

# **IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION GOAL**

## **PART A**

### **IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT**

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## 2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

### **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.**

2022 was a challenging year for the Programme, facing with the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, as well as the consequences of the aggression in Ukraine. Both challenges had generated changes in the socio-economic context, with impact on the implementation.

However, regardless of these challenges, the implementation was on track and important results were obtained. The absorption target for 2022 (ERDF 37.87 mil.€) has been overreached since 2021. By the end of 2022, 150.88 mil. € were certified to the EC, out of which 21.36 mil € in 2022, thus, the absorption rate at Programme level reached 69.93%.

At the end of 2022, 169 projects were covered by contracts (ongoing or finalized projects). There were no projects contracted in 2022 and it is not foreseen to contract other projects within the upcoming period.

In terms of implementation, 140 projects, out of the 169 were finalized and generated results in the area, out of which 20 projects completed their implementation in 2022. Thus, 82.84% of the total number of the projects were successful implemented until the end of 2022, the rest of 29 projects, total budget of 115 mil. €, being still ongoing (11 projects - PA 1, total value of 77.91 mil. €, 11 projects-PA 2, total value of 21.29 mil. € and 7 projects on PA 3, total value of 15.80 mil.€.).

The evolution of the implementation process of each priority axis is different. Thus, PA1 *A well connected region*, PA2 *A green region* and PA3 *A safe region* were significantly affected in 2021 by the Covid 19 pandemic and, thus the projects had to postpone part of the activities for 2022 and 2023 (for example: soft activities involving face to face meetings or hard activities involving works, as the constructors were affected by the unavailability of their staff, social distancing, disruption in the supply chain for the construction materials, etc.). Because of the Covid 19 pandemic and the aggression in Ukraine, these projects had to face the challenges generated by the new socio-economic context, also marked by the rising inflation and price instability. The harshest consequence was the increase in the material prices, which had a high impact on the projects activities, especially those including construction works.

However, important steps in the implementation of the projects under PA 1, 2 and 3, were also made and 5 output indicators reached their targets: 7.c.1 - Number of studies, strategies and action plans to improve safety of the navigation on the Danube and the Black Sea supported, CO16-Total length of improved or created inland waterway (98.12%), CO.09 - Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions, 6c.1 - Number of integrated tourism products/services created, CO23 - Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status.

In addition, important progress has been reaching the targets of the other 7 indicators was made (CO14-Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads/7b.1-No. of joint mechanisms/CO20-Population benefiting from flood protection measures/CO21-Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures/5b.1-Population benefiting from actions of risk management/5b.1-Population benefiting from actions of risk management/5b.2-No. of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response). Except for two indicators (CO20 and CO21) which registered a low contribution of 3.43% and 3.50%, all other have reached more than 60% of their targets.

PA4 *A skilled and inclusive region* and PA5 *An efficient region* are fully implemented, reaching the indicators' targets. As such, the projects under PA 4 have contributed to the development of a more integrated labour market in the cross border area, by supporting more than 899,462 people to benefit from new opportunities. The results were obtained mainly through trainings and supporting mechanisms that have an empowerment and facilitating role for the labour force in the cross-border area. In this regard, 215 initiatives that activate the workforce mobility were implemented, 41,228 people directly participating in these initiatives. Also, 15,989 participants were directly involved in joint educational and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and vocational education.

The PA5 funded projects supported the development of joint initiatives and mechanisms stepping up the maturity of cross-border cooperation in the programme area. In this regard, no less than 103 cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, studies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity have been developed by cross border partners, directly contributing to the capacity building for the stakeholders in different fields of action, such as education, social policies, health, tourism, and Danube navigation. The implemented mechanisms contributed to increase of the level of coordination for the public institutions in the cross border area, as measured in 2022 (for AIR2021), from an initial "satisfactory" level to an "appropriate" one.

The communication and promotion activities carried out in 2022 were focused on presenting the results of the projects through online campaigns (website, social media) and events with physical presence, which proved to be very successful. An online campaign to promote on FB projects involving youth, in the context of European year of youth, was carried on. To celebrate European Cooperation Day 2022, an event dedicated to youth, "*Bike ride for cooperation*", gathering more than 250 participants was organized on the bike trail from the seafront promenade in Balcic (Bulgaria), on 27.09.2022. As well, beneficiaries of the projects had the opportunity to present the results of the implemented projects to the public during the Annual Conference that took place in Craiova, on the 14.12.2022.

In addition, the Programme structures started the preparatory actions for the closure of the Interreg V-A Programme. In this regard, an action plan for the next years was drafted in order to ensure the successful closure of the Programme.

Also, during 2022, the Programme structures have continued the preparatory process of the 2021-2027 period. As a result, the Programme Interreg VI-A RoBg was approved by the EC on 30.11.2022. In addition, the Programme structures have started the preparation of the necessary framework of the Interreg VI-A RoBg Programme implementation, by drafting the Technical Assistance Strategy, Rules of procedures for the MC, internal procedures, etc. that will be proposed for MC's approval at a later stage.

In conclusion, the Programme's implementation has progressed in 2022, with satisfactory results and, despite being affected by difficult social and economic conditions caused by the negative effects of the conflict in Ukraine, the targets were still met and no major risks are identified in relation with the successful closure of the projects in 2023.



### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 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
PA 1	A well connected region	<p>21 projects were contracted (134.56 mil Eur). So far, 10 projects were finalized, out of which 5 in 2022. Out of these, 2 were soft projects (RoBg2, RoBg1) and 8 hard projects (RoBg127, 133, 439, 132, 418, 425, 510 and 522), focused on the modernization of roads and the improvement of transport safety and navigation on the Danube.</p> <p>After being negatively affected by the COVID 19 pandemic in 2020-2021, the projects supported under PA1 are also affected by the economic impact of the conflict in Ukraine, for example availability and cost of construction materials/goods, as well as delays and disruptions in the supply chain, energy price increases, inflation rates, etc. Even so, through support measures taken by the national authorities (such as support legislation to update the price of public procurement contracts for execution of works) as well as support from the Programme's bodies (such as allowing to use of savings), the projects continued to be implemented and indicators and results registered progress.</p> <p>The length of modernized roads reached 98.86 km (65.90% out of 150 km), serving 454,267 people (22.71% out of 2 mil. people). The contribution to indicator 7b.1-No of joint mechanisms to facilitate the connection of secondary/tertiary nodes to TEN-T reached the value of 22 (62.86% of 35 mechanisms).</p> <p>Good results were registered for SO1.2. RoBg522, covering all indicators for this SO finalized the implementation, achieving of 98.12% contribution at Programme level for the indicator "Total length of new and improved inland waterway" and 100% contribution at Programme level for the indicator "No. of studies, strategies and action plans to improve safety of the navigation on the Danube and the Black Sea supported".</p>
PA 2	A green region	<p>58 projects were finalized (70 projects contracted, one project was terminated), out of which 6 in 2022. Out of these, 5 were focused on the improvement of the sustainable use of cultural, natural heritage and resources in the cross border area and 1 created tourism products to support the sustainable socio-economic development of the cross-border region. A number of 11 projects were still under implementation at the end of 2022.</p> <p>The finalized projects have already ensured most of the outputs and results for this PA. Three output indicators (Increase in expected no. of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attraction / No. of integrated tourism products/services created / Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status) are achieved in proportion of more than 100%, while the fourth (No. of common strategies, policies or management plans for valorizing the cultural and natural heritage through its restoration and promotion for sustainable economic uses) is achieved in proportion of more than 90%.</p> <p>As regards SO 2.2 "Enhance the sustainable management of the ecosystems from the cross border area", all targets set at Programme level were achieved; the indicator "Habitats supported to attain a better conservation" was achieved even since 2019, while the indicator "NATURA 2000 sites in the cross border area with coordinated management tools" was achieved even since 2021.</p> <p>No risks are identified in relation to the projects still under implementation or related to the achievement of the Programme's targets for all output and result indicators.</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
PA 3	A safe region	<p>28 projects were contracted, 21 projects were finalized, out of which 4 in 2022. At the end of the year 2022, 7 projects were still under implementation.</p> <p>As the projects under PA 3 are related to major investments, including procurement of specialized equipment for management of the risk situations (fire-fighting vehicles and equipment, other types of special intervention equipment / alarm systems, etc.) their implementation was also affected by the increased inflation and delays and disruptions in the supply chain. Even under these circumstances, the achievement of the indicators has progressed well, 2 indicators reaching 70% (Population benefiting from actions of risk management and Population benefiting from actions of risk management), while the other 2 (Population benefiting from flood protection measures and Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures) are still in the incipient stage, less than 10% achievement).</p> <p>Even so, the risks for the remaining indicators of this PA are not high, as the projects still in implementation will ensure the achievement of 2023 set targets (some of the projects are covering the entire eligible area of the Programme).</p> <p>The result indicator, the quality of the joint risk management in the CBC area was measured in 2022 and already reported in the AIR 2021 as fully achieved.</p>
PA 4	A skilled and inclusive region	<p>Out of 34 contracted projects for this PA, two projects were terminated, meaning that 32 projects remained contracted, out of which, at the beginning of 2022 only one project was still running. The project was successfully implemented; therefore, all projects financed under PA 4 are finalized. As reported within the previous year, all output indicators specific for this PA are reached.</p> <p>PA4 projects have contributed to enhancing the integration of CBC labour markets and the links between entrepreneurs on both sides of the border. In this regards, 215 initiatives regarding the labour market were supported, through studies and strategies regarding the cbc job market and offline and online initiatives, such as cross border training centres, job fairs, employment centres; job seeking and / or training platforms and websites, etc. These have ensured the access of no less than 41,228 people to directly participate in the cross border initiatives for the jobs and training and no less than 15,989 participants were directly involved in joint educational and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and vocational education.</p> <p>In this context, of successful implementation of all contracted projects, the efforts of the Programme structures in 2022 were focused on monitoring the sustainability of the finalized projects. During 2022, 18 durability reports were submitted by the projects implemented under this PA and the JS verified the sustainability of the projects.</p> <p>A detailed list of outputs of the projects financed under the PA4 is available at <a href="https://www.interregrobg.eu/ro/projects/">https://www.interregrobg.eu/ro/projects/</a>.</p>
PA 5	An efficient region	<p>19 projects contracted, with a total value of 15.18 mil. Euro. 4 projects were still running at the beginning of 2022 and all of them were finalized until the end of the year. As mentioned within previous AIR, the target value of the output indicator foreseen for this PA was already achieved.</p> <p>The main outputs of the implemented projects enhanced the cross-border cooperation by developing joint initiatives and mechanisms. Thus, 103 cross border mechanisms (such as agreements, networks, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) contributed to the development of the authorities cross-border cooperation capacity, in different fields, such as: health (5 projects), education (5 projects), public services (4 projects), social policies (3 projects), tourism and Danube navigation.</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
		<p>The implemented mechanisms have contributed to the increase of the level of coordination of the public institutions in the cross border area, as measured in 2022 (for AIR 2021) from an initial “satisfactory” level to an “appropriate” one. During 2022, the Programme structures were focused on monitoring the sustainability of the finalized projects.</p> <p>A detailed list of outputs of the projects financed under the PA5 is available at <a href="https://www.interregrobg.eu/ro/projects/">https://www.interregrobg.eu/ro/projects/</a>.</p>
PA 6	Technical assistance	<p>The dedicated financing was used to support the Programme implementation (monitoring activities, project implementation, FLC verifications, staff costs, applicants and beneficiaries support, audit, communication and information activities, running of the website, etc.), but also to preparation of the 2021-2027 programming period (the development of the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, supporting the activity of the Strategy Board responsible for the development of the integrated territorial strategy under PO 5, running the running the Interreg VI-A website. etc.).</p> <p>During 2022, the Programme structures contained supporting the beneficiaries, as such 28 technical assistance meetings were organized for discussing particular problems of the running projects and 2 trainings for the beneficiaries.</p> <p>Also, there were organized 4 events/actions to promote the Programme results: Europe Day, on 10th of May 2022, online; On the site visit for project RoBg528, in Constanta, on 7th of December 2022; Annual Conference of the Programme, on 14th of December 2022, in Craiova and Europe Cooperation Day, on 27th of September 2022, in Balcik.</p> <p>Detailed information regarding the TA contracts/decisions are published on the website: <a href="http://interregrobg.eu/en/projects/our-projects.html">http://interregrobg.eu/en/projects/our-projects.html</a>.</p> <p>The implemented mechanisms have contributed to the increase of the level of coordination of the public institutions in the cross border area, as measured in 2022 (for AIR 2021) from an initial “satisfactory” level to an “appropriate” one. During 2022, the Programme structures were focused on monitoring the sustainability of the finalized projects.</p> <p>A detailed list of outputs of the projects financed under the PA5 is available at <a href="https://www.interregro">https://www.interregro</a></p>

