commercialbank Mattersburg, where the programme account registered with the EC was led, from continuing its business operations. Insolvency proceedings were opened on 27.07.2020. Investigations are ongoing and it is expected that the judicial process will take several years. At the time of the bank's closure, the programme had 1.4M€ on its account. RMB (host for the MA) has taken legal steps.

To ensure liquidity the programme decided to make more frequent payment applications to the EC. Payments to infrastructure projects are only made after ERDF funds have been refunded by the EC. The programme's liquidity has been sufficient since, also due to the possibility of using the ERDF surplus from 2007-2013 as a liquidity bridge. So far, all payments to projects could be made without exception.

The new programme account was registered by the EC in September 2020.

In 2020 four new payment claims were submitted to the EC, in the value of 23.9M€ ERDF, almost the double of previous years altogether. The 2020 and the 2021 N+3 targets were fulfilled. Expenditure incurred and paid by the beneficiaries until 31.12.2020 has a cumulative value of approximately 44.4M€.

In 2019 the total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority amounted about 20% of the total funding of the programme, in 2020 this has reached 47%. For 2021 further big value reports are expected from remaining expenditures of rail and road infrastructure projects, and also large parts of the construction expenditures in the project SEDDON II will boost spending in 2021/22.

Available project reports reflect the project implementation status at best until mid-2020 or older. Even considering that, project achievements show clear advancement in many output indicators. Several programme targets have been achieved or approached. SO22





and SO23 related achievements are not reflected in output indicators yet, mainly because in many cases achievements can be reported when the project is finished –actual implementation ensures that targets will be achieved in these cases too.

Notwithstanding the obvious need for keeping tight schedules for reporting at partner and project level, as well as to catch up with the verification process especially at some FLCs, the achievement of programme targets is not in danger.

Out of the 53 contracted projects 19 have finished their implementation until the end of 2020. In 2021 further 12 are scheduled to finish (due to the pandemic further prolongations are expected).

Both phases of the programme evaluation are finished. Related to evaluation of the efficiency of the programme's structures, processes and of the communication strategy an action plan was prepared. It was shared with, and then acknowledged by the MC in autumn 2020. The report on the evaluation of efficiency, effectiveness and impact was validated by the evaluation steering group (ESG) and sent for examination to the MC in May 2020. It was also presented to and then acknowledged by the MC in autumn 2020. Recommendations are followed up in programme implementation and in the programming process.

External programme communication received great emphasis in 2020. The programme issued 3 regular and 2 thematic newsletters, it gained visibility in 12 of the weekly newsletters of SZPO (host for JS). The thematic project development workshop in January was highly appreciated by project holders. Later EUinmyRegion as the annual event of the programme, and the online competition "Everyone has a neighbour" were the highlights. 2020 is also marked by opening the programme Facebook page!





3 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXES

3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs (TO03)	<p>8 projects are approved in the priority axis 1, all of which were contracted (selected) until the end of 2020. The ERDF funding of selected projects amounts to approximately 81% of the available resources in the priority.</p> <p>The actual outputs of selected operations have already exceeded the OI11 and OI12 targets. Further contributions are expected.</p> <p>Due to advanced implementation and reporting on project level in priority 1 total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries has reached 50% of the available funding.</p> <p>3 selected projects have finished implementation in 2019, one was going to finish in 2020, but was prolonged to 2021 by a project extension.</p>





ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
2	Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency (TO06)	<p>18 projects are approved in the priority axis 2, all of them were contracted (selected) until the end of 2020. The ERDF funding of selected projects amounts to 97% of the available resources in the priority axis (90% in SO21, 97% in SO22, 102% in SO23).</p> <p>Forecasted outputs of selected operations reach or exceed targets of all OIs except OI25 (protection measures including investments). Due to targeted project development supported by the programme, one additional application was selected that improves the programme's expected contribution to OI25.</p> <p>With regard to the project implementation, most projects are thematically well on their way, although some of them are delayed in time due to the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>Reported achievements in SO21 have already reached the OI21 and OI23 targets.</p> <p>Actual achievements are ahead of reported ones, but often not visible either because partial achievements cannot be reported before the project is closed, or sometimes due to pending project reports. This is typically the case for most outputs in SO22 and SO23.</p> <p>According to previous time plans several projects were scheduled to finish implementation until the end of 2020, but many of them (especially but not exclusively in the tourism sector) were prolonged due to the COVID-19 crisis. Actual implementation was finished in 3 projects until the end of 2020, 6 projects are supposed to be finished in 2021, unless further prolongations become necessary. It shall be noted that some reports related to projects finished in 2021 may only become available in AIR2022.</p>





ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
3	Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures (TO07)	<p>Altogether 7 projects are approved in the priority axis 3.</p> <p>In SO31 one railway project was contracted (selected) in 2018 and four road infrastructure projects contracted in April 2019. In SO32 a transport coordination project was contracted (selected) in 2017, a second one approved in 2019 and contracted in 2020.</p> <p>At the end of 2020 the ERDF funding of the selected (contracted) projects amounted to 99% of the available resources in the priority axis (99% in SO31, 103% in SO32).</p> <p>Approved operations are forecasted to reach or exceed all output indicator targets. Actual performance in CO12 was finished in 2020 (48.18 km reconstructed railway). The difference to the contracted value is a result of slight difference between km technically built and calculation basis of the fare. Also some parts of the road constructions (contribution to CO13 and CO14) are done and reported, but the finalisation of planned achievements is expected in 2021 (reports partly in 2022).</p> <p>In the railway project 3 studies will ensure fulfilment of OI31, two of them were ready in 2019 and reported in 2020, the rest will be presented in the final report.</p> <p>In SO32, outputs of the two selected projects are forecasted to fulfil OI33 and OI32, but as the reporting of the achievements is expected at a later stage of the projects, partly at project closure, they are not included in the annual implementation report yet. Project level reports about 10 various strategies, concepts and actions of the 16 are expected in 2021.</p> <p>Due to advanced implementation and reporting on project level in priority 3 total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries has exceeded 75% of the available funding.</p> <p>In 2020 three projects have finished implementation, all others end in 2021.</p>





ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
4	Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration (TO11)	<p>Altogether 22 projects have been approved in the priority axis 4, of which 20 were contracted (selected) until the end of 2020. The ERDF funding of selected projects reaches approximately 97% of the available resources in the priority. Projects that were approved but not contracted yet in 2020 increase the utilisation of the priority axis to about 101%.</p> <p>Outputs of selected operations are forecasted to exceed the targets of CO46, OI41, and OI42. Actual achievements have approached or exceeded 50% of the target values in each indicator. Contracted projects ensure that all OIs are going to be reached or exceeded.</p> <p>Ten projects have finished implementation until the end of 2020, their final indicator values have largely contributed to the level of output indicator achievements in this priority. Some actual indicator achievements in 2020 may be available only in the AIR2021.</p> <p>2 projects are expected to finish implementation in 2021, the rest in 2022.</p>
5	Technical support to the programme implementation	<p>The TA projects that were approved in a written procedure following the 1st MC (3 regional TA projects and the Core TA project including costs for the MA, JS, CA and AA) are all contracted and being implemented. The financial implementation of the priority axis and the achievement of output indicators are according to plan. The institutions and processes of the programme are operational. For more information, see other chapters of the annual implementation report.</p>





3.2 Common and programme specific indicators

Data for common and programme-specific indicators by investment priority transmitted using the tables 1 to 2 below.

