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Experience and
achievements in the HU-HR
IPA CBC Programme



First EU-financed CBC

- With Hungarian accession, **the common border became an external EU border**, qualifying for funding for cross-border co-operation projects.
- Based on requests from regional stakeholders, inside the Hungarian PHARE programme **a Pilot Small Projects Fund was established.**
- Additionally, from **PHARE External Border Initiative** funds two projects were financed in the eligible area.



Pilot Small Projects Funds

- Allocations for **2002 and 2003**.
- PHARE funding: 500.000 EUR + 465.000 EUR.
- Number of supported projects: **14 + 17**.
- **Funding for organisations only on the Hungarian side.**
- **Topics** of co-operation (joint studies, events etc.): regional planning, development of the economy, development of human resources, cultural exchange.



External Border Initiative

- **Two large projects** in the border area.
- **Bypass road of the City of Harkány**, channelling HU-HR freight transport around the spa town (EU co-financing: 2.000.000 EUR).
- Construction of dormitory, events hall and cafeteria, plus renovation of the **Miroslav Krleža School Center in Pécs** (project size: 2.000.000 EUR).



Harkány bypass road



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SLO-HU-CRO INTERREG 1.

- **Goal:** supporting two- or three-sided co-operations in several topical fields.
- ‘Transitional nature’: **from SLO and HU accession** until the beginning of the new programming period 2007-2013.
- Two calls for proposals (in 2004 and 2005), in all three countries simultaneously, with **12,4 million EUR** funding (HU) and **7,3 million EUR** (HR).



SLO-HU-CRO INTERREG 2.

- **Priority 1** - Economic-Social Cohesion and Human Resources Development.
- **Priority 2** - Sustainable Development.
- Project types: **Joint – Mirror – Cooperative.**
- Less than 10 Hungarian-Croatian-(Slovenian) ‘joint’ projects, meaning with EU funding on both sides.
- **ERDF** on HU side, **CARDS / PHARE** on HR side.



New features of the new period 1.

- Instrument for **Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)** – combining previous, separate financial instruments (PHARE, ISPA, SAPARD).
- Focus on the **preparation** of candidate countries for Member State status and operation.
- **Five components**, one of them being cross-border co-operation.



New features of the new period 2.

- **Single set of rules** on both sides (same procurement rules and very similar cost eligibility rules for projects).
- **All projects are 'joint'**, due to EU funding available on both sides of the border.
- **Two-level reporting**, with first level control done in HU and HR on Project Partner level, plus project level joint reporting to the Joint Technical Secretariat.
- **Lead Beneficiary principle.**



Summarised experience

- Over the programming periods co-operations are growing closer, **more intense and more day-to-day.**
- Increasing responsibility of Project Partners, **growing allocations and bigger project sizes.**
- Evolving of strong **co-operations overarching** several projects and even programming periods.
- Cross-border **joint thinking even beyond projects,** contact keeping outside of projects' frameworks.



HU-HR IPA CBC in numbers

- Total amount of EU contribution for 2007-2013: **52.433.025 EUR**. Matched by projects' own contribution and in some cases by state contribution as well.
- A total of **140 joint projects**, each receiving funding on both the Hungarian and the Croatian side.
- Colleagues involved in day-to-day implementation: at least **23 persons** (1 in MA, 6+1 in JTS, 9 in HU FLC, 6 in HR FLC, and others at CA, AA etc.).



Results of the 1st Call

- **41 joint projects**, selected end of 2009 and under implementation from beginning of 2010. Only 2 are still being implemented as of today.
- Number of Project Partners: **64 HU, 74 HR.**
- Total EU allocation to selected projects: **12.264.195 EUR.** Amount reported until today: 8.317.415 EUR.
- EU contribution to HU / HR: **6,3 / 6,0 million EUR.**



Results of the 2nd Call

- **60 joint projects**, selected spring 2011 and under implementation from summer 2011. Until the end of 2012, 40 projects are expected to close.
- Number of Project Partners: **83 HU, 84 HR.**
- Total EU allocation to selected projects: **13.969.865 EUR.** Amount reported until today: 4.056.851 EUR.
- EU contribution to HU / HR: **7,2 / 6,8 million EUR.**