## 3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

### Priority axes other than technical assistance

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 1 - A well connected region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>7b - Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 1.7b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	150.00	92.86	New delays have been registered in the implementation of the projects under PA 1, mainly because of the socio economic situation generated by the conflict in Ukraine, which has created a new negative supply shock for the economy and led to the extension of the implementation period of these projects, further delaying to 2023 the achievement of the related indicators. Still, no major risks are identified in relation with the achievement of the Programme's targets until 31.12.2023.
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	150.00	238.63	
F	7b.1	Number of joint mechanisms (e.g. route guidance, incidents/emergencies detection and management, studies on traffic flows, feasibility studies addressing cross-border transport issues, traffic safety measures, black-spot maps, awareness raising activities)	Number of mechanisms facilitating connection	35.00	22.00	
S	7b.1	Number of joint mechanisms (e.g. route guidance, incidents/emergencies detection and management, studies on traffic flows, feasibility studies addressing cross-border transport issues, traffic safety measures, black-spot maps, awareness raising activities)	Number of mechanisms facilitating connection	35.00	49.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	76.91	49.63	30.61	7.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	238.63	238.63	219.31	165.15	79.94	79.94	0.00	0.00
F	7b.1	Number of joint mechanisms (e.g. route guidance, incidents/emergencies detection and management, studies on traffic flows, feasibility studies addressing cross-border transport issues, traffic safety measures, black-spot maps, awareness raising activities)	12.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	7b.1	Number of joint mechanisms (e.g. route guidance, incidents/emergencies detection and management, studies on traffic flows, feasibility studies addressing cross-border transport issues, traffic safety measures, black-spot maps, awareness raising activities)	49.00	49.00	46.00	31.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 1 - A well connected region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>7b - Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes</b>
<b>Specific objective</b>	<b>SO1.1 - Improve the planning, development and coordination of cross-border transport systems for better connections to TEN-T transport networks</b>

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA 1.7b.SO1.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
R 1.1	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading to TEN-T	Number	626,140.00	2014	2,000,000.00	1,080,407.00		The contribution for 2022 is 186,566, which added to the achievements in the previous period 2018-2021 (267,701) and to the baseline value (626,140), equals a total reported value of 1,080,407 people served by the modernized infrastructure.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
R 1.1	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading to TEN-T	893,841.00		757,827.00		721,540.00		628,334.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 1.1	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading to TEN-T								

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 1 - A well connected region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>7c - Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 1.7c**

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	CO16	Inland waterways: Total length of improved or created inland waterway	km	479.00	470.00	The contribution is ensured by one project, RoBg 522, finalized in October 2022. The project has improved the navigation conditions and safety on the RoBg commune sector of the Danube, by developing and implementing a set of common actions for the Bulgarian Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" and Romanian Naval Authority. Following the implementation of the actions, two emergency response centers in Bulgaria and Romania were put in place, that improved the time for reaction and increased the level of coordination between partners in risk situations that may disturb the transport safety on the Danube River. Two projects contributing to this indicator are still under implementation (RoBg 130 and RoBg 478) and the estimated additional value is 20 km (9 km and 11 km).
S	CO16	Inland waterways: Total length of improved or created inland waterway	km	479.00	479.00	
F	7c.1	Number of studies, strategies and action plans to improve safety of the navigation on the Danube and the Black Sea supported	Number of strategies, action plans	2.00	2.00	No further contribution is expected for this indicator.
S	7c.1	Number of studies, strategies and action plans to improve safety of the navigation on the Danube and the Black Sea supported	Number of strategies, action plans	2.00	2.00	

(I)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO16	Inland waterways: Total length of improved or created inland waterway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO16	Inland waterways: Total length of improved or created inland waterway	479.00	479.00	470.00	470.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
F	7c.1	Number of studies, strategies and action plans to improve safety of the navigation on the Danube and the Black Sea supported	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	7c.1	Number of studies, strategies and action plans to improve safety of the navigation on the Danube and the Black Sea supported	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 1 - A well connected region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	7c - Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility
<b>Specific objective</b>	SO1.2 - Increase transport safety on waterways and maritime transport routes

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA 1.7c.SO1.2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
R 1.2	% of the RO-BG CBC Danube length and Black Sea where safety of the navigation have been improved	percent	1.29	2014	50.00	100.00		The entire lenght of the common sector of Danube river is already covered by the result of RoBg project 522, finalized in October 2022.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
R 1.2	% of the RO-BG CBC Danube length and Black Sea where safety of the navigation have been improved								

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 1.2	% of the RO-BG CBC Danube length and Black Sea where safety of the navigation have been improved								

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 2 - A green region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 2.6c**

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	100,000.00	165,978.00	The projects report cumulative values of new visits (not divided per year). In order to reflect the requirement of the common output indicator, the Programme structures divided the no. of visits per the years spent in implementation. In this regard, considering the finalized projects' contribution, the value of the visits per year is as follows: 2017: 7,600 visits; 2018: 42,118 visits; 2019: 8,606 visits; 9,112 in 2020, 43,536 in 2021 and 55,006 in 2022. Thus, the cumulated value is reflected in the table.
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	100,000.00	287,719.00	The target is based on the forecast provided by the contracted projects (cumulative values, not divided per years). The division will be performed by the Programme structures, when reporting the actual achieved contribution.
F	6c.1	Number of integrated tourism products/services created	Number	100.00	124.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	6c.1	Number of integrated tourism products/services created	Number	100.00	178.00	The forecast includes the contribution of the contracted projects.
F	6c.2	Number of common strategies, policies or management plans for valorising (including raising awareness) the cultural and natural heritage through its restoration and promotion for sustainable economic uses	Number of common strategies/management plans approved	75.00	68.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	6c.2	Number of common strategies, policies or management plans for valorising (including raising awareness) the cultural and natural heritage through its restoration and promotion for sustainable economic uses	Number of common strategies/management plans approved	75.00	87.00	The forecast includes the contribution of the contracted projects.