Table 1: Result indicators (by priority axis and specific objective); applies also to technical assistance priority axis

Automatic from SFC						ANNUAL VALUE										Observations (if necessary)
ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline Value	Baseline Year	Target Value (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
RI11	Survival rate of enterprises after 3 years	Percent	66.27%	2012	62%	66.27 %	60,78 %	57.26 %	58.32 %	60.28 %	61.94 %	61.91 %				(1) Status: n-2 years. (2) Since the adoption of the 2 nd CP modification by the EC on 12.03.2018 the baseline and annual values reflect Eurostat data. (3) Due to updated Eurostat figures of the Austrian NUTS3 regions about "Enterprises newly born in t-3 having survived to t" the values in the column 2019 needed minor correction compared to the data provided in the previous AIR. (4) Compared to previous year the tendency in HU has turned up again, in AT very slightly down (compared to the corrected value), overall producing almost the same survival rate as last year.
RI21	Overnight stays	Number	22 809 823	2013	25 000 000	22 809 823	23 175 628	23 762 619	24 952 202	26 063 357	26 548 045	27 012 276				Status: n-1 year.





Automatic from SFC						ANNUAL VALUE										Observations (if necessary)	
ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline Value	Baseline Year	Target Value (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
RI22	Conservation degree A (of all habitat types in the Natura 2000 sites of the programme region)	Percent	10.5	2013 (release date)	12				10,91			10,87					While the number of Natura 2000 sites has remained unchanged, there is a marginal increase in their total area and in the number of habitats at these sites. Parallel to this, on the basis of the available standard datasheets the number of habitats with a conservation degree A is unchanged, decreasing their share by 0.04%.



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ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline Value	Baseline Year	Target Value (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
RI23	Chemical and ecological condition of border water bodies classified as "good" and "very good"	Number	2 (of 9)	2013 (2009/2010 for the Danube)	4				2			0					Since 2016 the Austrian-Hungarian Cross-Border Water Committee measures individual water quality parameters in different frequencies. As such, the reports about 2013, 2016 and 2019 include comparable data, thus the water quality report about 2019 issued in April 2020 is basis of the current report. Unfortunately, the classification of the water quality shows degradation, but it must be added, that this is at least partly due to more advanced monitoring measures, and to the fact, that while in some factors the water quality is stable or improved, the overall classification is determined by the factor, which is qualified at the lowest level.



RI31	Average travel time (individual transport) to a node with TEN-T network connection	Minutes	14.08	2013	13															<p>The programme financed road infrastructure projects are mostly implemented (final reporting and closure due in 2021, partly in 2022). Additional reduction of avg. travel time is also result of the new M85 highway connection of Sopron. Although a number of measures have been implemented in the high-ranking and low-ranking road network since 2014, the implementation of essential projects is still pending. Particularly relevant are for the programme area:</p> <p>M86 Mosonmagyaróvár - Csorna</p> <p>M85 Klingenbach - Sopron</p> <p>S7 Fürstenfeld motorway btw. Riegersdorf (A2) - border station at Heiligenkreuz</p> <p>M8 border - Körment</p> <p>Due to delayed implementation their impact is not expected before 2025.</p> <p>Burgenland's decision not to implement the A3 motorway node at Klingenbach contributes to the fact that the expected effects for the border region will not fully materialise even after 2025.</p>
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Automatic from SFC						ANNUAL VALUE										Observations (if necessary)	
ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline Value	Baseline Year	Target Value (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
RI32	Intermodal public transport nodes	Number	1 274.5	2014	1 400				1349.5			1452.5					The importance of multimodal nodes is weighted depending on the number of connections offered and the available parking spaces (P+R and P+B).
RI41	Level of cooperation quality in the border region	Percent of highest rating	54.03%	2014	65%				58.84 %			55.18 %					The value for the indicator (share of above-average evaluations in cross-border cooperation) according to the survey in 2021 is slightly lower than the value from 2018. The answers must be seen in the light of the Covid-related restrictions which have been hindering cross-border cooperation to a considerable extent for a year.
RI42	Institutions involved in cross-border education schemes	Number	35	2014	45				48	55	67	85					With three additional contracted (selected) SO42 project in 2020, 18 new actors (project partners and strategic partners) were counted who are new to cross-border education schemes.



Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators (by priority axis, investment priority); applies also to technical assistance priority axes

	ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measurement Unit	Target Value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (if necessary)
					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI11	SMEs involved in co-operation projects (action 1, 2)	Number	100	0	0	0	96	122	212	230				Contribution of 8 projects out of a total of 8 projects contracted in SO11.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	64	100	197				
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI12	Intermediate organisations involved in co-operation projects (action 3)	Number	8	0	0	0	18	23	28	42				Contribution of 7 projects out of a total of 8 projects contracted in SO11.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	12	17	27				
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI21	Jointly developed strategies and action	Number	5	0	0	0	4	6	8	8				Contribution of 4 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO21.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		plans and capacity building measures (action 1)			0	0	0	0	1	2	5				All 4 projects have reported contribution to OI21, two of them have reached their contacted target, and other two are advanced in their achievement. The programme target has already been reached.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI22	Jointly developed investments at cultural and natural heritage sites (action 1,2)	Number	5	0	0	0	4	5	7	7				Contribution of 5 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO21.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	1	1	1				1 of 5 projects has reported contribution to OI22. The expected achievements are planned at later phases, some of the investments delayed due to the COVID-19 crisis. Prolongations are granted where necessary.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI23	Common offers (action 2,3)	Number	3	0	0	0	8	12	16	16				Contribution of 6 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO21.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	1	4	9				3 of 6 projects have reported contribution to OI23, two of them have reached their contracted targets. The implementation of other projects is on the right track, actual achievements exceed reported values. The programme target has already been reached.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status (action 2)	Hectares	100 000	0	0	0	102 409.24	154 731.24	154 731.24	185 138.37				Contribution of 5 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO22. The targets overlap in two projects (Vogelwarte-Madárvárta 2, NEduNET), therefore a correction for the 2019 value was necessary.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	122				
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI24	Jointly developed protection and management plans (action 1)	Number	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2				Contribution of 2 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO22.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI25	Protection measures (including	Number	15	0	0	0	1	1	3	5				Contribution of 3 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO22.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		investments) (action 2)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0				First achievement in OI25 was implemented to the most part in 2019, its last step being finalized in Q4 2020, reporting expected in 2021. Further achievements of other projects are not expected before 2021.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI26	Joint research projects (action 3)	Number	3	0	0	0	1	3	3	3				Contribution of 3 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO22.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0 of 3 projects have reported contribution to OI26. First reported achievements are not expected before 2021.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI27	Participants in joint training schemes and awareness raising programmes (action 4)	Number	200	0	0	0	215	580	835	1350				Contribution of 5 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO22.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	62	62				1 of 5 projects has reported contribution to OI26. Actual achievement exceeds reported values, some project reports are pending.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating	Organisations	5	0	0	0	3	5	5	5				Contribution of 2 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO23.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects			0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0 of 2 projects have reported contribution to CO42. Actual achievements are on track, reporting is expected at project closure, probably in AIR2021.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI28	Jointly developed pilots and infrastructures	Number	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	2				Contribution of 2 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO23.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0				0 of 2 projects have reported contribution to OI28. Some project reports are pending, actual achievement in 2020 is 1.	
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI29	Measures securing or improving the status of water bodies in qualitative and	Number	5	0	0	0	7	9	11	11				Contribution of 6 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO23.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	1	1	1			1 of 6 projects has reported contribution to OI29. Considering actual achievements that have not been reported yet, 6-7 measures have been already implemented until the end of 2020.	
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO12	Railway: Total length of reconstructed or	km	10	0	0	0	0	48.66	48.66	48.66				Contribution of 1 railway project contracted in SO31.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		upgraded railway line (action 2,3)			0	0	0	0	37.93	37.93	48.18				The reported actual achievement of the railway reconstruction project is 48.18 km. The difference to the contracted value is a result of miscalculation in the planning documents. The achievement is considered to be final.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads (action 1)	km	8	0	0	0	0	0	8.33	8.33				3 road projects of the 4 contracted in SO31 contribute to CO13.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	3.46			1 of the 3 road infrastructure projects has reported contribution to CO13 in 2020. All constructions related to CO13 are supposed to be finished in 2021, and reported at latest in 2022.	
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads (action 2)	km	10	0	0	0	0	0	11.55	11.55				4 road projects of 4 contracted in SO31 contribute to CO14.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	6.55			All 4 projects have reported some or all parts of their contribution to CO14. All constructions related to CO14 are supposed to be finished in 2021, and reported at latest in 2022.	
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI31	Pre-investment studies	number	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	3				Contribution of 1 railway project contracted in SO31.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	2				2 of the 3 studies have been reported, and the third actually produced but not yet reported in 2020, final reporting is expected with AIR2021
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI32	Jointly developed strategies, transport concepts and actions (action 1,2,3,4,5)	Number	12	0	0	0	7	7	13	16				Contribution of 1 large scale transport development project (13 various strategies, concepts and actions), and one further contracted project in 2020 with 3 strategies and concepts.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	0				A partial achievement of 10 was available at the end of 2020, report pending. First reported achievements are expected in AIR2021.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI33	Joint schemes for promoting environmentally friendly transport (action 6,7)	Number	4	0	0	0	6	6	6	7				Contribution of 2 projects out of a total of 2 project contracted in SO32.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	0	0	1				A partial achievement of 2 was available at the end of 2020, but not fully reported. Actual achievement exceeds reported values, some project reports are pending.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO46	Labour market and training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders (action 5 and 6)	Persons	200	0	0	0	78	118	228	288				Contribution of 6 projects out of a total of 20 projects contracted in SO41 and SO42.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	13	13	92				
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI41	Actors involved in cross-border cooperation (action 1,2,3,4,5)	Number	250	0	0	0	155	220	322	490				Contribution of 20 projects out of a total of 20 projects contracted in SO41 and SO42.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	0	131	171	194				
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI42	Joint cross-border cultural, educational, recreational and other type of	Number	25	0	0	0	10	18	22	28				Contribution of 7 projects out of a total of 20 projects contracted in SO41 and SO42.





	ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measurement Unit	Target Value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (if necessary)
					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		community events and actions (“people to people”) (action 4)			0	0	0	0	8	13	14				3 of 7 projects have reported contribution to OI42, most of them have already reached their project level targets. Actual achievement exceeds reported values, some project reports are pending.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI51	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number	16.5	0	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5				Based on CP (altogether in 4 TA projects).
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0.2	11.75	14.83	14.92	15.47	16.24				Value for the actual year based on regional inputs to the AIR. Correction in previous years’ values is due to an arithmetic mistake.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI52	Network of regional coordinators established	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1				Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	1	1	1	1				RC Network effectively established at its first meeting on 5.4.2016. Until 2020 14 RC Network meetings were held.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI53	Projects	Number	80	0	80	80	80	80	80	80				Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	21	32	47	57				53 projects contracted in P1-P4 + 4 in P5 (TA)
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI54	e-Monitoring System established	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1				Based on CP.





	ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measurement Unit	Target Value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (if necessary)
					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	1	1	1	1	1	1				eMS effectively functioning since call opening in December 2015.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI55	Network of financial controllers established	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1				Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	1	1	1	1				FLC Network effectively established in October 2016. In 2020 no FLC Network meeting took place.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	1	1	1	1	1	1				Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI56	Programme evaluation plan prepared and approved by MC	Number	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1				Evaluation plan approved in MC03. The first part of the evaluation (programme structures and processes and the implementation of the communication strategy) was conducted in 2018, the impact evaluation conducted in 2019 (finalised in mid-2020).
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	1	1	1	1	1	1				Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI57	Programme communication plan prepared and approved by MC	Number	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1				Programme communication strategy approved in written procedure 2. Annual comm. plans are also available.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	3	3	3	3	3	3				Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI58	Guiding documents addressed to applicants	Number	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3				Based on CP.





	ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measurement Unit	Target Value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (if necessary)
					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		and beneficiaries			0	2	2	5	6	6	6				Application Manual and Eligibility Manual available since 2015, the Guide on Indicators provides valuable additional information since 2017. Communication Manual and Implementation Manual were published in 2017, the latter one updated in 2019. Microsite Manual published in 2018. Communication and Microsite Manuals were originally intended to be part of the IM. Due to their specific importance and because of practical reasons they have been published separately.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI59	Information, consultation and training measures for applicants and beneficiaries	Number	16	0	16	16	16	16	16	16				Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	2	6	10	13				In 2020 2 rounds of individual contract preparation meetings for LPs of approved projects were held, and in January a project development seminar for applicants was held.





3.3 Milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Reporting on financial indicators, key implementation steps, output and result indicators to act as milestones and targets for the performance framework (submitted starting with the report in 2017).

Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority Axis	Indicator Type (Key implementation step, financial, output or, where appropriate result indicator)	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2018	Final target (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations (if necessary)
1	financial	FI01	Total amount of eligible expenditure for priority axis 1	Euro	2 429 177	8 211 000	0	0	0	0	1 609 021.04	2 555 364.62	3 803 228.04				Interim payment applications 1-7 to the EC (up to 17.12.2020) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2020
1	output	OI11	SMEs involved in cooperation projects	Number	25	100	0	0	0	0	64	100	197				4 of 8 projects have reported contribution to OI11. These 4 projects have reached or exceeded their targets, while the rest of the projects are at their initial phases. The programme target has already been reached.





Priority Axis	Indicator Type (Key implementation step, financial, output or, where appropriate result indicator)	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2018	Final target (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations (if necessary)
2	financial	FI02	Total amount of eligible expenditure for priority axis 2	Euro	4 347 567	29 049 000	0	0	0	0	1 794 905.30	5 383 250.64	9 238 769.57				Interim payment applications 1-7 to the EC (up to 17.12.2020) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2020
2	output	OI22	Jointly developed investments at cultural and natural heritage sites	Number	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1				1 of 5 projects has reported contribution to OI22. The expected achievements are planned at later phases, some of the investments delayed due to the COVID-19 crisis. Prolongations are granted where necessary.



Priority Axis	Indicator Type (Key implementation step, financial, output or, where appropriate result indicator)	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2018	Final target (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations (if necessary)
2	output	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	20 000	100 000	0	0	0	0	0	0	122				Implementation is ongoing in all 5 selected projects. By the nature of the indicator partial achievement cannot be reported. First actual achievement related to a smaller territory was reported in 2020, further reported achievements are expected with project closures.
2	output	OI29	Measures securing or improving the status of water bodies in qualitative and quantitative terms	Number	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1				1 of 6 projects has reported contribution to OI29. Considering actual achievements that have not been reported yet, 6-7 measures have been already implemented until the end of 2020.





Priority Axis	Indicator Type (Key implementation step, financial, output or, where appropriate result indicator)	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2018	Final target (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations (if necessary)
3	financial	FI03	Total amount of eligible expenditure for priority axis 3	Euro	2 030 877	27 585 000	0	0	0	0	252 691.14	5 216 634.17	20 978 844.52				Interim payment applications 1-7 to the EC (up to 17.12.2020) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2020
3	output	CO12	Railway: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded railway line	Km	2	10	0	0	0	0	37.93	37.93	48.18				The reported actual achievement of the railway reconstruction project is 48.18 km. The achievement is considered to be final.
3	output	OI32	Jointly developed strategies, transport concepts and actions	Number	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				A partial achievement of 10 was available at the end of 2020, report pending. First reported achievements are expected in AIR2021.
4	financial	FI04	Total amount of eligible expenditure for priority axis 4	Euro	3 255 548	22 351 480	0	0	0	0	2 664 712.46	5 157 993.28	7 328 017.65				Interim payment applications 1-7 to the EC (up to 17.12.2020) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2020





Priority Axis	Indicator Type (Key implementation step, financial, output or, where appropriate result indicator)	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2018	Final target (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations (if necessary)
4	output	OI41	Actors involved in cross-border cooperation	Number	50	250	0	0	0	0	131	171	194				12 of 20 projects have reported contribution to OI41, most of them have already reached their project level targets. Based on available information about actual achievements in pending reports of other projects, contributions have already reached the programme target.

