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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

The Programme has made important steps for achieving common and programme specific output indicators. General progress has been registered implementation of the projects financed following the second call for proposals and finalisation of the projects from first call for proposals. Observing the savings occurred during the implementation of the already financed projects, the JMC approved the financing of 7 projects placed on the reserve list:

Priority Axis 1 – 3 projects with a submitted project value amounting 1.353.193,39 Euro

Priority Axis 2 – 3 projects with a submitted project value amounting 1.731.196,16 Euro

Priority Axis 4 – 1 projects with a submitted project value amounting 474.911,85

During 2021 there have been 16 projects that have finalized the implementation of the activities as follows:

Priority Axis 1 – 3 projects with a contracted value of 2.153.181,45 Euro

Priority Axis 2 – 8 projects with a contracted value of 6.848.177,21 Euro

Priority Axis 3 – 3 projects with a contracted value of 4.452.342,46 Euro

Priority axis 4 – 2 projects with a contracted value of 1.167.593,36 Euro

Out of the 16 projects finalized, 11 submitted the final progress reports while 5 are to submit the final progress reports until May 2022. In order to ensure a proper assessment of the implementation and monitoring of the Programme, during 2021 the JMC met on-line on 14.12.2021.

In 2021 the 10th edition of the European Cooperation Day was celebrated in Şișești, Mehedinți county. During the festive event organized on September 21, 2021, the results of the Romanian-Serbian cross-border cooperation were highlighted through the projects carried out by the local community together with the partners from Serbia. About 95 people met on September 21, 2021 at Şișești, Mehedinți county in order to celebrate the European Cooperation Day. During the event there were discussions on the cultural and natural heritage as a factor of local development together with cultural experts, representatives of the public administration from Mehedinți County, representatives of the central administration within the Managing Authority of the Programme, Romanian and Serbian guests. Also a promotional campaign has been implemented leading to 62.318 “people reach”.

Programming process preparation for 2021 – 2027 period

During 2021 the following steps were taken:

- carrying out a public consultation on the final draft of the Interreg Programme;
- carrying out the informal inter-service consultation with the European Commission on the Final Version of the Interreg Programme, after the adoption of CPR & Interreg Regulations.
- approval by the Joint Working Group for Programming of the Methodologies for using lump sums for project preparation costs and for closure costs and of the final version of the Interreg Programme;
- winding-up of the SEA procedure, including launching the public consultation for the Environmental Report, within the SEA process.
- elaboration of the Applicant Guide, and its annexes, including Guide for indicators, dedicated to potential beneficiaries and future applicants.

Technical Assistance PA implementation

Following the amendments of the TA application forms approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee in 2020, the Global Financing Decision of the MA and the financing contract with ROCBC Timișoara (concluded in 2019) were modified. The main modifications were:

- MA: transfer of economies between budget lines, with no impact on the total budget;
- ROCBC Timisoara: transfer of economies between budget lines and extension of the implementation period, with no impact on the total budget;

In 2021, 11 projects reports were submitted to the Managing Authority, via eMS, with a total of €1,122,870.95 euro.

E-Cohesion progress and the Programme electronic management system

All the data for the three calls for proposals that have been launched so far is in the eMS. All processes, from partner and project reporting to Programme declarations of expenditure are done in the eMS. The system is fully functional and has been updated constantly with updates provided by Interact.

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3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Employment promotion and basic services strengthening for an inclusive growth	<p>During 2021 there were 3 new subsidy contracts concluded amounting 1,353,193.39.</p> <p>3 projects finalized the implementation of the activities during 2020 out of them 2 submitting the final report:</p> <p>Project RORS-353: “Mental health care for the inclusive community growth” supported 1 action targeting vulnerable groups (youth, women, disabled, ethnic minorities) established for the prevention of early school leaving, for cultural inclusion, 1 joint action targeting smart (green) growth opportunities while involving 646 citizens in project activities in cultural, social health care services.</p> <p>RORS-224: “Banat Schoolingua”, supported 1 joint action targeting smart (green) growth opportunities while involving 380 participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders.</p>
2	Environmental protection and risk management	<p>During 2021, there were 3 new subsidy contracts concluded, amounting 1.731.196,16 Euro.</p> <p>8 projects finalized the implementation of the activities during 2020 out of them 6 submitting the final report:</p> <p>Project RORS-300: “Smart And Sustainable Energy Consumption” supported the creation of 1 infrastructure, equipment built/ installed/ modernized in the field of cross border services for environmental protection, the realization of 5 studies in the field of environmental protection and emergency management. (technical and scientific studies, researches in the relevant fields) and 1 monitoring systems established/ extended/ modernized in the eligible area in the field of environmental protection and emergency management while ensuring the participation of 4956 persons to project initiatives and events for information and awareness rising and 724 persons to capacity building initiatives.</p> <p>Project RORS-380: “Integrated management of relationship climate - insect migration in Srednjebanatski district and Timis county” realized 1 infrastructure, equipment built/ installed/ modernized in the field of cross border services for environmental protection, 2 studies in the field of environmental protection and emergency management. (technical and scientific studies, researches in the relevant fields), 1 monitoring systems established/ extended/ modernized in the eligible area in the field of environmental protection and emergency management while ensuring the participation of 82 persons to project initiatives and events for information and awareness rising and 602 persons to capacity building initiatives.</p>
3	Sustainable Mobility and Accessibility	<p>There were no new subsidies signed during 2021</p> <p>3 projects finalized the implementation during 2021 out of them 2 submitting the final report:</p> <p>RORS-481: “Improvement of Banat Connectivity 2” improved the transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure and created 1 study related to the implementation of selected projects or the realisation of actions in the field of transport and mobility infrastructure and 1 joint initiative on improvements of public transport and intermodal connections while ensuring the participation of 1360 persons to information/ training/ awareness raising initiatives in the field of transport and public utilities</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		RORS-451: "Implementation of a joint waste water management strategy in the Danube hydrological basin" supported 1 Cross border cooperation structure in the field of transport and public utilities, realized 1 investment in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure and ensured the participation of 470 participants to information/ training/ awareness raising initiatives in the field of transport and public utilities
4	Attractiveness for sustainable tourism	There was 1 subsidy contract signed during 2021 amounting 474,911.85 Euro 2 projects finalized the implementation during 2021 out of them 1 submitting the final report: RORS-248: "Lights On!" created 2 studies related to the implementation of selected projects or research and implemented 5 studies in the field of natural and cultural resources and established 1 partnerships for the exchange of good practices and the promotion of joint initiatives
5	Technical Assistance	During 2021, the Application Forms for the TA beneficiaries were modified and approved as follows: 1. JMC Decision no 171/23.11.2021 2. JMC Decision no 176/09.12.2021

