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Introduction

INTERREG is the EU's flagship scheme for cooperation across borders at regional and national level, to the benefit of all EU citizens. Launched in 1990, it has proven that borders are not barriers and has brought Europeans closer together by helping to tackle common challenges and creating new opportunities for cooperation across borders.

Today, the INTERREG family includes:

- 58 cross-border programmes
- 4 interregional cooperation programmes
- 15 transnational cooperation programmes
- 10 cooperation programmes with accession countries, called Interreg Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Cross-Border Programmes
- 15 cooperation programmes between EU and neighbouring countries sharing a land border or sea crossing, called Interreg European Neighbourhood Instrument Cross-Border (ENI CBC) Programmes

Annually, we celebrate the European Cooperation Day on 21 September. This year, the EC DAY is dedicated to the celebration of INTERREG and it's 30th anniversary!













Evolution of INTERREG

in the Slovak - Hungarian border region

The overall aim of the INTERREG Community Initiative has been to ensure that national borders do not remain a barrier to the balanced development and integration of the European territory.

In 1989, the **PHARE** programme was created to support the countries of Central Eastern Europe in preparation to join the European Union. The **Poland and Hungary: Assistance for Restructuring their Economies** expanded to cover 10 other countries.

The first trilateral cooperation projects within the **Hungary-Austria-Slovakia Cross-Border Cooperation** (CBC) programme were launched.

The **Hungary-Slovakia PHARE CBC Programme** was created. Annually, 2 million EUR was given to each country to initiate developments in the border area. At least 1.65 million EUR was dedicated to large infrastructural projects with a given thematic focus every year.

The **Hungary-Slovakia PHARE CBC Small Project Fund** (SPF) was created to to enhance the cooperation among the people living in the border area. Every year up to 350,000 EUR was allocated to this theme on both sides of the border.

INTERREG III-A Neighbourhood Programme Hungary - Slovak Republic - Ukraine was created as the continuation of Hungary-Slovakia PHARE CBC. The programme had two priority axes: Cross-border Social and Economic Cooperation and Cross-border Environment and Transport. The total budget was 31.7 million EUR.

The two countries entered their first full programming period as part of the European Union, and the **Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013** was launched with a 176 million EUR budget. By the end of the programme 323 projects closed successfully.

Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme started as the fifth generation of Interreg. It came with some innovative tools to boost the improvement of the border area: separate Small Project Fund (SPF), Territorial Action Plans for Employment (TAPE) and the involvement of SMEs were introduced parallel the regular cross-border cooperation projects. With the 155 million EUR overall budget it has supported 100+ projects and still counting.

The **new Interreg programme between Hungary and Slovakia in 2021-2027** will focus on 3 main topics: Heritage, tourism and people to people actions, Economic development and Social challenges.



Hungary-Slovakia PHARE Cross Border Cooperation Programme

O <u>EU Budget</u>

10,000,000€

Description

Reconstruction of the Mária
Valéria bridge between
Esztergom and Štúrovo
and the connecting
infrastructure.

Start date

25 September 2000

End date

11 October 2001



Hungary-Slovakia PHARE Cross Border Cooperation Programme

ERDF Budget

200,000 - 350,000 €/year/country

Description

People to people actions that included supporting
studies, open universities, touristic brochures, radio shows and small investments into infrastructure.

Start date

1999

End date

2003





INTERREG III-A Neighbourhood Programme Hungary -Slovak Republic - Ukraine

ERDF Budget

128,018,35€

Description

The project included the creation of active programme packages in the Great-Milic Naturpark, and development of the castle.

Start date

1 August 2006

End date

30 September 2007



INTERREG III-A Neighbourhood Programme Hungary -Slovak Republic – Ukraine

ERDF Budget

70,243€

Description

The project supported
Hollókő, a World Heritage
site, to share its experiences
with Kalonda village in
preparation for their
application to become a
protected site.