(I)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	110,972.00	67,436.00	58,324.00	49,718.00	7,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	287,719.00	287,719.00	287,719.00	272,719.00	120,030.00	120,030.00	100,630.00	0.00
F	6c.1	Number of integrated tourism products/services created	98.00	78.00	34.00	32.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	6c.1	Number of integrated tourism products/services created	178.00	178.00	178.00	177.00	50.00	50.00	41.00	0.00
F	6c.2	Number of common strategies, policies or management plans for valorising (including raising awareness) the cultural and natural heritage through its restoration and promotion for sustainable economic uses	55.00	44.00	16.00	14.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	6c.2	Number of common strategies, policies or management plans for valorising (including raising awareness) the cultural and natural heritage through its restoration and promotion for sustainable economic uses	87.00	87.00	87.00	86.00	35.00	35.00	19.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 2 - A green region</b>
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	SO2.1 - To improve the sustainable use of natural heritage and resources and cultural heritage

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA 2.6c.SO2.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
R 2.1	Number of tourist overnights in the CBC region	Number of Overnights	6,668,515.00	2013	8,800,000.00			The value shall be reported in the final report, based on statistical data, as foreseen by the Interreg V-A Ro-Bg Programme methodology.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
R 2.1	Number of tourist overnights in the CBC region							8,826,399.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 2.1	Number of tourist overnights in the CBC region								

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 2 - A green region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 2.6d**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	27,000.00	27,058.50	The projects contributing to this indicators were completed in 2019. Thus, the target indicator is reached. No contribution reported for 2020, 2021 and 2022. No additional contribution is envisaged until the end of the Programme's implementation.
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	27,000.00	27,058.50	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	27,058.50	27,058.50	27,058.50	27,058.50	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	27,058.50	27,058.50	27,058.50	27,058.50	27,058.50	27,058.50	27,058.50	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]



<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 2 - A green region</b>
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure
Specific objective	SO2.2 - To enhance the sustainable management of the ecosystems from the cross-border area

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA 2.6d.SO2.2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
R 2.2	NATURA 2000 sites from the cross-border area with coordinated management tools	Number	2.00	2014	12.00	17.00		All projects contributing to this indicator finalized their implementation, no other project still running is foreseen to contribute to this indicator. The value reported (17 sites) includes the contribution of the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme (15) to the set baseline (2).

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
R 2.2	NATURA 2000 sites from the cross-border area with coordinated management tools	17.00		13.00		13.00		13.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 2.2	NATURA 2000 sites from the cross-border area with coordinated management tools								

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 3 - A safe region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>5b - Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 3.5b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	CO20	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	4,200,000.00	147,104.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	CO20	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00	There is one project implemented by the relevant national institutions in this field (RoBg351), covering the entire eligible area with specific action in the benefit of the entire population.
F	CO21	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	Persons	4,200,000.00	144,213.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	CO21	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	Persons	4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00	There is one project implemented by the relevant national institutions in this field, covering the entire eligible area with specific action in the benefit of the entire population.
F	5b.1	Population benefiting from actions of risk management	Number	4,200,000.00	3,238,384.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures. RoBg22 project has a major contribution to this indicator (the project has developed a joint instrument that was scaled up and used by many municipalities within the cross border area to plan actions against insect proliferation (mosquitos).
S	5b.1	Population benefiting from actions of risk management	Number	4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00	There are several projects in this field, covering the entire eligible area with specific action in the benefit of the entire population.
F	5b.2	Number of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response	Number	50.00	37.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	5b.2	Number of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response	Number	50.00	63.00	The forecast of all contracted projects

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO20	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from flood protection measures	134,270.00	26,716.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO20	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from flood protection measures	4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00	4,150,000.00	4,150,000.00	1,486,375.00	1,486,375.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO21	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	131,379.00	26,717.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO21	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00	4,150,000.00	4,150,000.00	540,006.00	540,006.00	0.00	0.00
F	5b.1	Population benefiting from actions of risk management	3,238,355.00	487,447.00	304,370.00	291,093.00	6,018.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	5b.1	Population benefiting from actions of risk management	4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00	4,150,000.00	4,150,000.00	4,150,000.00	4,150,000.00	4,150,000.00	0.00
F	5b.2	Number of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response	31.00	10.00	7.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	5b.2	Number of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response	63.00	63.00	55.00	44.00	9.00	9.00	1.00	0.00

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<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 3 - A safe region</b>
Investment priority	5b - Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems
Specific objective	SO3.1 - To improve joint risk management in the cross-border area

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA 3.5b.SO3.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
R 3.1	The quality of the joint risk management in the CBC area	the satisfaction degree of the stakeholders in the area	2	2014	3			The indicator shall be reported in the final report, based on the methodology foreseen in Annex 10 ("methodology for measuring indicators") of the Interreg V-A Programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
R 3.1	The quality of the joint risk management in the CBC area		4						3.5

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 3.1	The quality of the joint risk management in the CBC area								

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 4 - A skilled and inclusive region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>8e - Integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility, joint local employment initiatives, information and advisory services and joint training (ETC-CB)</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 4.8e**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	25,000.00	41,228.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	25,000.00	54,071.00	
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	9,000.00	15,989.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	9,000.00	10,566.00	The initial selected value (S) reported in previous AIR increased up to 10,566, as some projects overreached the estimated contribution to this indicator (no modifications of contract/application form were made in this regard).
F	8e.1	No. of initiatives (trainings, education schemes, websites, agreements, networks, job-fairs etc.) that activate workforce mobility in the cross border area	Number	200.00	215.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	8e.1	No. of initiatives (trainings, education schemes, websites, agreements, networks, job-fairs etc.) that activate workforce mobility in the cross border area	Number	200.00	293.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	32,029.00	21,760.00	18,474.00	4,540.00	116.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	54,071.00	54,071.00	54,071.00	54,071.00	54,071.00	54,071.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	10,566.00	9,915.00	9,096.00	3,743.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	10,566.00	9,915.00	9,866.00	9,791.00	9,791.00	9,701.00	0.00	0.00
F	8e.1	No. of initiatives (trainings, education schemes, websites, agreements, networks, job-fairs etc.) that activate workforce mobility in the cross border area	191.00	183.00	162.00	121.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	8e.1	No. of initiatives (trainings, education schemes, websites, agreements, networks, job-fairs etc.) that activate workforce mobility in the cross border area	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	0.00	0.00

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<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 4 - A skilled and inclusive region</b>
Investment priority	8e - Integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility, joint local employment initiatives, information and advisory services and joint training (ETC-CB)
Specific objective	SO4.1 - To encourage the integration of the cross-border area in terms of employment and labour mobility

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA 4.8e.SO4.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
R 4.1	Population that have access to joint employment initiatives	Number	200,000.00	2014	1,000,000.00	1,258,575.00		The cumulative contribution of the Programme to this result indicator is: 1,058,575 persons that have access to joint employment initiatives (from finalized / running projects).