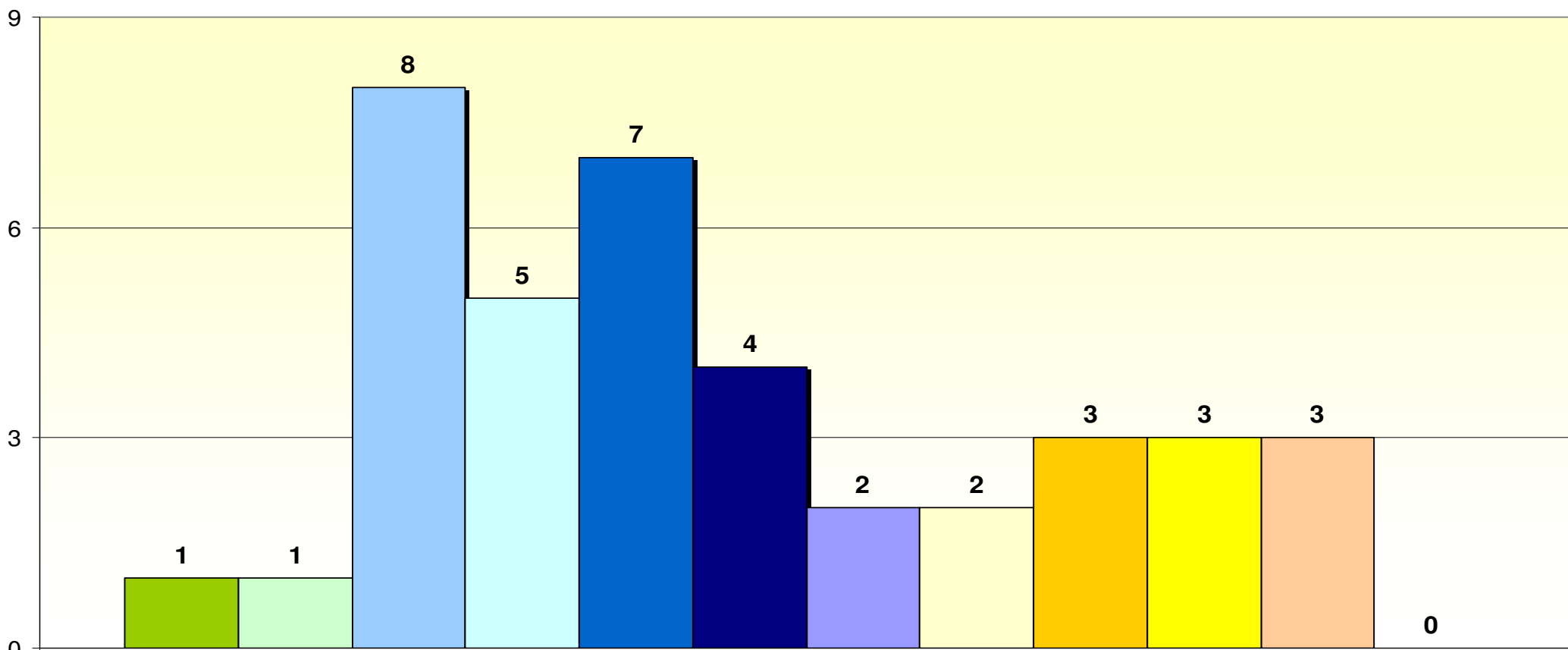


The 3rd Call

- **The last Call** in the present period.
- **Open:** 22 November 2011 to 1 March 2012.
- Newly opened Actions with special emphasis: areas related to **joint cross-border tourism development**.
- Number of submitted project proposals: **154**.
Supported projects: 39. Ratio of PP-s: **56:78**.
- Total amount of EU contribution awarded: **20.768.893,55 EUR**. (Remaining 267.841,45 EUR.)

