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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 2021 eight project selection rounds have been concluded, 97% of the available ERDF funding were committed to 55 approved projects. 53 were contracted, accounting for 96% of ERDF resources.

In 2021 one MC meeting took place in March, where discussions were related to projects that were previously postponed (4) or resubmitted projects following correction of formal shortcomings (2). In addition extensions (modifications) related to 17 already approved projects, contributing to the capitalization, enhancement, reinforcement or further development of project outputs and results were discussed.

All 6 full applications and 12 of the project extensions were approved. 11 extensions bound added funding, in one case leftovers financed additional content. Thus, until 31.12.2021 altogether 61 projects have been approved and contracted in the 4 thematic priorities, involving 243 partners (131 Austrian, 112 Hungarian), and covering all funds of the programme. No new project approvals are foreseen.

The average project has about 1.23M€ ERDF funding, 4 partners, 310 000 € 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€) finished implementation in 2020.

2021 was further influenced by the pandemic. Practically all programme meetings moved to the virtual space. In line with the COVID19-overview, produced in 2020 with the involvement of the Bilateral Working Group (BWG), measures related to running projects were focused on tailored solutions. Although expected outputs and results of selected projects don't seem to be in danger, project extensions strongly reflected the COVID-related challenges and lot of projects needed to be prolonged. As about half of all projects





finish at the end of 2022, which is also the end of eligibility of expenditure, tight coordination will need to be ensured to steer project closures and on-time reporting.

Timely partner and project level reporting and their processing shows slow improvement. At the end of 2021, most submitted project reports reflect implementation periods until 2020 or in some cases older. Capacity problems of some FLCs still play an important role in delayed verifications. In 2022, Managing Authority (MA) and Joint Secretariat (MA) will devote special capacity to the enforcement of overdue reports in order to speed up closure.

In spite of ongoing legal procedures following the forced closure of Commerzialbank Mattersburg by the Austrian Financial Market Authority in 2020, it is assumed that the funds of 1.4M€ kept on the programme account cannot be recovered until the last payment to project beneficiaries or even by the end of the current programme. To ensure liquidity the programme can apply more frequent payment applications to the EC. If needed, payments to infrastructure projects are only made after ERDF funds have been refunded by the EC. Further support to the programme's liquidity is ensured by the possibility of using the ERDF surplus from 2007-2013 as a liquidity bridge. Payments to projects have been possible without exception.

In 2021 three new payment claims were submitted to the EC, in the value of 12.7M€ ERDF. The 2021 and the 2022 N+3 targets have been reached. Expenditure incurred and paid by the beneficiaries until 31.12.2021 has a cumulative value of approximately 60M€.

Until 2021 the total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority amounted to about 67% of the total funding of the programme. For 2022 further big value reports are expected from the large infrastructure projects supported by the programme.

Project achievements show clear further advancement compared to previous years, although in best case they reflect reporting periods of mid-2021 or older. Several programme targets have been achieved or approached. SO22 and SO23 related achievements are still not reflected in output indicators, mainly because they are dependent on a few projects, the achievements of which will be reported following the end of implementation which is due for most of them in 2022. 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 61 contracted projects only 27 have finished their implementation until the end of 2021, in the first half of 2022 10 further, and until the end of the year another 24 (!) projects are scheduled to finish.

Related to evaluation of the efficiency of the programme's structures, processes and of the communication strategy (conducted in 2019) an action plan was prepared and shared with the MC in 2020. The report on the evaluation of efficiency, effectiveness and impact was also presented to and then acknowledged by the MC at its autumn 2020 meeting. Recommendations are followed up in programme implementation and in the programming process.





As the pandemic played a significant role in 2021, this year was used to strengthen our online presence, intensify engagement, enhance visibility and commitment to the ATHU programme. Our digital channels are primarily the interreg-athu.eu webpage, our self-maintained Facebook page, the programme’s own newsletter, and the JS hosting organisation’s regular weekly newsletter. Interreg ATHU believes that working closely with neighbouring programmes is beneficial for all of us, a result of which in 2021 was a joint Facebook contest with Interreg SIHU for kids in the topic “Future is Green”.

In 2021 the preparation of the Interreg Programme (IP) for the period 2021-2027 was one of the highest priorities. Altogether 9, in 2021 6 Programming Group meetings have taken place, and extensive public consultation was conducted. The draft IP, including adaptations based on the consultation process and on the proposals from the strategic environmental assessment was finalised in October. Until the end of the year the IP has achieved member state approval and it was formally submitted to the EC in January 2022.