Start date

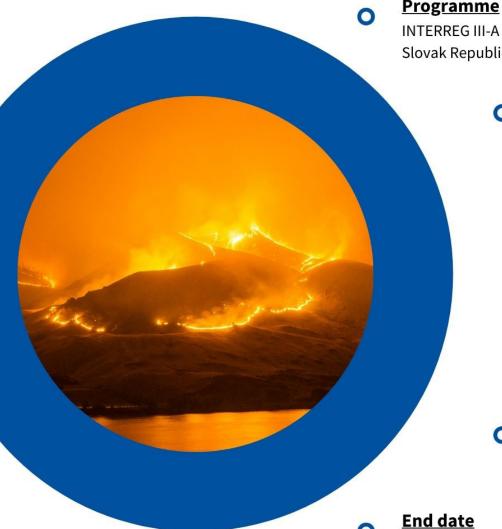
1 September 2006

End date



Catastrophe management

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INTERREG III-A Neighbourhood Programme Hungary -Slovak Republic - Ukraine

ERDF Budget

373,032 €

Description

Connecting to the Data

Communication Network between Hungarian and Slovak Fire Brigades to make sure all digital information can be transferred, works can be coordinated, and used for joint practices to exchange experiences and expertise.

Start date

1 November 2005



INTERREG III-A Neighbourhood Programme Hungary -Slovak Republic – Ukraine

ERDF Budget

232,001€

Description

The project included the feasibility study for common sewage and water treatment in the Ipel valley, as well as the licensing and construction study.

Start date

1 January 2006

End date





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INTERREG III-A Neighbourhood Programme Hungary -Slovak Republic – Ukraine

ERDF Budget

240,582.26 €

Description

to reach a big future
objective: to claim the
"UNESCO GEOPARK" title.
The mission was successful,
and the title was achieved in
2010.

Microregions joined together

Start date

15 September 2006

End date
15 April 2008





Malý Kameneo 381 **End date**

Programme

INTERREG III-A Neighbourhood Programme Hungary -Slovak Republic - Ukraine

ERDF Budget

461,000€

Description

A total of 1,7 km asphalt road was built by the project connecting the municipalities of Streda nad Bodrogom (Slovakia) and Karos (Hungary).

Start date

1 March 2006



Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

828,066.40€

Description

in Cigánd (Hungary) and Leles (Slovakia) for the local entrepreneurs, to enable local people to establish SMEs and start-ups. Project activities

Building two incubator houses

also included employment strategies, creation of

databases and workshops.

Start date

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1 September 2013

End date

30 June 2015





Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

1,347,861.92€

Description

Innovative food production strategy and technology in order to assure the production of food from regional sources with higher added value.

Start date

1 October 2010

End date





Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

1,849,686 €

Description

satisfaction.

narrow gauge railways of
Nagybörzsöny (Hungary) and
Čierny Balog (Slovakia).
During the project 2 railway
tracks were reconstructed,
which contributed to the
increased level of tourist

Cooperation of the forest

Start date

1 October 2010

End date
30 April 2012



Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

402,780 €

Description

accessibility of urgent
healthcare services along
the axis of Győr (Hungary) –
Dunajská Streda (Slovakia),
and included a purchase of 4
ambulance
cars.

The project improved the

Start date

1 January 2011

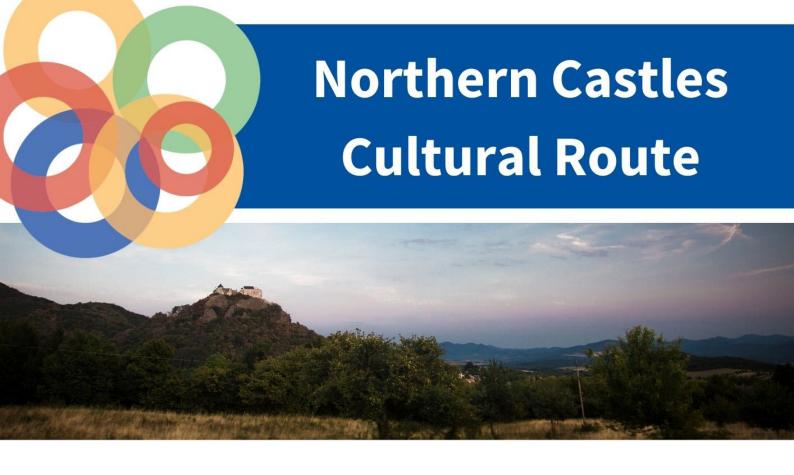
End date

31 December 2011



AMBULANCE

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Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

100,560€

Description

among associations and organizations responsible for the maintenance of castles in border regions. The goal was to create and operate regional cultural route of castles named "Cultural Routes" recognized by the Council of Europe.

