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| **Project information** | | |
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| **CALL FOR PROPOSALS** | 1st |
| **Priority:** | 2 Social and economic development |
| **Specific objective:** | 2.1 Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training |
| **Jems Code:** | RORS00022 |
| **Project title:** | **Joint solutions for cross-border labor market** |
| **Acronym:** | Solution |
| **Duration[[1]](#footnote-1):** | 24.12.2024 – 23.06.2026 (18 months) |
| **Interreg IPA**  **contracted funds:** | **€ 420.090,68** |
| **TOTAL contracted funds:** | **€ 494.224,35** |
| **Absorption rate (%)[[2]](#footnote-2):** | **%** (The rate will be updated after the final project report is approved.) |
| **Project overall objective(s):** | The project's specific objective is to establish two multi-functional training facilities in Timisoara and Kanjiza through joint implementation. These centres will provide co-working spaces and meeting rooms, ensuring the necessary infrastructure to strengthen cross-border cooperation between Romania and Serbia. Additionally, the project aims to enhance job seekers' skills and support SMEs in fostering collaboration across the border. |
| **Short description:** | Today, state borders are no longer seen as impenetrable barriers. For communities in border regions, their neighbours are an integral part of daily life, both physically and socioeconomically. This is evident in tourism, where families and organised groups frequently travel across borders for sightseeing, festivals, and holidays. In the Romania-Serbia and Romania-Hungary border regions, there is also significant economic interest, with businesses looking to invest, expand, or recruit workers from across the border.  However, two major obstacles hinder this cross-border integration: a lack of language skills and the absence of clear legal guidance on working or establishing businesses in a neighbouring country.  This project aims to address these challenges by developing specialised materials and training programmes. A key initiative is the creation of a language-learning methodology for Serbian and Romanian, specifically designed for the cross-border labour market. Participants will acquire essential communication skills for interacting with employers, colleagues, and public institutions such as the police, hospitals, and post offices. They will also learn how to complete forms, rent accommodation, and handle everyday tasks. Additionally, they will receive guidance on employment laws and legal requirements in the neighbouring country, enabling them to confidently accept job opportunities across the border.  Another focus of the project is supporting SMEs looking to expand their activities abroad. Many businesses face difficulties due to a lack of office space and meeting facilities in the foreign country. To overcome this, the team will establish two multi-functional training centres, one in Timisoara and one in Kanjiza. Each centre will feature a modern training room for language and legal training sessions, as well as a dedicated co-working space and meeting area for SMEs. As a pilot initiative, we will provide training for 90 participants (45 at each centre), including 60 hours of language instruction and six hours of legal training. The training materials will also be freely accessible online for any interested party.  Through these efforts, the project will create a structured framework for cross-border labour mobility, addressing common challenges in the region. By working together, the partners aim to enhance employment opportunities, support SMEs, and foster long-term economic cooperation between Romania and Serbia. |
| **Concrete results achieved by the project:** | (The results will be updated after the final project report is approved.) |

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1. the implementation period (including extensions) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. total funds spent/total funds contracted \*100 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)