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3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Employment promotion and basic services strengthening for an inclusive growth
Thematic Priority	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	19,925.00	24,775.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Furthermore, project RORS-353 already reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	19,925.00	37,225.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded.
F	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	Persons	25,515.00	34,124.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final reports have not been submitted by the end of 2020. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Furthermore, projects RORS-394 and RORS-389 already reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	Persons	25,515.00	34,621.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded.
F	OII-1	Citizens involved in project activities in cultural, social health care services.	Units	34,159.00	52,929.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final reports have not been submitted by the end of 2020. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Several projects (RORS-215, RORS-353, RORS-350, RORS-314) already reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	OII-1	Citizens involved in project activities in cultural, social health care services.	Units	34,159.00	68,710.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded..
F	OII-2	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of labour market.	Units	20.00	15.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021.
S	OII-2	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of labour market.	Units	20.00	21.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be achieved.
F	OII-3	Investment in health care and social services infrastructure.	Units	5.00	9.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed.
S	OII-3	Investment in health care and social services infrastructure.	Units	5.00	14.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be achieved.
F	OII-4	Disadvantaged persons involved in projects activities.	Units	5,545.00	7,231.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Furthermore, projects RORS-273 and RORS-389 already reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	OII-4	Disadvantaged persons involved in projects activities.	Units	5,545.00	9,050.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded..
F	OII-5	Joint actions targeting vulnerable groups (youth, women, disabled, ethnic minorities) established for the prevention of early school leaving, for cultural inclusion	Units	893.00	988.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator.
S	OII-5	Joint actions targeting vulnerable groups (youth, women, disabled, ethnic minorities) established for the prevention of early school leaving, for cultural inclusion	Units	893.00	988.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded..
F	OII-6	Joint actions targeting smart (green) growth opportunities	Units	10.00	10.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021.
S	OII-6	Joint actions targeting smart (green) growth opportunities	Units	10.00	10.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be achieved.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	24,487.00	22,160.00	19,212.00	5,401.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	37,225.00	37,225.00	19,925.00	19,925.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	33,575.00	30,527.00	20,949.00	5,912.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	34,071.00	26,504.00	25,515.00	25,515.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OII-1	Citizens involved in project activities in cultural, social health care services.	46,660.00	42,740.00	14,929.00	5,427.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OII-1	Citizens involved in project activities in cultural, social health care services.	67,683.00	67,683.00	34,159.00	34,159.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OII-2	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of labour market.	11.00	11.00	11.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OII-2	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of labour market.	20.00	20.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OII-3	Investment in health care and social services infrastructure.	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OII-3	Investment in health care and social services infrastructure.	11.00	11.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OII-4	Disadvantaged persons involved in projects activities.	6,948.00	5,811.00	4,207.00	981.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OII-4	Disadvantaged persons involved in projects activities.	9,050.00	9,050.00	5,545.00	5,545.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OII-5	Joint actions targeting vulnerable groups (youth, women, disabled, ethnic minorities) established for the prevention of early school leaving, for cultural inclusion	979.00	898.00	588.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OII-5	Joint actions targeting vulnerable groups (youth, women, disabled, ethnic minorities) established for the prevention of early school leaving, for cultural inclusion	988.00	904.00	893.00	893.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OII-6	Joint actions targeting smart (green) growth opportunities	6.00	6.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OII-6	Joint actions targeting smart (green) growth opportunities	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

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Priority axis	1 - Employment promotion and basic services strengthening for an inclusive growth
Thematic Priority	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.
Specific objective	1-1 - Employment and labour mobility

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.a.1-1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
R11-1	Active population more satisfied of the access to labour market. (Innovative services assisting job seekers permanently established, information on job opportunities available in marginal areas, disadvantaged groups receiving assistance and information a	Ranking on qualitative scale (1-7)	3.4	2015	4.25		3.4	According to the Impact Evaluation Report, statistical data shows a continuous and steady decline of the unemployment rate between 2014 and 2020 in all counties and districts in the programme area except for Braničevski in Serbia. On the other hand, the evolution of the available labour resources in the programme area has a different evolution in the region over the period 2016-2020 depending on the country. While the available labour resources increase in Serbia (over the period 2016-2020) in five districts out of the six in the area (the exception being Central Banat), the trend is decreasing in Romania (only Timiș County is almost constant). While the decline of the unemployment rate is directly related to the economic growth visible in the GDP increase at the level of each county and district, the available labour resources are very much related to the outgoing external labour mobility (emigration for labour) affecting both countries, but with different magnitudes. As Serbia is not part of the European Union, the emigration for labour is more difficult for Serbian citizens. Although present, the phenomenon is not affecting the availability of labour resources in Serbia, compared to Romania. If demand for work was increasing during the last years (except for part of 2020 affected by COVID-19), in Serbia this generated both lower unemployment and more availability for work at older age. This stagnation might be the result of context influencing factors, of which the pandemic context during 2020 and the associated measures (lockdown, restrictions as regards social interaction etc.) which led to shortcomings at the level of health-social-economic-educational-cultural context, have adversely influenced the labour mobility and labour market overall.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
R11-1	Active population more satisfied of the access to labour market. (Innovative services assisting job seekers permanently established, information on job opportunities available in marginal areas, disadvantaged groups receiving assistance and information a								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
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Specific objective	1-2 - Health and social infrastructure

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.a.1-2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
R11-2	Population experiencing access to improved basic services in health care and education. Innovative, high quality services permanently created and available in marginal areas, preventive care, cultural activities and services, sport activities.	Ranking on qualitative scale (1-7)	3.28	2015	4.92		3.63	The effects of COVID-19 pandemics are strongly hindering the progress at the level of this result indicator, given that the reorganisation of health care services to treat COVID-19 patients limited the access to health care in general in both countries at national level. Moreover, the availability of health care services is related to the distribution of medical personnel and facilities, over 80% being located in urban areas in the region.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
R11-2	Population experiencing access to improved basic services in health care and education. Innovative, high quality services permanently created and available in marginal areas, preventive care, cultural activities and services, sport activities.								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R11-2	Population experiencing access to improved basic services in health care and education. Innovative, high quality services permanently created and available in marginal areas, preventive care, cultural activities and services, sport activities.						

Priority axis	1 - Employment promotion and basic services strengthening for an inclusive growth
Thematic Priority	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.
Specific objective	1-3 - Social and cultural inclusion

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.a.1-3

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
R11-3	Population experiencing lively cultural life in a cross border setting. Population, especially in marginal areas, accessing various opportunities for cultural and social activities, permanently offered in joint initiatives across the border.	Ranking on qualitative scale (1-7)	4.25	2015	5.56		4.31	The period between the beginning 2020-beginning 2021 was marked by the pandemic situation and, as expected, the social and, in particular the cultural context was profoundly and adversely affected. In this context, one of the most encouraging findings of the evaluation is the increased participation to cultural life in the cross-border setting. Considering the COVID-19 pandemics impact, the measured value is a well sustained above average situation.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
R11-3	Population experiencing lively cultural life in a cross border setting. Population, especially in marginal areas, accessing various opportunities for cultural and social activities, permanently offered in joint initiatives across the border.								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R11-3	Population experiencing lively cultural life in a cross border setting. Population, especially in marginal areas, accessing various opportunities for cultural and social activities, permanently offered in joint initiatives across the border.						