Enhancing the cooperation

Start date

1 September 2009

End date

31 August 2010

HUSK Design



Programme

Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

O ERDF Budget 312,120 €

The project provided sewing and modelling, social and psychological training for unemployed Roma women in Tornal'a and Budapest.

Description

Start date

1 July 2013

End date

31 August 2014



HU-SK FOR CHILDREN



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Programme

Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

138,343.08€

Description

Hungarian and Slovak forestries, who organized programmes for children to bring nature closer to the kids, to raise awareness in environmental protection and to widen the cultural perspective of the children.

The project brought together

Start date

1 October 2012

End date

30 September 2013



Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

603,172.35€

Description

Installation and usage of solar panels on public buildings in municipalities to protect the nature and the environment and ensure energy selfsufficiency.

Start date

15 October 2010

End date

14 October 2012





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Programme

Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

729,568.43€

Description

models for grape-vine 0 protection by introducing alternative methods for replacing chemical plant protection.

Application of the ecological

Start date

1 September 2012

End date

30 November 2014



Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

2,161,545.78€

Description

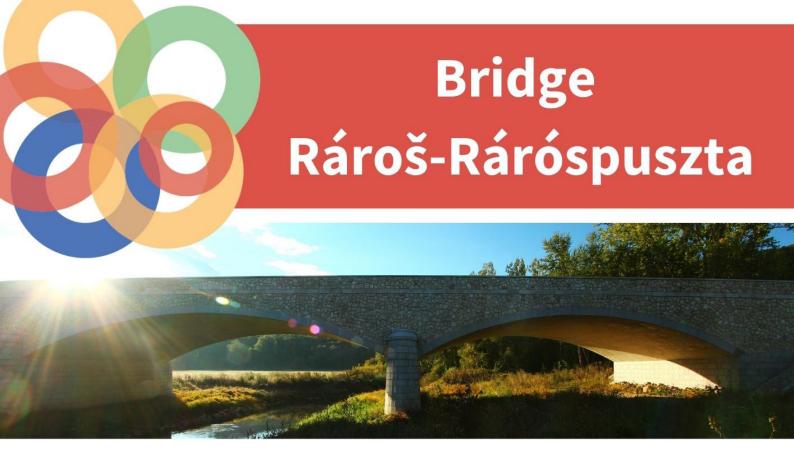
Development of the
Eurovelo 6 biking trails and
renovation of the
pathways in Bezenye (HU),
Rajka (HU), Čunovo (SK),
Rusovce (SK). In total 17 km
of cycle roads were
built.

Start date

1 January 2011

End date





Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

3,685,100€

Description

between Rárospuszta (HU)

and Rároš (SK) over the Ipeľ
river and the connecting
roads on both sides of the
border.

Construction of a bridge

Start date

1 August 2009

End date

31 March 2012





Hungary-Slovakia Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013

ERDF Budget

577,006.39€

Description

Increasing the degree of economic integration in the region of Slaná-Sajó by installing a broadband network.

Start date

1 September 2012

End date

30 June 2014





O Programme INTERREG V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

O <u>ERDF Budget</u> 2,341,416.88 €

Description

cross-border bicycle pilgrim routes in the Danube area with development of bicycle route network and the construction bicycle centres in Szil (Hungary) and Báč (Slovakia).

SacraVelo, a network of

Start date

1 November 2017

End date

30 June 2020

SACRAVELO



INTERREG V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

ERDF Budget

2,433,787.45€

Description

border destination providing services in the field of tourism, culture, relaxation and sport in the area between and along the Small and Moson Danube rivers.

Creating a complex cross-

Start date

1 November 2017

End date

31 May 2020





INTERREG V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

ERDF Budget

782,981.75€

Description

The creation of the first, and in Europe the only, public cross-border bicycle-sharing system between Esztergom (Hungary) and Štúrovo (Slovakia).

