

# **PROGRAMME COMPLEMENT**

## **INTERREG IIIA**

### **AUSTRIA – HUNGARY**

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comments of the Commission D (2002) 310339 of 24 April 2002 and D (2002) 310858 of 24 October  
2002, revised by Commission Decision C(2004) 4156 of 19 October 2004 and Commission Decision K  
(2005) 5921 of 23 December 2005.



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## 0. INTRODUCTION

Following the accession of Hungary to the European Union on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004 the former Interreg IIIA/Phare CBC programme on the external border Austria – Hungary has now been converted into a full Interreg IIIA programme on an internal EU border. The Community Initiative Programme (CIP) that has been revised by the Commission Decision C(2004) 4156 of 19th October 2004 and of Commission Decision K (2005) 5921 of 22 December 2005 forms the basis for the presented amended Programme Complement.

Besides the CIP the following listed documents build the legal frame for the given Programme Complement:

the EU regulations laying down provisions for the Structural Funds, in particular Council Regulations (EC) No. 1257/1999 of 17.5.1999, No. 1260/1999 and No. 1263/1999 of 21.6.1999, Regulations (EC) No. 1783/1999 and No. 1784/1999 of the European Parliament and the Council of 12.7.1999, Commission Regulations (EC) No. 1681/94 of 11.7.1994, No. 643/2000 of 28.3.2000, No. 1159/2000 of 30.5.2000, No. 438/2001 of 2.3.2001, No. 2355/2002 of 27.12.2002 and No. 448/2004 of 10.3.2004, Commission Staff Working Paper on “Guidelines on the criteria and modalities for the use of structural funds in electronic communications” SEC(2003)895 of 28 July 2003.

The structure of the document has not been changed.

The main changes in the document are to be found in the following sections:

Chapter 2: the detailed description of the measures has been streamlined to an internal Interreg IIIA programme also indicating that Priority 6 (Special support for Border Regions) does only apply on the Austrian side;

Chapter 3: Project selection has been amended following the recommendations of the mid-term and the on-going programme evaluation

Chapter 4: Communication plan has been up-dated

Chapter 5: Data exchange has been up-dated

Chapter 6: Financial Plan has been amended

All Phare related information has been omitted. But as the Phare CBC Programme will still be in place for some time all relevant regulations remain valid and can be looked up at the former version of the Programme Complement.

Thus the old version of the Programme Complement as well as the JPD still builds the legal basis for the implementation of the Phare CBC Programme Hungary – Austria whereas the CIP and this revised version of the Programme Complement is valid for the implementation of the Interreg IIIA Programme Austria – Hungary.

By the end of 2003 the Mid-term evaluation was finalised. It stated that the experience gained in the implementation so far did not show shortcomings which would require a change at the level of objectives. The recommendations of the ex-ante evaluation were either already incorporated in the final versions of the programme documents or have been taken into account during implementation. Consequently the chapter on the ex-ante evaluation has been omitted from this document.

As there are no substantial changes of the SWOT analysis the ex-ante evaluation is still valid stating that “the priorities and measures selected respond to the problems and needs identified in the situation analysis”.

Thus the decision of the programme authorities to maintain the programme’s objectives and structure (priorities, measures) is considered to be still valid and the revised Programme Complement is in line with the findings of the mid-term evaluation.



# 1 OVERVIEW OF THE PRIORITIES AND MEASURES

The programme consists of six priority axes comprising a total number of 16 measures, fifteen of them are assigned to individual priorities. Technical Assistance applies to all five priorities.

Figure 1:

**Overview of the Programme Structure by Priority**

P1 Cross-border Economic Co- operation	P2 Accessibility	P3 Cross-border Organisational Structures and Networks	P4 Human Resources	P5 Sustainable Spatial and Environmental Development	P6 Special Support for Border Region
P1/M1: Development and Support of Business Sites and Business Service Infrastructure in Border Areas	P2/M1: Improvement of Cross- border Transport and Telecommunication Infrastructure	P3/M1 Support of Cross- border Organisational Structures and Development of Networks	P4/M1 Development of Regional Labour Markets within the Context of EU Enlargement	P5/M1 Resource Management, Technical Infrastructure and Renewable Energy Supply	P6/M1 Special Support for Border Region
P1/M2: Cross-border Co- operation of Enterprises (SMEs) and Counselling and Support for Cross- border Business Activities	P2/M2: Transport Organisation, Planning and Logistics	P3/M2: Micro-projects including People-to- People Actions and Small Pilots	P4/M2: Development of Co- operation and Infrastructure in the Fields of Education, Training and Science	P5/M2: Measures for Nature and Environmental Protection including National and Nature Parks	
P1/M3: Tourism and Leisure				P5/M3: Cross-border Spatial Development in Rural and Urban Areas	
Technical Assistance					

Priority 6 "Special Support for Border Regions" is treated under a separate budget line. The funds for this additional priority have been allocated entirely for the year 2002 and can be spent only at the Austrian side of the border until the end of 2004.





## 2 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURES

### Priority Axis 1 / Measure 1: Development and Support of Business Sites and Business Service Infrastructure in Border Areas

#### 1 Contents / Object of the Measure

The main objective of this measure is to make border regions more attractive for enterprises by developing and providing assistance for business locations and business service infrastructure such as R&D parks, regional impulse centres, innovation centres and industrial parks, with a special emphasis on their cross-border activities

The aim is to ease the establishment of new enterprises in border regions and to promote cooperation with partners from other regions. The main focus is on assistance for cooperation between science and business, in particular, in those fields in which promising centres of competence are to be built up for cross-border cooperation.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

- Establishment and operation of cross-border oriented business centres (e.g., business innovation and information centres, competence centres, technology transfer centres, impulse centres, science parks, "Grenzüberschreitende Impulszentren – GIZ" (cross-border impulse centres)); providing business services to SMEs, in particular by means of monetary assistance, strengthening of the capital base and supporting SMEs with cross-border economic activities
- Creation of a business-oriented infrastructure for locations near the border
- Support of cross-border co-operation projects between science and business to encourage innovative ideas and to commercialise the output of research results
- The dissemination of information relating to R&D outputs.
- Support of cross-border business locations and economic development projects

#### 2 Goals

- Promotion and improvement of the conditions for business start-ups in cross-border areas, among other things, by improving the access to capital, loans and services for enterprises and by providing capital and services for cross-border economic activities
- Development and support of co-operation projects between national and international partners, in particular between science and business
- Development of (in a broader sense) cross-border economic core competencies (e.g., telecommunications, transport and logistics, environmental and medical technologies, East-West know-how transfer)
- Development of business service infrastructure that is oriented towards the specific needs of enterprises
- Expansion of cross-border business services
- Encouragement of innovation and technology among SMEs
- Increasing the competitiveness of enterprises (especially SMEs)

### 3 Recipients / Beneficiaries

Enterprises  
Infrastructure companies  
Associations  
Local, county and regional authorities  
Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Hungarian public interest companies working in SME development  
Chambers of Industry and Commerce  
Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

### 4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-Financing

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project  
Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)  
Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)  
Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to the CIP and the Programme Complement (see item no. 5)  
Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations  
Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)  
Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under Interreg IIIA.CIP

### 5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

### 6 Eligible Costs

As a general rule:  
Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses
- Personnel costs
- Planning costs
- Investment costs (e.g., construction, infrastructure, development, machinery, hard/software)
- Consulting expenses

### 7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).  
However, in this context, and if applicable (depending on the project), it must be noted that the maximum amount of permissible amounts granted as assistance for a specific project according to EU competition law must not be exceeded.

## 8 Implementation Instruments – Legal Basis

a) Legal basis for the granting of EU funds:

b) Legal basis for the granting of national funds

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<p>a) Individual decision of the Länder Burgenland, Niederösterreich, Wien</p> <p>b) Individual decision of the Länder Burgenland, Niederösterreich, Wien</p> <p>Individual decision of Gemeinden in Burgenland and Niederösterreich</p> <p>Allgemeine Rahmenrichtlinie für die Gewährung von Förderungen aus Bundesmitteln (BMF.-Z.01 3301/7-II/3/77 of 5 May 1977, as amended)</p> <p>Individual decision of federal bodies</p> <p>Telematik &amp; C-Tech Wien (Zuschüsse; de minimis)</p> <p>Innovations- und Technologieförderung der Stadt Wien (Zuschüsse; notifiziert FTE)</p> <p>Umwelt- und Technologieförderung der Stadt Wien (interest subsidy, duration as from 1 March 2001 until revoked; de minimis)</p> <p>Richtlinien des Ziel 1-Programmes Burgenland, as amended</p> <p>Eco-Plus-Richtlinien für die regionale Infrastrukturförderung in Niederösterreich (N109/98 duration until 31 December 2006)</p> <p>Richtlinien für die Förderungsaktion der NÖ Grenzlandförderungsgesellschaft</p> <p>ERP-Fonds: Richtlinie „ERP-Infrastrukturprogramm“</p> <p>7. Sonderrichtlinie für regionale Impulsförderung RIF 2000-2006</p>	<p>Government Act No. 1996/XXI on Regional Development and Planning</p> <p>Government Act No. 1978/IV on Criminal Code</p> <p>Government Act No. 2003/CXXIX on Public Procurement</p> <p>Government Decree No. 119/2004 of 29 April 2004 on the financial planning, implementation, accounting and control system of the utilisation of the EU Pre-Accession Funds and the Transition Facility (Phare)</p> <p>Government Decree No. 124/2003 of 15 August 2003 on the establishment of monitoring systems related to the financial supports of the European Union (Phare)</p> <p>Government Decree No. 70/2003 of 19 May 2003 on the Terms of Reference of the Minister without portfolio responsible for the co-ordination of matters of integration</p> <p>Government Decree No. 1/2004 (I. 5.) on the institutions in charge of the national implementation of assistance from the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund in Hungary</p> <p>Government Decree No. 85/2004. (IV. 19.) on State Aid Control</p> <p>Government Decree No. .../2004 (...) MWP on the detailed implementation provisions of the INTERREG Community Initiative Programmes – not signed yet</p> <p>Government Decree No. 217/1998 of 30 December 1998 on the operational system of the state budget</p> <p>Annual budgetary provisions</p> <p>Register of the regulations is available on <a href="http://www.mtrfn.hu/jogszabalyok.php">http://www.mtrfn.hu/jogszabalyok.php</a></p> <p>National strategic documents are available on <a href="http://www.nfn.hu">http://www.nfn.hu</a>, while sectoral strategies are found on web sites of line ministries</p>

## 9 Competent Authority

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

161, 162, 163, 164, 1641, 165, 166, 167, 182, 183

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Creation of cross-border business centres and co-operation among these  
Enhanced attractiveness of the location on both sides of the border  
Cross-border know-how transfer

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p><b>Impact Indicators:</b>                  To create and expand cross-border business information and communication, and business services structures                  To improve the overall conditions for building up cross-border co-operation between and among businesses as well as co-operation networks                  Know-how and technology transfer, networking with science, R&amp;D facilities                  Common external image / integrated marketing of border regions                  Reduction of legal and technical barriers</p> <p><b>Output Indicators:</b>                  Number of projects providing physical support for SME (plant and equipment etc.)                  Number of projects providing financial support to introduce environmental technologies or to develop eco-products                  Number of projects providing business advisory services                  Number of projects providing support for information networks, operational expenditure, technology oriented business databases, software, presentations, cooperation meetings, participation in fares etc.                  Number of projects providing support for building up or furnishing regional impulse centres                  Number of projects providing new financial engineering ( venture and seed capital funds, etc.) for SME; Number of new business launched                  Number of projects providing services in the support of the social economy (providing care for pendants, health and safety, cultural activities;                  Number of vocational training and training projects; Number of trainees                  Number of projects providing support for RTDI infrastructure;                  Number of projects creating networks or services for knowledge transfer</p> <p><b>Cooperation Indicators:</b>                  5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</b>                  the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p><b>Environmental Indicator:</b>                  the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p><b>Location Indicator:</b>                  the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR	
<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	5.777.166
<b>EU funds</b>	2.959.018
<b>National co-financing</b>	2.818.148
Public funds	1.064.248
Private funds	1.753.900

Priority Axis 1 / Measure 2:

Cross-border Co-operation of Enterprises (SMEs) and Counselling and Support of Cross-border Business Activities

## **Priority Axis 1 / Measure 2: Cross-border Co-operation of Enterprises (SMEs) and Counselling and Support of Cross-border Business Activities**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

The main goal of this measure is to strengthen the economic structures in border regions by supporting the structural transformation process. Border regions have a large number of SMEs, but these are hardly oriented on technology, innovation, exports or cooperation. Moreover, border regions usually fail to efficiently take advantage of the opportunities offered by cross-border economic structures and regional production and service competencies that would help intensify cross-border supply and demand relations, improve cooperation networks and enhance joint marketing efforts aimed at reinforcing the (international) competitive situation. This measure is designed to help to promote cross-border business cooperation and the consulting services required in this context in order to better exploit potential synergy effects.

The main driving force behind this development process are SMEs. They are the most important drivers with respect to employment and regional value added for regional economic development. The measure is designed especially to provide assistance for SMEs, in particular, high value added SMEs are addressed by this measure.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

Support of economic co-operation, and collaboration with R&D institutions among these; support of the joint development of new products and new production processes, including marketing and advertising activities (e.g. industry and agriculture,), development of qualification associations of enterprises (e.g. management skills)

Building up cross-border business co-operation networks and platforms (e.g. supply and demand networks, SMEs & joint ventures, business broking and clustering) for all sectors

Supporting of existing platforms and innovative companies in order to encourage innovative ideas and to commercialise outputs of R&D

Accompanying consultancy and coaching of cross-border economic activities (e.g. export/import, different legal systems)

Intensifies joint venture consultancy

Development of new cross-border business services incl. private and social services (e.g. technology transfer, information distribution, consultancy)

Building up information systems and support for the implementation of events (partner-markets, trade fairs, information on financing etc.)

