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**Significant interest in Romania–Serbia cross-border cooperation**

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The second call for project proposals under the Interreg IPA Romania–Serbia Programme has generated remarkable interest. A total of **25 concept notes** were submitted by potential beneficiaries from both countries, **requesting over €63 million in European Union funding**. The amount requested exceeds the available budget for this call by seven times, **highlighting the significant interest in Romania–Serbia cross-border cooperation in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy**.

Launched on 17 December 2024, the call focused exclusively on supporting joint initiatives dedicated to energy efficiency and renewable energy in the border area between Romania and Serbia.

To support the development of the concept notes, the Managing Authority of the Programme within the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration of Romania, together with the National Authority in Serbia – the Ministry of European Integration of Serbia, and the Joint Secretariat within the Regional Office for Cross-Border Cooperation Timișoara, organized several information and support sessions for potential applicants in early 2025. In response to the high level of interest and requests from project teams, the Programme Monitoring Committee decided to extend the submission deadline to 23 May 2025.

**The 25 submitted concept notes will now be evaluated, and those receiving the highest scores will move forward to the next stage, which involves the development of the full application form.** The total budget available under this call is €10.3 million, of which 85% (€8.8 million) is provided by the European Union. For Romanian beneficiaries, the required 15% national co-financing is covered 13% by the Romanian Government and 2% by each Romanian partner.

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**The Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration** is the Managing Authority for the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme 2021–2027, which has a total budget of €87,725,681 and funds projects related to environmental protection and climate change adaptation, health and education, tourism and culture, as well as border management. [www.mdlpa.ro](http://www.mdlpa.ro)

***Additional information about the Interreg IPA Romania-Serbia Programme****,* including details on the second call for project proposals, can be accessed at: [www.romania-serbia.net](http://www.romania-serbia.net)