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>10 projects have been selected (approved/contracted) in the priority axis 1 until the end of 2021. The ERDF funding of selected projects amounts to approximately 93% 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>3 selected projects have finished implementation in 2019, one was finalised in 2021. 6 projects close in 2022, mostly at the end of the year.</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>19 projects have been selected (approved/contracted) in the priority axis 2 until the end of 2021. The ERDF funding of selected projects amounts to 100.33% of the available resources in the priority axis (94% in SO21, 105% 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).</p> <p>Reported achievements have reached the OI21, OI23 and OI27 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. Many achievements will be reflected in project reports that are going to be available for AIR2022.</p> <p>7 projects have finished implementation until the end of 2021, further 6 are expected to finish until the first half of 2022 and 6 until the end of 2022. Lot of projects, especially but not exclusively in the tourism sector needed prolongation due to the COVID-19 crisis, which is also a reason of delayed achievements, but final achievements will not be in danger.</p>
3	Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures (TO07)	<p>Altogether 7 projects are selected in the priority axis 3.</p> <p>In SO31 one railway project was contracted in 2018 and four road infrastructure projects contracted in April 2019. In SO32 a transport coordination project was contracted in 2017, a second one in 2020.</p> <p>While due to the relatively low co-financing rate of the large infrastructure projects their total costs is at about 149% of the planned total funding of P3, the ERDF funding of the selected projects amounts to 100.16% of the available resources in the priority axis (99% in SO31, 109% in SO32).</p> <p>Approved operations of SO31 have all finished their implementation at latest in 2021 and achieved their targets, although not all achievements are available in finalised reports yet.</p> <p>SO32 operations are still ongoing and will report the achievement of their targets in the course of their closure. The target number for joint transport strategies, concepts and measures was increased in 2019 due to the approval of a project extension in one of the two projects in this SO (Smart Pannonia). The greater part of the targets have already been achieved.</p> <p>The programme targets will be safely achieved.</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 25 projects have been selected in the priority axis 4. Their ERDF funding is 108.17% of the available resources, but the programme counts with a certain amount of leftovers, actual spending is expected at around 100%. Outputs of selected operations are forecasted to exceed the targets of CO46, OI41, and OI42. Actual achievements have approached or reached the target values in each indicator. Final achievements will exceed the OI targets. 11 projects have finished implementation until the end of 2021, their final indicator values have largely contributed to the level of output indicator achievements in this priority. Some actual indicator achievements in 2021 may be available only in the AIR2022. 14 projects will finish their implementation in 2022, 8 of them only at the end of the year. Parts of their achievements will be reported in the course of 2023.</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 %	61.87 %	62.40 %				(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 2020 needed minor correction compared to the data provided in the previous AIR. (4) Compared to previous year the tendency both in AT and HU has turned upwards, but these business survival statistics don't reflect the impacts of the COVID pandemic yet.
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. As of 31.03.2022: up-to-date Eurostat data about 2020 are not yet available.





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				To be reported next time in the final implementation report.
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				To be reported next time in the final implementation report.
RI31	Average travel time (individual transport) to a node with TEN-T network connection	Minutes	14.08	2013	13							13.99				To be reported next time in the final implementation report.
RI32	Intermodal public transport nodes	Number	1 274.5	2014	1 400				1349.5			1452.5				To be reported next time in the final implementation report.
RI41	Level of cooperation quality in the border region	Percent of highest rating	54.03%	2014	65%				58.84 %			55.18 %				To be reported next time in the final implementation report.





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		
RI42	Institutions involved in cross-border education schemes	Number	35	2014	45				48	55	67	89	89				For 2020 a correction is applied as 4 strategic partners were not included in the counting. With one additional contracted (selected) SO42 project in 2021, 1 new actor (project partner) was added as new to cross-border education schemes. Another strategic partner in a previously contracted project left the formal strategic partnership to become a subcontractor.

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	Number	100	0	0	0	96	122	212	230	278					Contribution of 10 projects out of a total of 10 projects contracted in SO11.



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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		projects (action 1, 2)			0	0	0	0	64	100	197	215			5 of 10 projects have reported contribution to OI11. 3 are formally closed, one additional finished implementation and also a fifth one has reported actual achievements. The other five projects finish at the end of 2022, and are advanced in their implementation. The programme target has already been reached.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	18	23	28	42	57			Contribution of 9 projects out of a total of 10 projects contracted in SO11.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI12	Intermediate organisations involved in co-operation projects (action 3)	Number	8	0	0	0	0	12	17	27	27			4 of 9 projects have reported contribution to OI12. 3 of them are formally closed, another one has finished implementation. The other 5 projects finish at the end of 2022, and are advanced in their implementation. The programme target has already been reached.
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	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	7			All 4 projects have reported contribution to OI21, two of them have reached or exceeded, the other two have approached their contracted target. The programme target has already been reached.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	4	5	7	7	7			Contribution of 5 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO21.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI22	Jointly developed investments at cultural and natural heritage sites (action 1,2)	Number	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3			1 of 5 projects has reported its final contribution to OI22. Also another project has finished implementation and reached its targets, incl. OI22, its project report is being processed. Three other projects finish mid-2022, their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.
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	16			Contribution of 6 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]					0	0	0	0	1	4	9	12			3 of the 6 projects have reported contribution to OI23, two of them have reached their contracted targets, one exceeded. Another project has finished implementation and reached its targets, incl. OI23, the project report is being processed. Two further projects finish mid-2022, their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. The programme target has already been reached.
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	185 138.37			Contribution of 5 projects out of a total of 7 projects contracted in SO22. The targets overlap in two projects (Vogelwarte-Madárvárta 2 and NEduNET).