Supporting analyses and studies with the focus on the contents of these measures

Support for changing the traditional structures of production (e.g. agriculture) through know-how transfer, increasing producer awareness of niche markets, speciality markets and opportunities to obtain added value

## 2 Goals

Development of regional core competencies (e.g. telecommunications, transport and logistics, environmental and medical technologies, East-West know-how transfer)

Intensified business co-operation projects (esp. SMEs) in the border area for strengthening the region's economic power and fostering export activities

Increasing the innovative power and competitiveness of enterprises (esp. SMEs)

Securing and expanding employment in the industrial and the service sector in the border regions

Increasing awareness of opportunities for economic collaboration, added value opportunities and the development of non-traditional enterprises

## 3 Recipients / Beneficiaries

Enterprises

Alliances of enterprises

Infrastructure companies

Associations

Local, county and regional authorities

Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law

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## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Cross-border co-operation projects of enterprises, networks and clusters  
Enhanced attractiveness of the location area on both sides of the border  
Cross-border know-how transfer

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p><b>Impact Indicators:</b>                  Expansion of market / integrated development of offerings, marketing and external image                  Integrated production (factor combinations) and development of services, building up of supply and delivery relationships                  Intensifying partner searches, and the development and creation of co-operation projects and networks                  Know-how and technology transfer, consulting, common services for enterprises                  Support for co-operation among enterprises in sectors experiencing strong structural changes</p> <p><b>Output Indicators:</b>                  Number of projects providing physical support for SME ( plant and equipment etc.) [number of jobs created]                  Number of projects providing financial support to introduce environmental technologies or to develop eco-products                  Number of projects providing business advisory services                  Number of projects providing support for information networks, operational expenditure, technology oriented business databases, software, presentations, cooperation meetings, participation in fares etc.                  Number of projects providing support for building up or furnishing regional impulse centres                  Number of projects providing new financial engineering ( venture and seed capital funds, etc.) for SME; Number of new business launched                  Number of projects providing services in the support of the social economy (providing care for pendants, health and safety, cultural activities;                  Number of projects providing support for RTDI infrastructure;                  Number of projects creating networks or services for knowledge transfer                  Number of vocational training and training projects (rural development, forestry, SMEs); number of trainees                  Number of projects providing services for promoting the adoption and the development of rural areas</p> <p><b>Cooperation Indicators:</b>                  5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</b>                  the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p><b>Environmental Indicator:</b>                  the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p><b>Location Indicator:</b>                  the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR	
<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	4.278.384
<b>EU funds</b>	2.236.332
<b>National co-financing</b>	2.042.052
Public funds	1.393.952
Private funds	648.100

## **Priority Axis 1 / Measure 3: Tourism and Leisure**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

The broad range of tourist and leisure time facilities in the region that include culture, sports, nature, wellness and health are the basis for developing a variety of cross-border activities according to the intensity of tourism and the stage of development in the subregions. In order for border regions to become established on national and international markets, it is necessary to expand tourism and leisure time facilities as well as to market their offerings, while taking nature and the environmental protection into account.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

Extension and improvement of activities in health, wellness, congress and cultural tourism, nature tourism

Development of joint destinations and destination management

Networks of facilities and offerings

Joint marketing of the border regions

Development of joint and harmonised attractions

Development of a joint soft tourist infrastructure

Building up and developing of joint information, reservation etc. systems for collaboration in tourism and leisure

Support of know-how transfer activities (e.g. practical experiences from existing local/regional tourist boards)

Support of agro-tourism activities

### **2 Goals**

Joint development, enhanced attractiveness and modernisation of cross-border tourist and leisure facilities, products and services

Using the potential for synergy effects with other sectors (tourism-induced demand effects)

Highlighting the special features of the joint region

Joint appearance on international markets (broader spectrum of tourist and leisure facilities/services)

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

Enterprises

Infrastructure companies

Associations

Local, county and regional authorities

Local tourist boards

Regional tourist boards

Interest group associations

Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law

Hungarian or public interest companies working in regional development or tourism development

Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

#### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner

Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project

Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)

Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)

Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to CIP and Programme Complement (see item no. 5)

Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations

Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)

Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under Interreg IIIA.

#### **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

#### **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses
- Personnel costs
- Planning costs
- Investment costs (e.g., construction, infrastructure, development, machinery, hard/software)
- Consulting expenses

#### **7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance**

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).

In this context, it must be noted that the maximum amount of permissible assistance for a specific project according to EU competition law – composed of financial support from EU structural Funds and national funds – must not be exceeded.

## 8 Implementation Instruments– Legal Basis

a) Legal basis for the granting of EU funds

b) Legal basis for the granting of national funds

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1712, 1713, 172, 173, 174, 1310

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Cross-border co-ordination and marketing of offerings  
Strengthening of the tourism and leisure-time industry in the border area

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p>Impact Indicators:</p> <p>Expansion of the market / integrated development of offerings, marketing and external image</p> <p>Development of services and integrated production (factor combinations)</p> <p>Intensifying partner searches, and the development and creation of co-operation projects and networks</p> <p>Know-how transfer, consulting, common services for enterprises</p> <p>Improving the services and products and the joint use of tourism infrastructure.</p> <p>Output Indicators:</p> <p>Number of projects providing support for tourism facilities, attractions, tourism business</p> <p>km of biking / hiking / horseback riding path constructed</p> <p>Number of projects providing support for crossborder products and services for sporting, cultural and leisure activities</p> <p>Number of vocational training and training projects (tourism); number of trainees</p> <p>Number of projects providing support for rural tourism</p> <p>Cooperation Indicators:</p> <p>5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</p> <p>the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p>Environmental Indicator:</p> <p>the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p>Location Indicator:</p> <p>the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR	
<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	8.534.068
<b>EU funds</b>	4.656.959
<b>National co-financing</b>	3.877.109
Public funds	1.629.109
Private funds	2.248.000

## **Priority Axis 2 / Measure 1: Improvement of the Cross-border Transport and Telecommunication Infrastructure**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

Cross-border economic development and cooperation as well as more intensive cross-border activities and relationships require a new and expanded transport infrastructure and organisation. This measure is aimed at improving the infrastructure of locations in border regions (e.g. cross-border business centres). The aim is to achieve sustainable economic growth in the region on both sides of the border in the long term.

Creating and improving accessibility to a high performance telecommunications infrastructure that enables users to benefit from the advantages of modern information technology gives peripheral regions a chance to compensate their geographical disadvantages. This guarantees faster and more secure access to information, cooperation partners and urban centres. The fast availability of information guaranteed by a high capacity and adequate information system is an important prerequisite for joint infrastructure projects.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

Development of a cross-border infrastructure and support of intermodality (e.g. road, railway, water, air- and combined transport, cycling routes) in order to improve the interregional and supra-regional accessibility of the cross-border region

Planning freight transport centres and establishing logistics networks

Development of cross-border information and communication technologies as well as the necessary applications (e.g. border-crossing data highway, regional intersection points in co-ordination with existing nets and telematics facilities, telematics projects, etc.)

### **2 Goals**

Improvement of cross-border traffic and transport flows and cross-border mobility as well as co-operation in the field of freight transport

Improvement of the prevailing conditions for cross-border traffic and transport at the regional level

Linking of infrastructure as a basis for a joint international image of the cross-border region

Strengthening information and know-how transfer in order to benefit from synergies

Creation of infrastructure for cross-border business centres and other important business sites

Creation and development of information and communication structures



### 3 Recipients / Beneficiaries

Local, county and regional authorities  
Interest groups  
Regional associations  
Transport operators  
Transport alliances  
Other infrastructure operators  
Enterprises and enterprise co-operation projects  
Associations  
Tourist boards  
Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Hungarian public interest companies working in transport and regional development  
Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

### 4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project  
Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)  
Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)  
Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to CIP and the Programme Complement (see item no. 5)  
Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations  
Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)  
Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under Interreg IIIA.

### 5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

### 6 Eligible Costs

As a general rule:  
Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses
- Personnel costs
- Planning costs
- Investment costs (e.g., construction, infrastructure, development, machinery, hard/software)
- Consulting expenses

## 7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).

In this respect, it must be noted that the maximum amount of permissible assistance for a specific project according to EU competition law – composed of financial support from EU Structural Funds and national funds – must not be exceeded.

Art. 29 (4) a), b)

For NÖ (Lower Austria):

no infrastructures related with considerable net income

no investments in enterprises planned

-> funding intensity of up to 100%

## 8 Implementation Instruments – Legal Basis

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 322, 323, 324

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Harmonisation / increased compatibility of infrastructure systems in the border region  
 Converging of the border region by measures of transport policy  
 Co-ordinated efforts in the transport sector in border areas  
 Intensified cross-border information exchange through an improved infrastructure  
 Development of common standards  
 Physical and virtual networking within the border region  
 Improvement of accessibility within the border region

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

### Impact Indicators:

(Preparation of) cross-border infrastructure, faster and improved transportation links

(Preparation of) links to international transportation routes

Cross-border networking of business locations

Improving the services and products, and integrated use of information technology and telecommunications infrastructure.

Cross-border development and use of IT applications, telematics services, etc.

### Output Indicators:

Number of projects providing support for the improvement of rail, road, airport, urban transport, ports, multimodal transport intelligent transport systems;

Number of projects providing support for the improvement of Information and Communication technology

Number of projects providing IT services and applications for citizens (health, administration, education)

Vocational training and training projects ( information society); number of projects providing IT services and applications for SMEs

### Cooperation Indicators:

5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved

### Gender mainstreaming indicators:

the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality

### Environmental Indicator:

the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral

### Location Indicator:

the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited

## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR

<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	11.397.870
<b>EU funds</b>	6.392.435
<b>National co-financing</b>	5.005.435
Public funds	3.359.685
Private funds	1.645.750

## **Priority Axis 2 / Measure 2: Transport Organisation, Planning and Logistics**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

Cross-border economic development and cooperation as well as more intense cross-border activities and relationships require a new and expanded transport infrastructure and organisation. The objective of this measure is the planning, organisation and optimisation of cross-border public transport in order to be able to cope with the increased traffic flows expected in the course of the enlargement of the EU. The main focus is on the improvement of links to TENs (Trans-European Networks) and PENs (Pan-European Networks) as well as on cross-border accessibility.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

- Promotion of cross-border sections of transport organisation and planning focusing on cross-border business and tourism centres
- Feasibility studies and planning
- Improving and intensifying border-crossing public transport and logistics
- Establishment of cross-border networks of freight transport and logistics
- Development as well as building up and extending transport alliances, cross-border information systems, transport and logistics concepts, planning, feasibility studies and analyses, establishment of logistics centres, development and creation of networks

### **2 Goals**

- Improvement of cross-border transport flows and cross-border mobility and accessibility; improvement of cross-border freight transport and logistics
- Improvement of links to the TEN (Trans-European Network) and PEN (Pan-European Network)
- Co-ordinated implementation of the activities for developing the transport sector in the border region

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

- Local, county and regional authorities
- Transport operators
- Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law
- Interest groups
- Transport alliances
- Other infrastructure operators
- Associations
- Research institutions
- Enterprises
- Hungarian public interest companies and associations working in transport and regional development
- Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

#### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner

Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project

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#### **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

#### **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

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#### **7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance**

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

311 – 319, 322, 323, 324

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Integration of the border region by harmonising and optimising cross-border transport services, especially with regard to public and combined transport  
 Convergence of the border region by measures relating to transport organisation, planning and design  
 Co-ordinated efforts in the transport sector in the border areas  
 Improvement of the links of the border region to Trans-European Network  
 Improving/facilitating neighbourly trade and intensified networking through an improved infrastructure



## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p><b>Impact Indicators:</b>                  (Preparation of the) improvement of cross-border infrastructure, faster and improved transportation links                  (Preparation of) links to international transportation routes                  Harmonised, integrated planning and use of transportation and telecommunications infrastructure                  Contribution to shifting traffic loads (from roads) through the harmonised/integrated use of transportation infrastructure and means                  Contribution to the creation and reinforcement of cross-border logistics</p> <p><b>Output Indicators:</b>                  Number of research and planning projects providing support for the improvement of rail, road, airport, urban transport, ports, multimodal transport intelligent transport systems;                  Number of research and planning projects providing support for the improvement of Information and Communication technology                  Number of projects providing IT services and applications for citizens (health, administration, education)                  Vocational training and training projects ( information society); number of projects providing IT services and applications for SMEs</p> <p><b>Cooperation Indicators:</b>                  5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p><b>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</b>                  the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p><b>Environmental Indicator:</b>                  the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p><b>Location Indicator:</b>                  the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR	
<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	7.336.000
<b>EU funds</b>	3.668.000
<b>National co-financing</b>	3.668.000
Public funds	2.648.750
Private funds	1.019.250

## **Priority Axis 3 / Measure 1: Support of Cross-border Organisational Structures and Development of Networks**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

The goal of this measure is to create and support institutionalised cooperation structures for the professional preparation and coordination of project applications. Practical and functioning networks should ensure cross-border cooperation and the integration of the border region (e.g. in Euregios).

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:  
(Further) development of organisational structures and co-operation networks (e. g. Euregios, networks of cities, administration, regional management, regional development agencies and thematic networks in health, youth, women, social care, integration, civil protection/defence, culture ...)  
Developing of urban-hinterlands co-operation projects  
Co-ordination and organisation of cross-border projects  
Public relations work and information management  
Activities to improve the competence of institutions working in the fields of regional and socio-cultural development

### **2 Goals**

Optimising co-operation between associations of all types, interest representation associations, administrations and authorities and NGOs in the border regions  
Improvement of resources, structures and capacity for preparation, monitoring and evaluation of cross-border projects  
Development of networks to strengthen cross-border integration and intensification of the economic, social and cultural contacts  
Improvement of cooperation in the field of environment.

