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Interreg Cooperation Day 2023

Skills for the Future

This year it`s all about #SkillsForTheFuture and showcasing the outcomes of our cross-border projects!

The Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine has joined The European Year of Skills mission to promote effective and inclusive investments that empower our young workforce to thrive and access new opportunities in today's ever-changing European economic landscape. For this purpose, 3 workshops focused on competencies are taking place these days in Maramures, Tulcea, and Suceava (Romania) under „Skills for the Future” event.

During 19 September – 6 October, around **50 Ukrainian students are embarking on exciting 3-day journeys to Romania** to meet our beneficiaries, foster connections with Romanian students, and also to explore cross-border project results.

The workshops offer an array of engaging activities hosted by Romanian institutions, organizations, and authorities that have successfully implemented projects funded by our programme in each of the 3 counties.

The goal is to empower students by enhancing their competencies through knowledge sharing, building awareness, exchanging experiences, and practical demonstrations.

The Joint Operational Programme has financed a range of notable projects which, in the framework of Romanian-Ukrainian partnerships, have aimed to develop and implement integrative programmes, instruments, and investments for youth. This year, we are looking to catalyze the development of „green” and digital skills, of care and entrepreneurship. To this, youth from Ukraine will be in direct contact with **programme-funded initiatives** in the field of biodiversity conservation, raising resilience to climate change, medical services, and alternative therapies, research, technology, and technical innovation.

Each year, in September, the Managing Authority for the Romania-Ukraine Joint Operational Programme (Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration) and the Joint Technical Secretariat (Regional Office for Cross-Border Cooperation in Suceava) mark the Interreg Cooperation Day to promote the benefits of cooperation and projects impact in the border areas, alongside with the whole community of Interreg programmes funded by the European Union.





Applicants, are you ready for new opportunities?

2 OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

With **over EUR 27 million available for both regular and small projects**, the calls for proposals are now open!

We are thrilled to announce that the Managing Authority of the Interreg NEXT Romania-Ukraine Programme **has launched the calls for proposals for regular and small scale projects!**

The call for small scale projects is aimed at addressing all priorities of the programme: Priority 1 – Environmental focus across border, Priority 2 – Social development across borders and Priority 3 – Border Cooperation, with specific objectives dedicated to the fields of risk prevention, biodiversity, education, health and border mobility.

14.5 million Euro have been allocated to small scale projects call for proposals, making it an excellent chance for organizations and innovators under all priorities to foster cross-border cooperation.

At the same time, the **call for proposals for regular projects is open and ongoing!**

This call is strategically focused on Priority 2 – Social development across borders, with specific objectives dedicated to the vital domains of education and health. The available European funds for regular projects call amount 12.6 million Euro.

Key Details about the calls:

Small Scale Projects:

- Financial allocation per project between 250,000 EUR - 400,000 EUR.
- Application Deadline: January 8th, 2023, at 16:00 hours (Romanian time).
- Application System: Access the electronic application system, JEMS, [here](#).
- How to Apply: Detailed guidelines and annexes are available on our official website <https://ro-ua.net/en/funding/calls-for-proposals>

Regular projects:

- Financial allocation per project between 1,000,000 EUR and 1,400,000 EUR.
- Application Deadline: December 4th, 2023, at 16:00 hours (Romanian time).
- Application System: Access the electronic application system, JEMS, [here](#).
- How to Apply: Detailed guidelines and annexes are available on our official website <https://ro-ua.net/en/funding/calls-for-proposals>

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If you require any assistance or have questions related to the calls for proposals open under the Interreg NEXT Romania-Ukraine programme, you can contact the Joint Secretariat at info.ro-ua@brctsuceava.ro.

The programme structures are looking forward to receiving innovative project proposals that can make a real difference in our border regions.

Training sessions for the Calls for Proposals!