* Member States submit cumulative values for output indicators. Values for financial indicators are cumulative. Values for the key implementation steps are cumulative if the key implementation steps are expressed by a number or percentage. If the achievement is defined in a qualitative way, the table should indicate whether they are completed or not.





3.4 Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
The financial allocation of the priority axis based on the operational programme [extracted from Table 18a of the operational programme]					Cumulative data on the financial progress of the operational programme						
Priority axis	Fund ¹	Basis for the calculation of Union support* (Total eligible cost or public eligible cost)	Total funding (EUR)	Co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations (%) [column 6 / column 4 × 100]	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries (%) [column 9 / column 4 × 100]	Number of operations selected	Total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries and certified to the Commission by 31/12/2019
						Calculation			Calculation		
Priority axis 1	ERDF	total eligible	8 211 000	85.00%	6 610 867.69	80.51	6 455 277.80	4 149 392.23	50.53	8	3 803 228.04
Priority axis 2	ERDF	total eligible	29 049 000	85.00%	30 197 846.12	103.95	30 153 258.83	9 267 917.55	31.90	18	9 238 769.57
Priority axis 3	ERDF	total eligible	27 585 000	85.00%	40 808 381.86	147.94	40 808 381.86	20 983 146.74	76.07	7	20 978 844.52
Priority axis 4	ERDF	total eligible	22 351 480	85.00%	21 636 903.19	96.80	21 245 379.33	7 469 783.06	33.42	20	7 328 017.65
Priority axis 5	ERDF	total eligible	8 673 847	54.54%	8 673 695.04	100.00	8 673 695.04	3 633 212.11	41.89	4	3 096 344.99
Total	ERDF		95 870 327	82.24%	107 927 693.90	112.58	107 335 992.86	45 503 451.69	47.46	57	44 445 204.77
Grand Total	All Funds		95 870 327	82.24%	107 927 693.90	112.58	107 335 992.86	45 503 451.69	47.46	57	44 445 204.77

¹ In case the YEI is programmed as part of a priority axis (in accordance with point (c) of the second subparagraph of Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013), the information has to be provided separately from the other part of the priority axis.





Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

Priority axis	Fund(*)	Categorisation dimensions								Financial data			
		1 Intervention field	2 Form of finance	3 Territorial dimension	4 Territorial delivery mechanism	5 Thematic objective dimension ERDF/ Cohesion Fund	6 ESF secondary theme	7 Economic dimension	8 Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	03		13	HU221	770,497.45	770,497.45	0.00	1
1	ERDF	063	01	02	07	03		17	HU221	1,834,846.60	1,814,521.96	1,834,846.60	1
1	ERDF	064	01	02	07	03		13	HU221	904,588.82	835,120.41	900,879.77	1
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	03		13	HU221	398,940.00	365,183.00	48,249.59	1
1	ERDF	066	01	02	07	03		13	AT221	711,650.22	704,920.59	711,542.11	1
1	ERDF	066	01	02	07	03		13	HU221	1,042,366.25	1,040,001.76	514,810.13	1
1	ERDF	066	01	02	07	03		17	AT113	650,178.35	633,082.63	139,064.03	1
1	ERDF	066	01	03	07	03		14	AT224	297,800.00	291,950.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	021	01	03	07	06		22	HU222	638,650.00	638,650.00	24,227.39	1
2	ERDF	021	01	04	07	06		18	AT221	1,932,155.16	1,932,155.17	700,444.17	1
2	ERDF	021	01	04	07	06		22	AT130	10,735,567.41	10,735,567.41	1,073,745.77	1
2	ERDF	021	01	04	07	06		22	HU221	278,000.00	278,000.00	9,231.70	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	AT112	1,431,666.66	1,431,666.66	1,322,616.44	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	HU221	2,227,905.40	2,227,905.41	1,694,420.03	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	HU222	567,290.00	567,290.00	142,238.52	1
2	ERDF	086	01	01	07	06		01	AT130	1,379,151.32	1,379,151.32	256,839.86	1
2	ERDF	086	01	02	07	06		22	HU222	199,761.20	193,797.02	0.00	1
2	ERDF	086	01	03	07	06		22	AT112	998,881.50	998,881.51	28,288.35	1
2	ERDF	086	01	03	07	06		22	HU222	1,144,175.30	1,128,066.34	309,245.88	1
2	ERDF	087	01	03	07	06		01	HU222	576,000.00	576,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	091	01	03	07	06		15	AT113	3,452,294.60	3,449,305.18	1,657,792.74	2
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06		15	AT113	983,978.36	964,453.57	550,331.92	1
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06		24	AT113	602,399.99	602,399.99	86,048.53	1
2	ERDF	095	01	03	07	06		15	AT113	1,864,129.22	1,864,129.25	995,015.21	1
2	ERDF	095	01	03	07	06		15	AT224	1,185,840.00	1,185,840.00	417,431.04	1
3	ERDF	026	01	03	07	07		12	HU221	15,229,202.15	15,229,202.15	12,944,967.39	1
3	ERDF	030	01	02	07	07		12	AT111	9,546,249.12	9,546,249.12	3,076,631.05	1
3	ERDF	030	01	03	07	07		12	HU101	4,040,826.60	4,040,826.60	1,562,331.20	1
3	ERDF	034	01	03	07	07		12	AT111	4,024,827.01	4,024,827.01	340,542.87	1





Priority axis	Fund(*)	Categorisation dimensions								Financial data			
		1 Intervention field	2 Form of finance	3 Territorial dimension	4 Territorial delivery mechanism	5 Thematic objective dimension ERDF/Cohesion Fund	6 ESF secondary theme	7 Economic dimension	8 Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
3	ERDF	034	01	03	07	07		12	HU101	3,875,171.58	3,875,171.58	2,268,066.95	1
3	ERDF	036	01	03	07	07		12	AT112	999,330.00	999,330.00	0.00	1
3	ERDF	036	01	03	07	07		12	HU222	3,092,775.40	3,092,775.40	790,607.28	1
4	ERDF	096	01	02	07	11		20	AT123	680,286.90	680,286.90	0.00	1
4	ERDF	096	01	02	07	11		24	HU222	676,823.75	676,823.75	675,275.21	1
4	ERDF	096	01	03	07	11		21	AT221	1,300,858.65	1,254,191.29	0.00	1
4	ERDF	118	01	01	07	11		19	AT130	988,339.51	988,339.51	0.00	1
4	ERDF	118	01	02	07	11		13	AT221	825,433.91	774,221.68	423,812.06	1
4	ERDF	118	01	03	07	11		19	AT113	798,346.25	766,645.19	0.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		11	AT113	305,881.28	305,881.28	298,422.06	1
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		18	AT224	1,214,387.67	1,214,387.67	163,644.97	1
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		18	HU223	840,000.00	810,000.00	165,384.17	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		18	AT112	773,502.12	773,502.12	610,753.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		21	AT112	865,326.13	851,029.43	514,774.43	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		21	AT224	1,240,507.26	1,182,713.64	1,239,448.46	1
4	ERDF	120	01	01	07	11		19	AT123	2,684,688.42	2,684,688.42	0.00	1
4	ERDF	120	01	01	07	11		19	AT130	1,847,625.41	1,847,625.41	483,055.57	1
4	ERDF	120	01	01	07	11		19	HU213	848,021.61	848,021.61	652,272.90	1
4	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11		19	AT130	1,130,262.80	1,041,943.69	124,163.75	1
4	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11		19	HU223	937,819.23	879,455.02	414,314.57	1
4	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11		21	AT112	397,000.73	392,372.16	324,483.29	1
4	ERDF	120	01	03	07	11		19	AT123	2,897,331.56	2,897,331.56	1,379,978.62	1
4	ERDF	120	01	03	07	11		22	HU221	384,460.00	375,919.00	0.00	1
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	AT112	6,194,123.45	6,194,123.45	2,872,745.33	3
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	AT221	314,323.17	314,323.17	120,982.65	0
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	HU101	1,430,586.44	1,430,586.44	331,751.06	1
5	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	AT112	115,721.09	115,721.09	53,669.78	0
5	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	AT221	5,872.31	5,872.31	2,260.25	0
5	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	HU101	26,726.79	26,726.79	6,197.91	0
5	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	AT112	457,470.50	457,470.50	212,168.23	0
5	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	AT221	23,214.52	23,214.52	8,935.24	0