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

Enterprises  
Infrastructure companies  
Associations  
Local, county and regional authorities  
Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Hungarian public interest companies working in regional development  
Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project  
Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)  
Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)  
Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to CIP and the Programme Complement (see item no. 5)  
Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations  
Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)  
Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under Interreg IIIA.

## **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

## **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses
- Personnel costs
- Planning costs
- Investment costs (e.g., construction, infrastructure, development, machinery, hard/software)
- Consulting expenses

## **7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance**

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).

In this context, it must be noted that the maximum amount of permissible assistance for a specific project according to EU competition law – composed of financial support from EU Structural Funds and national funds – must not be exceeded.

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

1642, 1643

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Creation of cross-border co-operation structures  
Support of projects across the border  
Enhanced attractiveness of the location area by cross-border integration

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

### Impact Indicators:

Networking of private and/or public services

To create and expand co-operation networks and structures

Creation and reinforcement of structures for the regular, mutual exchange of information and project collaboration

To create and expand support structures for cross-border projects

### Output Indicators:

Number of projects providing support for information networks, SME cooperation networks, development concepts, stimulation and promotional services etc.

Number of projects providing support for regional development plans, concepts and studies, regional management EuRegios etc.

### Cooperation Indicators:

5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved

### Gender mainstreaming indicators:

the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality

### Environmental Indicator:

the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral

### Location Indicator:

the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited

## Financial Plan

In EUR

<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	4.782.752
<b>EU funds</b>	2.530.276
<b>National Co-financing</b>	2.252.476
Public funds	2.092.476
Private funds	160.000

## **Priority Axis 3 / Measure 2: Micro-projects including People-to-People Initiatives and Pilot Projects**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

This measure is aimed at providing assistance for small projects in the areas of qualification and education, culture, youth, social and environmental affairs in order to promote the cross-border integration processes involving people in the border regions. In addition to reinforcing cooperation among the population, the creation of sustainable employment opportunities in the region is the main goal.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

Support of sustainable micro-projects in all fields of measures such as qualification, culture, youth, women, social and environmental issues, cultural exchange, integration, medicine and health, dialogue-based events including small pilots  
Support of local development campaigns

### **2 Goals**

Development of networks to strengthen border-crossing integration and intensify the economic, social and cultural contacts  
Strengthening and promoting long-term communication and co-operation in the border region  
Fostering the social and economic integration of the border regions  
Intensifying the economic, cultural and social contacts  
Screening of potential fields of co-operation and first contacts  
Improving cross-border cooperation in the field of environment

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Associations  
Social, cultural, research and training facilities and organisations  
Local, county and regional authorities  
Enterprises  
Hungarian public interest companies or associations working in regional development  
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Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project  
Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)  
Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)  
Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to CIP and the Programme Complement (see item no. 5)  
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## **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

## **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses (e.g., organising and holding events)
- Personnel costs
- Planning costs
- Investment costs
- Consulting expenses

## **7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance**

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

1644

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Establishing long-lasting cross-border contacts

Development and implementation of innovative ideas and measures by granting funds in a non-bureaucratic manner

Intensifying and supporting the cross-border integration process, especially in the social and cultural sphere, in particular with regard to the population at a sub-regional level

Sustainable development of the border region

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p>Impact Indicators:</p> <p>Reduction of mental barriers through the creation of a sustainable and broad co-operation base</p> <p>Creation of sustainable co-operation structures</p> <p>Development of new topics such as the first testing of new forms of collaboration in the meaning of pilot projects</p> <p>Contribution to strategic project development</p> <p>Output Indicators:</p> <p>Number of Micro projects incl. people to people actions and small pilots</p> <p>Cooperation Indicators:</p> <p>5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</p> <p>the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p>Environmental Indicator:</p> <p>the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p>Location Indicator:</p> <p>the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR	
<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	3.063.600
<b>EU funds</b>	1.800.400
<b>National co-financing</b>	1.263.200
Public funds	900.200
Private funds	363.000

**Priority Axis 4 / Measure 1:  
Development of Regional Labour Markets and Social Systems within the Context of EU  
Enlargement**

**1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

Labour market relations and development processes in border regions are characterised by the structural changes in regional economies, on the one hand, and by the consequences of the disparities that exist between the neighbouring regions, on the other. The large disparities with respect to standards of living and wages could cause a wave of cross-border migration and commuting from Hungary to Austria undesired by both sides in the event of enlargement. The overall objective of this measure is to overcome the negative effects of the imbalances (brain drain and social tension) and to develop an integrated regional labour market on both sides of the border in order to reduce regional unemployment. For this reason, a reduction in unemployment in the border region and cross-border employment initiatives are also the objectives of this measure; in Austria this measure is integrated in the strategy of the territorial employment schemes.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

- Establishment of a joint labour market monitoring and information system (e.g., labour market policy, statistics)
- Development and intensification of co-operation and networking of the regional players and social partners and activities for know-how transfer
- Information on the legal framework concerning labour market issues (e.g., social policy, unemployment regulations, safety provisions for employees, ....)
- Development of regional cross-border employment-creation alliances
- Studies and analyses
- Development of regulatory systems for the purpose of establishing socially integrated cross-border labour market relations
- Development of job opportunities close to the regional core competencies (e.g. tourism, new media and IT, social services, technical skilled workers, highly qualified persons with specific East-know-how)
- Information material and special events (e.g. manuals)
- Establishment of EURES partnership

**2 Goals**

- Cross-border information and know-how transfer (e.g., on labour market situation, national and regional labour market strategies, social standards)
- Intensifying the collaboration between the labour market institutions, benefiting from synergetic effects through co-operation
- Strengthening of local (labour market policy) players
- Activities to reduce the obstacles in the different legal systems and information transfer in the social sphere
- Creation of job opportunities for persons with low levels of education and/or qualification

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

Local, county and regional authorities  
Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Associations  
Trade unions  
Institutions of labour market administration  
Regional management organisations  
Funds  
Counselling facilities  
Consultants  
Enterprises  
Project management organisations  
Hungarian public interest companies working in regional development  
Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

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### **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

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As a general rule:  
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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

21, 22, 24, 323, 361, 362

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Overcoming of the negative effects resulting from the disparities between the border regions  
Establishment of joint institutions and information systems as a prerequisite for the development of a cross-border integrated labour market  
Creation of a cross-border integrated labour market  
Development of cross-border "employment-creation alliances"  
Labour market-related exchange of experience and know-how transfer on both sides of the border

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p>Impact Indicators:</p> <p>Reduction of organisational and legal barriers, and of information deficits</p> <p>Building up and intensification of collaboration between the labour market and social policy institutions as well as social partners</p> <p>Development of new, cross-border-adjusted occupational fields and qualifications</p> <p>Contribution to the development of instruments and cross-border labour market and social policy/development and observation</p> <p>Development of new job opportunities (creation of regional centres of core competencies)</p> <p>Output Indicators:</p> <p>Number of projects supporting studies, information systems etc. dealing with labour market policy or social integration</p> <p>Number of cooperation projects, networks of SMEs or public administration dealing with labour market policy or social integration</p> <p>Number of vocational training or training projects; number of trainees</p> <p>Number of projects providing IT services and applications for citizens (health, administration, education)</p> <p>Number of centres for disabled people supported</p> <p>Number of kindergartens supported</p> <p>Cooperation Indicators:</p> <p>5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</p> <p>the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p>Environmental Indicator:</p> <p>the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p>Location Indicator:</p> <p>the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR

<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	3.593.216
<b>EU funds</b>	1.838.808
<b>National co-financing</b>	1.754.408
Public funds	1.639.408
Private funds	115.000



## **Priority Axis 4 / Measure 2: Development of Co-operation and Infrastructure in the Fields of Education, Training and Science**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

Existing institutions and organisations in the field of education, qualification and research are a sound foundation for securing more intense cross-border cooperation. The objective of the measure is the improvement of infrastructure, education and qualification offerings. Individuals, enterprises and the border region as a whole are to be prepared for future challenges.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

- Development and implementation of joint education, further education and qualification programmes with relevance to the regional development and the cross-border strategy (e.g., environment, tourism, new media, social services, language courses, civil protection/defence, etc.)
- Improvement of the education, further education, qualification and research infrastructure (e.g., civil protection/defence)
- Establishment and further development of cross-border information services and information centres concerned with educational and qualification offers
- Support programmes for the establishment of vocational and re-qualification centres
- Exchange programmes on an institutional level
- Development of multi-lingual teaching material
- Elaboration and implementation of studies and analyses in the fields of education, further education and qualification, science and research development
- Development of reference systems for education and qualification
- Promotion of cross-border projects organised by and for minorities (exchange, support, qualification and research projects)
- Creation of joint counselling structures
- Establishment of networks, organising seminars, special events and platforms for dialogue
- Public relations work

### **2 Goals**

- Co-ordination in the field of education, further education, qualification and information (e.g., developing joint offers)
- Preparation of the region for the enlargement of the EU in education, further education and training
- Harmonisation of labour-force profiles (qualification level) with conditions and requirements of the EU countries
- Intensification of co-operation projects between institutions of education and qualification (schools, institutions of adult education, etc.)
- Strengthening the exchange of scientific knowledge and research

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

- Local, county and regional authorities
- Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law
- Associations
- Educational, research, training and qualification organisations and institutions
- Counselling organisations
- Consultants
- Funds
- Enterprises
- Project management organisations
- Trade unions
- Hungarian public interest companies working in regional development
- Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

#### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project  
Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)  
Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)  
Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to CIP and the Programme Complement (see item no. 5)  
Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations  
Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)  
Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under Interreg IIIA.

#### **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

#### **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses
- Personnel costs
- Planning costs
- Investment costs (e.g., construction, infrastructure, development, machinery, hard/software)
- Consulting expenses

#### **7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance**

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).

In this context, it must be noted that the maximum amount of permissible assistance for a specific project according to EU competition law – composed of financial support from EU Structural Funds and national funds – must not be exceeded.

## 8 Implementation Instruments – Legal Basis

a) Legal basis for the granting of the EU funds

b) Legal basis for the granting of national funds

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

23, 24, 181, 323, 324

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Improvement of the infrastructure, enhancing, expanding and co-ordinating cross-border educational and qualification offers, tuned to regional needs

Preparing the border region for the EU enlargement process and establishing the necessary preconditions for a convergence of the region

Intensified cross-border co-operation in the field of research

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p>Impact Indicators:</p> <p>Ongoing collaboration and exchange of information between education and science institutions, creation of co-operation structures</p> <p>Development/implementation of education and qualification modules with a cross-border focus and multi-/dual lingual educational programmes and teaching materials</p> <p>Intensification of scientific co-operation and exchange</p> <p>Contribution to the development of reference systems for education and qualification</p> <p>Creation and expansion of infrastructure (education, qualification, science and research) with a cross-border focus</p> <p>Output Indicators:</p> <p>Number of vocational training or training projects (information society); number of trainees</p> <p>Number of projects providing IT services and applications for citizens (health, administration, education)</p> <p>Cooperation Indicators:</p> <p>5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</p> <p>the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p>Environmental Indicator:</p> <p>the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p>Location Indicator:</p> <p>the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR	
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<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	7.514.628
<b>EU funds</b>	4.137.114
<b>National co-financing</b>	3.377.514
Public funds	3.167.514
Private funds	210.000
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## **Priority Axis 5 / Measure 1: Resource Management, Technical Infrastructure and Renewable Energy Supply**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

The main objective of this measures is the optimal use of resources and alternative energy products and services. These considerations must take into account the differences in the infrastructure requirements with respect to the technical infrastructure and organisation (e.g. water, wastewater management) in the neighbouring countries. Furthermore, existing systems must be improved and cross-border concept developed.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

- Studies and concepts (environmental planning), environmental monitoring and information systems, ecological research (e.g., concerning air, water, soil, energy)
- Development of environmentally-friendly technologies and methods
- Initiatives in the fields of water and waste-water management (pilots, cross-border concepts and infrastructure, feasibility studies, etc., improvement of the sewage and waste disposal systems)
- Rehabilitation of contaminated sites
- Facilities of technical infrastructure (water equipment, sewage, gas, energy and waste facilities)
- Public relations work and enhanced public awareness
- Setting up of a fund for environment and technology for enterprises operating across the border in the field of environmental protection, energy efficiency and renewable energy resources

### **2 Goals**

- Intensified utilisation of renewable energy
- Protection of the environment and the natural resources
- Optimal use of the existing resources
- Reducing/avoiding negative impacts on the environment
- Further development of the technical infrastructure to support sustainable development
- Strengthening and support of enterprises operating across borders in the field of environmental protection, energy efficiency and renewable energy resources and sustainable improvement of the environmental situation in the border region

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

- Local, county and regional authorities
- Interest groups
- Water management associations
- Water co-operatives
- Waste management associations
- Energy supply services
- Regional energy agencies
- Associations
- Enterprises
- Research institutions
- Other operators of environmental infrastructure facilities
- Operators of environmental infrastructure facilities
- Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law
- Tourist boards
- Hungarian public interest companies working in regional development
- Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

#### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner

Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project

Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)

Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)

Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to CIP and the Programme Complement (see item no. 5)

Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations

Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)

Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under Interreg IIIA.

#### **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

#### **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses
- Personnel costs
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- Investment costs (e.g., construction, infrastructure, development, machinery, hard/software)
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#### **7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance**

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).

