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## **The Future of Cross-Border Cooperation in Europe**

### **1. General information**

1.1 Applicant border / cross-border region:

***Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine***

Title of the cross-border measure\* [project(s), programme(s) / strategy(ies)]:

**Sustainable Development of Border Regions provided by effective functioning the Carpathian Euroregion**

1.3 Period:

24.12.2013

24.10.2015

1.4 Lead Partner:

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- Association of European Border Regions
- Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Council, Ukraine
- Transcarpathian County Council, Ukraine
- Chernivetska Regional County Council, Ukraine
- Maramures County Council
- Satu Mare County Council
- EuroClip Public Foundation, Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg region, Hungary

1.6. Financing of the cross-border measure (e.g. INTERREG):

Remark: It should be explicated how the financing of the strategy(ies) / concept(s) / project idea(s) has been or is realised.

Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013

Total budget: 520020 EUR

Of which:

- ENPI contribution: 468018 EUR
- Co-financing: 17352,70
- Own contribution of partners: 34649,30

1.7 Links to other projects, measures and/or programmes (only if applicable):

CBC Parliament financed by Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013

## 2. Contents

### 2.1 Objectives of the cross-border measure:

To raise the efficiency and predictability of cross-border cooperation and providing the sustainable development of border regions by forming the effective instruments for establishment of systemic and lasting cross-border cooperation.

1. Strengthening the role of the Carpathian Euroregion in the cross-border cooperation by providing new approaches for Euroregional development;
2. Providing the effective making decision process in border regions by using the existing instruments and forming new ones according to sustainable development.
3. Forming a new level of cooperation between authorities, self-government as well as NGOs and other stakeholders

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### 2.2 Organisational structure and activities to implement the objectives (e.g. joint secretariat, contract, etc.):

1. Relevant organizations in the eligible area of the Carpathian Euroregion.
2. International expert group to elaborate the Carpathian Euroregion Strategy 2014-2020

### 2.3 How far has the measure been implemented?

The new strategy is going to be work out based on the priorities on CBC I the European Programmes for 2014-2020

Professional Expert network created

### 2.4 Special framework conditions (a. geographical, political, etc. / b. only rural area (no regional metropolis))

- The programme area is located on the Hungarian-Slovak-Romanian-Ukrainian border. Projects can exclusively be implemented in the following territorial units: Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén (HU), Košický, Prešovský (SK) Maramures, Satu-Mare Suceava (RO), Zakarpatska, Ivano-Frankivska, Chernivetska (UA).
- The minimum requirements of the eligible partnerships: partnerships must consist of at least one Partner from one of the Member States participating in the Programme and at least one Partner from Ukraine.
- Project size: grant must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts: 50.000-500.000 EUR, and cannot be more than 90% of the total eligible costs of the project.

## 3. Contribution of the measure (added value) to the development of the border/cross-border region:

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- Elaboration of the **common vision and strategy** of the Carpathian Euroregion
- **New organizational structure** for the Carpathian Euroregion
- **Database of good practices** implemented in the Carpathian Euroregion
- Implementation of **proactive cross-border policy** by the local/regional authorities with the aim of being able to forecast and minimise the possible negative impacts of the different Eurointegration speeds between EU counties and Ukraine and, more importantly, to elaborate common instruments to effectively identify and act on new opportunities for cooperation between the new border regions till 2020
- **Intensification of the bilateral and multilateral relations** between the target groups: new multilateral partnerships agreements establishing permanent cross-border relations between authorities and self-government as well as between professional institutions
- **Joint initiatives and project ideas** for the period 2014-2020 that can be implemented in the Carpathian Euro-region
- Improved **ability** of potential beneficiaries to **plan and implement cross-border projects** – due to the trainings.

**4. Added value for the development of cross-border cooperation at European level**

- The strengthened, reinforced Carpathian Euroregion can act as **intermediary between Ukraine and the EU** Member States during the recent crisis.
- The Carpathian Euroregion can **disseminate the European values and good practices** across the external borders of the EU.
- The close and formalized cooperation between the partner regions **can prevent the illegal migration** across these border sections.
- Besides, the project has **results that can be adapted** in either cooperating border area in Europe:
  - o revivification of a cross-border organization with long-term tradition,
  - o detailed alternatives for organizational structure of Euroregions,
  - o easily adaptable structure of CB strategy,
  - o database of good practices for cross-border cooperation,
  - o methods for effective working of international expert group.

**5. Further annexes**

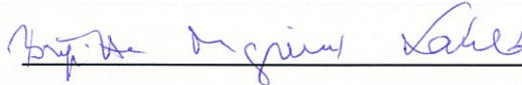
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Which ones?

- a) Short description of the Carpathian Euroregion Strategy 2020 & beyond
- b) Short description of the project "Sustainable development of border Regions provided by effective functioning the Carpathian Euroregion"

25.09.2015.

Date



Signature

Brigitta Majorné László project coordinator

\* A cross-border measure is given, when partners from both sides of the border participate as regards contents, organisation, staff and finances.