Priority axis	Fund(*)	Categorisation dimensions								Financial data			
		1 Intervention field	2 Form of finance	3 Territorial dimension	4 Territorial delivery mechanism	5 Thematic objective dimension ERDF/ Cohesion Fund	6 ESF secondary theme	7 Economic dimension	8 Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
5	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	HU101	105,656.77	105,656.77	24,501.66	0
Total	ERDF									107,927,693.90	107,335,992.86	45,503,451.69	57
Grand total										107,927,693.90	107,335,992.86	45,503,451.69	57

* Data for the YEI shall be presented separately without splitting the YEI specific allocation and the matching ESF support.

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1 Operations	2 The amount of ERDF support(*) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations (EUR)	3 Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4 Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority (EUR)	5 Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
ATHU001 BIG AT-HU	12 750.00	0.02%	5 979.73	0.01%
ATHU003 PaNaNet+	43 985.80	0.06%	26 731.96	0.03%
ATHU005 femcoop PLUS	0.00	0.00%	52.74	0.00%
ATHU007 REGIONET Competitive	27 037.74	0.03%	27 173.52	0.03%
ATHU009 EDLRIS	40 000.00	0.05%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU017 SMART-Pannonia	35 190.00	0.04%	3 477.22	0.00%
ATHU018 City Cooperation II	8 500.00	0.01%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU019 CEPI	6 800.00	0.01%	72.44	0.00%
ATHU020 alpannonia plus	25 993.00	0.03%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU026 REBE II	1 700.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU030 ConnReg AT-HU	41 225.00	0.05%	20 355.52	0.03%
ATHU050 AgriNatur AT-HU	5 389.00	0.01%	1 630.18	0.00%
ATHU051 Joint Ambrosia Action	0.00	0.00%	951.02	0.00%
ATHU052 SMART-UP	0.00	0.00%	149.00	0.00%
ATHU059 InnoWood	41 650.00	0.05%	25 513.42	0.03%
ATHU064 VELOREGIO	6 800.00	0.01%	433.61	0.00%
ATHU074 CODES AT-HU	14 702.87	0.02%	10 226.00	0.01%
ATHU106 Wrestling without borders	0.00	0.00%	20 217.11	0.03%
ATHU116 WomEn-Puls	16 320.00	0.02%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU118 IMPROVE!	5 100.00	0.01%	0.00	0.00%





1 Operations	2 The amount of ERDF support(*) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations (EUR)	3 Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4 Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority (EUR)	5 Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
ATHU129 BIG_inn AT-HU	21 250.00	0.03%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU130 HEAL NOW	2 550.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU136 Common Heritage	27 200.00	0.03%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU139 EUREVITA Pannonia	595.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU154 Shop of Region	5 950.00	0.01%	0.00	0.00%
Grand total	€390 688.41	0.50%	€142 963.47	0.18%

(*) ERDF support is fixed in the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(¹) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.





4 SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

Synthesis of the findings of all evaluations of the programme that have become available during the previous financial year, including the name and reference period of the evaluation reports used.

The first phase of programme evaluation (efficiency of the programme's structures and processes and of the communication strategy) was launched in April 2018. Following the approval by the MC in November 2018, it was closed with the final report in April 2019. The findings and proposals of this evaluation were summarised in AIR2018. Based on the proposals of the evaluation an action plan was prepared which is continuously being reflected in the daily work of the programme.

The second phase of the evaluation (efficiency, effectiveness and impact) was launched in May 2019, conducted basically in summer and autumn 2019, and after validation by the evaluation steering group (ESG) the final report was examined by the MC in May 2020 (due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic) via written procedure. The main conclusions of the evaluation were published on 22.06.2020 on the program website. To enable further discussion, the evaluation report was again provided to the MC at its online meeting on 15-16.09.2020, and a summary of the most important results of the impact evaluation were presented, with a special focus on the proposals resulting from the evaluation for the programme planning. The MC acknowledged the impact evaluation.

Actions related to the efficient implementation of the programme

The action plan prepared by the MA and JS was discussed in by the BWG and also presented in writing to the MC in December 2019. The final evaluation report and the action plan were presented again to, and acknowledged by the MC at its online meeting on 15-16.09.2020.

In line with the evaluation, elements of the action plan are related to the programme management, the project life cycle and the communication strategy. Where possible, measures for greater efficiency are implemented in the current programme period, in some cases they are marked for implementation in the next programme.

In 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic confronted the programme with new challenges: structures, processes and the implementation of the communication strategy needed to be adapted to the new reality. Measures taken and reported in previous years helped a lot to be able to cope with the situation.

Among others the common data sharing platform that was introduced earlier has proven to be an especially useful tool to share documents between the MA-JS, to store supporting documents by FLC for partner reports and to exchange documents in the post 2020 programming process.

Additional staff between September 2019 and March 2020 (JS member back from maternity leave) had helped to spin up programme communication. Following the improvements with her support, since the beginning of her new maternity leave the JS has managed to keep and further intensify communication work with the available staff. Also due





to the COVID pandemic, programme communication was efficiently moved to the online space, with regular and additional thematic newsletters, contributions about the programme to the newsletter of the JS host institution, online events, and the brand new programme Facebook page opened in 2020. Direct contact to applicants and beneficiaries is missed though, and while the online presence shall be maintained, the programme intends to build on the experiences of the successful project development workshop in January 2020, when “live” meetings become possible again.

The programme has successfully adapted online tools to implement various meetings. Internal consultations between programme bodies, BWG, RC and programming group (PG) meetings were moved to the online space, and have become partly much more frequent than before. In September 2020 the programme has successfully implemented the first online MC with translation.

Due to more frequent online meetings the programme has become more involved in the harmonisation efforts between Interreg programmes through the Interact HIT and Jems initiatives and other Interact fora.

Follow up on the basis of the impact evaluation

The conclusions of the impact evaluation were presented in the AIR 2019 and are not repeated here.

Since the impact evaluation was performed reflecting the status in the fourth quarter 2019, substantial developments are available in the implementation of the current programme, and many of its proposals were taken on board for the post 2020 programming process.

The evaluation reflected a relatively early stage of project implementation with few reported achievements available. In the recent year not only a large number of new projects were selected, but the implementation and the reported achievements of contracted projects have advanced substantially, and many projects have already finished implementation. It is not the purpose of this annual report to further analyse the areas covered by the impact assessment (effectiveness, durability of the projects, their impact and contribution to result indicators, strategic approach, and efficiency of the activities), in particular given that such an analysis would require a longer perspective on the achievements of the projects. Based on the recent achievements, however, the programme authorities are convinced that the programme is on the right track to achieve its targets, at least as far as outputs are concerned.