Priority axis	2 - Environmental protection and risk management
Thematic Priority	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.b

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	COI-3	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	50,000.00	51,666.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Furthermore, project RORS-232 reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	COI-3	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	50,000.00	74,349.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be achieved /exceeded following the project implementation
F	OI2-1	Infrastructure, equipment built/ installed/ modernized in the field of cross border services for environmental protection	Units	11.00	19.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed.
S	OI2-1	Infrastructure, equipment built/ installed/ modernized in the field of cross border services for environmental protection	Units	11.00	23.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded..
F	OI2-2	Participants to project initiatives and events for information and awareness rising	Units	5,000.00	27,982.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2020. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Furthermore, projects RORS-13, RORS-27, RORS-308, RORS-300, RORS-380, RORS-232, RORS-375, RORS-462 and RORS-393 reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	OI2-2	Participants to project initiatives and events for information and awareness rising	Units	5,000.00	27,195.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be exceeded.
F	OI2-3	Studies in the field of environmental protection and emergency management. (technical and scientific studies, researches in the relevant fields)	Units	5.00	19.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed.
S	OI2-3	Studies in the field of environmental protection and emergency management. (technical and scientific studies, researches in the relevant fields)	Units	5.00	26.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be achieved.
F	OI2-4	Participants to capacity building initiatives	units	659.00	2,727.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Furthermore, projects RORS-28, RORS-300, RORS-380 and RORS-337 already reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	OI2-4	Participants to capacity building initiatives	units	659.00	2,820.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded..
F	OI2-5	Monitoring systems established/ extended/ modernized in the eligible area in the field of environmental protection and emergency management.	Units	3.00	8.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed
S	OI2-5	Monitoring systems established/ extended/ modernized in the eligible area in the field of environmental protection and emergency management.	Units	3.00	11.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be exceeded.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	COI-3	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	51,666.00	51,666.00	21,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	COI-3	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	53,349.00	53,349.00	43,847.00	43,847.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI2-1	Infrastructure, equipment built/ installed/ modernized in the field of cross border services for environmental protection	15.00	7.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI2-1	Infrastructure, equipment built/ installed/ modernized in the field of cross border services for environmental protection	21.00	20.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI2-2	Participants to project initiatives and events for information and awareness rising	13,777.00	5,812.00	382.00	98.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI2-2	Participants to project initiatives and events for information and awareness rising	26,145.00	25,362.00	856.00	856.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI2-3	Studies in the field of environmental protection and emergency management. (technical and scientific studies, researches in the relevant fields)	6.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI2-3	Studies in the field of environmental protection and emergency management. (technical and scientific studies, researches in the relevant fields)	23.00	20.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI2-4	Participants to capacity building initiatives	1,688.00	411.00	38.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI2-4	Participants to capacity building initiatives	2,722.00	2,720.00	659.00	659.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI2-5	Monitoring systems established/ extended/ modernized in the eligible area in the field of environmental protection and emergency management.	5.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI2-5	Monitoring systems established/ extended/ modernized in the eligible area in the field of environmental protection and emergency management.	9.00	8.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

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Priority axis	2 - Environmental protection and risk management
Thematic Priority	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.
Specific objective	2-1 - Environmental protection and sustainable use of natural resources

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.b.2-1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
RI2-1	Awareness on the potential of environmental resources and the benefits of protection. Resident population informed on quality and quantity of environmental resources in the eligible area, and on the benefits of protection actions.	Qualitative indicator on Ordinal scale value (1 -7)	4.09	2015	5.31		3.64	The standard and level of stakeholders' expectation concerning population awareness on environmental protection has increased since 2014. At the same time, initiatives aiming at educating young people and the general population in the field of environment protection are very scarce. On the other hand, the programme funded investments in energy efficient infrastructure and infrastructure, equipment and research needed for environment protection, conservation and restoration, but these activities and corresponding results are not reflected in the result indicator PA2-RI1. Their contribution to environmental protection and sustainable use of natural resources is positive.
RI2-2	Capacity for emergency interventions and management in case of natural disasters and environmental accidents	Qualitative indicator Ordinal scale value (1-7)	3.65	2015	4.74		3.87	

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI2-1	Awareness on the potential of environmental resources and the benefits of protection. Resident population informed on quality and quantity of environmental resources in the eligible area, and on the benefits of protection actions.								
RI2-2	Capacity for emergency interventions and management in case of natural disasters and environmental accidents								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI2-1	Awareness on the potential of environmental resources and the benefits of protection. Resident population informed on quality and quantity of environmental resources in the eligible area, and on the benefits of protection actions.						
RI2-2	Capacity for emergency interventions and management in case of natural disasters and environmental accidents						

Priority axis	2 - Environmental protection and risk management
Thematic Priority	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.
Specific objective	2-2 - Environmental risks management and emergency preparedness

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.b.2-2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
RI2-3	Potential for cross-border interoperability for environmental protection and emergency interventions, based on shared procedures and technologies	Qualitative indicator Ordinal scale value (1-7)	3.88	2015	5.43		4.32	Although the value achieved (based on the survey among stakeholders) represents 79% of the target value for 2023, respondents from responsible authorities (the Serbian Ministry of Internal Affairs and Romanian Regional Inspectorate for Emergency Situation) assess they have significantly increased their capacity for both emergency interventions and management and cross-border interventions and interoperability in case of natural disasters.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI2-3	Potential for cross-border interoperability for environmental protection and emergency interventions, based on shared procedures and technologies								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI2-3	Potential for cross-border interoperability for environmental protection and emergency interventions, based on shared procedures and technologies						

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable Mobility and Accessibility
Thematic Priority	c - Promoting sustainable transport and improving public infrastructures by, inter alia, reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services and investing in cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.c