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Art. 29 (4) a), b)

For NÖ (Lower Austria):

no infrastructures which are associated with considerable net earnings  
no investments in enterprises planned

-> funding intensity of up to 100%

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 162, 163, 1301, 1308, 1312, 1313, 353, 125, 126, 127, 332, 333, 151, 152

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Development of a shared understanding and a common view regarding resource management, technical infrastructure and renewable energy

Intensified utilisation of renewable energy and optimal use of the existing resources in the border region

Elaborating a common basis for planning and decision-making in these fields towards a compatibility of systems and common standards

Exploiting cross-border synergy effects when extending and further developing existing technical infrastructure facilities

Preservation and improvement of the environmental situation in the border region

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

<p>Impact Indicators:</p> <p>Contribution to the development and implementation of joint (environmental) standards and monitoring</p> <p>Co-ordinated environmental and resource management, creation of co-operation structures</p> <p>Utilisation of renewable energy resources and natural resources</p> <p>Improvement of environmental status/reduction of emissions</p> <p>Improving the standard and joint use of environmental infrastructure and technology</p> <p>Output Indicators:</p> <p>Number of projects dealing with air pollution, noise reduction, improvements of urban and industrial waste disposal or recycling facilities, drinking water (collection, storage, treatment distribution) or the improvement in sewerage and purification</p> <p>Number of projects providing financial support to introduce environmental technologies or to develop eco-products [environmental impact of firms activities in terms of decreased pollution (CO<sub>2</sub>, in %)]</p> <p>Number of projects providing business advisory services</p> <p>Number of projects dealing with land improvement, agricultural water resources management, preservation of the environment (land, forestry and landscape conservation, animal welfare, recovery after damage by and prevention of natural disasters</p> <p>Number of research and planning projects supported (dealing with biodiversity, protection measures, securing natural and cultural landscape, water resources management etc.)</p> <p>Number of projects dealing with restoring forestry production potential damaged by natural disasters or fire and introducing appropriate prevention instruments km<sup>2</sup>(ha) reafforested</p> <p>Number of projects dealing with afforestation of non-agricultural land km<sup>2</sup> (ha) reafforested</p> <p>Number of project dealing with improving / maintaining the ecological stability of protective forests km<sup>2</sup> (ha) reafforested</p> <p>Number of projects supporting the use of renewable sources of energy, the improvement of energy efficiency, cogeneration and energy control as well as planning and know-how transfer projects, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents t/a, new capacity created KW</p> <p>Number of investment projects in plants and equipment or in environmental friendly technologies, clean and economical energy technologies production of solar energy MJ/a</p> <p>Cooperation Indicators:</p> <p>5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming indicators:</p> <p>the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality</p> <p>Environmental Indicator:</p> <p>the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral</p> <p>Location Indicator:</p> <p>the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited</p>
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## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR

<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	73.61.735
<b>EU funds</b>	4.308.468
<b>National co-financing</b>	3.053.267
Public funds	2.709.267
Private funds	344.000

## **Priority Axis 5 / Measure 2: Measures for Nature and Environmental Protection including National and Nature Parks**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

This measure covers all projects and activities relating to nature protection and environment, as well as to the realisation of suitable actions within the scope of national and/or nature parks and protected areas (e.g. Natura 2000).

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

- Improvement and development of the environmental infrastructure (national parks, nature parks, protected areas)
- Joint marketing activities for the national and nature parks and protected areas
- Preservation, expansion and sustainable development of measures in the fields of nature and environmental protection
- Joint management programmes
- Joint renewal projects/activities in the deteriorated areas
- Project planning and monitoring
- Joint tourism projects
- Public relations work and enhanced public awareness

### **2 Goals**

Protection and preservation of the high quality of the nature, natural resources and landscape conditions  
Development of national and/or nature parks and protected areas

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

Local, county and regional authorities  
Interest groups  
Associations  
National and nature park organisations and associations (funds)  
Nature protection groups  
Enterprises  
Regional tourist boards  
Provincial boards  
Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Hungarian public interest companies working in regional development  
Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary

#### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
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#### **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

#### **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Material costs and operating expenses
- Personnel costs
- Planning costs
- Investment costs (e.g., construction, infrastructure, development, machinery, hard/software)
- Consulting expenses

#### **7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance**

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).

In this context, it must be noted that the maximum amount of permissible assistance for a specific project according to EU competition law – composed of financial support from EU Structural Funds and national funds – must not be exceeded.

Art. 29 (4) a), b)

For NÖ (Lower Austria):

no infrastructures which are associated with considerable net earnings

no investments in enterprises planned

-> funding intensity of up to 100%

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

1301, 1308, 1312, 1313, 125, 126, 127, 353

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Development of a shared understanding and a common view regarding the environment, nature and environmental protection and eco-friendly exploitation of the common natural resources

Elaborating a common basis for planning and decision-making in these fields towards a compatibility of systems and common standards

Joint work relating to natural spaces having common features or similarly structured nature areas

Exploiting cross-border synergy effects when extending and further developing the environmental infrastructure

Joint eco-friendly development and marketing of the common environmental potential (e.g., cross-border co-ordination of offerings and marketing of nature and national parks)

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

### Impact Indicators:

Contribution to the development and implementation of joint (environmental) standards and monitoring  
Integration and joint protection/use of ecologically valuable zones and natural heritage  
Co-ordinated management of nature and national parks, creation and expansion of co-operation structures  
Common external image and marketing of nature and national parks  
Improved standard and joint use of nature and national park infrastructure, environmental infrastructure and technology

### Output Indicators:

Number of projects dealing with land improvement, agricultural water resources management, preservation of the environment (land, forestry and landscape conservation, animal welfare, recovery after damage by and prevention of natural disasters)  
Number of projects dealing with restoring forestry production potential damaged by natural disasters or fire and introducing appropriate prevention instruments km2(ha) reforested  
Number of projects dealing with afforestation of non-agricultural land km2 (ha) reforested  
Number of project dealing with improving / maintaining the ecological stability of protective forests km2 (ha) reforested  
Number of projects dealing with prevention, upgrading and rehabilitation of natural areas, national and nature parks

### Cooperation Indicators:

5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved

### Gender mainstreaming indicators:

the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality

### Environmental Indicator:

the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral

### Location Indicator:

the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited

## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR

<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	5.185.157
<b>EU funds</b>	2.718.098
<b>National co-financing</b>	2.467.059
Public funds	1.308.059
Private funds	1.159.000

## **Priority Axis 5 / Measure 3: Cross-border Spatial Development in Rural and Urban Areas**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

The general objective of this measure is the development of the rural and urban areas in the sense of creating a joint economic and natural space. Regional and spatial analysis and strategies as well as environmental studies and monitoring systems or land-use concepts should serve as the basis for the implementation of concrete projects.

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:  
Support of studies and analyses in the fields of regional development, spatial and urban planning, economic development, environmental and urban technologies  
Strategic studies  
Feasibility studies and cross-border pilot projects

### **2 Goals**

Sustainable regional development in order to prepare the border regions for EU accession  
Harmonisation of the concepts, plans, programmes and strategies (related to e.g. water management, urbanisation, tourist activities, transport, extracting industry, SMEs and energy taking into account the objectives of biodiversity conservation)  
Convergence of the region

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

Local, county and regional authorities  
Interest groups  
Regional boards  
Associations  
Infrastructure operators  
Enterprises and enterprise co-operation projects  
Water management associations  
Waste management associations  
Energy supply services  
Regional energy agencies  
Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Research institutes  
Hungarian public interest companies working in regional development  
Natural persons and profit oriented organisations are not eligible in Hungary



#### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project  
Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)  
Relevant project aim in line with sectoral policy objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)  
Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to CIP and the Programme Complement (see item no. 5)  
Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations  
Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)  
Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under Interreg IIIA.

#### **5 Specific Criteria for Project Selection**

See chapter 3 of the Programme Complement

#### **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:

Costs that are directly related to project activities:

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

351,353, 352, 354, 1306, 1642, 1643

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Identifying the joint potential/opportunities and risks stemming from the common border area

Adaptation of concepts, plans, programmes and strategies to these common findings and views; elaboration of joint spatial concepts and studies to develop the border area

Recognition of the common region as a basis for strategic planning

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

### Impact Indicators:

Harmonisation of settlement and infrastructure development and planning, landscape planning/use, social and economic development of locations

Harmonisation of planning and use of environmental and urban technologies

Harmonisation of strategic preparation for EU enlargement

Analysis and study of regional development potentials and strategies

Creation and expansion of co-operation structures and networks

### Output Indicators:

Number of research and planning projects dealing with upgrading and rehabilitation of industrial sites, rehabilitation of urban areas, biodiversity etc. or preservation of cultural heritage

Number of projects dealing with renovation and development of villages or protection and conservation of the rural heritage

Number of projects providing support for information networks, SME cooperation networks, development concepts, stimulation and promotional services etc.

Number of projects providing support for regional development plans, concepts and studies, regional management, EuRegios etc.

### Cooperation Indicators:

5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved

### Gender mainstreaming indicators:

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### Environmental Indicator:

the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral

### Location Indicator:

the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited

## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR

<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	2.518.010
<b>EU funds</b>	1.290.385
<b>National co-financing</b>	1.227.625
Public funds	1.158.625
Private funds	69.000

## **Priority Axis 6 Special Support for Border Regions**

On 25th July 2001, the Commission passed the so-called „Community Action for Border Regions“ [KOM(2001) 437 final version], i.e. a document describing the impacts the upcoming enlargement of the European Union will have on the regions bordering on accession countries. This action plan suggests a number of measures for the benefit of these regions to help them prepare for the enlargement of the European Union. The Commission proposed to add the financial resources dedicated to this purpose to the INTERREG programmes in the form of a single common priority called "special support for regions bordering on accession countries". This priority is valid only for the Austrian border region, the funds are available only for the year 2002 and have to be spent until end of 2004.

### **Objectives**

The financial resources are dedicated to supporting activities serving to ensure a smooth transition in the border regions and sustainable acceptance of the enlargement of the European Union by the general public. The new priority is intended to support environmentally favourable projects that are directly associated with the enlargement of the European Union and will improve the competitive strength of the border regions.

### **Strategies**

Support will in particular be granted for:

- Activities to support those small and medium-sized enterprises that will be particularly affected by the enlargement of the EU so as to enhance cross-border economic cooperation.
- Expansion of cross-border traffic routes to ensure sustainable and environmentally friendly development of potentials in the fields of tourism and nature on both sides of the respective border.
- Educational measures and intercultural cooperation, including measures to promote the integration of other cultural and language groups so as to reduce cultural and language barriers.

## Priority Axis 6

### 1 Contents / Object of the Measure

- a) Small and Medium Sized Enterprises that are particularly affected by the EU enlargement
- This measure contains target-oriented preparation of and support for those small and medium-sized enterprises that are particularly affected by the upcoming enlargement of the EU so as to enable them to adapt to the impending modifications of the economic framework conditions. Full opening of the borders, free movement of persons and goods and freedom of establishment will completely change the economic framework conditions even though the full scope of these changes will, as a consequence of the transition periods to be agreed, not be felt immediately. Small and medium-sized enterprises, in particular, are often subject to limitations in terms of human resources and time, and therefore find it difficult to engage to a significant degree in research, development, cooperation projects and measures to improve their market situation without external support.
- b) Development of a cross-border transport network
- This measure contains cross-border projects in the field of traffic, especially to improve the utilization of potentials in the field of tourism and nature.
- The measure focuses, among other things, on implementing pilot projects dedicated to the introduction and creation of environmentally friendly traffic in sensitive areas in the programme region (e.g. national Park Neusiedler See).
- Creating, expanding and reactivating border crossing points between Austria and Hungary is intended to reduce the barrier function of the border between the countries, especially in the context of small-scale cross-border activities, and to improve the framework conditions for cross-border tourism.
- c) Training Activities and intercultural cooperation
- Activities to promote cultural exchange and intercultural cooperation (e.g. cross-border events, exhibitions) (e.g. joint events, exhibitions).
- Cooperation projects involving minorities.
- (Further) development of cross-border organizational structures and cooperation networks as well as theme-specific networks (culture marketing, media platform).
- Projects to improve minority language skills (e.g. in small and medium-sized enterprises).

### 2 Goals

- a) Increasing the innovative power and competitiveness of enterprises (esp. SMEs) in the light of the EU enlargement
- Support of set-up platforms and networks to increase business links
- Improvement of cross-border information about offer and demand in the labour sector.
- Strengthening enterprises that engage in cross-border activities in the field of environmental protection and make a sustainable contribution to improving the environmental situation in the border area.
- Creation of a business-related infrastructure that properly responds to the needs of enterprises.
- Intensified business co-operation projects (esp. SMEs) in the border area for strengthening the region's economic power and fostering export activities
- Initiation of cross-border language and management training facilities for small and medium-sized enterprises.
- b) Development of solutions for traffic-related problems in sensitive areas (e.g. national parks) in the framework of sustainable regional development.
- Reducing the barrier function of the state border, especially in the context of small-scale cross-border activities and cross-border tourism.
- Improving accessibility, especially with a view to the transportation of goods.
- c) Initiation of cross-border exchange projects in the field of culture and languages.
- Development of networks to enhance cross-border integration and intensification of economic, social and cultural contacts.
- Promoting the preservation of minority languages.
- Improving acceptance of the neighbours, especially with a view to the upcoming enlargement of the EU.