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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	122	8500			Implementation was finished in 2 cases, their targets, incl. CO23 have been achieved but final reports are pending due to missing certificates. 3 projects finish in mid- or end-2022, one of them has already reported achievement of CO23. By the nature of the indicator partial achievement cannot be reported. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2			Contribution of 2 projects out of a total of 7 projects contracted in SO22.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI24	Jointly developed protection and management plans (action 1)	Number	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1 of 2 projects has finished implementation, its targets, incl. OI24 have been achieved but the final report is pending due to missing certificates. The other finishes mid-2022, its implementation is on track. The final achievement on programme level is expected to meet the target.
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	6			Contribution of 4 projects out of a total of 7 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	0			1 of the 4 projects has finished implementation, its targets, incl. OI25 have been achieved but the final report is pending due to missing certificates. 3 projects finish in mid- or end-2022, their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. In this one single case the final achievement on programme level is expected to be below the target.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	1	3	3	3	3			Contribution of 3 projects out of a total of 7 projects contracted in SO22.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI26	Joint research projects (action 3)	Number	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			2 of the 3 projects have finished implementation, their targets, incl. OI26 have been achieved but the final report is pending due to missing certificates. The third one finishes mid-2022, its implementation is on track. The final achievement on programme level is expected to meet the target.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI27	Participants in joint training schemes	Number	200	0	0	0	215	580	835	1350	1450			Contribution of 6 projects out of a total of 7 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]		and awareness raising programmes (action 4)			0	0	0	0	0	62	62	230			2 of the 6 projects have finished implementation and reached their targets, incl. OI27 which they even exceeded, but their final report is pending due to missing certificates. Other 4 projects finish in mid- or end-2022, their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. The programme target value for OI27 has been already achieved and at programme closure it is expected to be exceeded by far.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	5	0	0	0	3	5	5	5	5			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	0			Both projects contributing to CO42 are going to be finished around the end of 2022. Their actual achievements are on track, but reporting is expected at project closure. The final achievement on programme level is expected to meet the target.
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	2			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]					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1 of the 2 projects has already finished implementation and achieved its targets, incl. OI28, its final project report is pending due to a technical correction. The other project finishes at the end-of 2022, its achievements will be reported in the closing report. The final achievement on programme level is expected to meet the target.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	7	9	11	11	11			Contribution of 6 projects out of a total of 6 projects contracted in SO23.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI29	Measures securing or improving the status of water bodies in qualitative and	Number	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3			3 of the 6 projects have finished implementation and achieved their targets, incl. OI29. In one of the 3 cases the final report is pending due to technical reasons. Other 3 projects finish in late-2022, their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.
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	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	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	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	1.73	2.38			All road construction projects are finished and have achieved their targets, incl. CO13. Final reports are pending due to various technical reasons. The final achievement on programme level is expected to meet the target. The 2020 value needed correction by 1.73 km due to a false (duplicate) reporting at one of the projects.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded	km	10	0	0	0	0	0	11.55	11.55	11.55			4 road projects of 4 contracted in SO31 contribute to CO14.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		roads (action 2)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.55	6.72		All 4 projects have reported some or all parts of their contribution to CO14. All finished their implementation and have achieved their targets, incl. CO14. Final reports are pending due to various technical reasons. The final achievement on programme level is expected to somewhat exceed the target.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3			Contribution of 1 railway project contracted in SO31.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI31	Pre-investment studies	number	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2			2 of the 3 studies have been reported, and the third actually produced but not yet reported. The final report is pending due to technical reasons. The programme target has already been achieved.
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	17			Contribution of a large scale transport development project (14 various strategies, concepts and actions), and a smaller one with 3 strategies and concepts.





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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	0	0	3		An actual achievement of 13 was available at the end of 2021, the full target of 14 by Smart Pannonia is expected to be in the final report. Low Carb is expected to report its contribution at latest after finishing implementation in late-2022. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	6	6	6	7	7			Contribution of 2 projects out of a total of 2 project contracted in SO32.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI33	Joint schemes for promoting environmentally friendly transport (action 6,7)	Number	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			An actual achievement of 5 was available at the end of 2021, the full target of 6 by Smart Pannonia is expected to be in the final report. Low Carb is expected to report its contribution at latest after finishing implementation in late-2022. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.
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	Persons	200	0	0	0	78	118	228	288	598			Contribution of 8 projects out of a total of 25 projects contracted in SO41 and SO42.