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
R 4.1	Population that have access to joint employment initiatives	1,099,462.00		1,051,145.00		974,698.00		461,166.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 4.1	Population that have access to joint employment initiatives								

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 5 - An efficient region</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>11b - Promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions (ETC-CB)</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 5.11b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	11b.1	Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity	Number	100.00	103.00	According to intermediary and final project reports, verified by the Programme structures.
S	11b.1	Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity	Number	100.00	127.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	11b.1	Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity	96.00	74.00	62.00	14.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	11b.1	Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity	127.00	127.00	127.00	127.00	127.00	127.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA 5 - An efficient region</b>
Investment priority	11b - Promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions (ETC-CB)
Specific objective	SO5.1 - To increase cooperation capacity and the efficiency of public institutions in a CBC context

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA 5.11b.SO5.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
R 5.1	Level of co-ordination of the public institutions in the eligible area	Intensity of cooperation between cross-border stakeholders	3	2014	4			Value shall be reported in the final report, based on the methodology foreseen in Annex 10 ("methodology for measuring indicators") of the Interreg V-A Programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
R 5.1	Level of co-ordination of the public institutions in the eligible area		4						4

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 5.1	Level of co-ordination of the public institutions in the eligible area								

## Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	PA 6 - Technical assistance
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**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA 6. Technical assistance**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	TA6.1	No of performed evaluations of the programme	Number		1.00	
S	TA6.1	No of performed evaluations of the programme	Number		1.00	
F	TA6.3	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number		14.00	1 Monitoring Committee meeting was organized in 2022, in online format, approving decisions regarding the Annual Communication Plan of the Programme for 2023 and the Summary of the findings within the evaluation of the Interreg V-A Ro-Bg Programme
S	TA6.3	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number		14.00	
F	TA6.4	No of events for beneficiaries	Number		80.00	2 events in 2022, online format
S	TA6.4	No of events for beneficiaries	Number		80.00	
F	TA6.5	Number of employees (full time) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	number		72.00	Out of which 9 from MA
S	TA6.5	Number of employees (full time) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	number		72.00	
F	TA6.6	Functional electronic system	number		1.00	
S	TA6.6	Functional electronic system	number		1.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	TA6.1	No of performed evaluations of the programme	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	TA6.1	No of performed evaluations of the programme	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA6.3	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	13.00	12.00	11.00	10.00	9.00	6.00	3.00	0.00
S	TA6.3	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	13.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA6.4	No of events for beneficiaries	78.00	74.00	70.00	59.00	49.00	30.00	16.00	0.00
S	TA6.4	No of events for beneficiaries	78.00	74.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA6.5	Number of employees (full time) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	72.00	72.00	71.00	57.00	57.00	52.00	39.00	0.00
S	TA6.5	Number of employees (full time) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	72.00	72.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA6.6	Functional electronic system	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	TA6.6	Functional electronic system	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]



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

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2022	Observations
PA 1	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	Km of reconstructed or upgraded roads	150.00	92.86	
PA 1	F	1F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	8000000	116,333,743.00	77,794,719.76	
PA 1	I	1K1	Number of KM of roads to be upgraded or reconstructed for which tenders have been launched	Number of KM	60	150.00	238.63	
PA 2	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	1000	100,000.00	287,719.00	
PA 2	F	2F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	5100000	54,276,757.00	37,718,119.42	
PA 2	O	6c.1	Number of integrated tourism products/services created	Number	10	100.00	124.00	
PA 3	F	3F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	4500000	41,571,197.00	27,642,073.10	
PA 3	O	5b.2	Number of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response	Number	10	50.00	37.00	
PA 4	F	4F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	1000000	13,807,295.00	13,530,360.83	
PA 4	O	8e.1	No. of initiatives (trainings, education schemes, websites, agreements, networks, job-fairs etc.) that activate workforce mobility in the cross border area	Number	10	200.00	215.00	
PA 5	F	5F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	1000000	12,600,168.00	11,240,679.00	
PA 5	O	11b.1	Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity	Number	10	100.00	103.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
PA 1	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	76.91	49.63	30.61	7.68	0.00
PA 1	F	1F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	61,608,577.26	22,475,137.86	13,904,770.59	8,022,462.12	607,924.86
PA 1	I	1K1	Number of KM of roads to be upgraded or reconstructed for which tenders have been launched	Number of KM	238.63	238.63	175.00	123.07	15.01
PA 2	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	110,972.00	67,436.00	58,324.00	49,718.00	7,600.00
PA 2	F	2F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	35,937,445.72	24,978,821.34	17,982,064.69	9,975,330.14	4,476,584.44
PA 2	O	6c.1	Number of integrated tourism products/services created	Number	98.00	78.00	34.00	32.00	20.00
PA 3	F	3F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	24,914,343.60	14,244,885.24	17,043,333.37	15,105,886.36	641,618.70
PA 3	O	5b.2	Number of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response	Number	31.00	10.00	7.00	6.00	0.00
PA 4	F	4F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	13,552,309.76	12,597,871.58	12,235,499.94	9,375,897.77	278,181.51
PA 4	O	8e.1	No. of initiatives (trainings, education schemes, websites, agreements, networks, job-fairs etc.) that activate workforce mobility in the cross border area	Number	191.00	183.00	162.00	121.00	6.00
PA 5	F	5F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	10,768,696.94	9,138,069.63	8,453,888.79	5,339,299.55	44,981.41
PA 5	O	11b.1	Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity	Number	96.00	74.00	62.00	14.00	1.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
PA 1	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA 1	F	1F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	69,370.37	0.00	0.00
PA 1	I	1K1	Number of KM of roads to be upgraded or reconstructed for which tenders have been launched	Number of KM	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA 2	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA 2	F	2F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	997,046.62	0.00	0.00
PA 2	O	6c.1	Number of integrated tourism products/services created	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA 3	F	3F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	121,431.54	0.00	0.00
PA 3	O	5b.2	Number of joint partnerships in the field of joint early warning and emergency response	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA 4	F	4F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA 4	O	8e.1	No. of initiatives (trainings, education schemes, websites, agreements, networks, job-fairs etc.) that activate workforce mobility in the cross border area	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA 5	F	5F1	(Certified) Expenditure	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
PA 5	O	11b.1	Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00