### 3 Recipients / Beneficiaries

Enterprises  
Alliances of enterprises  
Associations  
Local and regional authorities  
Natural and legal persons under private and public law and partnerships under civil law  
Transport operators  
Interest groups  
Transport alliances  
Other infrastructure operators  
Research institutions

### 4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
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Consulting expenses

### 7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance

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a) 162, 163, 164, 165, 167; b) 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 1712, 1713; c) 1732, 1714, 22, 23

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

- a) Cross-border co-operation projects of enterprises, networks and clusters  
Enhanced attractiveness of the location area on both sides of the border  
Cross-border know-how transfer
- b) Integration of the border region by harmonising and optimising cross-border transport services, especially with regard to public and combined transport  
Improvement of the links of the border region to Trans-European Network  
Improving/facilitating neighbourly trade and intensified networking through an improved infrastructure
- c) Reduction of information deficits and mental barriers at the local and regional level  
Networking of private and/or public institutions with an intercultural focus  
Development and implementation of intercultural education and qualification offerings (with a focus on minorities)  
Promotion of minority language facilities with cross-border effects  
Development and implementation of cultural exchange programmes with longterm effects

## 12 Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation

### Impact Indicators:

- a) Creation and expansion of infrastructure facilitating cross-border activities and responding to the needs of enterprises and establishment and expansion of business-related services.  
Improvement of framework conditions for the establishment of cross-border cooperation between enterprises and on a superordinate level as well as enhancement of cooperation networks.  
Common presence vis-à-vis third parties / integrated marketing of the region.  
Elimination of legal and technical barriers.
- b) (Preparation of the) improvement of cross-border infrastructure, faster and improved transportation links  
(Preparation of) links to international transportation routes  
Contribution to the creation and reinforcement of cross-border logistics  
Improving the services and products and the joint use of tourism infrastructure.
- c) Continuous cooperation and exchange of information between educational and scientific institutions, establishment of cooperation structures.  
Development and implementation of education and qualification modules with a cross-border focus and bilingual/multilingual training courses / teaching materials.  
Establishment or consolidation of structures facilitating regular mutual intercultural exchange of information.  
Establishment and expansion of structures serving to maintain and accompany cross-border intercultural projects.

### Output Indicators:

- a) Number of projects providing physical support for SME ( plant and equipment etc.) [number of jobs created]  
Number of projects providing financial support to introduce environmental technologies or to develop eco-products  
Number of projects providing business advisory services  
Number of projects providing support for information networks, operational expenditure, technology oriented business databases, software, presentations, cooperation meetings, participation in fares etc.  
Number of projects creating networks or services for knowledge transfer  
Number of vocational training and training projects (SMEs); number of trainees
- b) Number of projects providing support for the improvement of rail, road, airport, urban transport, ports, multimodal transport intelligent transport systems;  
km of biking / hiking / horseback riding path constructed
- c) Number of vocational education and training projects (number of participants).  
Number of projects supporting intercultural networks and exchange programmes.

### Cooperation Indicators:

5 phases of crossborder cooperation; planned / achieved

### Gender mainstreaming indicators:

the project: has equality between the sexes as its main focus, is positive in terms of male-female equality or is neutral in terms of such equality

### Environmental Indicator:

the project: has the environment as its main focus; is environmental friendly; is environmentally neutral

### Location Indicator:

the project is: urban; rural; not geographically delimited

## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR	Austria
<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	1.972.000
<b>EU funds</b>	986.000
<b>National co-financing</b>	986.000
Public funds	986.000
Private funds	0

## Technical Assistance:

According to Article 23 of Regulation (EU) Nr. 1260/1999, technical assistance has the propose of aiding the preparation, support, evaluation and control work involved in the programme and is subdivided by Rule 11 of Regulation (EC) Nr. 1685/2000 into two areas:

TA-1: Administration, implementation, support and control activities (pursuant to Rule 11, par. 2), and

TA-2: Other activities within the scope of technical assistance (pursuant to Rule 11, par. 3)

## Technical Assistance-1: Administration, implementation, support and control activities (pursuant to Rule 11, par. 2 Regulation (EC) 438/2004)

### 1 Contents / Object of the Measure

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:

- Activities in connection with the preparation, selection, evaluation and support of interventions and operations
- Activities involving meetings of the Monitoring Committees and Steering Committees in connection with the intervention, including the Technical Secretariat as well as costs of experts and third-country participants pursuant to Rule 11 par. 2.1. Regulation (EC) Nr. 1685/2000.
- Examination and on-site checks of operations
- Draw up of the obligatory reports on the progress of the programme (annual implementation report, progress report)
- Preparation of the programme of the following SF-period
- Running and management of an electronic based monitoring for the management and monitoring of the programme
- Specific measures pursuant to number 52 of the INTERREG III guideline with a view to the creation and development of common structures

### 2 Goals

- Efficient and in-time technical programme implementation
- Co-ordination of the cross-border co-operation at the programme level
- Exchange of experiences

### 3 Recipients / Beneficiaries

- Local, county and regional authorities
- VÁTI in Hungary
- Other authorities in charge of programme support

### 4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing

- Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner
- Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project
- Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)
- Relevant project aim in line with sectoral objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)
- Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to the CIP and the Programme Complement (see item 5)
- Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations
- Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)
- Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under INTERREG IIIA.

## 5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection

Relevant for an efficient implementation of the intervention  
 Compatibility of the single-project to the overall-planning of the TA of the Managing Authority

## 6 Eligible Costs

As a general rule:  
 Costs that are directly related to project activities:  
 Installation and operation of a technical secretariat  
 Personnel and material costs  
 Consultation fee

## 7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance

Unrecoverable assistance, ERDF participation according to programme up to 50% max (applicable in Austria), and 75% max (applicable in Hungary).  
 Maximum amount of assistance according to EU competition law must not be exceeded.

## 8 Implementation Instruments – Legal Basis

a) Legal basis for the granting of the EU funds

b) Legal basis for the granting of national funds

Austria	Hungary
<p>a)                      Individual decision of the Federal Chancellery in its function as management authority                      Individual decision of the Länder of Burgenland, Niederösterreich and Wien</p> <p>b)                      Individual decision of the Länder of Burgenland, Niederösterreich and Wien                      Direct commissioning by public bodies                      Allgemeine Rahmenrichtlinie für die Gewährung von Förderungen aus Bundesmitteln (BMF.-Z.01 3301/7-II/3/77 of 5 May 1977, as amended)                      Richtlinien des Ziel 1-Programmes Burgenland, as amended</p>	<p>Government Act No. 1996/XXI on Regional Development and Planning                      Government Act No. 1978/IV on Criminal Code                      Government Act No. 2003/CXXIX on Public Procurement</p> <p>Government Decree No. 119/2004 of 29 April 2004 on the financial planning, implementation, accounting and control system of the utilisation of the EU Pre-Accession Funds and the Transition Facility (Phare)</p> <p>Government Decree No. 124/2003 of 15 August 2003 on the establishment of monitoring systems related to the financial supports of the European Union (Phare)</p> <p>Government Decree No. 70/2003 of 19 May 2003 on the Terms of Reference of the Minister without portfolio responsible for the co-ordination of matters of integration</p> <p>Government Decree No. 1/2004 (I. 5.) on the institutions in charge of the national implementation of assistance from the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund in Hungary</p> <p>Government Decree No. 85/2004. (IV. 19.) on State Aid Control</p> <p>Government Decree No. .../2004 (...) MWP on the detailed implementation provisions of the INTERREG Community Initiative Programmes – not signed yet</p> <p>Government Decree No. 217/1998 of 30 December 1998 on the operational system of the state budget</p> <p>Annual budgetary provisions</p> <p>Register of the regulations is available on <a href="http://www.mtrfh.hu/jogszabalyok.php">http://www.mtrfh.hu/jogszabalyok.php</a>                      National strategic documents are available on <a href="http://www.nfn.hu">http://www.nfn.hu</a>, while sectoral strategies are found on web sites of line ministries</p>

## 9 Competent Authorities

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

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## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Efficient common decision-making procedure  
 Contribute to the agreement on and transparency in project selection  
 Contribute to the strengthening of the joint development process  
 Co-ordinated programme adjustments on a regular basis

## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR

<b>Total cost of the measure</b>	2.948.155
<b>EU funds</b>	1.594.616
<b>National co-financing</b>	1.353.539
Public funds	1.353.539
Private funds	0

## **Technical Assistance-2: Other activities within the scope of technical assistance (pursuant to Rule 11, par. 3 Regulation (EC) 438/2004)**

### **1 Contents / Object of the Measure**

Relying on the options listed in the CIP projects with the focus in the following areas will be supported:  
Collection, processing and documentation of data, acquisition and installation of computerised systems for management, monitoring and evaluation  
Information and disclosure activities of the programme  
Programme evaluation  
Preparation of studies as well as realisation of seminars – in connection with the implementation of the intervention

### **2 Goals**

Guarantee of an efficient and in-time technical programme implementation  
Broad information of the public  
Activation of potential project-owners through information and  
Disclosure activities

### **3 Recipients / Beneficiaries**

Local, county and regional authorities  
VÁTI in Hungary  
Other authorities in charge of programme support

### **4 Formal Criteria for EU Co-financing**

Economic and organisational capacity of the project owner  
Amount and appropriateness of the costs of the project  
Secured financing, appropriateness of the ratio between own funds and public assistance (taking into account the possible EU co-financing according to the programme as well as any other national public funds applied for, already granted or promised)  
Relevant project aim in line with sectoral objectives (if required, also including statements of other administrative bodies concerned)  
Fulfilment of the specific requirements for assistance under INTERREG IIIA pursuant to the CIP and the Programme Complement (see item 5)  
Compliance with the criteria for ERDF assistance (pursuant to Council Regulation no. 1783/99) and with the Commission Regulation concerning the eligibility of operations  
Compliance with other relevant EU regulations (subsidy laws, rules for the awarding of public contracts, environmental law, etc.)  
Observance of the condition that any ongoing business of institutions within the framework of their legal mandate or any activities covered by base subsidies cannot be funded under INTERREG IIIA.

### **5 Specific Criteria for the Project Selection**

Relevant for an efficient implementation of the intervention  
Compatibility of the single-project to the overall-planning of the TA of the Managing Authority

### **6 Eligible Costs**

As a general rule:  
Costs that are directly related to project activities:

- Installation and operation of a technical secretariat
- Personnel and material costs
- Consultation fees

## 7 Type and Amount of EU Assistance

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## 10 Code Numbers for Assistance from the Structural Funds

412, 413, 414, 415

## 11 Desired Effects on the Integration of the Border Region

Efficient joint decision-making procedure  
Highly topical information on both sides  
Contribute to the agreement on and transparency in project selection  
Contribute to the strengthening of the joint development process  
Co-ordinated programme adjustments on a regular basis

## 13 Financial Plan

In EUR

Total cost of the measure	632.769
EU funds	346.519
National co-financing	286.250
Public funds	286.250
Private funds	0



### 3 PROJECT SELECTION: CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

As the development of common projects under INTERREG IIIA shall be intensified, the mutual exchange of information on project ideas already before the formal application is of crucial importance. In this respect, besides regular information exchange between the Intermediate Bodies, regional managements and regional development agencies, also info days and joint forums on project ideas will be organised for potential project owners.

In the course of implementation of the Interreg IIIA programme, the following types of projects are expected:

- **Joint projects:** the project is developed jointly and foresees joint implementation of activities by participating project partners in large parts at the same time. The project application is pre-assessed jointly and joint recommendation for ERDF funding is given by Intermediate Bodies. Ideally the project proposal is presented jointly at the very same Steering Committee meeting. If the project is approved by the Steering Committee, two separate subsidy contracts are concluded with the Final Beneficiaries in Austria and Hungary.
- **Mirror projects:** the projects are developed in co-operation planning complementary activities to be implemented on both sides of the border but need not necessarily take place at the same time. Different project applications are submitted by project owners to the respective Intermediate Body in Austria and Hungary. Mirror projects can be approved to already existing projects.
- **Other projects:** projects must show clear cross border impact, though they are financed only from one side with an ERDF subsidy contract.

In general, the selection of projects shall be done in the following way:

- In the pre-assessment phase the fulfillment of formal criteria is checked. The Intermediate Bodies (IBs) examine the applications according to administrative and eligibility criteria.
- The IBs assess the project also according (a) a core selection criteria-standardised survey of the cross-border-quality in the projects' development and implementation and (b) a survey and typology of the projects expected impacts on functionally integrated regional development.

After completing the examination, the project proposal is given positive or negative statements on the individual aspects examined and will then be reported by the respective IB to the Central Monitoring System (CMS).

All projects with complete application form are to be reported in the CMS with status level 1 (first entry in CMS – obligatory) and with defined minimum requirements.

- The TS prepares materials for the Steering Committee to take decision on project selection and the ERDF funding. It examines the project applications as to whether they are complete and meet the selection criteria and provides project sheets to the members of the Steering Committee.
- The formal decision on the granting of the assistance is taken on by the Steering Committee on the basis of project selection criteria and the specific regulations applying to the Structural Funds. The Steering Committee selects projects for ERDF funding on the basis of the project selection criteria and recommendations prepared by the IBs/TS following the Rules of Procedure.
- Finally, the IBs set up the subsidy contract and make checks of the project implementation. Also the responsibility for the payments lies with these bodies.

### 3.1 Project Selection Procedure

The project selection procedure is a sequence of activities flowing from the regional level of the IBs and the TS to the Steering Committee and the individual steps are illustrated in the table below. Please note that the entire Interreg IIIA selection process is contained only in the right side of the table, while the examination of compliance with directives and the co-financing eligibility of a project runs parallel in the preparatory phase.

Exceptions to the selection procedure laid down in this chapter are to be dealt pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee for the implementation of the Interreg IIIA Programme Austria – Hungary, article 4, last paragraph.

