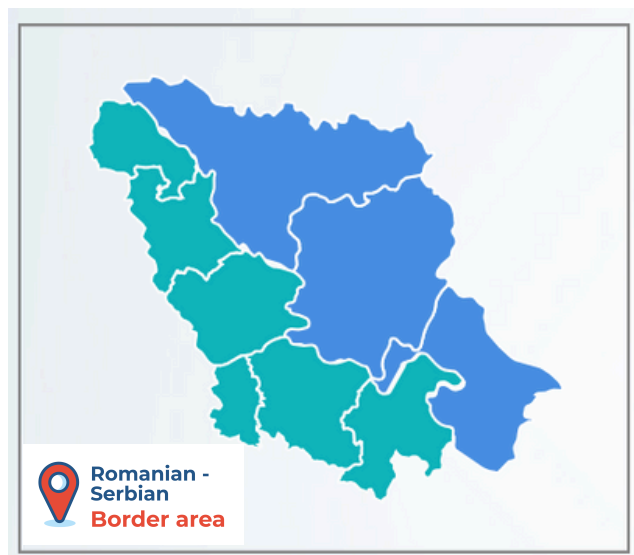
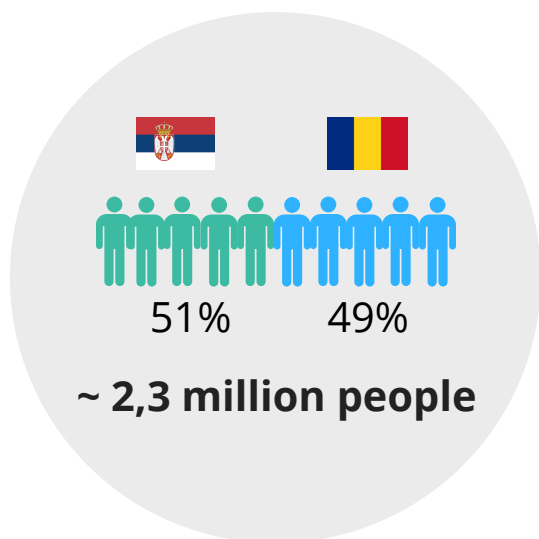


Interreg-IPA Cross-border Cooperation Romania-Serbia Programme

Financed by the European Union and the partner states in the Programme



Strengthening the cross-border cooperation between regional and local public authorities, schools and educational institutions, chambers of commerce, NGOs, museums and cultural institutions registered and functioning in the eligible area etc.

Serbia, 6 districts:
Severnobanatski | Srednjobanatski
Južnobanatski | Podunavski
Braničevski | Borski

Romania, 3 counties:
Timiș | Caraș-Severin | Mehedinți



Total budget of the Programme:

€ 88,125,002

European Union contribution represents: € 74,906,248 (IPA II)



About the programme

The Interreg - IPA Cross-border Cooperation Romania-Serbia Programme enabled Romania and Serbia to continue working together across their shared border with funding from the European Union's Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II). The European Union co-funded the programme with a total of €74,906,248.

The programme aimed to tackle key challenges faced by the border region. These included improving transport links, boosting the economy by addressing the region's lack of competitiveness, dealing with rural development issues, protecting the environment, managing cross-border emergencies, and overcoming the perception of the border as a dividing line. It also focused on strengthening connections and cooperation between communities on both sides of the border.

To address these challenges, the programme supported projects that modernised road infrastructure, improved transport safety, promoted natural and cultural heritage (including tourism), protected the environment, managed risks, increased job mobility, developed sustainable services, and encouraged social inclusion for marginalised groups.

As a result of European Union funding and collaboration between the two countries, a total of 76 cross-border projects, including 2 strategic ones, were successfully implemented.