As it was stated both in the terms of reference for the impact evaluation itself, and in the terms of reference for the external support of the programming process, the impact evaluation was meant among others to serve as a starting point and cornerstone for the programming exercise of 2021-2027 period. Its recommendations for improvement of quality and impact, as well as for the development of a sound indicator system have been used to a large extent in the process of developing the future programme so far.

The findings and recommendations of the impact assessment are being fed into the development of the new programme in a number of areas.

The policy objectives and specific objectives of the new programme have been selected with a view to an improved thematic focus, also in line with the recommendations of the EC. Beside the Interreg specific objective (ISO1 - An integrated border region) PO2 (A





green and resilient border region) and PO4 (A competent border region) are in the focus of programme development, as proposed by the impact assessment. PO 3 (A better-connected border region) is proposed to be part of the new programme due to the explicit demand on behalf of stakeholders and their expected absorption capacity. The current proposal is to keep it as a separate priority in order to create a more clear intervention logic, but clearly focused on sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal mobility, like suggested in the impact evaluation. As Interreg did not prove to be a suitable instrument (at least in this programme region) to support SMEs and strengthen regional entrepreneurship, topics related to current SO1.1 are not part of the proposal.

The considerably reduced programme budget will not allow projects with large funding, but in turn better management and more transparency is expected from focusing on projects of relatively smaller size (compared to some outstanding large projects in the current period). According to the status of discussion as of April 2021 small scale projects will be available across all POs.

The proposed intervention logic for each specific objective is typically based on types of activities grouped in a similar structure: (1) research and data exchange, (2) strategy development, (3) solutions, pilot actions, (4) training, awareness raising. This will help to distinguish and find the right balance between agreements, strategy and legislative developments, pilot projects and last-mile projects, as proposed in the impact evaluation.

Several feedbacks and improvements of the draft documents focusing on the endowments and potentials of the southern part of the programme area, as well as the consequent efforts of the various actors in the interest of keeping Graz (and Vienna) as part of the programme region, will help to make the new programme more balanced along the north-south axis.

The programme authorities and all members of the PG are committed to decrease the administrative burden of the applicants and beneficiaries. In this interest, the programme actively participates in the Interact HIT and Jems initiatives, and the new programme is supposed to make use of several simplified cost options. Current plans include:

- Staff costs:
Unit costs based on an hourly rate for performance groups (based on staff functions in the project).
Discussed as an option: flat rate (off-the-shelf) up to 20% of the direct costs other than the direct staff costs of that operation
- Travel and accommodation:
Flat rate (off-the-shelf option) up to 15% of the direct staff costs of an operation
- Office and administration: Flat rate (off-the-shelf option) up to 15% of eligible direct staff costs
- Lump sums: Preparation costs (in discussion: closure costs)
- Unit costs – in discussion: project events, partner meetings

In line with the recommendations of the impact assessment, the new programme wants to make use of the common set of output and result indicators to the widest possible extent, in order to make the achievements more measurable and visible.





5 ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

In 2020 the programme has reached almost full commitments of its funds. 97% of the available ERDF was contracted, and at the end of the year a new project selection round was in view, potentially covering the rest of the available funds. Based on the forecasted outputs of selected projects all but one output indicators (and all of the output indicators in the performance framework) are expected to be achieved, reported achievements have already reached several output indicator targets and actual achievements are even higher (with a view to the time span between implementation and reporting).

Through most part of the year 2020 the programme and project implementation is severely influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic– continued in 2021. The programme has been responding to the COVID-19 situation with various measures since March. Especially for the project level, the programme has tried to react very quickly and took tailored measures later on, where it was needed. A COVID-19 info-sheet for projects was issued on 13.03.2020, shortly before the lockdown in both Member States, clarifying the most urgent issues for project implementation at the beginning of the pandemic, and dealing with alternative possibilities in order not to delay project implementation.

The EC also reacted very quickly to the situation and presented two comprehensive packages of measures, CRII I and II (Corona Response Investment Initiative). The measures proposed therein are mostly aimed at new investments to ease the consequences of the crisis. As 96% of the programme's funding was already committed at the time of April and a new submission was planned for May, the programme decided to focus on

- supporting project holders in the implementation of their already approved projects,
- the continued programme implementation,
- and moving the programming process forward, under the given circumstances.

For this purpose, a COVID-19 overview paper was developed to summarise measures for all three areas. The development of these measures was done through broad involvement of programme bodies (BWG and RCs) and the projects. The RCs conducted a survey of all approved projects, asking what the impact of the COVID crisis was on each of them. On the basis of the survey, it became clear that general measures valid for all projects (e.g. general project prolongation of 3 months or so) are not expedient, but that individual solutions need to be developed for each project.

Concerning programme implementation and the programming process, the pandemic forced the actors of the programme to a learning process.

- Meetings that were scheduled shortly after the outbreak of the pandemic were first cancelled or postponed: e.g. MC foreseen for spring,





- than partly arranged in written procedure: e.g. examination of the report on impact evaluation, approval of AIR2019 by the MC, constitution of the PG,
- finally moved to the online space: beginning BWG and RC, as well as numerous operative internal meetings, than more formal ones like four PGs in 2020 and the first online MC with simultaneous translation.

FLC work was also impacted, in 2020 the programme cancelled obligation for signatures on control certificates, and the consequences of delayed on the spot checks (OSC) were reviewed. With more flexibility in the timely implementation of OSCs, and as some delayed ones could have been performed following the first wave of the pandemic, up to now none of the project closures were negatively affected.

The last physical event of the programme was the project development workshop on 29.01.2020 (mainly organised by RCs and supported by the JS) which received very positive reviews from the participants, and was a starting point of many successful applications submitted in May.

Due to the pandemic also the programme communication was largely influenced. Unfortunately the original plans for the physical annual event and the celebration of 30Y Interreg had to be cancelled. Instead, the Austrian campaign for EU-inmyRegion was rolled out with the support of our programme as a cross-border event.

In turn, programme communication has been successfully shifted into the online space. Digital publication possibilities were extensively used in programme newsletters and in the newsletter of SZPO. On 30.03.2020 the programme was introduced to the world of social media and the programme Facebook page was launched, which is ever since our most active communication platform, with regular news about programme and projects. Not only programme events, but also public events, such as the competition "Everyone has a neighbour" went online, launched and successfully implemented together with the SIHU and SIAT programmes, on the Facebook pages of the programmes.

The other huge challenge of 2020 was the closing of Commerzialbank Mattersburg by the Austrian Financial Market Authority in July, the resulting insolvency proceedings, and the (very possible) loss of € 1.4 million on the programme account. Although legal steps have been taken by RMB (host for the MA and CA), the judicial clarification of the case is expected to take several years. The newly opened programme account was registered by the EC in September 2020, and in order to ensure programme liquidity, 3 more payment claims were made to the EC (four in 2020). Also for liquidity reasons, large payments to infrastructure projects are only made after the ERDF funds are transferred by the EC. It has been clarified, that a notification to OLAF does not have to (or cannot) be made for this case because:

- There is no beneficiary concerned.
- No expenditure under the programme is ineligible as a result of the case. Hence, no payment to any beneficiary is affected or not lawful.
- Therefore, it is not an irregularity in the sense of the regulation. Only this in turn would mean damage to the EU budget.





- The loss will have to be covered in some form by the Member States concerned.

In order to spend remaining funds most efficiently and to use continuously monitored leftovers, the programme has examined several possibilities already in 2019, and has introduced many of them in 2020. Observing the lack of time for developing and implementing totally new projects, the MC decided in September that for the next submission round only those full projects can be submitted that were previously postponed or formally non-compliant. Additionally, in line with the strategies agreed in 2019, in October 2020 a call for project extensions was published to invite capitalization, enhancement, reinforcement or further development measures to already contracted projects. These decisions have contributed to practically full commitment of funds following the March 2021 MC.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS

An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate

As in the implementation reports before, the programme authorities would like to confirm that the actual progress of selected operations ensures safe achievement of programme targets. Cumulated targets of approved projects in all but one case achieve or exceed the programme output indicator target values. Reported achievements show significant progress to or have reached output indicator targets in several cases (SO11, SO21, SO31, SO41, SO42), and actually delivered but not yet reported achievements are even further ahead. The low values of some output indicators are often attributable to the lengthy process of project monitoring or to the fact that the achievements measured by the indicator are only available at the end of the project.