Start date

1 November 2017

End date

31 March 2020





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Programme

INTERREG V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

ERDF Budget

8,864,729.23€

Description

Building of a bridge between Dobrohošť (Slovakia) and Dunakiliti (Hungary) over the Danube river for pedestrians and cyclists.

Start date

1 September 2019

End date



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INTERREG V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

ERDF Budget

4,561,206.16€

Description

connection and the
necessary infrastructure
between Neszmély
(Hungary) and Radvaň nad
Dunajom (Slovakia).

Building cross border ferry

Start date

1 November 2018

End date

31 November 2021



SMARTER



Programme

INTERREG V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

ERDF Budget

106,680.95€

Description

life knowledge with activities such controlling CNC machinery tools, programming remotecontrolled robots, 3D printing, developing applications and PC design in Hungarian and Slovak schools.

Providing students real-

Start date

1 September 2017

End date

30 September 2019





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Programme

INTERREG V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

ERDF Budget

225,281.45€

Description

The acronym SAD stands for
'Struggle of Addicts on
Drugs'. The partners jointly
work on the resocialization of
addicted people.

Start date

1 September 2017

End date

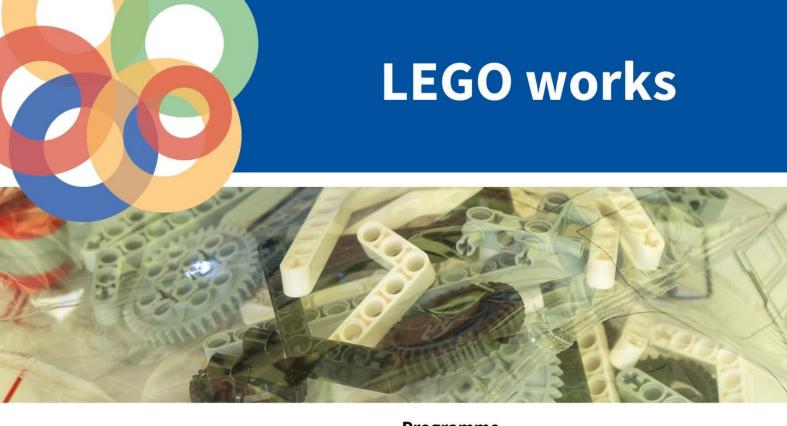




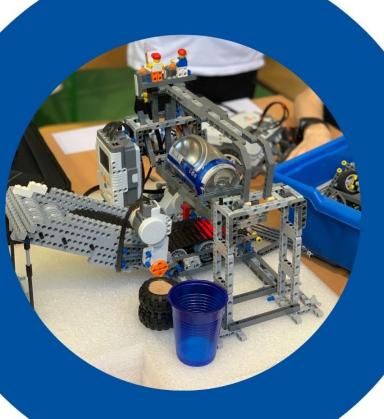
TAPE

The **Territorial Action Plan for Employment**, also known as TAPE, is a complex development plan containing 3-8 projects. Its overall aim is to create new jobs and enhance cross-border labour mobility. There are 49 projects within 9 TAPEs.

FUTURE IN HEMP RE-START Novum Danuvium 3,961,786.73€ 5,852,498.98€ 2,296,901.50€ **IG Heritage** R2 and M3 **ORG-EMP** 2,374,207.03 € 5,326,067.82€ 4,227,948.69€ **Food industry** Cserehát AP **JOBS** 3,824,551.36€ 1,991,834.62€ 3,529,765.59€



O Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme Small Project Fund on the Eastern programming area (Via Carpatia EGTC)



ERDF Budget

37,110.02€

Description

innovative model of education through the purchasing of the material equipment and providing the teachers training, which will provide a long-term contribution to the regions.

Setting up an effective and

Start date

1 February 2019

End date 30 July 2019







Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme Small Project Fund on the Western programming area (Rába-Duna-Vág EGTC)



ERDF Budget

49,930.99€

Description

The two partner municipalities built their own "community oven", taking advantage of its attractiveness in organizing festivals and courses, attracting tourists and, above all, preserving this tradition.

Start date

1 July 2019

End date

30 September 2020





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