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| **Project information** | |
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| CALL FOR PROPOSALS | 1 |
| e-MS Code: | RORS-16 |
| PRIORITY AXIS: | 3 Sustainable mobility and accessibility |
| OBJECTIVE: | 3.1 Mobility and transport infrastructure and services |
| PROJECT TITLE: | **Improvement of Banat Connectivity** |
| ACRONYM: | IBC |
| DURATION[[1]](#footnote-1): | 17.08.2017 – 16.08.2019 (24 months) |
| Interreg-IPA  FUNDS CONTRACTED: | **€1.541.455,89** |
| TOTAL FUNDS CONTRACTED: | **€1.813.477,54** |
| ABSORBTION RATE (%)[[2]](#footnote-2): | 92,44% |
| PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S): | Contribution to connectivity across the border in the eligible area, through the improvement of the quality standards in the public transport and mobility services.  Improving conditions for movement of people, goods and services in the cross-border area for further development of border crossing point Nakovo (Serbia) – Lunga (Romania).  Overcoming the border as a perceived barrier, and promoting stronger cooperation and contact between cross-border regions and communities. |
| SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: | Achieving better living conditions in the cross-border area has a major importance. At the moment, the incompatibility of the technical characteristics and the poor capacity of the transport infrastructure in the neighbouring countries are the main obstacles for improving the living conditions and the transport quality of goods and people.  Generally, the transport sector is an important component of the economy impacting on the development and the welfare of population, providing economic and social opportunities and benefits that result in positive multiplier effects such as better accessibility to markets, job opportunities and bringing additional investments. Transport also carries an important environmental load, which cannot be neglected.  Unfortunately, the existing transport and mobility service infrastructure in the cross-border region does not meet the needs of the population and the business sector in the region: the conditions on the border crossing point Nakovo (North Banat District, Serbia) – Lunga (Timis County, Romania) are inappropriate, the crossing point is open only 12 hours a day, it does not fulfil the conditions for the transfer of busses and trucks with axle loads over 3.5 tonnes, the access roads leading to the border crossing and the major transport corridors do not meet the requested standards in the transport field. These restrictions represent a major obstacle for improved living conditions and better quality of transport of goods and people.  The project consortium is gathering four partners from Serbia and Romania represented by the Public Enterprise "Roads of Serbia", Municipality of Kikinda (SRB), Municipality of Jimbolia (ROU) and the Regional Agency for Socio-Economic Development Banat (SRB). All the partners have grouped around a common idea that investing in the quality standard in public transport and mobility services could overcome the common challenges of the cross-border region. As the transport and border crossing infrastructure are recognized as a basis for local and regional economic development, the project partners are considered as agents for promotion of inter-regional exchange and balanced regional development that foster high-employment economy and deliver social and territorial cohesion. |
| DEGREE OF ACHIEVEMENT OF INDICATORS[[3]](#footnote-3): | 3 cross-border cooperation structures supported in the field of transport and public utilities. 100%  2 studies related to the realisation of actions in the field of transport and mobility infrastructure. 100%  3 investments in the transport and utilities infrastructure, including the improvement and the enhancement of the existing infrastructure. 100%  124 participants to information/ training/ awareness raising initiatives in the field of transport and public utilities. 103% |

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| ACHIEVED RESULTS: | 1 cross-border cooperation network created;  1 information and promotion office on cross-border economic cooperation established;  1 cross-border cooperation web portal to set up;  124 participants to acquire knowledge about the new possibilities for improvement of cross-border economic cooperation at cross-border events;  Technical documentation for the construction of bicycle paths on the IB-15 state road in the area of Kikinda and the section Kikinda – Nakovo elaborated;  Technical documentation for Rehabilitation of the streets adjacent to the national road 59C in Jimbolia elaborated;  Construction of two-way bicycle paths on the right side of the state road No. 15 I-B section: Kikinda - Nakovo (state border with Romania);  Install the necessary equipment at the Nakovo border crossing point;  Rehabilitated streets adjacent to the national road 59C in Jimbolia. |

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| **Partnership information** |  | | | | |
|  |  | COUNTRY | COUNTY/DISTRICT | BUDGET(EURO) | CONTACT DETAILS |
| LEAD PARTNER: | PE “Roads of Serbia” | Serbia | Northern Banat | 872.883,42 | 282 Kralja Aleksandra bvd, Belgrad, 11000, Serbia  office@putevi-srbije.rs |
| PARTNER 2: | Municipality of Jimbolia | Romania | Timis | 845.140,72 | 81 T. Vladimirescu street, Jimbolia, 305400, Romania |
| PARTNER 3: | Municipality of Kikinda | Serbia | Northern Banat | 30.086,70 | 12 Trg srpskih dobrovoljaca street, Kikinda 23300, Serbia |
| PARTNER 4: | Regional Agency for Socio – Economic Development – Banat Ltd - RDA Banat | Serbia | Northern Banat | 65.366,70 | 1 Čarnojevićeva street, Zrenjanin, 23000, Serbia |

1. the implementation period (including extensions) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. total funds spent/total funds contracted \*100 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. indicators and level of achievement against targets set [↑](#footnote-ref-3)