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					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders (action 5 and 6)			0	0	0	0	13	13	92	100			3 of the 8 projects have finished their implementation and achieved major parts of their targets. Other 5 projects are going to be finished in 2022, mostly around the end of the year. Their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. The final achievement on programme level is expected to largely exceed the target.
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0	0	155	220	322	490	558			Contribution of 24 projects out of a total of 25 projects contracted in SO41 and SO42.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	OI41	Actors involved in cross-border cooperation (action 1,2,3,4,5)	Number	250	0	0	0	0	131	171	194	250			15 of the 24 projects have already reported some contribution to OI41. 10 projects have finished implementation, other 14 are going to be finished in 2022. Reported outputs have achieved the programme target, the final achievement is expected to largely exceed it.
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	30			Contribution of 8 projects out of a total of 25 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	19			2 of the 8 projects have finished implementation, other 6 are going to be finished in late-2022. Reported outputs have approached, the final achievement is expected to slightly exceed programme target.
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	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	15.87			Value for the actual year based on regional inputs to the AIR.
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	1			Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1			RC Network effectively established at its first meeting on 5.4.2016. Until the end of 2021 16 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	80			Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	0	21	32	47	57	65			61 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	1			Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			eMS effectively functioning since call opening in December 2015.





	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]	OI55	Network of financial controllers established	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI56	Programme evaluation plan prepared and approved by MC	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Cumulative value – outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	OI57	Programme communication plan prepared and approved by MC	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
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	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	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	16			Based on CP.
Cumulative value – outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]					0	0	1	2	6	10	13	15			In 2021 1 round of individual contract preparation meetings for LPs of approved projects was held, and the JS launched a new round of individual closure consultations.





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	4 866 395.22			Interim payment applications 1-10 to the EC (up to 21.12.2021) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2021.





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	output	OI11	SMEs involved in cooperation projects	Number	25	100	0	0	0	0	64	100	197	215			5 of 10 projects contracted in SO11 have reported contribution to OI11. 3 are formally closed, one additional finished implementation and also a fifth one has reported actual achievements. The other five projects finish at the end of 2022, and are advanced in their implementation. The programme target has already been reached.
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	17 059 947.22			Interim payment applications 1-10 to the EC (up to 21.12.2021) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2021.





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	OI22	Jointly developed investments at cultural and natural heritage sites	Number	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3			1 of 5 projects in SO21, linked to OI22, reported its final contribution to OI22. Also another project has finished implementation and reached its targets, incl. OI22, its project report is being processed. Three other projects finish mid-2022, their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.





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	8500			5 of 7 projects in SO22 contribute to CO23. Implementation was finished in 2 cases, their targets, incl. CO23 have been achieved but final reports are pending due to missing certificates. 3 projects finish in mid- or end-2022, one of them has already reported achievement of CO23. By the nature of the indicator partial achievement cannot be reported. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.





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	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	3			All 6 projects in SO23 contribute to OI29. 3 of them have finished implementation and achieved their targets, incl. OI29. In one of the 3 cases the final report is pending due to technical reasons. Other 3 projects finish in late-2022, their achievements will be reported at least partly in their closing reports. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.
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	23 570 681.37			Interim payment applications 1-10 to the EC (up to 21.12.2021) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2021.





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	output	CO12	Railway: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded railway line	Km	2	10	0	0	0	0	37.93	37.93	48.18	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	3			Two projects contribute to this indicator. An actual achievement of 13 was available at the end of 2021, the full target of 14 by Smart Pannonia is expected to be in the final report. Low Carb is expected to report its contribution at latest after finishing implementation in late-2022. The final achievement on programme level is expected to exceed the target.





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	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	9 625 217.62			Interim payment applications 1-10 to the EC (up to 21.12.2021) included eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries until 31.12.2021.
4	output	OI41	Actors involved in cross-border cooperation	Number	50	250	0	0	0	0	131	171	194	250			There are 25 projects in SO41 and 42, of which 24 contribute to OI41. 15 of the 24 projects have already reported some contribution to OI41. 10 projects have finished implementation, other 14 are going to be finished in 2022. Reported outputs have achieved, the final achievement is expected to largely exceed 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 31/12/2021
						Calculation			Calculation		
Priority axis 1	ERDF	total eligible	8 211 000	85.00%	7 669 997.57	93.41	7 503 093.93	4 920 892.27	59.93	10	4 866 395.22
Priority axis 2	ERDF	total eligible	29 049 000	85.00%	29 428 230.13	101.31	29 352 033.90	17 501 780.19	60.25	19	17 059 947.22
Priority axis 3	ERDF	total eligible	27 585 000	85.00%	41 058 381.86	148.84	41 058 381.86	26 999 357.36	97.88	7	23 570 681.37
Priority axis 4	ERDF	total eligible	22 351 480	85.00%	24 177 797.80	108.17	23 687 364.50	9 527 926.78	42.63	25	9 625 217.62
Priority axis 5	ERDF	total eligible	8 673 847	54.54%	8 673 695.04	100.00	8 673 695.04	4 923 781.30	56.77	4	4 921 928.25
Total	ERDF		95 870 327	82.24%	111 008 102.40	115.79	110 274 569.23	63 873 737.90	66.63	65	60 044 169.68
Grand Total	All Funds		95 870 327	82.24%	111 008 102.40	115.79	110 274 569.23	63 873 737.90	66.63	65	60 044 169.68