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	OI3-1	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of transport and public utilities	Units	6.00	8.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021.
S	OI3-1	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of transport and public utilities	Units	6.00	9.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded.
F	OI3-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or the realisation of actions in the field of transport and mobility infrastructure	Units	8.00	3.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021.
S	OI3-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or the realisation of actions in the field of transport and mobility infrastructure	Units	8.00	9.00	Even if the contribution to this indicator has not been targeted during the second call for proposals, the projects submitted and contracted positively influence the achievement of this indicator, therefore, considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals, the target value is estimated to be exceeded.
F	OI3-3	Investments in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure	Units	5.00	8.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021.
S	OI3-3	Investments in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure	Units	5.00	7.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be achieved.
F	OI3-4	Participants to information/ training/ awareness raising initiatives in the field of transport and public utilities.	Units	500.00	1,341.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. Furthermore, projects RORS-16, RORS-36, RORS-15 and RORS-481 already reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	OI3-4	Participants to information/ training/ awareness raising initiatives in the field of transport and public utilities.	Units	500.00	1,294.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be exceeded.
F	OI3-5	Joint initiatives on improvements of public transport and intermodal connections	Units	2.00	2.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021.
S	OI3-5	Joint initiatives on improvements of public transport and intermodal connections	Units	2.00	2.00	The indicator has been estimated not to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals of the Programme. In order to ensure achievement of this indicator, the second call for proposals targeted projects that will positively influence this indicator. Considering the targets set by the projects financed following the second call for proposals it is estimated that the Programme target value will be achieved.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OI3-1	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of transport and public utilities	7.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI3-1	Cross border cooperation structures supported in the field of transport and public utilities	9.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI3-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or the realisation of actions in the field of transport and mobility infrastructure	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI3-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or the realisation of actions in the field of transport and mobility infrastructure	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI3-3	Investments in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure	5.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI3-3	Investments in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure	7.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI3-4	Participants to information/ training/ awareness raising initiatives in the field of transport and public utilities.	898.00	898.00	174.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI3-4	Participants to information/ training/ awareness raising initiatives in the field of transport and public utilities.	1,294.00	1,160.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI3-5	Joint initiatives on improvements of public transport and intermodal connections	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI3-5	Joint initiatives on improvements of public transport and intermodal connections	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable Mobility and Accessibility
Thematic Priority	c - Promoting sustainable transport and improving public infrastructures by, inter alia, reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services and investing in cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities.
Specific objective	3-1 - Mobility and transport infrastructure and services

Table 1: Result indicators - 3.c.3-1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
RI3-1	Population accessing to sustainable and efficient public mobility and transport services. Population having access to improved local transport infrastructures, faster connections to main corridors, efficient border crossing services, transport services	Qualitative indicator described on an ordinal scale (1-7)	3.98	2015	5.17		3.48	According to the results of the stakeholders' survey, the population access to sustainable and efficient public mobility and transport services is rated as 3,48 (average), ranking on a scale from 1 to 7 (where 1-very low and 7-very high awareness level). The value achieved is slightly under the baseline value of 3,98 ¹ and represents 67% of the target value for 2023 (5,17). The programme area continues to suffer from poor connectivity, including remote areas with limited access to transport and mobility. A small number of disparate projects in the field of transportation and mobility cannot generate the expected programme progress concerning the population accessing sustainable and efficient public mobility
RI3-2	Vehicles crossing the border. Traffic across the border for social, commercial and touristic activities and exchanges.	Total number of vehicles per day	950	2015	1187	1,196,00		Even with the pandemic impact, the value in 2020 is surpassing the target value for 2021, fixed at 1.187 vehicles crossing the border per day.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI3-1	Population accessing to sustainable and efficient public mobility and transport services. Population having access to improved local transport infrastructures, faster connections to main corridors, efficient border crossing services, transport services								
RI3-2	Vehicles crossing the border. Traffic across the border for social, commercial and touristic activities and exchanges.								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI3-1	Population accessing to sustainable and efficient public mobility and transport services. Population having access to improved local transport infrastructures, faster connections to main corridors, efficient border crossing services, transport services						
RI3-2	Vehicles crossing the border. Traffic across the border for social, commercial and touristic activities and exchanges.						

¹ Baseline year 2015.

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable Mobility and Accessibility
Thematic Priority	c - Promoting sustainable transport and improving public infrastructures by, inter alia, reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services and investing in cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities.
Specific objective	3-2 - Public utilities infrastructure

Table 1: Result indicators - 3.c.3-2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
RI3-3	Population accessing sustainable and efficient public utilities networks (energy, water, ICT). Access to improved utility services based on innovative technologies, access to efficient and sustainable energy sources, especially in marginal and remote te	Percentage of households with access to the utility networks	57%	2015	82.6%	84%		

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI3-3	Population accessing sustainable and efficient public utilities networks (energy, water, ICT). Access to improved utility services based on innovative technologies, access to efficient and sustainable energy sources, especially in marginal and remote te								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI3-3	Population accessing sustainable and efficient public utilities networks (energy, water, ICT). Access to improved utility services based on innovative technologies, access to efficient and sustainable energy sources, especially in marginal and remote te						

Priority axis	4 - Attractiveness for sustainable tourism
Thematic Priority	d - Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.d

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	OI4-1	Cross border cooperation structures/ initiatives supported in the field of tourism	Units	62.00	66.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021.
S	OI4-1	Cross border cooperation structures/ initiatives supported in the field of tourism	Units	62.00	69.00	The indicator is estimated to be exceeded following the implementation of the projects financed after the second call for proposals of the Programme. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator. Furthermore, contracting project RORS-395 from the reserve list also led to an increase of the estimated target.
F	OI4-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or research and studies in the field of natural and cultural resources	Units	15.00	20.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed.
S	OI4-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or research and studies in the field of natural and cultural resources	Units	15.00	20.00	The indicator is estimated to be exceeded following the implementation of the projects financed after the second call for proposals of the Programme. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator.
F	OI4-3	Number of participants attending training initiatives	Units	1,303.00	1,811.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. Furthermore, projects RORS-19, RORS-24, RORS-25, RORS-30 and RORS-39 reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	OI4-3	Number of participants attending training initiatives	Units	1,303.00	1,886.00	The indicator is estimated to be exceeded following the implementation of the projects financed after the second call for proposals of the Programme. Furthermore, contracting project RORS-372 from the reserve list led to an increase of the estimated contribution.
F	OI4-4	Joint actions and communication instruments created	Units	45.00	51.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed.
S	OI4-4	Joint actions and communication instruments created	Units	45.00	62.00	The indicator is estimated to be exceeded following the implementation of the projects financed after the second call for proposals of the Programme. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator. Furthermore, contracting project RORS-395 from the reserve list also led to an increase of the estimated target.
F	OI4-5	Partnerships for the exchange of good practices and the promotion of joint initiatives established	Units	20.00	24.00	The value does not include the achievement of the projects for which the final/intermediary reports have not been submitted by the end of 2021. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator and partial contributions can already be observed. Furthermore, projects RORS-24 and RORS-25 already reported a higher contribution than originally estimated.
S	OI4-5	Partnerships for the exchange of good practices and the promotion of joint initiatives established	Units	20.00	25.00	The indicator is estimated to be exceeded following the implementation of the projects financed after the second call for proposals of the Programme. However, even if the target value has been estimated to be achieved following the implementation of the projects financed after the first call for proposals, the projects financed following the second call for proposals also declared contributions to this indicator.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OI4-1	Cross border cooperation structures/ initiatives supported in the field of tourism	66.00	62.00	35.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI4-1	Cross border cooperation structures/ initiatives supported in the field of tourism	68.00	64.00	62.00	62.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI4-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or research and studies in the field of natural and cultural resources	20.00	17.00	10.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI4-2	Studies related to the implementation of selected projects or research and studies in the field of natural and cultural resources	20.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI4-3	Number of participants attending training initiatives	1,786.00	1,005.00	1,005.00	245.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI4-3	Number of participants attending training initiatives	1,886.00	1,303.00	1,303.00	1,303.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI4-4	Joint actions and communication instruments created	46.00	67.00	23.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI4-4	Joint actions and communication instruments created	61.00	51.00	45.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI4-5	Partnerships for the exchange of good practices and the promotion of joint initiatives established	23.00	19.00	9.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI4-5	Partnerships for the exchange of good practices and the promotion of joint initiatives established	25.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	4 - Attractiveness for sustainable tourism
Thematic Priority	d - Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.
Specific objective	4-1 - Investments for the growth of the demand of local tourism networks and promotion of innovative tourism activities