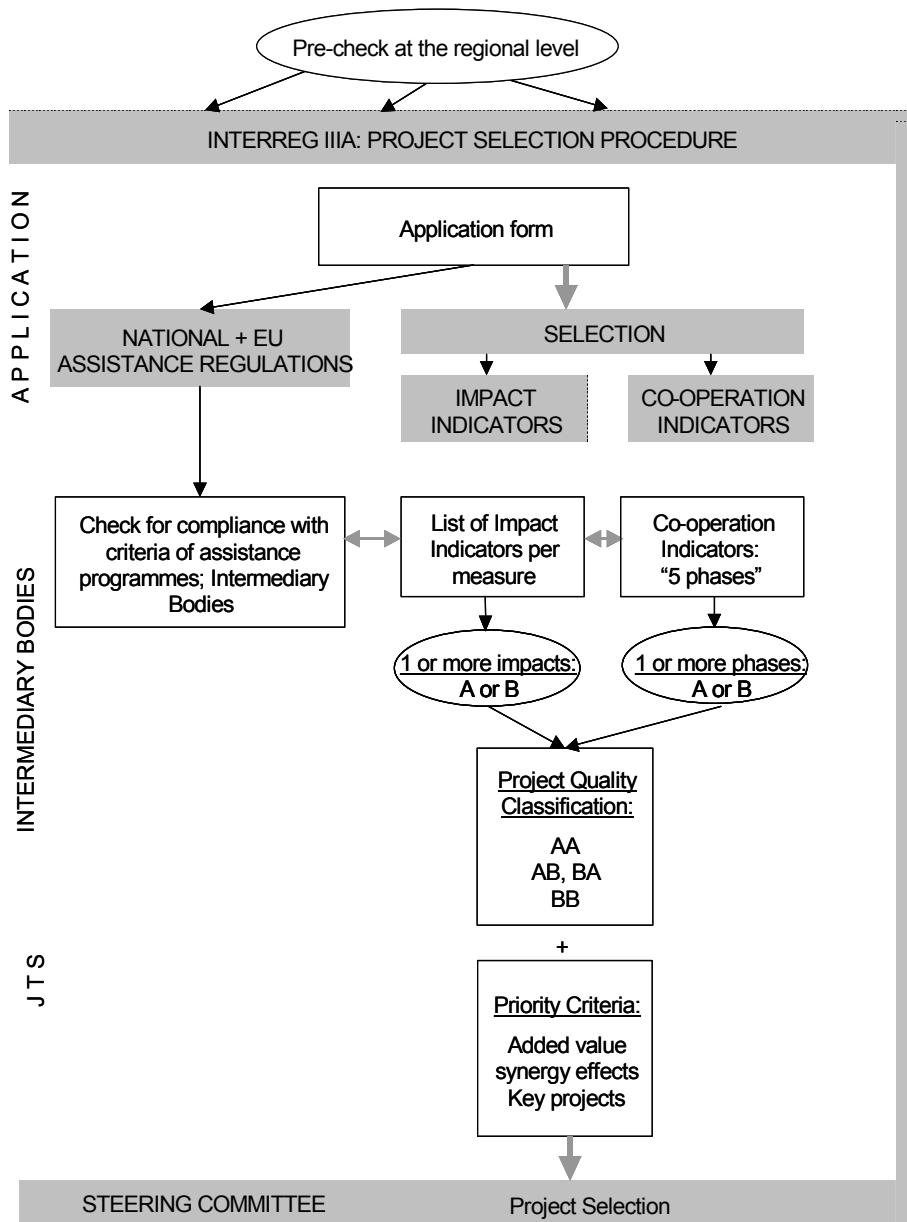
The project selection process is based on two pillars, as described in the CIP:

- On the one hand, it is based on the project impact with respect to the superordinate goals of regional integration of border regions, differentiated by measures and qualitatively captured in so-called **impact indicators** (see 3.2) and
- On the other hand, on the assessment of cross-border co-operation intensity in the creation and implementation of projects, which are captured by so-called **cooperation indicators** by project phase.

Both types of indicators are evaluated for each project based on the project applications by the IBs and summarised in a project sheet. The assessment allows a classification of the quality according to AA (2 or more impact indicators, 2 or more phases of project co-ordination), AB (only one co-operation phase), BA (only one impact) to BB (one impact, one cooperation phase).

Moreover, in order to obtain a more detailed selection within the quality classes, a supplementary rating was proposed for the subsequent selection step using so-called **priority criteria** (see 3.4). Finally, the PC is accompanied by a summary **project sheet** in German and Hungarian language (see 3.5).

**Interreg IIIA: Project Selection Procedure**



## 3.2 Project Selection Criteria

### 3.2.1 Impact Indicators

The concept of evaluating impacts with respect to the project goals and the superordinate goal of regional integration of border areas is based on the **qualitative assessment** by the Intermediate Body, which sees significant impacts triggered in one or several areas considered important for a measure.

The judgement of whether an impact is significant or not and the formulation in so-called impact indicators is a multi-phase process. The long list contained in the following two pages of impact indicators, was drafted on the basis of an expert opinion, two statements and three workshops of the involved Austrian Intermediate Bodies and agreed-on by consensus. In a further vote, the issue at hand will be to harmonise the content with the proposals of the representatives of the PHARE neighbouring countries.

Discussions in this context have resulted in the following agreement regarding the future application of the long list:

If, in the course of a project's implementation it becomes apparent that certain project types would be worthy of receiving assistance which at the time of programming were not recognised as such or insufficiently, and based on the existing impact indicators were evaluated as non-eligible, then the following **procedure** shall apply:

1. Presentation of a proposal for supplementary indicators,
2. Detailed explanations of the grounds given by the authority applying,
3. Presentation by the administrative authority to the Monitoring Committee.

## “Long list” of impact indicators

Priorities and Measures		No.	Impact indicators at the project level: Impacts on the (cross-border) integration of border regions
<b>P1 – Cross-border economic co-operation</b>			
<b>M 1 Development and aid for infrastructure in border regions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1</b>	To create and expand cross-border business information and communication, and business services structures
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2</b>	To improve the overall conditions for building up cross-border co-operation between and among businesses as well as co-operation networks
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3</b>	Know-how and technology transfer, networking with science, R&D facilities
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4</b>	Common external image / integrated marketing of border regions
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>5</b>	Reduction of legal and technical barriers
<b>M 2 Cross-border co-operation at the enterprise level (SMEs) and support and advice for cross-border activities</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>6</b>	Expansion of market / integrated development of offerings, marketing and external image
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>7</b>	Integrated production (factor combinations) and development of services, building up of supply and delivery relationships
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>8</b>	Intensifying partner searches, and the development and creation of co-operation projects and networks
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>9</b>	Know-how and technology transfer, consulting, common services for enterprises
<b>M 3 Tourism and leisure time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>10</b>	Support for co-operation among enterprises in sectors experiencing strong structural changes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11</b>	Expansion of the market / integrated development of offerings, marketing and external image
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>12</b>	Development of services and integrated production (factor combinations)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>13</b>	Intensifying partner searches, and the development and creation of co-operation projects and networks
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>14</b>	Know-how transfer, consulting, common services for enterprises
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>15</b>	Improving the services and products and the joint use of tourism infrastructure.	
<b>P2 – Accessibility</b>			
<b>M 1 Improvement of cross-border transportation and telecommunications infrastructure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>16</b>	(Preparation of) cross-border infrastructure, faster and improved transportation links
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>17</b>	(Preparation of) links to international transportation routes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>18</b>	Cross-border networking of business locations
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>19</b>	Improving the services and products, and integrated use of information technology and telecommunications infrastructure.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>20</b>	Cross-border development and use of IT applications, telematics services, etc.
<b>M 2 Transport organisation, planning and logistics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>21</b>	(Preparation of the) improvement of cross-border infrastructure, faster and improved transportation links
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>22</b>	(Preparation of) links to international transportation routes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>23</b>	Harmonised, integrated planning and use of transportation and telecommunications infrastructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>24</b>	Contribution to shifting traffic loads (from roads) through the harmonised/integrated use of transportation infrastructure and means
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>25</b>	Contribution to the creation and reinforcement of cross-border logistics

<b>P3 – Cross-border organisational structures and networks</b>			
<b>M 1 Support for cross-border organisational structures and development of networks</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>26</b>	Networking of private and/or public services
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>27</b>	To create and expand co-operation networks and structures
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28</b>	Creation and reinforcement of structures for the regular, mutual exchange of information and project collaboration
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29</b>	To create and expand support structures for cross-border projects
<b>M 2 Small projects, including people-to-people actions and pilot projects</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30</b>	Reduction of mental barriers through the creation of a sustainable and broad co-operation base
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31</b>	Creation of sustainable co-operation structures
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>32</b>	Development of new topics such as the first testing of new forms of collaboration in the meaning of pilot projects
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>33</b>	Contribution to strategic project development
<b>P4 – Human resources</b>			
<b>M 1 Development of a regional labour market and expansion of the social system in line with EU enlargement goals</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>34</b>	Reduction of organisational and legal barriers, and of information deficits
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>35</b>	Building up and intensification of collaboration between the labour market and social policy institutions as well as social partners
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>36</b>	Development of new, cross-border-adjusted occupational fields and qualifications
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>37</b>	Contribution to the development of instruments and cross-border labour market and social policy/development and observation
<b>M 2 Development of co-operation and infrastructure in the area of education, qualification and science</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>38</b>	Development of new job opportunities (creation of regional centres of core competencies)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>39</b>	Ongoing collaboration and exchange of information between education and science institutions, creation of co-operation structures
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>40</b>	Development/implementation of education and qualification modules with a cross-border focus and multi-/dual lingual educational programmes and teaching materials
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>41</b>	Intensification of scientific co-operation and exchange
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>42</b>	Contribution to the development of reference systems for education and qualification
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>43</b>	Creation and expansion of infrastructure (education, qualification, science and research) with a cross-border focus	
<b>P5 – Sustainable spatial and environmental development</b>			
<b>M 1 Resource management, technical infrastructure and renewable energy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>44</b>	Contribution to the development and implementation of joint (environmental) standards and monitoring
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>45</b>	Co-ordinated environmental and resource management, creation of co-operation structures
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>46</b>	Utilisation of renewable energy resources and natural resources
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>47</b>	Improvement of environmental status/reduction of emissions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>48</b>	Improving the standard and joint use of environmental infrastructure and technology	

<b>M 2</b>	<b>Nature and environmental protection measures, incl. national and nature parks</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>49</b>	Contribution to the development and implementation of joint (environmental) standards and monitoring
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>50</b>	Integration and joint protection/use of ecologically valuable zones and natural heritage
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>51</b>	Co-ordinated management of nature and national parks, creation and expansion of co-operation structures
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>52</b>	Common external image and marketing of nature and national parks
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>53</b>	Improved standard and joint use of nature and national park infrastructure, environmental infrastructure and technology
<b>M 3</b>	<b>Cross-border spatial development in rural and urban areas</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>54</b>	Harmonisation of settlement and infrastructure development and planning, landscape planning/use, social and economic development of locations
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>55</b>	Harmonisation of planning and use of environmental and urban technologies
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>56</b>	Harmonisation of strategic preparation for EU enlargement
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>57</b>	Analysis and study of regional development potentials and strategies
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>58</b>	Creation and expansion of co-operation structures and networks
<b>P6 – Special Support for Border Regions</b>				
<b>a)</b>	<b>Support for small- and medium-sized enterprises particularly affected by the enlargement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>59</b>	To create and expand cross-border business information and communication, and business services structures
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>60</b>	To improve the overall conditions for building up cross-border co-operation between and among businesses as well as co-operation networks
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>61</b>	Know-how and technology transfer, networking with science, R&D facilities
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>62</b>	Common external image / integrated marketing of border regions
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>63</b>	Reduction of legal and technical barriers
<b>b)</b>	<b>Development of the cross-border transport network</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>64</b>	(Preparation of) cross-border infrastructure, faster and improved transportation links
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>65</b>	(Preparation of) links to international transportation routes
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>66</b>	Cross-border networking of business locations
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>67</b>	Creating and expanding a jointly used tourism infrastructure (e.g. hiking paths, cycling- and horse riding tracks)
<b>c)</b>	<b>Training activities and intercultural cooperation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>68</b>	Reduction of information deficits and mental barriers at the local and regional level
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>69</b>	Networking of private and/or public institutions with an intercultural focus
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>70</b>	Development and implementation of intercultural education and qualification offerings (with a focus on minorities)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>71</b>	Promotion of minority language facilities with cross-border effects
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>72</b>	Development and implementation of cultural exchange programmes with longterm effects

### 3.2.2 Indicators for the Quality of Co-operation in Project Development and Implementation (cooperation indicators)

In developing and implementing joint INTERREG projects, the diverse project phases and steps can be differentiated (preparation, implementation, etc.), with each of these steps being possible cross-border or independently. The **project evaluation and selection** will be based on the **cross-border quality of the individual steps of the project development and implementation**, which are to be recorded in the project application.

Phases	Project phases	Cooperation indicator
	1. Preparation until application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project concept with partners from the neighbouring country</li> </ul> Proof: Partners, contribution to project development
Application	Approval	
	2. Planning the implementation/tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning the implementation with partners from the neighbouring country</li> </ul> Proof: Partners, contribution to planning the implementation
	3. Implementation / construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation with partners from the neighbouring country</li> </ul> Proof: Partners, contribution to the implementation (according to project milestones)
	4. Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financing with partners from the neighbouring country</li> </ul> Proof: Partners, financing contribution
Project end		
	5. Use/operation after completion of project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of results/installations by persons/institutions/firms from the neighbouring country</li> </ul> Proof: User, type of use

### 3.3 Priority Criteria for Project Selection

In accordance with the classification of the projects submitted by impact and quality of the cooperation in project development and implementation, as well as the grouping by AA, AB, BA, BB, the next project selection step is taken. This is done with a view to the fulfilment of the goals and target criteria of the programme. These are defined in content in the light of the goals aimed at and also of the project quality such as its subsequential impact on other later projects. The following criteria are proposed within the scope of the Interreg IIIA-PHARE-CBC project selection:

- **Additional impact/added value:** Positive effects in other areas that also meet the project goals, synergy effects with other projects and/or measures of the programme.
- **Assessment as a key project:** A main project goal is to motivate further projects in areas which meet the programme goals.
- **Special impacts relating to the implementation of EU policies:** Compliance with the criteria mentioned in selecting the project is designed to attain a higher overall impact of the Interreg IIIA Programme than otherwise possible. This is encouraged by stressing the interaction with other programme areas and projects, thus using potential synergy effects and enhancing these.