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	999 997.77	999 997.77	169 213.32	1
1	ERDF	063	01	02	07	03		17	HU221	1 834 846.60	1 814 521.89	1 834 846.60	1
1	ERDF	064	01	02	07	03		13	HU221	904 588.82	835 120.38	900 879.77	1
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	03		13	HU221	398 940.00	365 183.00	157 331.14	1
1	ERDF	066	01	02	07	03		13	AT221	1 046 850.22	1 040 120.57	711 542.11	2
1	ERDF	066	01	02	07	03		13	HU221	1 070 789.41	1 068 367.38	827 655.98	1
1	ERDF	066	01	02	07	03		17	AT113	650 178.35	633 082.62	319 423.35	1
1	ERDF	066	01	03	07	03		14	AT224	297 800.00	291 950.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	066	01	03	07	03		15	AT113	466 006.40	454 750.32	0.00	1
2	ERDF	021	01	03	07	06		22	HU222	638 650.00	638 650.00	159 558.36	1
2	ERDF	021	01	04	07	06		18	AT221	2 050 745.15	2 050 745.15	1 161 742.13	1
2	ERDF	021	01	04	07	06		22	AT130	9 107 661.12	9 107 661.12	4 627 336.93	1
2	ERDF	021	01	04	07	06		22	HU221	278 000.00	278 000.00	84 346.59	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	AT112	1 358 191.43	1 358 191.43	1 322 616.44	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	AT130	310 825.10	279 216.24	0.00	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	HU221	2 227 905.40	2 227 905.40	1 976 627.64	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	HU222	544 618.77	544 618.77	544 617.67	1
2	ERDF	086	01	01	07	06		01	AT130	1 477 151.32	1 477 151.32	929 988.56	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	1 108 617.45	1 108 617.45	138 868.00	1
2	ERDF	086	01	03	07	06		22	HU222	1 144 175.30	1 128 066.33	772 009.86	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	3 449 980.33	3 446 990.90	2 676 367.78	2
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06		15	AT113	983 978.38	964 453.59	780 947.68	1
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06		24	AT113	602 399.99	602 399.99	179 551.78	1
2	ERDF	095	01	03	07	06		15	AT113	1 933 729.19	1 933 729.19	1 370 012.29	1
2	ERDF	095	01	03	07	06		15	AT224	1 435 840.00	1 435 840.00	777 188.48	1
3	ERDF	026	01	03	07	07		12	HU221	15 229 202.15	15 229 202.15	14 591 263.60	1
3	ERDF	030	01	02	07	07		12	AT111	9 546 249.12	9 546 249.12	6 502 014.04	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	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
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	3 342 775.40	3 342 775.40	1 735 138.70	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	1 455 131.40	1 393 165.25	243 117.42	1
4	ERDF	118	01	01	07	11		13	AT130	538 393.50	536 395.50	0.00	1
4	ERDF	118	01	01	07	11		19	AT130	1 215 329.86	1 215 329.86	215 648.13	1
4	ERDF	118	01	02	07	11		13	AT221	825 433.91	774 221.63	423 812.06	1
4	ERDF	118	01	02	07	11		19	AT221	348 638.19	331 991.50	0.00	1
4	ERDF	118	01	02	07	11		19	HU221	327 440.10	298 920.19	0.00	1
4	ERDF	118	01	03	07	11		19	AT113	798 346.25	766 645.15	69 522.19	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	1 090 000.00	1 049 650.00	410 954.90	1
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		22	AT224	308 690.00	292 915.25	0.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		18	AT112	773 502.12	773 502.12	772 434.31	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		21	AT112	865 326.13	851 029.43	645 707.41	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		21	AT224	1 240 507.26	1 182 713.60	1 239 448.46	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		22	AT112	447 282.80	436 364.30	0.00	1
4	ERDF	120	01	01	07	11		19	AT123	2 684 688.42	2 684 688.42	235 045.76	1
4	ERDF	120	01	01	07	11		19	AT130	1 798 772.63	1 798 772.63	976 364.73	1
4	ERDF	120	01	01	07	11		19	HU213	848 021.61	848 021.61	669 303.23	1
4	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11		19	AT130	1 130 262.80	1 041 943.65	280 168.05	1
4	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11		19	HU223	937 819.23	879 454.98	444 202.95	1
4	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11		21	AT112	385 040.43	381 009.27	384 876.32	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	6 194 123.46	6 194 123.46	3 659 340.43	3





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		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	121	01	07	07			24	AT221	314 323.17	314 323.17	134 692.27	0
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	HU101	1 430 586.44	1 430 586.44	712 704.33	1
5	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	AT112	115 721.08	115 721.08	68 365.26	0
5	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	AT221	5 872.31	5 872.31	2 516.37	0
5	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	HU101	26 726.79	26 726.79	13 315.03	0
5	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	AT112	457 470.50	457 470.50	270 262.66	0
5	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	AT221	23 214.52	23 214.52	9 947.77	0
5	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	HU101	105 656.77	105 656.77	52 637.18	0
Total	ERDF									111 008 102.40	110 274 569.23	63 873 737.90	65
Grand total										111 008 102.40	110 274 569.23	63 873 737.90	65

* 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%
ATHU010 SEDDON II	0.00	0.00%	7 410.79	0.01%
ATHU017 SMART-Pannonia	35 190.00	0.04%	8 966.05	0.01%
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%	7 105.75	0.01%
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%