Table 1: Result indicators - 4.d.4-1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
RI4-1	Number of tourists arrivals in the eligible area. Flows of visitors in the area for all forms of tourism activities and cross border networks.	Units	600,000.00	2015	810,000.00	1, 009,581.00		
RI4-2	Nights spent by tourists in the eligible area. Time spent by tourists in the cross border area, for all types of touristic activities	Units	1,600,000.00	2015	1,920,000.00	2, 684,600.00		

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI4-1	Number of tourists arrivals in the eligible area. Flows of visitors in the area for all forms of tourism activities and cross border networks.								
RI4-2	Nights spent by tourists in the eligible area. Time spent by tourists in the cross border area, for all types of touristic activities								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI4-1	Number of tourists arrivals in the eligible area. Flows of visitors in the area for all forms of tourism activities and cross border networks.						
RI4-2	Nights spent by tourists in the eligible area. Time spent by tourists in the cross border area, for all types of touristic activities						

Priority axis	4 - Attractiveness for sustainable tourism
Thematic Priority	d - Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.
Specific objective	4-2 - Capacity building initiatives for the improvement of quality and innovation of tourism services and products

Table 1: Result indicators - 4.d.4-2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
RI4-3	New "touristic products" created as a result of programme actions in the field of promotion and information on integrated touristic networks in the CBC area.	Units	17.00	2015	24.00	25		8 achieved and 3 more estimated to be achieved. These are added to the existing 17 'touristic products' and the target of 24 will be surpassed

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI4-3	New "touristic products" created as a result of programme actions in the field of promotion and information on integrated touristic networks in the CBC area.								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI4-3	New "touristic products" created as a result of programme actions in the field of promotion and information on integrated touristic networks in the CBC area.						

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Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 5.Technical Assistance

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	OI5-1	Number of meetings of programme bodies	Units		23	1 Monitoring Committee meeting and 3 Joint Working Group for new programming period was organized in 2021, online, due to the pandemic restrictions
S	OI5-1	Number of meetings of programme bodies	Units			Not applicable
F	OI5-2	Number of projects calls implemented	Units		3	3 projects calls implemented
S	OI5-2	Number of projects calls implemented	Units			Not applicable
F	OI5-3	Number of interim programme evaluations implemented	Units		2	In the January 2021-August 2021 period it was carried out the impact evaluation of the Programme
S	OI5-3	Number of interim programme evaluations implemented	Units			Not applicable
F	OI5-4	Number of events for information and promotion	Units		67	The 10th edition of the European Cooperation Day was celebrated in Sisesti, Mehedinti county on 21.09.2021
S	OI5-4	Number of events for information and promotion	Units			Not applicable
F	OI5-5	Number of employees (full time equivalent) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Units		41	Total number of employees from MA, JS and NA whose salaries are co-financed by TA
S	OI5-5	Number of employees (full time equivalent) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Units			Not applicable

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OI5-1	Number of meetings of programme bodies	19.00	18.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI5-1	Number of meetings of programme bodies	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
F	OI5-2	Number of projects calls implemented	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
S	OI5-2	Number of projects calls implemented	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
F	OI5-3	Number of interim programme evaluations implemented	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OI5-3	Number of interim programme evaluations implemented	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OI5-4	Number of events for information and promotion	66.00	59.00	46.00	36.00	19.00	18.00	0.00
S	OI5-4	Number of events for information and promotion	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
F	OI5-5	Number of employees (full time equivalent) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	37.00	30.00	24.00	27.00	29.00	30.00	35.00
S	OI5-5	Number of employees (full time equivalent) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	34.00	34.00	34.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	5-1 - Technical assistance

Table 1: Result indicators - 5.5-1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023)	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
RI5-1	Effective absorption of funds Certified expenditures on planned allocation by the deadlines established	Percentage	0.00	2015	100.00	83.03		

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI5-1	Effective absorption of funds Certified expenditures on planned allocation by the deadlines established	57.72		38.89		11.94		1.57	

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI5-1	Effective absorption of funds Certified expenditures on planned allocation by the deadlines established						

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3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2021	Observations
1	F	IF1	Financial execution for PA 1	EUR	978983.87	27,034,853.00	16,927,134.83	
1	O	OII-1	Citizens involved in project activities in cultural, social health care services.	Units	500	3,000.00	52,929.00	The final target for this indicator is 34.159. Due to a clerical error, the revised OP (COM Decision no. 971_13.02.2019) does not include this change in the PF section, only in the section Common and programme specific output indicators.
2	F	2FI	Financial execution for PA2	EUR	680677.58	18,797,060.00	12,060,313.50	
2	O	COI-3	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	1000	50,000.00	51,666.00	
3	F	3FI	Financial execution for PA3	EUR	865166.65	24,074,013.00	18,150,072.56	
3	I	KIS	Number of investments	Units	1		7	
3	O	OI3-3	Investments in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure	Units	0	5.00	8.00	
4	F	4FI	Financial execution for PA4	EUR	347229.70	9,406,577.00	6,635,945.70	
4	O	OI4-1	Cross border cooperation structures/ initiatives supported in the field of tourism	Units	5	20.00	66.00	The final target for this indicator is 62. Due to a clerical error, the revised OP (COM Decision no. 971_13.02.2019) does not include this change in the PF section, only in the section Common and programme specific output indicators.
4	O	OI4-3	Number of participants attending training initiatives	Units	100	500.00	1,811.00	The final target for this indicator is 1,303. Due to a clerical error, the revised OP (COM Decision no. 971_13.02.2019) does not include this change in the PF section, only in the section Common and programme specific output indicators.

