**PRESS RELEASE**

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**22 projects worth €30.4 million to receive funding through the**

**Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme**

During the **Fifth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee** for the **Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme**, **22 projects were selected for funding**, with a total value of **€30.4 million**. These projects are in the fields of environmental protection and emergency management, as well as economic and social development in the border area.

The projects aim to improve health infrastructure, civil protection, and disaster management capacity in the border area. This includes acquiring advanced equipment and providing professional training for medical and emergency personnel.

Furthermore, funding will support the development of socio-medical services for vulnerable individuals and innovative tourist products to showcase historical landmarks or natural attractions in the border region.

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Between 2021 and 2027, the Ministry of Development, Public Works, and Administration is the Managing Authority for the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia 2021-2027 Programme, which has a total budget of €87,725,681 and finances projects related to environmental protection and climate change adaptation, health and education, tourism and culture, as well as border management.

The Programme was approved by the European Commission on 19th July 2022, making it the first Interreg IPA Programme at the European level approved for the 2021-2027 period.

Potential beneficiaries exclusively use the JeMS IT system for document submission and benefit from simplified cost options for expense reimbursement, as well as a streamlined project implementation system.

The Programme's area includes three counties in Romania (Timiș, Caraș-Severin, and Mehedinți) as well as six districts in Serbia (North Banat, Central Banat, South Banat, Braničevski, Borski, and Podunavski). Those interested in Romanian-Serbian cross-border cooperation under the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme can obtain more information by visiting the Programme's official website: [www.romania-serbia.net](http://www.romania-serbia.net).