



Interreg VI-A Programme Hungary-Croatia 2021-2027

Policy objective 3 summary – starting points and scope

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The Interreg VI-A Hungary-Croatia (the programme) supports cross-border cooperation between the member states and implementation of joint cross-border activities in the programming period 2021-2027. The programme selected four Policy objectives and one Interreg specific objective that have been translated into five priorities which will enable the programme to become the tool for implementing smart solutions that answer to the programme area needs and challenges.

The programme was approved by the European Commission on 21 March 2024¹, under condition that the appropriate assessment of the impacts of Policy objective 3 "More connected Europe" on the ecological network has to be completed before launching any formal activity within that Policy objective.

Policy Objective "More connected Europe" (translated into Programme Priority axis 3) is of substantial importance for the development of the programme area since the border area is situated in the triangle of three TEN-T network elements (corridors Vb, X and Vc). Due to peripheral situation of these axes, middle of the border area is suffering from severe isolation and lack of cross-border infrastructure. Road connection should be supported to provide linkages in isolated peripheral areas, in order to connect neighbouring communities, providing improved and quicker access to TEN-T and other major road/rail infrastructure, generating time savings in cross-border mobility.

The financial allocation to this priority amounts to 9.500.000 EUR of total programme EU funding. Projects to be funded under this priority will have to tackle the following specific objective (SO): SO 3.2. - Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility.

This specific objective will be achieved through cross-border cooperation implementing the following indicative list of actions:

- 1. Elaboration of technical documentation in terms of main project design for licensing, including all related documents and plans defined by law of the partner countries;
- 2. Elaboration of technical documentation, in terms of executive plan, including all related documents and plans defined by law of the partner countries;
- 3. Implementation of road construction works (new infrastructure or upgrading), including all related elements defined by the technical plans, in line with the law of the partner countries.
- 4. Obtaining of relevant permits, according to legislation of the partner countries.

Furthermore, three operations of strategic importance are planned within this objective:

¹ Prior to the submission of the programme for approval, the strategic environmental assessment of the whole programme was conducted, and Environmental report prepared.





- 1. Preparing and building the missing road link between Sárok and Kneževo
- 2. Preparing and building the missing road link between Zákány and Gotalovo
- 3. Preparing the project documentation for the bridge between Kotoriba and Murakeresztúr.