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
1	F	IF1	Financial execution for PA 1	EUR	12,556,399.81	9,248,255.76	5,288,931.76	243,110.79	
1	O	OII-1	Citizens involved in project activities in cultural, social health care services.	Units	46,660.00	42,740.00	14,929.00	5,428.00	
2	F	2FI	Financial execution for PA2	EUR	8,115,272.76	4,010,107.93	1,196,285.39	22,493.31	
2	O	COI-3	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	53,349.00	51,666.00	21,200.00	0.00	
3	F	3FI	Financial execution for PA3	EUR	10,465,659.64	2,860,517.22	1,732,075.65	16,356.78	
3	I	KIS	Number of investments	Units	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
3	O	OI3-3	Investments in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure	Units	5.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	
4	F	4FI	Financial execution for PA4	EUR	6,307,151.28	4,397,427.03	2,975,838.31	23,071.88	
4	O	OI4-1	Cross border cooperation structures/ initiatives supported in the field of tourism	Units	66.00	62.00	35.00	0.00	
4	O	OI4-3	Number of participants attending training initiatives	Units	1,786.00	1,005.00	1,005.00	0.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2015	2014
1	F	IF1	Financial execution for PA 1	EUR		
1	O	OII-1	Citizens involved in project activities in cultural, social health care services.	Units		
2	F	2FI	Financial execution for PA2	EUR		
2	O	COI-3	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons		
3	F	3FI	Financial execution for PA3	EUR		
3	I	KIS	Number of investments	Units		
3	O	OI3-3	Investments in transport and utilities infrastructure, including improvement, enhancement of existing infrastructure	Units		
4	F	4FI	Financial execution for PA4	EUR		
4	O	OI4-1	Cross border cooperation structures/ initiatives supported in the field of tourism	Units		
4	O	OI4-3	Number of participants attending training initiatives	Units		

3.4. Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 17 of model for cooperation programmes under IPA.

Priority axis	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	Public	27,034,853.00	85.00	27,399,877.24	101.35%	27,320,204.80	17,073,018.70	63.15%	27
2	Public	18,797,060.00	85.00	18,734,481.77	99.67%	18,581,597.85	12,700,597.34	67.57%	21
3	Public	24,074,013.00	85.00	23,665,860.63	98.30%	23,645,527.43	18,982,057.78	78.85%	7
4	Public	9,406,577.00	85.00	10,630,462.34	113.01%	10,441,823.11	6,675,977.83	70.97%	17
5	Public	8,812,499.00	85.00	9,099,682.95	103.26%	9,099,682.95	6,219,791.77	70.58%	7
Total		88,125,002.00	85.00	89,530,364.93	101.59%	89,088,836.14	61,651,443.42	69.96%	79

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

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Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	«r.ir.etc.table5.thempridimen»	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	053	01	07	07	a	20	RO424	6,162,078.52	6,162,078.52	4,633,949.62	5
1	053	01	07	07	a	20	RS	14,490,771.02	14,490,771.02	7,897,791.46	3
1	053	01	07	07	a	21	RO422	418,639.28	418,639.28	36,691.25	1
1	102	01	07	07	a	19	RO424	294,364.67	294,364.67	258,589.56	1
1	102	01	07	07	a	21	RO424	405,688.50	405,688.50	371,265.14	2
1	102	01	07	07	a	21	RS	766,598.06	740,848.69	687,283.18	3
1	109	01	07	07	a	21	RO424	1,935,133.24	1,896,270.09	1,729,959.30	5
1	113	01	07	07	a	21	RS	338,426.34	338,426.34	6,145.21	1
1	116	01	07	07	a	19	RO424	391,739.25	391,739.25	28,375.22	1
1	116	01	07	07	a	19	RS	392,691.75	379,642.11	289,408.37	2
1	116	01	07	07	a	21	RO424	351,718.10	351,718.10	332,972.39	1
1	116	01	07	07	a	21	RS	1,452,028.51	1,450,018.23	800,588.00	2
2	085	01	07	07	b	22	RO422	1,353,167.55	1,353,167.55	1,270,351.63	1
2	085	01	07	07	b	22	RO424	5,190,016.32	5,040,142.18	2,912,439.06	7
2	085	01	07	07	b	22	RS	1,793,582.70	1,791,779.12	1,303,970.97	3
2	087	01	07	07	b	22	RO413	431,547.48	431,547.48	11,046.86	1
2	087	01	07	07	b	22	RO422	1,492,546.64	1,491,340.44	684,794.86	1
2	087	01	07	07	b	22	RO424	511,911.71	511,911.71	3,454.99	1
2	087	01	07	07	b	22	RS	1,725,386.60	1,725,386.60	631,407.82	1
2	088	01	07	07	b	22	RO413	1,558,926.82	1,558,926.82	1,492,085.29	2
2	088	01	07	07	b	22	RO422	941,292.45	941,292.45	880,161.60	1
2	088	01	07	07	b	22	RO424	1,715,498.20	1,715,498.20	1,590,187.07	2
2	088	01	07	07	b	22	RS	2,020,605.30	2,020,605.30	1,920,697.19	1
3	021	01	07	07	c	11	RO424	991,901.69	991,901.69	480,921.61	1
3	041	01	07	07	c	12	RO424	13,850,687.41	13,850,687.41	10,743,450.17	1
3	044	01	07	07	c	12	RO413	1,917,846.42	1,917,846.42	1,908,985.64	1
3	044	01	07	07	c	12	RS	2,957,499.66	2,947,694.65	2,802,052.13	2
3	048	01	07	07	c	12	RO422	2,316,418.65	2,316,418.65	1,635,756.52	1
3	048	01	07	07	c	13	RS	1,631,506.80	1,620,978.61	1,410,891.71	1
4	091	01	07	07	d	15	RO413	407,111.28	404,806.39	148,551.24	1
4	091	01	07	07	d	15	RO422	231,640.50	229,578.74	179,081.45	1
4	091	01	07	07	d	15	RO424	345,815.40	345,815.40	311,832.76	1
4	091	01	07	07	d	15	RS	1,426,552.05	1,330,916.37	967,037.03	3
4	092	01	07	07	d	15	RO422	722,770.75	722,770.75	279,418.39	1
4	092	01	07	07	d	15	RO424	796,408.92	789,978.69	757,316.01	1
4	093	01	07	07	d	15	RO413	453,982.04	434,297.85	362,181.07	1
4	093	01	07	07	d	15	RO422	528,952.20	486,207.01	21,849.79	1
4	093	01	07	07	d	15	RO424	474,911.85	474,911.85	0.00	1
4	093	01	07	07	d	15	RS	1,037,996.01	1,026,387.31	956,735.59	2
4	094	01	07	07	d	15	RO413	461,614.78	459,350.07	389,930.27	1
4	094	01	07	07	d	15	RO424	665,303.61	665,303.61	23,068.30	1
4	094	01	07	07	d	15	RS	3,077,402.95	3,071,499.07	2,278,975.93	2
5	121	01	07	07		24	RO321	2,218,499.67	2,218,499.67	787,520.84	3
5	121	01	07	07		24	RO424	4,794,127.71	4,794,127.71	3,984,166.13	2
5	121	01	07	07		24	RS	1,783,259.95	1,783,259.95	1,186,875.87	2
5	122	01	07	07		24	RO321	60,016.33	60,016.33	37,887.08	1
5	123	01	07	07		24	RO424	243,779.29	243,779.29	223,341.85	1

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of IPA support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the IPA at programme level * 100)	4. Eligible expenditure of IPA support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the IPA at programme level *100)
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(1) IPA support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

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4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

In the January 2021-August 2021 period it was carried out the impact evaluation of the Programme. The overall objective of this evaluation was to produce specific knowledge on the impact and sustainability of the Interreg-IPA CBC Romania-Serbia Programme and to contribute to the drafting of the 2021-2027 Programme.

