



Interreg 

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The EU-funded Interreg V-A programme supports cross-border cooperation projects in the border region Austria - Hungary. The main objective of the programme is to intensify cross-border contacts in the areas of economy, social affairs, culture and ecology, in order to strengthen the regional competitiveness and diminish regional disparities.

In the framework of the annual reporting to the European Commission (EC), the current report gives an overview to the broader public about the implementation of the programme in the year 2015.

The Interreg V-A programme which has its roots in a long history of cross-border cooperation in Phare CBC, Interreg IIA, Interreg IIIA and ETC programmes was approved on 30 June 2015.

The period of programming hasn't ended with the approval. The programme institutions, representatives of the participating regions and of the two member states have worked together intensely throughout the whole year to round up the documents of the programme.

In order to meet the requirements of the EC for e-cohesion, and to provide more harmonised and transparent solutions in the application and project implementation procedures, the programme participates in the Interact initiative for the development of a new online application and monitoring system (electronic Monitoring System or eMS). The programme has also been represented in the core group of programmes that support the development of eMS.

The constituting meeting of the Monitoring Committee (MC) took place on 23 September, and the most important programme documents (rules of procedure for the MC, application form, selection criteria, eligibility rules) were approved by the MC in a written procedure in December.

After having closed the written procedure, the call was opened in eMS on 16 December 2015 for the four thematic priorities. At the same time the guide package was published, including a programme folder, the application handbook with its annexes (guide to fill in the AF, annexes to the application, AF template, checklist of annexes, selection criteria) and the eligibility handbook.

The call is continuous, meaning applications can be submitted at any time, but for a certain MC meeting only those are considered for decision that have been submitted 70 days before the meeting at noon, at the latest.