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)
ATHU049 Weinidylle AT-HU	0.00	0.00%	5 388.42	0.01%
ATHU050 AgriNatur AT-HU	5 389.00	0.01%	1 715.17	0.00%
ATHU051 Joint Ambrosia Action	0.00	0.00%	1 623.14	0.00%
ATHU052 SMART-UP	0.00	0.00%	181.29	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%	11 253.44	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%
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%
ATHU148 E&C Toolbox	6 800.00	0.01%	0.00	0.00%
ATHU154 Shop of Region	5 950.00	0.01%	0.00	0.00%
Grand total	397 488.41	0.50%	170 174.10	0.22%

(*) 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 the AIR2018. Based on the proposals of the evaluation an action plan was prepared which has been shared with the MC and 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

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 improved efficiency are being implemented in the current programme period, continued, as described in the previous AIRs. Some measures of the action plan are marked for implementation in the 2021-2027 programme, the preparation of which is in an advanced status.

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 2021 the reported achievements of contracted projects have reached several programme targets, while actual achievements are even higher and with one exception all output indicators are expected to be achieved by the closure of the selected projects (for details see section 3 of this AIR).

The impact evaluation was meant among others also 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.

How exactly the recommendations of the impact evaluation were to be used (including thematic concentration, envisaged support to small scale projects, sound intervention logic and use of common output and result indicators, geographical focus, application of simplified cost options) and the resulting structure for the Interreg Programme Austria-Hungary 2021-2027 were described in the AIR2020 and is not repeated here. The proposed structure has been confirmed in the public consultation process approved by the member states. The draft IP was finally submitted to the EC in January 2022. In March-April 2022 the EC observations are being processed before resubmission.

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 2021 the programme has reached full commitments of its funds. 101.54% of the available ERDF was contracted, whereby the decisions of the MC in 2021 have also considered the possibility of leftovers in selected projects. 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 will reach or exceed programme targets with very high possibility.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, individual project related measures to counteract negative impacts of the pandemic gained more importance, like it was decided in 2020 following a survey of each project, and in follow up of the COVID 19 overview paper. The call for project extensions published in October 2020 strongly supported this approach, as it gave participating projects an extra chance to adapt to the challenges of the pandemic and offer solutions to the end users of the projects that are also applicable in the pandemic circumstances.

17 applications for project extensions were submitted until 03.02.2021 to the JS and the MC approved 12 of them on its 12th meeting on 03-04.03.2021. Following the approval of their modification requests these projects received additional chance for capitalization, enhancement, and to reinforce or further develop measures to their already contracted projects. Binding additional funds to the projects also helped the programme to commit leftovers and ensure that funds are used to the possible most efficient way.

Partly due to the additional measures in project extensions, partly due the approval of independent prolongation requests, several projects have extended their implementation period to 2022, in many cases until the end of the year.





Although this ensures that activities can be completed and targets achieved, together with those projects that were anyway approved in the later phase of the programme, now 34 projects, more than half of all approved applications end in 2022, which puts programme implementation under pressure to support project closure and appropriate administration parallel at a large number of projects.

To be able to cope with this task, the internal target of the programme management is to finish the closure of all projects ended until mid-2021 not later than in mid-2022. This shall enable in late 2022 and 2023 focus to the final reports of large number of projects finishing parallel. Also internal organisation of work shall support project closures, as a new member of the JS who joined the team in 2022 after one of the colleagues left, will mainly focus his capacities on horizontal tasks and support to the project closures.

Project implementation is monitored in close contact with the beneficiaries: when their schedule allows JS members participate at online or physical project events, offer support for the project closure or go on the spot to review project achievements. These personal meetings also help to clarify and settle issues that would otherwise put the achievement of some targets in danger.

In order to support the reporting and control/certification process the MA and JS give renewed support also to the FLCs. Primarily in one-to-one discussions the MA focuses on the Austrian FLCs and the JS is in direct contact with the Hungarian controllers. The target is to catch up with delayed certificates (mainly in Austria), clarify eventual open issues and that project reports can include all certified part-reports as soon as possible.

Due to the pandemic, the last physical event of the programme for long time was the project development workshop on 29.01.2020. In 2021 1 MC meeting, 2 BWGs, 3 RC Network meetings, an FLC network meeting (Dec. 2021 for AT FLCs, Jan. 2022 for the HU FLC), a meeting of the Group of Auditors and countless meetings with the project holders took place online. The third BWG in September 2021 was the first "hybrid" meeting where Austrian members met physically in Eisenstadt and Hungarian ones in Sopron, the two groups together in an online meeting.

Also the programming process continued in the virtual space, 6 PG meetings and several consultation rounds with stakeholders and the wider public were efficiently organised online.