The specific objectives of the evaluation were:

- to capture the contributions and impact of the programme as a whole and assess its performance as regards to each specific objective, taking into account how support from IPA has contributed to the objectives of each priority, in line with the result-focus of the EU cohesion policy;
- to assess the impact of communication activities;
- to outline strategic considerations for the future programming period.

The evaluation covered operations funded under Priority Axes 1-4 of the Programme and communications activities supported by the technical assistance, while the cut-off date for all the data analysed was set at December 31st 2020.

Main conclusions:

- The number, scale and scope of the projects funded by the Interreg-IPA CBC Romania-Serbia Programme does not allow a conclusion about a significant contribution of the programme to the progresses observed in the programme area. However, projects implemented under all Priority Axes are meeting their targets and achieving their expected results, therefore in institutions and communities where they are implemented, these projects generate a positive and visible impact.
- There is a large agreement among stakeholders, project partners and programme authorities regarding the sustainability of the Interreg IPA CBC Romania-Serbia Programme. Projects' partners are committed to ensure the sustainability of their results and stakeholders are also ready to contribute. This is also relevant for the capitalization potential of the programme, which can be assessed as high.
- As compared to regular projects, the strategic projects are able to increase the impact of the programme, especially in the sectors where small and local investments have a very limited impact at regional level and remain of importance only at community level. These sectors are: health, mobility, utilities, tourism and environment protection.
- Programme authorities are an important support factor for projects' partners. This is the most important positive factor supporting projects implementation and the generation of results, together with simplified procedures and the success of communication/visibility activities in attracting and raising the awareness of target groups.
- Results indicators based on stakeholders' opinions show stagnation in 2021 compared to the 2015 baseline. Nevertheless, these results can be explained by factors that are not linked to the programme performance.
- Programme communication is, in general, well appreciated by target groups (projects' partners, potential partners and stakeholders). The communication with the general public is less successful and some recommendations can be formulated to increase programme visibility and the engagement of potential

partners with no previous programme experience.

- All interviewed stakeholders and projects' partners underlined that one of the most important benefits of the programme is the increased intensity of cross-border cooperation in the programme area.

- Indicators proposed for the InterregIPA Romania-Serbia Programme 2021-2027 are in line with regulations and recommendations of the European Commission and avoid the deficiencies of the result indicators from the current programming period.

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Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic priority	Topic	Findings
Interreg IPA CBC Romania-Serbia Programme Impact Evaluation	IPA	01	2021	08	2021	Impact evaluation	all	the contributions and impact of the programme as a whole and its performance as regards to each specific objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects implemented under all PAs are meeting their targets, therefore in institutions and communities where they are implemented, these projects generate a positive and visible impact. - Results indicators based on stakeholders' opinions show stagnation in 2021 compared to the 2015 baseline. Nevertheless, these results can be explained by factors that are not linked to the programme performance - Projects' partners are committed to ensure the sustainability of their results and stakeholders are also ready to contribute. This is also relevant for the capitalization potential of the programme, that can be assessed as high. - As compared to regular projects, the strategic projects are able to increase the impact of the programme, especially in the sectors where small and local investments have a very limited impact at regional level and remain of importance only at community level. These sectors are: health, mobility, utilities, tourism, environment protection. - The programme has a slight displacement effect. Timiș county in Romania and the most developed districts in Serbia are attracting more funds, compared to other areas and municipalities closer to the border are more likely to engage in cross-cooperation activities, displacing other potential applicants, with less capacity. - One of the most important benefits of the programme is the increased intensity of cross-border cooperation in the programme area.
								the impact of communication activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programme authorities are an important support factor for projects' partners. This is the most important positive factor supporting projects implementation and the generation of results, together with simplified procedures and the success of communication/visibility activities in attracting and raising the awareness of target groups. - Programme communication is, in general, well appreciated by target groups (projects' partners, potential partners and stakeholders). The communication with the general public is less successful and some recommendations can be formulated to increase programme visibility and the engagement of potential partners with no previous programme experience.
								strategic considerations for the future programming period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicators proposed for the Interreg-IPA III CBC Romania-Serbia Programme 2021-2027 are in line with regulations and recommendations of the European Commission and avoid the deficiencies of the result indicators from the current programming period. However, using standard indicators for a large variety of eligible actions may limit the capacity of the monitoring process to capture the nature of changes and results generated by the programme. - Remote and marginalized areas remain a problem according to stakeholders. People in remote areas have very limited access to the labour market and healthcare services and access only to local social and cultural services, if existing. The infrastructure to ensure access to basic services and the development of tourism in these remote areas is underdeveloped. The programme authorities must include these types of interventions in the next programme. - Green investments and interventions to increase population awareness concerning the environment are needed in line with EU policies of the moment and the programme authorities must include them in the next programme. - Ensuring the programme area security is needed in order to allow for other investments to generate sustained results and the programme authorities must include them in the next programme.

5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Taking into consideration the negative impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on on-going or planned activities under Interreg IPA CBC Romania-Serbia Programme funding projects, the programme bodies focused on the new real needs of the projects in the COVID-19 context and supported the beneficiaries throughout this difficult period maintaining the previous measures taken in 2020:

1. Informed the beneficiaries regarding the possible solutions for projects implementation in the context of COVID-19 pandemic crisis. The document is available here: <http://www.romania-serbia.net/?p=4242>
2. Making available the Guideline for beneficiaries for organising virtual events in order to help them to organise the scheduled events and not to registered delays in projects implementation. The document is available here: <http://www.romania-serbia.net/?p=4317>
3. The possibility for Joint Secretariat to postpone the monitoring visits, on-site visits and pre-contracting visits, based on risk assessment and the obligation to perform all checks on the desk;
4. Informed the beneficiaries via the programme website page and Facebook page regarding the following issues :
 - The strong recommendation to use electronic signature for approving the project documents and the possibility to purchase an electronic signature and reimburse this expenditure from office and administrative costs, if it is needed;
 - Encouraged the beneficiaries to postpone their planned activities and events, considering the risk of spreading the disease caused by COVID. -19, based on a risk assessment methodology elaborated by the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs;
 - In case the activities and results at project level cannot be achieved due to COVID-19 effects, the beneficiaries can use the contractual provisions for suspending the implementation of their projects.
5. The possibility for the Romanian and Serbian FLC Units to organise virtual meeting (via online meeting/ video conference call instead of physical on-site visits in case these visits cannot be performed in full safety conditions due to suspicions and/ or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the respective institutions.
6. The management bodies of Programme have revised the working procedures for including the possibility to postpone on-site visits or to organise these visits on virtual format or on the desk verifications for monitoring, first level control or pre-contracting activities, etc.