### 3.4. Financial data

**Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level**

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
PA 1	ERDF	Total	116,333,743.00	85.00	134,561,296.53	115.67%	134,534,962.97	85,597,716.59	73.58%	21
PA 2	ERDF	Total	54,276,757.00	85.00	59,912,318.56	110.38%	59,520,839.59	43,212,915.06	79.62%	69
PA 3	ERDF	Total	41,571,197.00	85.00	45,172,488.11	108.66%	45,122,105.96	31,912,106.00	76.76%	28
PA 4	ERDF	Total	13,807,295.00	85.00	16,277,977.28	117.89%	16,054,405.95	13,597,137.29	98.48%	32
PA 5	ERDF	Total	12,600,168.00	85.00	15,184,146.51	120.51%	15,159,113.43	11,986,947.91	95.13%	19
PA 6	ERDF	Total	19,914,966.00	65.00	22,591,600.00	113.44%	22,591,600.00	12,951,925.50	65.04%	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>		<b>258,504,126.00</b>	<b>83.46</b>	<b>293,699,826.99</b>	<b>113.62%</b>	<b>292,983,027.90</b>	<b>199,258,748.35</b>	<b>77.08%</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>258,504,126.00</b>	<b>83.46</b>	<b>293,699,826.99</b>	<b>113.62%</b>	<b>292,983,027.90</b>	<b>199,258,748.35</b>	<b>77.08%</b>	<b>188</b>

**Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)**

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

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	BG321	4,769,687.25	4,767,340.81	368,849.99	1
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	BG323	6,326,447.20	6,326,447.20	5,579,550.56	1
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	BG411	7,737,783.80	7,737,783.80	2,642,649.64	1
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	RO223	30,872,013.64	30,872,013.64	23,999,299.92	4
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	RO314	20,756,005.57	20,756,005.57	16,505,479.86	3
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	RO317	19,335,134.21	19,335,134.21	9,663,336.65	3
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	RO411	15,687,216.24	15,687,216.24	8,491,273.46	2
PA 1	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	RO413	7,943,701.93	7,943,701.93	7,094,920.57	1
PA 1	ERDF	041	01	07	07	07		08	BG323	7,345,319.73	7,345,319.73	5,365,564.92	1
PA 1	ERDF	041	01	07	07	07		12	RO312	5,946,041.74	5,946,041.74	292,519.51	1
PA 1	ERDF	044	01	07	07	07		12	BG311	762,085.72	746,836.40	714,427.51	1
PA 1	ERDF	044	01	07	07	07		12	BG314	1,380,246.63	1,371,508.83	1,070,699.90	1
PA 1	ERDF	044	01	07	07	07		12	BG323	5,699,612.87	5,699,612.87	3,809,144.10	1
PA 2	ERDF	085	01	07	07	06		24	BG312	601,996.28	589,950.34	539,582.16	1
PA 2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		15	BG311	258,191.52	253,025.12	228,986.52	1
PA 2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		15	RO321	1,082,716.06	1,082,716.06	726,647.15	1
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	BG311	3,410,018.40	3,348,427.43	3,132,557.10	6
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	BG312	1,862,104.49	1,852,146.20	1,635,401.47	2
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	BG313	2,147,901.11	2,142,894.64	1,669,291.23	3
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	BG314	4,392,206.08	4,343,627.67	2,782,855.99	4
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	BG323	2,342,505.07	2,329,486.50	1,801,519.81	3
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	BG332	1,494,037.68	1,494,037.68	164,132.82	1
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	RO223	2,453,220.63	2,443,742.84	1,084,167.03	3
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	RO312	2,411,189.65	2,366,700.48	2,148,133.25	5
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	RO411	955,387.05	936,269.77	881,527.96	2
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	RO413	400,468.18	392,454.82	334,812.14	1
PA 2	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		23	RO414	1,086,671.71	1,064,927.42	676,249.24	2
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		23	BG411	486,028.75	484,113.78	392,600.37	1
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG311	2,304,915.04	2,263,339.82	2,042,733.18	6
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG312	693,880.93	679,996.38	645,517.99	1
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG313	495,103.46	495,103.46	384,540.30	1
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG314	8,105,111.96	8,091,080.01	5,237,235.45	4
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG321	4,326,563.32	4,323,314.30	3,659,852.86	3
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG323	2,944,528.15	2,914,793.71	2,570,314.25	4
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG325	2,886,611.40	2,886,611.40	1,870,266.39	3
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG332	3,941,093.44	3,941,093.44	3,274,509.77	3
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG411	3,948.83	3,948.83	3,487.88	1
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	RO223	4,947,719.49	4,941,032.54	2,423,360.58	3
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	RO314	360,279.12	356,501.42	254,173.18	1
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	RO317	2,597,519.00	2,597,519.00	1,800,393.74	2
PA 2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	RO411	920,401.76	901,984.53	848,065.25	2
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG311	278,390.69	275,701.16	260,273.48	1
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG312	1,259,228.98	1,252,251.77	1,199,329.68	2
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG313	937,151.73	937,151.73	855,396.23	1
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG314	2,199,943.00	2,193,006.88	1,872,872.02	2
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG321	4,842,920.20	4,842,920.20	4,464,614.78	2
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG323	829,984.18	829,984.18	739,280.61	1
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG325	892,443.58	891,790.96	717,697.23	1
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	BG332	800,216.15	800,216.15	636,510.18	1
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO223	988,827.18	985,655.16	924,327.61	1
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO312	1,298,720.48	1,293,556.05	754,850.11	2
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO314	6,759,457.15	6,753,825.01	2,366,143.12	3