During **October 10 – November 10, 2023**, the Programme will organize training sessions across the entire Romania-Ukraine programme area. Details on the events dates and venues, as well as the **registration forms will be available on the programme website soon!**

Training sessions, dedicated to the open calls for project proposals, will take place in the counties and oblasts of the eligible area and are addressed to all interested parties (public authorities, NGOs, stakeholders etc.).

If you are preparing a cross-border project and looking to secure Interreg NEXT Romania-Ukraine funding, join our training sessions. Programme experts will provide insights and step-by-step

instructions, ensuring you have a comprehensive understanding of the application process.

Read the documents and get informed!

Prepare yourself by reading the application pack documents and access the JEMS platform!

The upcoming events will be organized by the Joint Secretariat hosted within the Regional Office for Cross – Border Cooperation Suceava and the Managing Authority within the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration to present the key features of the calls and answer questions addressed by potential applicants.



ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

ENI CBC Romania-Ukraine 2014-2020 funds used to connect border regions

Works for road infrastructure are in progress at Shepit (UA) and Izvoarele Sucevei (RO) as a result of a partnership between Chernivtsi Regional Council and Suceava County Council that are currently implementing 2 projects aimed at connecting Romania and Ukraine.

Recent updates were marked by a technical meeting held in Shepit, Ukraine, where representatives of the beneficiary, the Management Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat inspected the facility in the village of Shepit.

Progress is being made on the ground. Road workers have started the asphalt-laying process, and a section of the road has already been covered with the first layer. At the same

time, the installation of curbs and preparatory work for the remaining road sections are in full swing.

The roads with the entrance to future checkpoint "Shepit" Chernivtsi and "Izvoarele Sucevei" Suceava are being reconstructed as part of the Ukrainian-Romanian projects "Improvement of transport infrastructure in the cross-border region Chernivtsi - Suceava / Suceava - Chernivtsi (Shepit - Izvoarele-Sucevei/ Izvoarele-Sucevei - Shepit)".

Additionally, a meeting with Romanian project partners took place, featuring representatives of the monitoring department of the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration of Romania and monitoring department of the Regional Office for Crossborder Cooperation Suceava.

The objective was to assess the current project status, identify challenges, and explore suitable solutions to address them.

Despite the challenges, the programme remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting beneficiaries, ensuring steady progress even under adverse conditions, and delivering anticipated outcomes by the end of 2023.

The Romania-Ukraine programme remains committed to fostering cooperation and

development along the longest land border between the European Union and Ukraine.

As part of the European Commission's solidarity response with Ukraine, this initiative underscores the programme's ongoing collaboration to enhance connectivity along the European Union's longest land border with Ukraine.

Photo source: Chernivtsi Regional Council



Important Update: Postponement of funding for tourism and culture projects in the Romania-Ukraine Interreg NEXT Cooperation Programme

In light of the current circumstances in Ukraine, the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg NEXT Romania-Ukraine Programme made the decision to postpone the awarding of financial support for small-scale projects in the field of sustainable tourism and culture.

Because of the ongoing situation in Ukraine, the funds originally designated within the programme for supporting projects in these sectors will now be the subject of a new call for proposals, which will be initiated at a later date.

Considering the prevailing conditions in the regions covered by the Interreg NEXT Romania-Ukraine Programme on the Ukrainian side (Ivano-Frankivsk, Zakarpattya, Chernivtsi, and Odesa oblasts) arising from Russia's aggression against Ukraine, it has become regrettably clear that the development of small-scale projects aimed at the restoration of historical monuments and sites, the enhancement of their accessibility, and the promotion of tourism activities in this area cannot be actively supported at this time.

The funds allocated to this specific objective will be reevaluated in the future, with the potential for a new call for proposals, contingent upon the evolving situation in Ukraine.

The Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine 2014-2020 is financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI) and co-financed by the participating countries in the Programme. The Programme is dedicated to the border areas between Romania and Ukraine and will contribute to the overall objective of the European Neighborhood Instrument: progress towards an area of prosperity and good neighborliness for the benefit of Member States and non-EU members through cross-border cooperation actions.

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