Continuous efforts are made to accelerate reporting by the beneficiaries, and also to shorten the control processes at all levels. Beneficiaries are encouraged to publish their achievements to the general public and to the programme bodies at an early phase, not only because it is inevitable for good communication, but also because reporting that often comes a half year or more after the end of the respective reporting period does not allow sufficient intervention if needed. In these efforts the direct contacts of Regional Coordinators to the beneficiaries are very much appreciated. Their support was proven especially valuable in 2020, during the preparation and the follow up of the project development workshop, later in the pandemic situation when individual needs of the beneficiaries and the tailored reactions of the programme needed to be assessed, and around the end of the year when many project holders started to develop project modifications in answer to the call for project extensions.

About the progress made towards targets, their sufficiency to ensure fulfilment of the targets section 3.1 (Overview of the implementation) includes more details. The action plan based on the first part of the programme evaluation is furthermore in force and continuously implemented in the daily work of the programme. Further measures to support progress towards programme targets are described in section 4 (Synthesis of the evaluations) and section 5 (Issues affecting the





performance of the programme and measures taken) provide more detailed information.

6 CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

To be published as a separate file:

The current report gives an overview to the broader public about the implementation of the EU-funded Interreg V-A Austria-Hungary Programme that supports cross-border co-operations since the end of 2015 in four thematic priorities.

A continuous call has been open for applications that can be submitted at any time. Decision is taken by the Monitoring Committee (MC) about projects that are submitted to the Joint Secretariat (JS) 70 days before the MC meeting. Specific dates are available on the programme webpage. Application and project implementation procedures are fully carried out in our electronic monitoring system (eMS) that provides harmonised and transparent solutions developed initially by Interact and widely used by Interreg programmes throughout Europe.

Until the end of 2020 altogether 120 applications had been submitted to the programme, 55 of them were approved by the MC in four thematic priorities. As a result, more than 71 million Euros of European funding will be invested in new Austrian-Hungarian initiatives, and the percentage of the ERDF budget already committed to projects has reached 97% of the available programme budget. New applications and project extensions to already running projects that were approved in spring 2021 consume the rest of the available funding. As of April 2021, the programme will not accept new applications any more, but concentrates on supporting the successful implementation and finalization of selected projects. At the same time, the programme management has been actively preparing the programme document for the new cycle.

News about the programme, its supported projects and their achievements are available on the programme webpage (interreg-athu.eu) and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/interregathu/>). The contacts to the programme authorities and to our regional coordinators are available on the programme webpage, but you can also reach us on Facebook. The programme homepage includes primarily "formal" information, including guidelines to the application and selection process, requirements in terms of contribution to the programme targets, eligibility-, communication- and project implementation rules (including contracting, reporting, project modification, etc.), statistics, important programme news, and of course links to the microsites/websites of our supported projects. Our Facebook page is more colourful, there you'll find not only what is closely linked to the Interreg Austria-Hungary Programme, but also European news, project success stories, online competitions and more!

The Austria-Hungary Interreg programme supports projects in a broad circle of themes:

- Related to competitiveness services enhancing the involvement of women in technical activities and to support them in their jobs in public administration. SME networking, wood industry initiatives, start-up networks, digitalization and support to the local products are just a few other topics in the broad field of enterprise development that receive funding in the programme.
- In the circle of sustainability actions are supported to protect the natural and cultural heritage and to improve the region's tourism potential, natural- and nature park co-operations innovative landscape conservation measures and various environment protection activities, as well as water management and monitoring projects are funded.





- The programme puts great emphasis on sustainable mobility. Our transport development projects deal with issues like cross-border mobility concepts for public and individual transport, multimodality, transport safety, awareness raising for soft mobility, and many more. Also (relatively) small railway and road development projects supported by the programme help citizens to get better access to important transport nodes.
- Educational co-operations have a span from kindergarten through vocational education to university, from early language training to specific topics such as energetics, digitalization/robotics, traditional crafts or poultry. Interreg funded projects support the harmonisation of the labour market and various other networking initiatives are also part of the programme. Successful projects support the elderly, experiences of good governance are exchanged across the border, and we take care that allergen pollens spread to the least possible extent.

The programme is proud to support projects that have several direct and indirect links to the European Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). Almost all priority axes across the four pillars of the EUSDR (Connecting the Danube region; Protecting the environment in the Danube region; Building prosperity in the Danube region; Strengthening the Danube region) are reflected in our projects, and a few of them were specifically supported with a letter of recommendation by the Steering Group of their respective EUSDR Priority Area.

This great variety of initiatives is connected by one thing: Austrians and Hungarians in the border region act together to conquer common challenges.

The Interreg Programme Austria-Hungary approaches the end of implementation. Some supported projects have already finished, beneficiaries and programme institutions work on their administrative closure. A large number of projects are in the middle of implementation, and reports about achievements are rolling in. Until the end of last year beneficiaries have declared total expenditures of more than 45.5 million euros, which is almost half of the total programme budget. Until December 2020 ERDF payments have approached 40 million euros. With the advanced implementation of projects more and more achievements become visible, partly under the programme's own homepage at the dedicated micro-sites of the projects (see <https://interreg-athu.eu/en/current-projects/>) and partly at the projects' various own communication platforms.

The coronavirus crisis has not left the Interreg Programme untouched. Many physical meetings and events of our projects had to be postponed or cancelled, some investments are delayed and a large part of activities had to be moved to the online space. As Interreg programmes are about cooperation, the lack of opportunities for meetings is a major obstacle to interaction. Nevertheless, the vast majority of project holders have successfully sought and found alternative solutions to continue their projects, and the programme institutions have also made efforts to help beneficiaries by using flexible procedures and, where necessary, by extending the project implementation period.

Despite the difficulties, selected projects are on the right track in terms of their contribution to achieving the programme's objectives and the related indicator targets. Achievements also need to be effectively communicated to the general public and visibility has to be given to the support provided by the European Regional Development Fund: throughout the implementation period, but especially when the projects reach closure and the objectives they have set are accomplished. To this, the programme provides space at the project micro-sites, and also offers the possibility to be featured on its Facebook page. Another ever more pressing task is the timely closure of all projects at latest until the end of the eligibility period on 31.12.2022, and the related final reporting.

As the end of the programme cycle is nearing, the start of the new period is approaching. Representatives of the two member states and actors of the current programme have started the planning process for the Interreg Programme Austria-Hungary 2021-2027. According to the currently available information the new programme will be thematically fo-





cused on the following policy objectives: a green and resilient border region (PO2), a competent border region (PO4), an integrated border region (ISO1), and a better-connected border region (PO3). Due to the generally smaller envelope for Interreg, the budget of the Austria-Hungary programme is also expected to be much smaller than in the current programme cycle, but several simplifications and further harmonised procedures are supposed to ease the job of the project holders. The approval of the programme by the EC is expected in the first half of 2022, and the first call for project applications may probably not be earlier than in the second half of that year.

7 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where the managing authority decided to use financial instruments it must send to the Commission a specific report covering the financial instruments operations as an annex to the annual implementation report.

Not applicable for the programme.





8 WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS

8.1 Major projects

Not applicable for the programme.