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO321	1,008,946.32	1,008,946.32	455,911.32	1
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO411	1,222,530.55	1,216,916.43	288,710.83	2
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO413	2,066,279.25	2,066,279.25	1,685,521.31	2
PA 3	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO414	915,031.14	915,031.14	537,308.83	1
PA 3	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	BG311	288,084.21	282,319.65	261,208.70	1
PA 3	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	RO322	12,648,689.90	12,640,910.50	11,890,402.19	3
PA 3	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	RO411	5,935,643.42	5,935,643.42	2,001,747.77	1
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	BG312	161,949.92	160,581.85	143,796.72	1
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	BG314	598,785.51	598,785.51	424,858.94	1
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	BG321	1,714,711.73	1,704,804.02	1,524,985.21	2
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	BG323	312,937.17	306,675.30	274,609.72	1
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	BG332	711,645.52	703,113.96	573,007.81	2
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO223	833,632.44	831,692.51	695,193.28	2
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO312	656,665.01	643,525.16	528,688.68	1
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO314	597,259.23	590,473.82	386,407.88	1
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO321	584,872.97	578,784.47	487,131.01	1
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO411	2,498,784.74	2,460,285.87	2,246,078.65	5
PA 4	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO413	1,093,192.89	1,079,825.42	871,314.14	2
PA 4	ERDF	106	01	07	07	08		21	BG321	1,166,026.41	1,150,080.57	897,128.81	2
PA 4	ERDF	106	01	07	07	08		21	BG332	818,592.96	805,297.31	713,389.98	2
PA 4	ERDF	106	01	07	07	08		21	RO411	1,402,364.20	1,374,302.91	1,198,412.55	2
PA 4	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	BG323	853,777.72	836,693.64	748,555.30	2
PA 4	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	BG332	378,122.50	370,556.28	292,525.00	1
PA 4	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	RO312	1,369,699.19	1,344,474.57	1,146,895.79	3
PA 4	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	RO314	524,957.17	514,452.78	444,157.82	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		12	BG411	1,440,504.40	1,440,504.40	1,301,120.91	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		15	RO223	721,492.63	712,057.59	624,741.77	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	BG312	1,450,529.96	1,450,529.96	826,589.98	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	BG323	1,081,938.54	1,081,938.54	951,534.79	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	BG332	427,222.06	427,222.06	335,916.76	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	RO314	739,577.73	739,577.73	604,537.83	2
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	RO317	811,253.08	811,253.08	494,173.92	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		20	RO317	1,475,894.96	1,475,894.96	1,326,426.97	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		20	RO411	1,300,322.42	1,300,322.42	1,226,676.21	1
PA 5	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		21	RO223	538,554.97	538,554.97	282,942.22	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		18	BG323	366,816.47	364,100.17	338,833.22	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		19	BG312	145,020.62	145,020.62	121,864.29	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		19	BG332	170,806.17	170,806.17	111,376.90	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		19	BG413	1,309,615.60	1,304,126.73	1,078,357.35	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		19	RO223	372,178.65	372,178.65	285,261.57	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		19	RO312	994,896.64	994,896.64	787,068.40	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		20	RO223	1,489,666.82	1,489,234.51	1,050,181.69	1
PA 5	ERDF	120	01	07	07	11		21	BG311	347,854.79	340,894.23	239,343.13	1
PA 6	ERDF	121	01	07	07			13	BG411	1,699,649.78	1,699,649.78	135,478.21	3
PA 6	ERDF	121	01	07	07			13	RO321	4,025,396.63	4,025,396.63	1,635,517.71	5
PA 6	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	RO312	14,383,085.45	14,383,085.45	9,652,870.75	11
PA 6	ERDF	122	01	07	07			13	RO321	508,160.23	508,160.23	202,921.67	5
PA 6	ERDF	123	01	07	07			13	BG411	29,991.22	29,991.22	6,324.40	2
PA 6	ERDF	123	01	07	07			13	RO321	702,538.14	702,538.14	225,748.20	5
PA 6	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	RO312	1,242,778.55	1,242,778.55	1,093,064.56	4

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

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	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	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)
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(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

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

#### 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

During 2019-2020, the Managing Authority carried out the Programme evaluations, performed by external independent experts. The evaluation contract resulted in an implementation evaluation report and in a communication evaluation report (May 2020) and in an impact evaluation report (October 2020). In terms of the geographical scope of the evaluation, operations implemented in both countries have been taken into account by all evaluation reports and special attention was paid to the cross-border character of the activities and their impact on cooperation in the covered area.

All terms of reference and reports were consulted in the Evaluation Steering Committee comprising representatives of MA, NA, Evaluation Unit by ESIF coordinating authority and EC. All reports were examined by the Monitoring Committee and are publicly available on the website of the programme. Based on collected and analysed data, the evaluation findings generated several conclusions and a number of recommendations, to a large extent already implemented or to be considered, if appropriate, by the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme.

As a general conclusion, the programme was found to be mature under the point of view of:

- its relevance (well rooted in the cross-border area, in a consistent continuity with the previous programming period and based on a well-grounded territorial analysis, that has the merit of having identified the key structural problems of the region, and was in a wide part still actual and valid);
- its implementation (its implementation strategy was clearly based on wisdom and prudence, capitalizing on the lessons learnt in the past programming periods);
- its management (processes and procedures resulting from a stratification of gradual improvements based on the experience of two full programming periods, during which the key staff of the management system bodies has had the great advantage of remaining practically unchanged).

As already mentioned, the Monitoring Committee is permanently informed on the implementation status of the recommendations, for this purpose, on 21st November 2022, in the 14th meeting of the MC, the members were informed on the current implementation status of recommendations and approved the Summary of evaluation findings for Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme in order to be submitted to the European Commission.

Most of the recommendations of the Implementation Evaluation Report, Communication Evaluation report (as part of the implementation evaluation of the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme) and Impact Evaluation Report were implemented by the managing structures of the Programme considering that they have a continuous character (closely monitor the achievement of indicators (early warning system) and, at project level, closely follow the impact of important procurement procedures on the smooth implementation of infrastructure projects; support services provided to the beneficiaries in project management related topics; more online publications for the large public; dissemination of information through social media; increasing the visibility online; an online interactive platform for debates and updated information);

Also, other recommendations have been taken into consideration when drafting the new Programme and other will be taken into account when developing the calls for proposals for 2021-2027 (better alignment between the EU Strategy for the Danube River and the Programme; added value and CBC impact of the projects; further refine some key successful implementation rules (the ceiling of 4 projects per beneficiary and the mid-term implementation target at project level); further adoption of SCOs; transition to a full digital flow of information, “0 paper“ flow; the system of expenditure control - simpler and more efficient; promoting the organization of training courses through projects; further involvement of the private sector;



improve coordination between similar transport policies in the border area).

Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings
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## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

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

After being negatively affected by the COVID 19 pandemic in the period 2020 - 2021, the projects' implementation process was also affected by the conflict in Ukraine. The most important negative effects were related to high inflation, general increase of the prices, delays and disruptions in the supply chain.