### 3.4 Minimum requirements of information on project level

The project sheet presented below contains the minimum requirements of information on project level, which is presented to the Steering Committee. In general, this information is exchanged between Intermediate Bodies and the Technical Secretariat via Monitoring System. In case the Monitoring System is not functioning properly, the presented project sheet shall be used for information exchange.

<b>Projektblatt / Projekt adatlap</b>  <b>INTERREG IIIA</b> <b>Österreich – Magyarország</b>  Projektnummer Datenbank	LA-Nummer: -----
	Projekt-szám: -----
	Förderstelle eingelangt: -----
	Támogató hatósághoz beérkezett: -----
	Status -----
	Aktenzeichen Förderstelle: -----
	abgelehnt/bewilligt in LA am: ----- A kormányzóbizottság elfogadta/elutasította ( dátum): -----
EFRE-Fördervertrag am: ----- EFRE-támogatási szerződés ( dátum): -----	

<b>Förderstelle/ Koordináló támogató hatóság</b>	-----
<b>Projekt-Code/Projektkód</b>	Land, Region / Tartomány, régió: ----- Prioritát/ Prioritás: ----- Maßnahme/ Intézkedés: -----
<b>Projektbeschreibung/A projekt bemutatása</b>	Akronym/ Rövid leírás: -----
<b>Titel/Cím:</b>	-----

<b>Träger/Projektgazda:</b>	-----
Anschrift/Cím	-----
Ansprechpartner/Kapcsolattartó személy	-----
Rechtspersönlichkeit/Jogi személy	-----
<b>Projektpartner/projektpartner:</b>	-----
Anschrift/Cím	-----
Ansprechpartner/Kapcsolattartó személy	-----
Land/Region	-----
Rechtspersönlichkeit/Jogi személy	-----
Anschrift/Cím	-----
Ansprechpartner/Kapcsolattartó személy	-----
Land / Region	-----
Rechtspersönlichkeit/Jogi személy	-----
Anschrift/Cím	-----
Ansprechpartner/Kapcsolattartó személy	-----
Land / Region	-----
Rechtspersönlichkeit/Jogi személy	-----

**Zusammenfassende Projektbeschreibung (Ausgangslage, Projektziele, Aktivitäten, angestrebte sichtbare Resultate)  
A projekt rövid leírása (kiinduló helyzet, a projekt célja, tevékenységek):**

**Ausgangslage:**

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**Kiinduló helyzet:**

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**Projektziele:**

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**A projekt célja:**

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**Aktivitäten:**

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**Tevékenységek:**

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<b>wichtigste Meilensteine/ Fontosabb mérföldkövek:</b>	-----
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<b>Räumlicher Wirkungsbereich/ Hatásterület (térben):</b>	-----
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<b>Projektbeginn – ende (Datum)/ A projekt kezdete – befejezése:</b>	-----
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<b>Gesamtkosten (in € ) indikative Aufteilung Összes költség (€) indikativ megoszlás:</b>		<b>Anmerkungen/ Megjegyzés</b>
Personalkosten/Személyi költségek:	0,0	-----
Sachkosten/Dologi költségek:	0,0	
Externe Dienstleistungen: Külső szolgáltatások:	0,0	
Investitionen/Befektetések:	0,0	
Öffentlichkeitsarbeit: PR-tevékenység:	0,0	
<b>Gesamtkosten/Összes költség:</b>	<b>0,0</b>	
<b>Einnahmen:</b>	<b>0,0</b>	
<b>anrechenbare Kosten: Támogatható költségek:</b>	<b>0,0</b>	-----

<b>Finanzierung (in Euro)/ Finanszírozás (Euro):</b>		<b>Anmerkungen/ Megjegyzés</b>
<b>EU-EFRE:</b>	<b>0,0</b>	-----
<b>Nationale Beteiligung gesamt: Hazai finanszírozás összesen:</b>	<b>0,0</b>	
Bund/Szövetségi:	0,0	
Land/Tartományi:	0,0	
Gemeinde/Önkormányzati:	0,0	
sonstige öffentliche Mittel: Egyéb közpénzek:	0,0	
Private Mittel/Magánfinanszírozás:	0,0	
<b>Gesamtfinanzierung: Teljes finanszírozás:</b>	<b>0,0</b>	
<b>EU-Beteiligung in %: EU-rész %-ban:</b>	<b>0,0%</b>	-----

**Ergebnis der Projektprüfung/A projektbizottság eredménye**

<b>1. Formale Kriterien / Formális kritériumok</b>	erfüllt / megfelel <input type="checkbox"/>	nicht erfüllt / nem felel meg: <input type="checkbox"/>
Anmerkungen/Megjegyzések	-----	

**2. Grenzüberschreitende Kriterien/ Határonátnyúló hatás kritériumai**

Wirkungsindikatoren/ Hatásindikátorok		Kooperationsindikatoren/ Együttműködési indikátorok	
Wesentliche Projektwirkungen/ A projekt fontosabb hatásterületei:	Nr. des Indikators / Indikátorok száma:	5 Projektphasen / 5 projektfázis:	Durchführung mit Partner / Megvalósítás a partnerrel:
Wirkung 1/1. hatás:	(vgl. Langliste) / (ld. hosszú lista): -----	1 Konzept, Antrag / Koncepció, ötlet	<input type="checkbox"/> ja
Wirkung 2/2. hatás:	-----	2 Planung d. Umsetzung / Végrehajtástervezés	<input type="checkbox"/> ja
Wirkung 3/3. hatás:	-----	3 Umsetzung, Investition / Végrehajtás, befektetés	<input type="checkbox"/> ja
Anzahl der erwarteten Wirkungen/ Az elvárt hatások száma:	-----	4 Finanzierung / Finanzszirozás	<input type="checkbox"/> ja
Integrationswirkung gesamt/ Integrációs hatás összesen:	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	5 Nutzung nach Ende Hasznosítás a projektzárás után	<input type="checkbox"/> ja
		Kooperationsintensität/ Együttm. Intenzitása:	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>3. Prioritätskriterien / Prioritáskritériumok:</b>	Zusatzwirkungen, Synergien: Hozzáadott hatás, szinergiahatás: <input type="checkbox"/> ja	Schlüsselprojekt: Kulcsprojekt: <input type="checkbox"/> ja
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**4. Auswirkung auf horizontale EU-Politiken/Hatás a horizontális EU politika szintjén**

Chancengleichheit/Esélyegyenlőség	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> +	<input type="checkbox"/> ++
Nachhaltigkeit/Fenntarthatóság	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> +	<input type="checkbox"/> ++

**Zusammenfassung/Összefoglaló értékelés**

Stärken/Erösségek	Schwächen/Gyengeségek	Auflagen/Feltételek
Gemeinsames Projekt ja/nein Spiegelprojekt ja/nein	-----	-----

**Empfehlung durch die koordinierende Förderstelle/A koordináló támogató hatóság ill. a tartományi Interreg tanács ajánlása:**

<input type="checkbox"/> abzulehnen / elutasítandó: -----
<input type="checkbox"/> zu genehmigen ohne Auflagen / feltétel nélkül támogatandó: -----
<input type="checkbox"/> zu genehmigen mit folgenden Auflagen/ Támogatandó a következő feltételekkel: -----

**Stellungnahme durch das Gemeinsame Technische Sekretariat/A Közös Technikai Titkárság állásfoglalása**

Projektbeschreibung: -----
Kosten und Finanzierung: -----
Meilensteine: -----
Grenzüberschreitende Kriterien: -----
Sonstiges: -----

**Empfehlung durch den Lenkungsausschuß/A Kormányzóbizottság ajánlása**

<input type="checkbox"/> abzulehnen / elutasítandó: -----
<input type="checkbox"/> zu genehmigen ohne Auflagen / feltétel nélkül támogatandó: -----
<input type="checkbox"/> zu genehmigen mit folgenden Auflagen/ Támogatandó a következő feltételekkel: -----

## **4 INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY MEASURES**

### **4.1 General**

The information and publicity measures for the interventions of the Structural Funds are aimed at publicising the actions of the European Union, increasing transparency and creating a uniform image of the interventions throughout all member states (see also Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1159/2000 of 30 May 2000 on information and publicity measures to be carried out by the Member States concerning assistance from the Structural Funds).

The information and publicity measures are presented in the form of a communication plan in the Programme complement. Their implementation shall be the responsibility of the respective administrative body responsible for the interventions.

The communication plan contains information on

- the goals and target groups;
- the content and the strategy of the communication and information measures;
- an indicative budget;
- the administrative bodies or institutions responsible for their implementation;
- the evaluation criteria used for assessing the measures implemented.

(Compare with the implementation regulations on information and publicity for interventions under the Structural Funds pursuant to the Annex to Regulation (EC) No. 1159/2000).

### **4.2 Goals and target groups**

The information and publicity measures within the scope of the Interreg IIIA Programme Austria – Hungary are designed

a) to target potential and final beneficiaries as well as

- regional and local authorities and other public bodies,
- professional associations and business communities,
- economic and social partners,
- non-governmental organisations, especially bodies to promote equality between men and women, and bodies working for the protection and improvement of the environment,
- project operators and promoters,

and serve the purpose of informing on the possibilities offered by the European Union, Hungary and Austria and guaranteeing the transparency of the joint interventions;

b) to inform the general public of the role that the European Union plays together with Austria and Hungary in the respective interventions and of their results.

### 4.3 Content and strategy

The information and publicity measures within the scope of the Interreg IIIA Programme Austria – Hungary are primarily designed:

*a) to guarantee transparency vis-à-vis potential and final beneficiaries*

- general information on the Community Initiative Interreg IIIA
- Publication of abbreviated versions of the joint planning documents (priorities and measures) indicating the participation of the corresponding fund
- to give an overview of competencies, organisation and project selection procedures
- standardised information on project applications (application authority, contacts at the national, regional and local levels)
- announcement of selection criteria and valuation mechanisms for tenders and project applications

This information is available for downloading on the respective programme websites [www.at-hu.net](http://www.at-hu.net) (see Annex 2).

*b) to inform the public*

- Announcements on the start of the programme in the media, giving an appropriate presentation of the participation of the European Union
- Ongoing communication on the stages of a project's implementation throughout the entire programme planning period
- Project-specific information in accordance with the provisions in the Annex to the Regulation (EC) No. 1159/2000 figure 3.2.2.2
- Presentation of the final results of the Interreg IIIA Programme 2000-2006

The general strategic goal of the information and publicity measures within the scope of Interreg IIIA Programmes Austria – Hungary is to create a uniform public image which should achieve the status of a brand name or a “corporate identity” with time. To this end, a common logo is used on printed matter, publications, in the printed and electronic media.

For the strategic implementation of the contents listed above, the following shall be used apart from the information and publicity means mentioned in the Annex to the Regulation (EU) 1159/2000 figure 6 (billboards, commemorative plaques, notification to beneficiaries):

- A programme-specific website (see Annex 2) providing ongoing information to the general public, potential and final beneficiaries as well as structured networks in the Internet, which are to be prepared by the Technical Secretariat in close cooperation with the Implementing Bodies of the Länder Burgenland, Niederösterreich and Wien and the Hungarian partners
- Information material in the form of leaflets, information binders and brochures
- The publication of periodical magazines (at the regional level)
- Ad hoc press releases, press conferences to inform the national, regional and local media (e.g. on the start of the programme, best practices, project completions, Monitoring Committee meetings, annual implementation reports, enlargement)
- Regional and local information events and networking of project organisers, financing institutions and funding bodies (kick-off event at the start of a programme at the regional level as well as information events at the regional level)
- Contributions to special-interest events, articles in special-interest magazines

The application of the above-mentioned information and publicity measures are differentiated within the programme planning period (2000 to 2006) by three phases each of which having different requirements:

**(a) Information on the start and the announcement of the Interreg IIIA Programme Austria – Hungary**

The goal of this phase is to spread the information as widely as possible (potential and final beneficiaries as well as the general public) and to inform in general about the programme, contact partners, info points, procedures and decision-making structures, etc.

At the accession date of Hungary a kick-off event took place at the beginning of May 2004.

*Communication means:* Kick-off events in Burgenland, Niederösterreich, Wien and Hungary; leaflet, press conferences, press releases on the start of the programme and at the accession of Hungary (as fast as possible after the programme has been approved by the EC).

**(b) Ongoing information, communication and presentation**

In this phase, the public is regularly informed on the current status of the implementation of the programme and on the completion of successful projects.

Furthermore, clear information (homogenous) at the regional and local level on the administrative procedures and information on the selection criteria and valuation mechanisms are provided.

Regular information and networking events by project organisers, financing institutions and funding bodies are crucial in this phase for the implementation of the joint programme planning document.

An important date for information activities within this period is the accession date of Hungary. Information events on the possibilities of INTERREG IIIA take place around May 2004 on regional level on both sides of the border.

*Communication means:* Brochures, information events, organisation of events to share experiences among projects, press releases on the status of the implementation.

**(c) Presentation of results and review**

As of the end of the programming planning period, a presentation of the completed projects and a review of the cooperation projects created is given.

*Communication means:* Brochures, final events, etc.

#### **4.4 Indicative budget**

In accordance with the joint programme planning document, all measures projected for the communication action plan are covered by Technical Assistance 2 (other activities within the scope of Technical Assistance pursuant to Rule 11, paragraph 3). All in all, for TA 2 a sum of **EUR 736.539** is available as an indicative budget, **thereof 30%** will be made available for information and publicity measures.