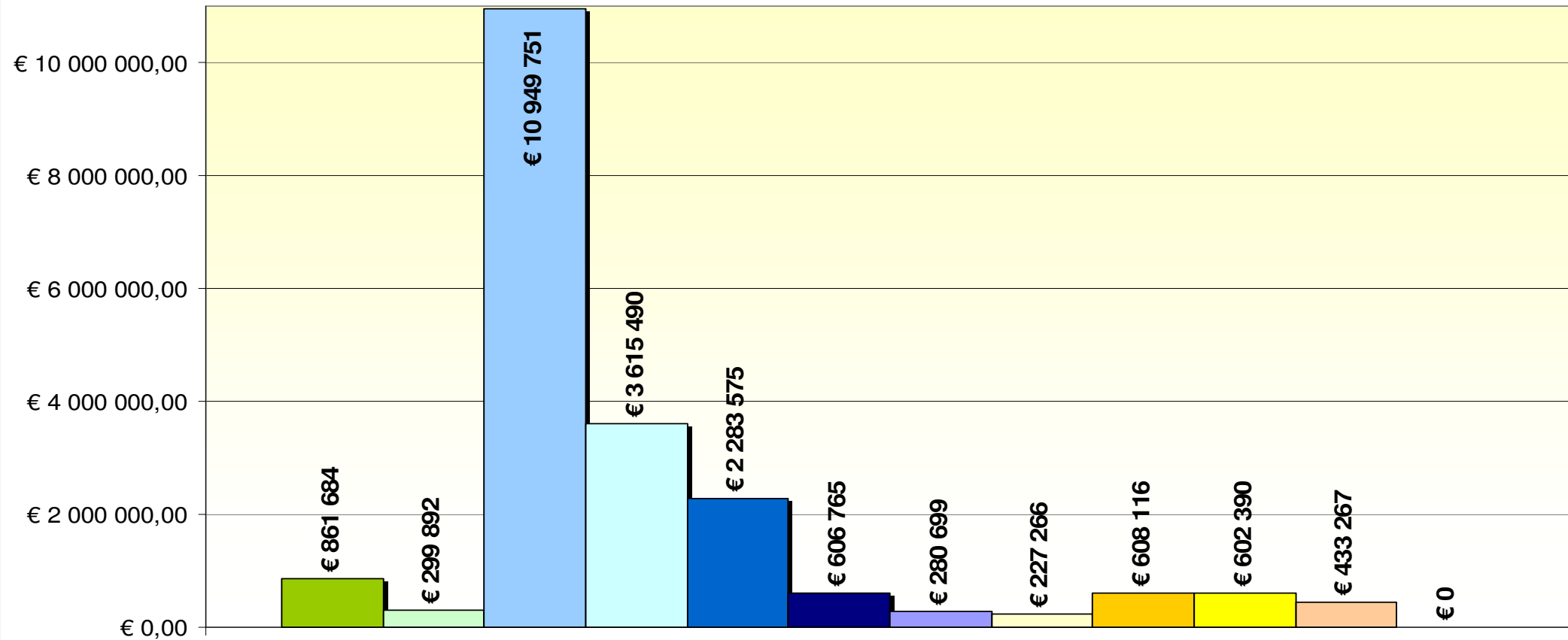


Number of the selected projects per action



- 1.1.1 Development of landscapes in the Mura-Drava-Danube area and its natural and rural surroundings
- 1.1.2 Environmental planning activities and minor public actions to improve the quality of the environment in the natural areas
- 1.2.2 – Component 1: Bicycle paths
- 1.2.2 – Component 2: Development of infrastructure for active and ecotourism in the river border area
- 1.2.3 Thematic routes of cultural heritage
- 1.2.4 Promotion of the river area as a single tourism product
- 1.2.5 Private investment attraction
- 2.1.2 Cross-border labour market mobility promotion services
- 2.1.3 Joint research, development and innovation
- 2.1.4 Joint local regional planning, strategies drawn up jointly by municipalities and/or deconcentrated state bodies
- 2.2.1 Joint cross-border education and other training projects between educational institutions
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Contracting

- Preparation of Subsidy Contracts: **from January 2013 continuously.**
- Date of signature of the Financing Agreement (EC-RH) for the 2012-2013 allocations: **1 February.** (Starting date of cost eligibility in Croatia.)
- Projects started with 1 February: **13.**
- Maximum implementation period: **24 months** (Action 1.1.1) and **20 months** (Action 1.2.2).



Steps of the forthcoming months

- From the ranking list of 3rd Call project proposals the JMC created a **reserve list of 40 projects**.
- Two sources of additional EU contribution: a) **extra ERDF amount** for Croatia for the second half of 2013; b) **amounts recycled** from 1st and 2nd Call projects not spending to 100%.
- **A JMC meeting** to decide on the additional 3rd Call projects to be funded is expected for the **first part of 2013**.



The next programming period

- The first steps towards **planning the CBC programme of 2014-2020** have already been taken. The two countries have met at **ministerial level** and the so-called **Task Force** has held its first meeting.
- A procurement was managed for the **joint Hungarian-Croatian team** which will elaborate the programme strategy, **in close cooperation** with regional and sectoral actors of both countries.



Thank you for your attention!

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