These issues have affected the projects in different ways/manners, such as:

1. the beneficiaries had to delay activities and, therefore, extend the implementation period of the projects when the suppliers could not be delivered within the contractual deadlines (for example, because of the crises for microprocessor, the delivery of vehicles was delayed even up to one year);
2. the beneficiaries had to find additional sources for goods or replace the one already contracted (for example, one project foreseen the development of an open air museum and included the use of Siberian Larch wood, which was no longer available on the market because of the economic sanctions applied to the Russian suppliers);
3. the beneficiaries had to replace the companies contracted for execution of works because the contracted companies went bankrupted;
4. the beneficiaries had to find other financing sources in order to cover the increased prices, the inflation rate (such as increasing own contribution, contracting bank loans, etc.);
5. the beneficiaries had to reduce the size of their investments, object of the financing (for example, reducing the number of rooms or size, within a constructed building to the minimum number that could still ensure the functionalities of the investments);

In order to cope with these problems, the Programme has taken several measures, such as :

1. Facilitating the use of project savings for beneficiaries, redistribution of amounts between different budget lines, etc.;
2. Supporting the beneficiaries on amending the financing contracts in order to reflect the adjustments of the investments (for example, reducing the costs of the investment, by changing the type of construction materials, excluding minor type of works, without affecting the functionality of the investment) and to extend the implementation periods;
3. Supporting the beneficiaries in the application of the legislation issued by the national governments in relation to the increase of the prices for the work execution contracts (such as Romanian Emergency Ordinance no.64/2022 regarding price adjusting and the value of general estimates in the case of projects financed by non-reimbursable external funds, together with the Methodology for applying the adjustment formulas, provided by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 64/2022 and Methodology regarding the elaboration of additional documents to the procurement contracts, provided in the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 64/2022; or Methodology for price change of contract for public procurement Resolution of the Council of Ministers (RCM) no. 290/27.09.2022 updated in the State Gazette, issued 78 from 30.09.2022).

**(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.**

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## **6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

## **7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

**8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)**

**8.1. Major projects**

**Table 7: Major projects**

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	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	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(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**

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

**8.2. Joint action plans**

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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**Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them**

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**9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME  
(ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO  
1299/2013)**

**9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of  
Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Priority axis	PA 1 - A well connected region
Priority axis	PA 2 - A green region
Priority axis	PA 3 - A safe region
Priority axis	PA 4 - A skilled and inclusive region
Priority axis	PA 5 - An efficient region
Priority axis	PA 6 - Technical assistance

**9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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### **9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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**9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority axis	Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)	Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)
PA 1	7,185,324.23	7.27%
PA 2	660,587.31	1.43%
PA 3	28,771,681.59	81.42%
Total	36,617,593.13	16.97%

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**9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

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**10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4),  
SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013**

**10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of  
evaluations**

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Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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## 10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

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**11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)**

**11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme**

## 11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

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

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

The Programme is covered by EU Strategy for Danube Region (EUSDR) as it plays an important role in exploiting synergies and actively contributing to territorial integration. Challenges affecting the Danube Region that could be addressed by the Programme are presented as correlation between Programme objectives and the four thematic areas/ pillars of EUSDR. All project outputs and results delivered by the projects finalized during 2022 have registered a positive impact on EUSDR objectives. More specifically, projects finalized within Priority Axis 1&2 of the Programme are contributing to the EUSDR first pillar "Connecting the region" and are connected with the Priority Area (1) To improve mobility and multimodality (covering road, rail and air links as well as inland waterways) and Priority Area (3) To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts. Projects finalized within the Priority Axis 2&3 of the Programme are contributing to the EUSDR second pillar "Protecting the environment" and are connected with the Priority Area (4) To restore and maintain the quality of waters, Priority Area (5) To manage environmental risks and Priority Area (6) To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soil. Projects finalized within the Programme's Priority Axis 4 are contributing to the EUSDR third pillar "Building prosperity" and is connected with Priority Area (8) To support the competitiveness of enterprises and Priority Area (9) To invest in people and skills. Projects finalized in 2022 within the Priority Axis 5 of the Programme are contributing to the EUSDR fourth pillar "Strengthening the region" and is connected with Priority Area (10) To step up institutional capacity and cooperation and Priority Area (11) To work together to tackle security and organised crime.

Therefore the conclusion of the programme evaluation performed by independent external experts during October 2019-October 2020, namely that Interreg V-A Ro-Bg has a good level of complementarity with the national policies and contributes strongly to the EUSDR stands valid also for 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:**

	<b>Pillar</b>	<b>Priority area</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.1 - Mobility - waterways
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.2 - Mobility - rail, road & air
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.3 - Energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.4 - Culture and 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 risks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.3 - Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality
<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
<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 checked="" 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 ☐

**Name and function**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs as National Coordinator of EUSDR

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

Yes ☒ No ☐

**a) Are targeted calls for proposals planned in relation to EUSDR**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**b) How many macro-regional projects/actions are already supported by the programme? (Number)**

169

**c) Were extra points/bonus given to a project/action with high macro-regional significance or impact? If yes, please elaborate (1 specific sentence)**

Out of 169 contracted projects, 113 have received extrapoints for major contribution on EUSDR

**d) Other actions (e.g. planned strategic projects). Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)**

n.a.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Approximate or exact amount in Euro invested in the EUSDR:**

ERDF	171,279,520.51
CF	
ESF	
EAFRD	
EMFF	
ENI	
IPA	
any other funds	
name of "any other funds"	

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

There are 172 projects with a total value of 275,025,271.02, out of which 113 projects selected within the Programme with a total ERDF value of 171,279,520.51 Eur, receiving extra points during the selection process due to the fact that are contributing to the EUSR. The projects are contributing to all 4 pillars of the EUSR: 1. Connecting the region (RoBg projects under PA 1), 2. Protecting the environment (RoBg projects under PA 2 and 3), 3. Building prosperity (RoBg projects under PA4) and 4. Strengthening the region (RoBg projects under PA 5 and PA 3). 20 projects that had finalized the implementation in 2022.

**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))**

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#### 11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

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### 13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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## DOCUMENTS

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Citizens' summary	Citizens' summary	10-May-2023		Ares(2023)3629456	Citizens' summary 2022	25-May-2023	nheriuli

## LATEST VALIDATION RESULTS

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