#### **4.5 Competent authority**

The Managing Authority for carrying out the information and publicity measures as set out in the Regulation is:

Federal Chancellery, Dept. IV/4, Hohenstaufengasse 3, A-1010 Vienna

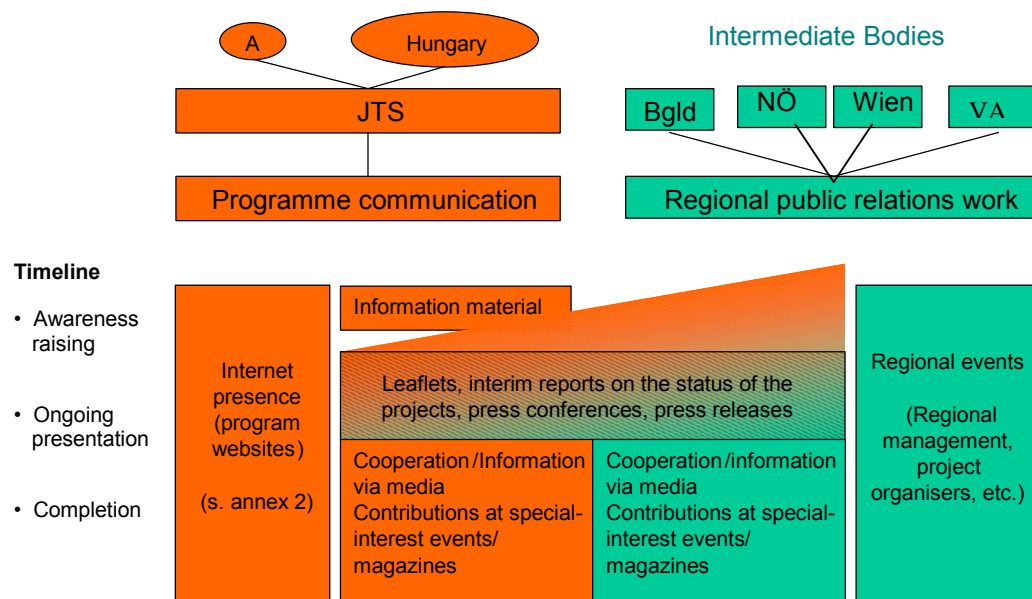
Phone: +43 1 53115-2910, Fax: +43 1 531 15-2180, e-mail: iv4post@bka.gv.at.

#### 4.6 Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria for the efficiency of the information and publicity measures are:

- Increase in the recognition rate of the opportunities available through the common interventions of the European Commission and of Member States for potential final beneficiaries and project organisers;
- Information measures on the role of the EU in the assistance provided by the Structural Funds;
- Increase in the level of knowledge of the programme among the general public;
- Communication of a homogenous “corporate identity”.

### Annex 1: Overview of the communication means used





## **Annex 2: Programme website [www.at-hu.net](http://www.at-hu.net)**

Creating a website for the Interreg IIIA Programme Austria – Hungary is the fastest and most efficient way of reaching the primary target group, namely, the interested public and providing quick, detailed information on Interreg IIIA Programme Austria – Hungary. The website is on-line since February 2002 in German, Hungarian and English. Continuous up-date of the website is done by the Technical Secretariat. Monthly webreports are available at the TS.

Furthermore a secured internal area has been installed and became operative at the end of 2002 – the so-called Backoffice area under [www.at-hu/Service/intern](http://www.at-hu/Service/intern): from December 2002 onwards the TS offered all Committee members an information repository which can be accessed through the programme website. Basically it consists of a personal Calendar and a File Manager which contains all necessary internal programme information such as invitations to meetings and documents in a download section. A detailed user manual was elaborated and disseminated to all potential users.

### **Thus, the website serves ...**

- as a platform for all relevant programme issues and information of the Technical Secretariat (e.g. general targets of the programme, contacts, success stories to date, programme news, etc.)
- as a distribution centre for all relevant programme documents (e.g. Joint Programming Document, Programme Complement, project application forms, the logo for downloading, etc.)
- as a means of communication to the “outside” (e.g. platform for partner searches via e-mail, list of interesting and relevant links, etc.)
- and as a means of “internal” communication (e.g. provision of documents for meetings of the committee)

The information on the Web is offered ...

- ... for persons and institutions directly involved in the programme or in the project as well as for interested “outsiders”, and
- ... for partners and interested parties from the regions involved as well as for interested parties from other regions of Hungary and Austria

In the course of the accession of Hungary to the EU the programme website will be adapted for an even more intensive use for the programme partners and the interested public.



## **5 DESCRIPTION OF THE AGREEMENT ON DATA EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE EU AND THE MANAGING AUTHORITY/PAYING AUTHORITY**

### **5.1 Monitoring and electronic data exchange**

As a supplement to the presentation of monitoring and electronic data exchange given in the Community Initiative Programme (CIP) INTERREG IIIA Austria-Hungary 2000-2006, we would like to add the following explanations as part of the Programme Complement:

The centralised nationwide, standard monitoring procedure of the implementation of the programme for all Austrian Objective programmes and the INTERREG IIIA programme shall be carried out by the ERDF Monitoring Authority that belongs to the federal agency (ERP-Fonds) assigned to the corresponding fund or by the Paying Authority (Federal Chancellery).

The central ERDF monitoring system (CMS) is built on a relational database that allows the clearly structured storage of the data (as recommended also by the EC in the context of electronic data exchange). The programme structure approved by the EC and the Monitoring Committee for INTERREG IIIA Austria-Hungary (pursuant to the CIP and the Programme Complement) has been used as the basis for clearly structuring and defining the hierarchies of the database.

The collection of data (1 record per project) is done decentralised in line with the federal administration structure in Austria and Hungary by the Intermediate Bodies (IBs) and the data is sent in regular intervals to the central ERDF Monitoring Authority. The reporting authority is responsible for the correctness of the data sent. The data sent to the CMS shall be considered official data. Information that deviates from the official data on the programme implementation may be used for controlling purposes, but shall not be valid for official reports.

The main fields of the records are:

- Name of recipient of funds (name, address, etc.)
- Information on the amount of the funds approved broken down by source of the funds (ERDF, national, Länder, other)
- Information on the amount of the subsidies paid out (broken down in the same manner as the approved subsidies)
- Information on approved projects (eligible project costs, project locations, etc.)
- Information on project-related indicators (collected at the individual project level) pursuant to the Programme Complement (broken down by output, result and impact), defining as a minimum the standard core indicators for the programme

Indicators that cannot be collected at the individual project level (a note is to be made in the description of the measure), shall not be collected by the CMS, but must be collected separately (e.g. together with the evaluation)

The CMS is designed to collect data per Structural Fund intervention area with an EC-assigned intervention code (e.g. 161 = assistance for SMEs and trades, subgroup material investments) and to link these to the indicators compiled at the individual project level.

Note on the indicators: The detailed indicators relating to measures and projects (pursuant to Art. 18 par. 3 letter a of Council Regulation No. 1260/99) shall be given for each description of the measures. The issues of environment, equal opportunity and geographical regional classification shall follow the classification given as requested by the EC for the implementation of EU projects, which differs from the core indicator list. The following information shall be reported: whether the project a) has the environment as its main focus, b) is environment-friendly or c) is environmentally neutral; whether the project a) has equality between sexes as its main focus, b) is positive in terms of male-female equality

or c) is neutral in terms of such equality; whether the location of the project is a) urban, b) rural or c) not geographically delimited.

As all monitoring data for the ERDF area are stored in a relational database, the data may be easily aggregated, thus providing a continuous overview of the current stage of implementation. The overview is updated every three months in the CMS relating to the financial status of the implementation.

The fund-specific data of the CMS shall be made available without restrictions to the Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat to assist them in their monitoring work for all programmes receiving subsidies from several different funds. The updated status of the monitoring of the measures shall be made available to the Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat as well as to the Federal Ministries of Finance, the competent authorities in the EC, and if necessary, to the financial auditing bodies.

The Austrian authorities shall be responsible for taking the necessary steps to enable the electronic exchange of data relating to measures between the EC and Austria. For this purpose, the already existing electronic and functioning reporting systems set up for the Structural Fund period 1995-1999 was adapted and expanded.

The electronic exchange of data for the ERDF shall be based on the ERDF monitoring system centrally installed in Austria. As all the data are stored centrally in a relational database, it is possible to export specific data for specific needs. It is also possible to create flat-file formats as defined by the GD Regio in 1999.

The feasibility of this concept was proven during the Structural Fund period 1995-1999 based on the aggregated implementation status data received (expenditure (actually) incurred) relating to measures using flat-file formats (for each EU programme, one flat file). The test phase conducted between Austria and the GD Regio regarding the electronic exchange of data was successfully completed in 1999 and the relevant offices of the GD Regio confirmed that the system in Austria is reliable.

Upon the request of the EC (EC document of 20 Oct. 2001 on the subject of "Structural Funds 2000-2006 – Electronic Data Exchange between Member States and the European Commission (File interface description) the electronic exchange of data between the EC and Austria should take place in at least five areas (optional in six areas). The list below names the areas and the competent authority for transmitting the data electronically in Austria:

<b>Type of information:</b>	<b>Contact</b>
1. Information on the programming (= financing plan)	Joint Technical Secretariat / ERDF Monitoring Authority
2. Expenditure confirmations (payment requests)	ERDF Paying Authority
3. Preview of payables	ERDF Paying Authority
4. Annual implementation report/final report	Joint Technical Secretariat / ERDF Monitoring Authority
5. Information on the commitment of the funds and expenditure (optional)	ERDF Paying Authority / Monitoring Authority
6. Earmarked funds and expenditure by EC	EC

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## 6 FINANCING PLAN

### INTERREG IIIA Austria – Hungary 2000-2006 Financing Plan 2000-2006 total (amounts in EURO current prices)

Financial shift CIP2005 including decommitment TA - PC shift Jan. 2006

	total costs a=b+f	public cofinancing	EU-contribution	%	national	public	private
		total b=c+e	ERDF <sup>1</sup> c		cofinancing total d=e+f	cofinancing <sup>2</sup> e	cofinancing f
<b>1. Cross-border Economic Co-operation</b>	<b>18.589.618</b>	<b>13.939.618</b>	<b>9.852.309</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>8.737.309</b>	<b>4.087.309</b>	<b>4.650.000</b>
1.1: Development and Support of Business Sites and Business Service Infrastructure in Border Areas	5.777.166	4.023.266	2.959.018		2.818.148	1.064.248	1.753.900
1.2: Cross-border Cooperation of Enterprises (SMEs) and Counselling and Support for Crossborder Business Activities	4.278.384	3.630.284	2.236.332		2.042.052	1.393.952	648.100
1.3: Tourism and Leisure	8.534.068	6.286.068	4.656.959		3.877.109	1.629.109	2.248.000
<b>2. Accessibility</b>	<b>18.733.870</b>	<b>16.068.870</b>	<b>10.060.435</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>8.673.435</b>	<b>6.008.435</b>	<b>2.665.000</b>
2.1: Improvement of Crossborder Transport and Telecommunication Infrastructure	11.397.870	9.752.120	6.392.435		5.005.435	3.359.685	1.645.750
2.2: Transport Organisation, Planning and Logistics	7.336.000	6.316.750	3.668.000		3.668.000	2.648.750	1.019.250
<b>3. Cross-border Organisational Structures and Networks</b>	<b>7.846.352</b>	<b>7.323.352</b>	<b>4.330.676</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>3.515.676</b>	<b>2.992.676</b>	<b>523.000</b>
3.1: Support of Crossborder Organisational Structures and Development of Networks	4.782.752	4.622.752	2.530.276		2.252.476	2.092.476	160.000
3.2: Micro-projects including People-to-People Actions and Small Pilots	3.063.600	2.700.600	1.800.400		1.263.200	900.200	363.000
<b>4. Human Resources</b>	<b>11.107.844</b>	<b>10.782.844</b>	<b>5.975.922</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5.131.922</b>	<b>4.806.922</b>	<b>325.000</b>
4.1: Development of Regional Labour Markets within the Context of EU Enlargement	3.593.216	3.478.216	1.838.808		1.754.408	1.639.408	115.000
4.2: Development of Co-operation and Infrastructure in the Fields of Education, Training and Science	7.514.628	7.304.628	4.137.114		3.377.514	3.167.514	210.000
<b>5. Sustainable Spatial and Environmental Development</b>	<b>15.064.902</b>	<b>13.492.902</b>	<b>8.316.951</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>6.747.951</b>	<b>5.175.951</b>	<b>1.572.000</b>
5.1: Resource Management, Technical Infrastructure and Renewable Energy Supply	7.361.735	7.017.735	4.308.468		3.053.267	2.709.267	344.000
5.2: Measures for Nature and Environmental Protection including National and Nature Parks	5.185.157	4.026.157	2.718.098		2.467.059	1.308.059	1.159.000
5.3: Cross-border Spatial Development in Rural and Urban Areas	2.518.010	2.449.010	1.290.385		1.227.625	1.158.625	69.000
<b>6. Special Support for Border Regions</b>	<b>1.972.000</b>	<b>1.972.000</b>	<b>986.000</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>986.000</b>	<b>986.000</b>	<b>0</b>
6.1: Special Support for Border Regions	1.972.000	1.972.000	986.000		986.000	986.000	0
<b>Technical Assistance</b>	<b>3.580.924</b>	<b>3.580.924</b>	<b>1.941.135</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1.639.789</b>	<b>1.639.789</b>	<b>0</b>
Technical Assistance I	2.948.155	2.948.155	1.594.616		1.353.539	1.353.539	0
Technical Assistance II	632.769	632.769	346.519		286.250	286.250	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.895.510</b>	<b>67.160.510</b>	<b>41.463.428</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>35.432.082</b>	<b>25.697.082</b>	<b>9.735.000</b>

<sup>1</sup> The EU-contribution has been calculated on the basis of the total costs.

<sup>2</sup> The figures are identical with those in column 12 ("Sonstige") in the Commission Decision of 27.9.2002