PRIORITY AXES AND OBJECTIVES

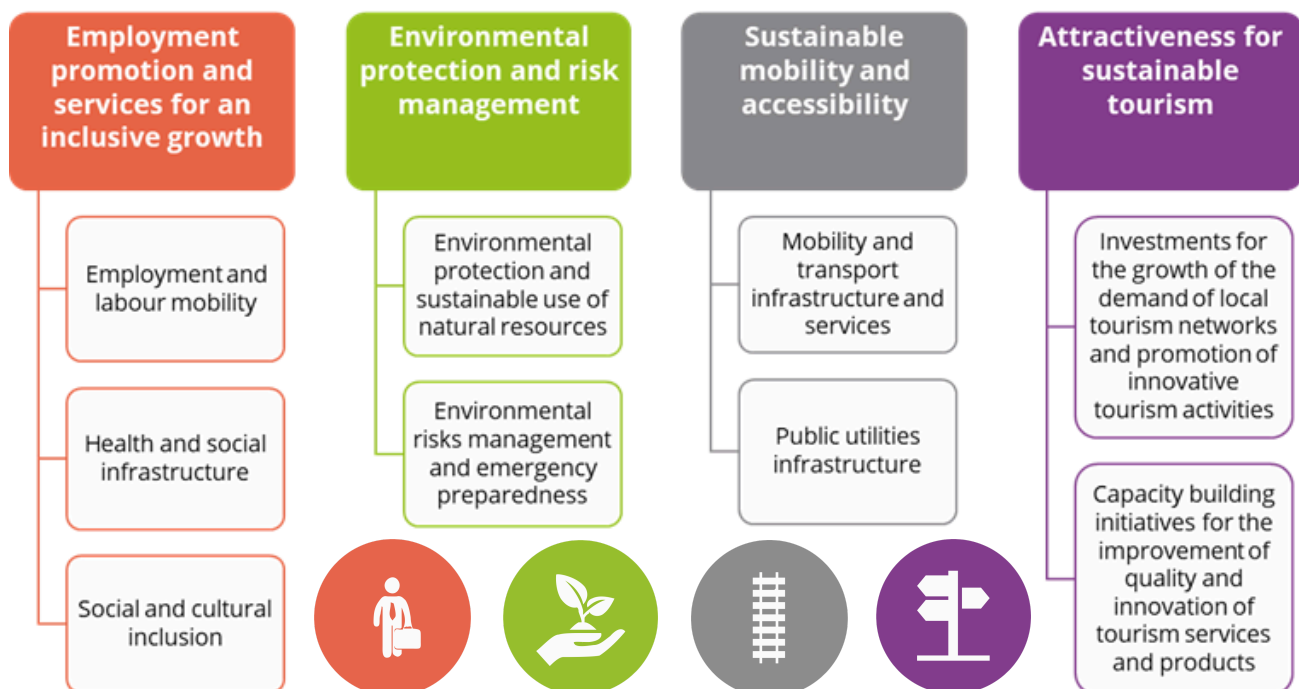
Four priority axes were identified as the basis for intervention in order to address common challenges facing regions in both Romania and Republic of Serbia.

Priority axis 1 was developed in order to enhance the potential of the programme area for an inclusive growth.

Priority axis 2 focused on the sustainable use of natural resources.

Priority axis 3 promoted the achievement of improved quality standard in public transport, mobility services, improved and enlarged access to modern and efficient public utilities services (incl. Internet, energy).

Priority axis 4 tackled the tourism activity in the Romanian-Serbian cross-border area in order to improve the capabilities and skills for high quality tourism services.



Public utilities infrastructure Environmental risks management Health infrastructure Mobility
Social and cultural inclusion Transport infrastructure and services Environmental protection
Sustainable use of natural resources Labour mobility Innovative tourism activities Employment
Improvement of quality of tourism services and products Health and social infrastructure

76 projects implemented

FIRST CALL (launched on 15 September 2015 / deadline on 1 February 2016):



194 Submitted projects



32 Financed projects



31 Finalized projects



10 projects finalized
1 project terminated



6 projects



4 projects



11 projects

Strategic call (launched on 15 September 2015 / deadline on 15 March 2016):



17 Submitted projects



2 Financed projects



2 Finalized projects



1 non-functioning project



1 project

SECOND CALL (launched on 27 November 2017 / deadline on 24 April 2018):



176 Submitted projects



43 Financed projects



43 Finalized projects



18 projects



16 projects



3 projects



6 projects



Photo of the RegioStars Trophy

Awards

“FROM MINE TO RIVER. THE WATER GUARDIANS!”



Photo taken at the conference organized by the winners of the RegioStars Competition in Timisoara on the 21st of March 2024.

The **RORS-337 project: “ROmania Serbia NETwork for assessing and disseminating the impact of copper mining activities on water quality in the cross-border area,”** co-funded by the European Union under the Interreg-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Romania-Serbia Programme participated in the **RegioStars competition** under the name “From Mine to River. The Water Guardians!” and **won the RegioStars 2023 Award** in the category “**A Green Europe.**”



228 projects co-funded by the European Union took part in the competition.

With the non-reimbursable financial support of the European Union, the West University of Timișoara, the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy from Bor (Republic of Serbia), together with the Ecological Collaboration Group Nera Caraș-Severin, have utilized their expertise in research and education to provide a solution for the **rehabilitation** and **protection** of the **environment** in the Romanian-Serbian cross-border area.

European Commission representatives, authorities and beneficiaries of the Interreg-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Romania-Serbia Programme gathered on the **21st of March 2024 in Timisoara** to the **special event** supported by the European Union designed to boost the communication activities regarding the impact of EU financing support for cross-border areas and to celebrate the winning of the RegioStars Award 2023 by this Romanian-Serbian cooperation project.



Photo of the Winners of the RegioStars 2023 competition on stage, holding their trophies.



Posters exhibited at the event on the 21st of March 2024 and the promotional video.



Project photos: collecting water and soil samples.

RegioStars is a competition dedicated to the best projects funded by the European Union that demonstrate the impact and inclusion of regional development, confirming the positive actions taken by project teams to bring valuable changes within the local communities they represent, as well as to inspire other projects across Europe.





Examples of projects in our cross-border region

<https://romania-serbia.net/capitalization-2020/>



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