In 2021 the programme further strengthened its online presence and enhanced visibility to the ATHU programme. Primary digital channels are the www.interreg-athu.eu webpage, our self-maintained Facebook page and the JS hosting organisation's regular weekly newsletter. The programme website is continuously updated with relevant programme and project-related news. A new menu was recently introduced to inform about the news of the preparations to the 2021-2027 period. The ATHU Facebook page acts as an additional, complementary information source besides the official ATHU website. Sharing 2-3 project and programme news, events per week adds up to 120+ posts in a year. The audience of our FB page widens slowly but steadily, a bigger boom is expected in the number of followers and likes with the new programme kick-off. Along with other





cross-border programmes hosted by SZPO, the ATHU programme has the opportunity each month to feature one of its projects to a wide audience in the company newsletter. This is a chance for the projects and to the programme too, to showcase the results of EU funding, and by the way also a library of project stories is being built that way. The ATHU programme itself also sends regular, quarterly newsletters to its subscribers, altogether 4+1 newsletters were sent in 2021.

We believe working closely with our neighbouring programmes is beneficial for all of us. Therefore we joined forces in April 2021 again for a joint Facebook contest with Interreg SIHU for kids with the topic "Future is Green". We received 36 drawings from kids from both sides of the border. In the lack of possibilities to make physical activities around EC Day and EUinmyRegion events, the programme decided to advertise projects' events in our region through the idea of an "Experience Guidebook", an online event calendar for autumnal activities.

The financial implementation of the programme is on the right track. Payments to the projects have been continuous in 2021. The ERDF surplus from 2007-2013 could be used as a liquidity bridge, and programme partners have come near to find a solution to cover the loss of € 1.4 million on the programme account due to the forced closure of the Commercialbank Mattersburg by the Austrian Financial Market Authority in July 2020. The annual N+3 target for 2022 was already achieved in 2021. The implementation of strategies agreed in 2019 – including continuous monitoring of leftovers, their use in already selected projects, especially the 2020 call for project extensions – are expected to ensure that remaining funds will be used efficiently and to the highest possible extent.

(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 have reached or exceeded output indicator targets in several cases (OI11, OI12, OI21, OI23, OI27, CO12, OI31, OI41), and substantial developments are visible also in other indicators. Actually delivered but not yet reported achievements are even further ahead. 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.

The programme's efforts to support beneficiaries and to coordinate the control processes are focused on the – as far as possible timely – delivery of final reports. The JS supports the collection and publication of project achievements at an early phase, not only because it is inevitable for good communication, but also because if they reach the programme bodies only with the final report, there is not any place for intervention any more if it would be needed. In these efforts the direct contacts of Regional Coordinators to the beneficiaries are very much appreciated.





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. Related measures to support progress towards programme targets are referred to in section 4 (Synthesis of the evaluations) and section 5 (Issues affecting the performance of the programme and measures taken).

6 CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

To be published as a separate file:

This document 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.

You'll find more information on our digital channels, primarily the interreg-athu.eu webpage, our self-maintained Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/interregathu/>) and once every month the regular weekly newsletter (<https://www.szpi.hu/hirlevel>) of the Joint Secretariat's (JS) hosting organisation, Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit LLC (SZPO), and of course the programme's own newsletter (<https://interreg-athu.eu/en/newsletter>). As the pandemic played quite a significant role in 2021, we used this year to strengthen our online presence, intensify engagement, enhance visibility and commitment to the ATHU programme.

The programme homepage is continuously updated with relevant programme and project-related news. As a part of the preparations for the new programme, a new menu was introduced recently where the news related to the preparation of the 2021-2027 period are available. Projects achievements are 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. As a support to the webpage we introduced our Facebook page in 2020. It acts as an additional, complementary information source besides the official ATHU website, where currently 2-3 project and programme news are shared every week, adding up to 120+ posts in a year, to a slowly but steadily growing audience – we are expecting to be able to invite even more followers and likes with the new programme kick-off. Each month one of our projects is featured in the SZPO company newsletter in front of a wider audience. The ATHU programme itself also sends regular, quarterly newsletters to its subscribers: altogether 4+1 newsletters were sent in 2021 (<https://interreg-athu.eu/en/newsletter/>).

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Our programme has had a continuous call since the end of 2015; until 2021 altogether 126 applications have been submitted in 9 rounds, of which the majority (111) has passed the





formal assessment and was discussed by the Monitoring Committee (MC). 22 projects have received a new chance, were revised and resubmitted, in almost all cases successfully. Thus the MC has discussed altogether 89 individual projects, of which 61 were contracted.

As a result all available sources of the European Development Fund for our Interreg Programme are dedicated to Austrian-Hungarian initiatives, which is more than 74 million euros! Since all funds are committed, the programme does 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.

