**European Cooperation Day celebrated within the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme**

Every year in September, the Interreg programmes across Europe organize events to celebrate the European Cooperation Day - an initiative that takes place in the countries of the European Union and neighbouring countries, that receive support through territorial cooperation programmes. The European Cooperation Day event promotes collaboration between local communities located in border areas.

Thus, on Monday, September 26, 2022, in Zrenjanin (Serbia), the National Authority from Serbia, with the support of the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat of the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme, celebrated the European Cooperation Day through a documentary film festival named ”European Cooperation – a Film Story,” that presented to the audience two films representing Romania and Serbia: "The House of Dolls" (directed by Tudor Platon, RO, 2020) and "Telenovela: Grey-Scale in color" (directed by Filip Martinović, SRB, 2021).

More details about the European Cooperation Day event can be obtained accessing: <http://www.ecday.eu/>. More information about the Interreg-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Romania-Serbia Programme (2014-2020) and the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme (2021-2027) can be accessed on the programme's web page: [www.romania-serbia.net](http://www.romania-serbia.net)

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In the 2021-2027 programming period, the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration is acting as Managing Authority for the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme, which will have a total budget of 87.725.681 EUR and will finance projects on environmental protection and adaptation to climate change, healthcare and education, tourism and culture and border management.

Also, during the first meeting of the Monitoring Committee, which took place on September 19, 2022, in Veliko Gradiste (Serbia), all the necessary documents were approved for launching the first call for project proposals, in the amount of approximately 26 million euros (IPA funds).

The funding for these priorities will be 85% from the Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance (IPA III), 13% Romanian state budget co-financing and 2% as own contribution of the Romanian beneficiaries. Serbian beneficiaries will provide 15% co-financing as their own contribution.

The Programme area includes three counties in Romania (Timiș, Caraș-Severin and Mehedinţi), as well as six districts in Serbia (Severno Banatski, Srednje Banatski, Južno Banatski, Braničevski, Borski and Podunavski).