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP 1.completed 2.approved 3.submitted 4.planned for notification/ submission to Commission	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date (if applicable) (year, quarter)	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission (if applicable)	Planned start of implementation (year, quarter)	Planned completion date (year, quarter)	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project 1.completed/in operation; 2.advanced construction; 3.construction; 4.procurement; 5.design	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract ⁽¹⁾ (if applicable)	Observations (if necessary)

⁽¹⁾ In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them.

Not applicable for the programme.

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

Not applicable for the programme.





8.2 Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Not applicable for the programme.

Table 8: Joint action plans

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP 1. completed 2. > 50% implemented 3. Started 4. approved 5. submitted 6. planned	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP 1. normal 2. pilot 3. YEI	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations (if necessary)

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

Not applicable for the programme.





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11 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PRO- GRAMME

11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where ap- propriate)

The programme pays due attention to the European Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) during implementation. Various priority areas of EUSDR are reflected in the thematic objectives of the programme, as laid down in the CP.

Applicants indicate in their application if the project contributes to the EUSDR and describe in what way they do. The relevant section of the application is subject to evaluation in the quality assessment criteria "The project clearly contributes to a wider strategy on one or more policy levels (EU / national / regional)". Although a contribution by the project to the macro-regional strategies is not a requirement (clear correspondence to regional and/or national strategies is sufficient to reach maximum score at this criteria), most projects indicate their contribution to EUSDR, confirmed in the majority of cases in the RC contribution to the evaluation as well as in the final consolidated assessment.

Based on that, selected ATHU projects contribute to

- Priority Area 10 (Institutional Capacity & Cooperation) in 9 cases
- Priority Areas 8 (Competitiveness of Enterprises) and 9 (People & Skills) in 8 cases each
- Priority Area 1B (Rail-Road-Air Mobility) in 7 cases
- Priority Area 3 (Culture & Tourism) in 6 cases
- Priority Area 6 (Biodiversity & Landscapes) in 5 cases
- Priority Area 5 (Environmental Risk) in 4 cases
- Priority Area 4 (Water Quality) in 3 cases
- Priority Area 7 (Knowledge Society) in 2 cases
- and Priority Area 2 (Sustainable Energy) in one case

Besides most projects being in line with one or the other of the EUSDR priority areas, a specific contribution is expected by the project SEDDON II, an EUSDR Priority Area 7 flagship project DREAM (Danube River Research and Management), which was selected for funding in the first decision round. SEDDON II and two further water management related projects in the first decision round (Raab Flood 4cast and Platform) received a letter of recommendation by the Steering Group of the EUSDR Priority Area 5, stating that they contribute to the achievement of the targets and goals of the relevant actions in PA5.

According to the latest report to the MC in September 2020, the implementation of SEDDON II including the construction in Vienna, joint cross-border scientific activities and investments on the Hungarian side are on the right track. Although due to procurement issues and due to the pandemic there is some delay in the infrastructure and the project





will run until the end of 2022, it is expected that it will be finished on time. Reporting on the partner level is according to the plan, almost 1.5M€ expenditure has been certified.

Raab Flood 4cast and Platform were contracted in 2017. While Platform was already finished in 2018 and has reached its targets, Raab Floor4Cast was prolonged until 31.10.2022. Its original activities were completed and objectives achieved, but the project holders successfully applied to the call for project extensions, and in the prolongation period they are going to implement additional functions to the flood forecasting software on river Raab/Rába, raise the efficiency and make the maintenance of the system more efficient.

The project AquaPinka was selected in 2019 and received a letter of recommendation by the Steering Group of the EUSDR Priority Area 4, stating that it contributes to the achievement of the targets and goals of the relevant actions in PA4. The project has been under implementation since early 2020.

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

The pillar(s) and priority area(s) that the programme is relevant to:

	Pillars	Priority areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.1 - Mobility – waterways
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region;	1.2 –Rail-Road-Air Mobility
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region;	1.3 – Sustainable Energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region;	1.4 – Culture & Tourism
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region;	2.1 – Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region;	2.2 – Environmental Risk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region;	2.3 – Biodiversity & Landscapes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region;	3.1 – Knowledge Society
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region;	3.2 – Competitiveness of Enterprises
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region;	3.3 – People & Skills
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region;	4.1 – Institutional Capacity & Cooperation
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region;	4.2 – Security

Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSDR

A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators or Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?

Yes No

Please provide name and function:

Viktor György Oroszi (Expert status), Zsanett Kollár (substitute)





B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSDR?

Yes No

C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSDR?

Yes No

Approximate or exact amount in Euro invested in the EUSDR:

ERDF: 75 000 000 €

D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSDR (n.a. for 2016)

Reports about final results are going to be available later.

E. Does the programme contribute to the targets as validated by the national coordinators and priority area coordinators in 2016 (uploaded on the EUSDR website)? (Please specify the target(s))

Yes, 1-3 targets in each priority area (to a various extent), except those in 1A and 11.

Due to space restrictions the following, more detailed answer was not recorded in SFC 2014:

The following contributions of the programme to the EUSDR targets validated in 2016 by the national coordinators and priority area coordinators were identified (if at least one selected project has a relevant thematic link):

Priority Area 1B "To improve mobility and intermodality – rail, road and air"

1B/I Support efficient freight railway services and improved travel times for competitive railway passenger connections between major cities in the Danube Region (DR) by 2030.

1B/V Facilitate the improvement of secondary and tertiary roads in the DR.

1B/VI Support safe and sustainable transport and mobility in the Danube Region.

Priority Area 2 "To encourage more sustainable energy"

2/III To better interconnect regions by joint activities with relevant initiatives and institutions

Priority Area 3 "To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts"

3/III Develop new and support existing Cultural Routes relevant in the Danube Region

3/IV Develop green tourist products along the Danube Region

3/VI Ensure the sustainable preservation of cultural heritage and natural values by developing relevant clusters, and networks of museums, interpretation and visitors centres within the Danube Region

Priority Area 4 of the EUSDR "To restore and maintain the quality of waters"





4/I Achieve the management objectives set out in the Danube River Basin Management Plan

Priority Area 5 of the EUSDR “To manage environmental risks”

5/II Provide and enhance continuous support to the implementation of the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan – adopted in 2015 in line with the EU Floods Directive – to achieve significant reductions of flood risk events by 2021, also taking into account potential impacts of climate change and adaptation strategies.

Priority Area 6 “To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils”

6/I By 2020 strengthen the work on halting the deterioration in the status of all species and habitats covered by EU nature legislation in order to achieve a significant and measurable improvement, adapted to the special needs of the respective species and habitats in the Danube Region

Priority Area 7 “To develop the Knowledge Society (research, education and ICT)”

7/III To enhance regional research and education co-operation to reach 20% of academic mobility within the region by 2020.

Priority Area 8 “To support the competitiveness of enterprises”

8/I Improvement of the innovations and new technologies transfer through establishing measures like consulting services by chambers and other institutions or organizations, in cooperation with other actions relevant Priority Areas of the EUSDR

8/VI Improvement of the entrepreneurship education in order to enhance the competitiveness of enterprises, especially SMEs through further development of the lifelong entrepreneurial learning system based on the identified set of strategic goals in line with Human Capital Dimension of the SBA for Europe.

8/VII Improvement of business support in particular to strengthen the competitiveness of SMEs for international cooperation and trade.

Priority Area 9 of the EUSDR “To invest in people and skills”

9/II Contribution to improved educational outcomes and relevant skills and competences in the Danube Region, focusing on learning outcomes for employability, entrepreneurship, innovation, active citizenship and well-being

9/III Contribution to increased quality and efficiency of education, training and labour market systems

9/V Contribution to a closer cooperation between educational, training, labour market and research institutions, in particular on transnational, regional and bilateral levels.

Priority Area 10 “To step up institutional capacity and cooperation”

10/IV Increase the average absorption rate of EU funds in the Danube Region in comparison to 2007-2013 period







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