Projects of a very broad range contribute to growing-together in the Austrian-Hungarian border region:

- Related to competitiveness, supported projects provide services enhancing the involvement of women in technical activities and in female entrepreneurship. SME networking, specific support to the Roma entrepreneurs, wood industry initiatives, start-up networks, digitalization, support to the local products, wine experience region, and new cross border value chains are some 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 region's natural and cultural heritage, including the improvement of the region's tourism potential. We care for the ecological stability and resilience of landscape and ecosystems and also provide support to the management and protection of water bodies. Our natural and cultural heritage projects include hiking, cycling, nature and eco-tourism, utilisation of traditional wine cellars for the regional tourism, and even exploration of the region's shared archaeological and historical treasures. Nature protection themes embrace keywords like bird watching and monitoring, harmonisation measures between protected and cultivated areas, protection of habitats and endangered species, sustainability of native woods and forests, and waste protection. Water protection and management includes sediment research, flood protection by modelling and early warning or by small scale infrastructure, as well as various scientific and practical measures to protect or improve the water quality.
- Sustainable mobility has been in the focus of Austro-Hungarian cooperation for several programme periods. In this programme transport service providers and solutions were connected in a cross-border platform, solutions to facilitate smart mobility and intermodal cycling measures were supported, cross-border railway planning and infrastructure activities were carried out. Shifting from individual to public transport multimodality, transport safety, and awareness raising for soft mobility are the key expressions. In addition a few small road infrastructure projects have contributed to the better access to important transport nodes and to the restoration of missing connections.
- The networking priority is built around good governance and education. Institutional cooperation measures include topics such as health care, ragweed control, world heritage protection, but also thematic co-operations that are partially overlapping with other priorities, such as climate and digitalization. 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/artificial intelligence, traditional crafts or poultry.

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, but four of our projects, SEDDON II, Raab Flood 4cast, Platform and AquaPinka 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. About half of supported projects have already finished, beneficiaries and programme institutions work on their administrative closure. Until the end of last year beneficiaries have declared total expenditures of almost 63,9 million euros and ERDF payments have reached about 44 million euros.

A pressing task for 2022 is the timely closure of all projects at latest until the end of the eligibility period on 31.12.2022, and then do the related final reporting. Despite the continued coronavirus crisis in 2021 the fact that many meetings and events had to be moved to the online space and several activities, investments suffered some delay, the selected projects are on the right track in terms of their contribution to achieving the programme's objectives and the related indicator targets.

The start of the new period is already within sight. Representatives of the two member states and actors of the current programme have had frequent Programming Group (PG) meetings and technical discussions, in the summer of 2021 a successful public consultation process was conducted and their comments and observations were incorporated into the draft Interreg Programme (IP). In October 2021 the PG agreed about the submission version of the draft IP that was then approved by the representatives of the Member States, opening the gate before the official submission to the European Commission. The new programme that was submitted to the EC in January 2022 will have its thematic focus 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). The approval of the programme by the EC is expected in mid-2022, and the first call for project applications is realistic in the second half of this 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.



REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEARS 2017, 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

11 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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

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

- PA10 (Institutional Capacity & Cooperation) in 11 cases
- PA8 (Competitiveness of Enterprises) in 9 cases
- PA9 (People & Skills) in 8 cases
- PA1B (Rail-Road-Air Mobility) and 3 (Culture & Tourism) in 7 cases each
- PA6 (Biodiversity & Landscapes) in 6 cases
- PA 5 (Environmental Risk) in 4 cases
- PA4 (Water Quality) and 7 (Knowledge Society) in 3 cases each
- and PA2 (Sustainable Energy) in one case

Besides most projects being in line with some EUSDR PA, a specific contribution is expected by the project SEDDON II, an EUSDR PA7 flagship project DREAM (Danube River Research and Management), approved in the first decision round. With two other water management projects (Raab Flood 4cast and Platform) it received a letter of recommendation by the EUSDR PA5 Steering Group, stating that they contribute to the achievement of the targets and goals of the relevant actions in PA5. In 2019 additionally the project AquaPinka was selected, supported by the EUSDR PA4 Steering Group, stating that it contributes to the achievement of the targets and goals of PA4.

As the list of project shows, the specific emphasis of the programme's contribution to the EUSDR is in the field of water related projects.

The implementation of SEDDON II including the construction in Vienna, joint cross-border scientific activities and investments on the Hungarian side will be finished until the end of 2022. Until the end of 2021 SEDDON contributed to programme spending with more than 4.6M€ certified expenditure. Due to the rising construction prices the project





is able to absorb additional ERDF funding, which was discussed by the MC in March 2021 as a way to use some of the leftovers from other projects, in line with the programme's adopted ERDF use strategies. An actual decision about the increased funding of SEDDON II was taken in May 2022.

Raab Flood 4cast and Platform were contracted in 2017. 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 has been under implementation since early 2020, and it is going to be finished at the end of 2022.

- 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

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

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))

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/I To address the challenges of water scarcity and droughts in line with the Danube River Basin Management Plan – Update 2015, the report on the impacts of droughts in the Danube Basin in 2015 (due in 2016) and the ongoing work in the field of climate adaptation.

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

6/2 2. Enhance the work on establishing green infrastructure and the process of restoration of at least 15% of degraded ecosystems, including soil, in order to maintain and enhance ecosystems and their services by 2020 in the Danube Region and to improve air quality

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.

7/V 5. To develop RIS3 in all Danube countries (or their regions) 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/IV Improvement of framework conditions, support programs and capacity building of stakeholders, to enhance competitiveness and added value in rural areas and in particular of the agricultural sector.

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/I Improve World Bank governance indicators related to government effectiveness, regulatory quality and control of corruption in comparison to 2011

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





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