Also, all the projects are analysed during monitoring process, including from COVID – 19 impact perspective. In this regards, a centralized situation of the projects affected by COVID 19 is updated weekly and the projects are kept under the observation. The situation monitors the projects requesting for suspension and / or extension of the implementation period, due to the COVID – 19 impact on their activities (e.g. events involving great number of people and travel between partners in Romania and Serbia that cannot be moved online. 19 requests from projects for extension of the implementation period were approved.

When the case, mitigation measures are proposed, on a case-by-case approach.. Projects were encouraged to change the organization of events from face to face meetings to online meetings (for example for the project management teams), to organize smaller events with the maximum number of participants allowed by the national legislation in force, etc. Each case was analysed separately and support was given to beneficiaries,

mainly through JS technical assistance meetings held with the beneficiaries (on phone) and through answers for the written requests for technical assistance received from the beneficiaries.

Concluding, the programme has taken the necessary measures in order to support projects in implementation during this period, among which: electronic signature of documents, allowing the suspension/prolongation of the implementation period, using the economies identified during implementation for projects selected from the reserve list of the second call for proposals.

Not validated

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

OI1-2, OI1-6; OI3-5: While it is expected to achieve the provisioned target by the end of Programme implementation, even if the second call for proposals targeted this indicator, the contribution of the submitted projects to this indicator is limited. The submitted projects did not provided a substantial contribution to this indicator and therefore the contribution of the financed projects is limited to the exact Programme target, any negative deviations of the projects resulting in a smaller contribution than the Programme target.

OI3-2: While it is expected to slightly exceed the provisioned target by the end of Programme implementation, even if the second call for proposals targeted this indicator, the contribution of the submitted projects to this indicator is limited. The submitted projects did not provided a substantial contribution to this indicator and therefore the contribution of the financed projects is limited to the Programme target, any negative deviations of the projects resulting in a smaller contribution than the Programme target.

Not validated

6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

Not validated

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

Not applicable

Not validated

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

8.1. Major projects

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority axis / Thematic priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress / Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

Not applicable

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

Not applicable

Not validated

8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Not applicable

Not validated

Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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Not validated

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

Not applicable

Not validated

9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	1 - Employment promotion and basic services strengthening for an inclusive growth
Not applicable	
Priority axis	2 - Environmental protection and risk management
Not applicable	
Priority axis	3 - Sustainable Mobility and Accessibility
Not applicable	
Priority axis	4 - Attractiveness for sustainable tourism
Not applicable	
Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Not applicable	

9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

Not applicable

Not validated

9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

Not applicable

Not validated

9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Not applicable

Not validated

9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

Not applicable

Not validated

10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

Not applicable

Not validated

Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic priority	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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Not validated

10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

Not applicable

Not validated

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme

Not applicable

Not validated

Not applicable

Not validated

11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

Programme is calling upon and states relevant national development strategies as well as EUSDR and EU 2020 strategy. Although the Programme has no Priorities Axes specifically dedicated to the EUSDR, considering that the entire eligible area of the Programme is also eligible for the EUSDR, all running and finalised projects have impact on the all four EUSDR Pillars. Furthermore, potential beneficiaries, when filling out the application form were requested to explain complementary with EU and national strategies and to state complementarity with other relevant documents, if the case. Therefore, all projects are mentioning how they are connecting their objectives and expected results with the EUSDR, being awarded with extra points during the technical and financial evaluation depending on their impact on the EUSDR. Several financed projects presented a clear impact on the EUSDR:

Project RORS-13 "Energy Efficiency - The Premise of a Better Environment in Romania – Serbia Cross-Border Area" with impact on PA2 – Sustainable energy, is planning to create 2 infrastructures according to the scope of the project for energy efficiency and use of renewable energy solutions, better environmental behaviour and life for the society

Project RORS-29 "Improving connectivity along the Danube", with impact on PA 1B Rail-Road-Air Mobility, aims to improve the road infrastructure connecting settlements in Mehedinti and Golubac, through construction, rehabilitation, modernization and improving the connectivity within the CBC area

Project RORS-15 "The repairing of the navigation infrastructure on Bega Canal", with impact on PA 1A Water ways mobility, by improving mobility and multimodality of the inland waterways and by tourism promotion, building prosperity in the Danube region. The project aims to ensure long-term competitiveness, sustainable development of tourism in Romania - Serbia CBC and increasing regional benefits by creating new investment opportunities.

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

EUSDR

The pillar(s) and priority area(s) that the programme is relevant to:

	Pillar	Priority area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.1 - Mobility - waterways
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.2 - Mobility - rail, road & air
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.3 - Energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.4 - Culture and tourism
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.1 - Water quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.2 - Environmental risks

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.3 - Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.1 - Knowledge society
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.2 - Competitiveness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.3 - People & skills
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.1 - Institutional capacity & cooperation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.2 - Security

Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSDR

A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators or Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?

Yes No

Name and function

Ministry of Foreign Affairs as National Coordinator of EUSDR

B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSDR?

Yes No

a) Are targeted calls for proposals planned in relation to EUSDR

Yes No

b) How many macro-regional projects/actions are already supported by the programme? (Number)

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c) Were extra points/bonus given to a project/action with high macro-regional significance or impact? If yes, please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

In the evaluation process of the applications, at the technical and financial assessment, 2 points were awarded if the project contributes to the implementation of the EUSDR.

d) Other actions (e.g. planned strategic projects). Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

Not applicable

C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSDR?

Yes No

Approximate or exact amount in Euro invested in the EUSDR:

ERDF	
CF	
ESF	
EAFRD	
EMFF	
ENI	
IPA	68.35 million
any other funds	
name of "any other funds"	

D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSDR (n.a. for 2016)

The project financed under the first and second call for proposals and the strategic call for proposals are in implementation. The results of these projects have been achieved during 2021: investing in people and skills (Projects RORS-27 RORS-300, RORS-283, RORS-337), promote culture and tourism (Projects RORS-309, RORS-39).

E. Does the programme contribute to the targets as validated by the national coordinators and priority area coordinators in 2016 (uploaded on the EUSDR website)? (Please specify the target(s))

Not applicable

11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

Not applicable

13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Not applicable

Not validated

**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK
(ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

Not applicable

Not validated