

EUSDR EMBEDDING WEEK

A greener Danube Region - RSO 2.7 Working Group

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Interreg VI-A Romania Hungary Programme Policy priorities and specific objectives

Vision

A greener, resilient and more cohesive cross-border Region between Romania and Hungary, with enhanced understanding of cooperation opportunities and reduced barriers to cooperation, towards Agenda 2030 common targets with a more sustainable cooperation framework

Overall objective

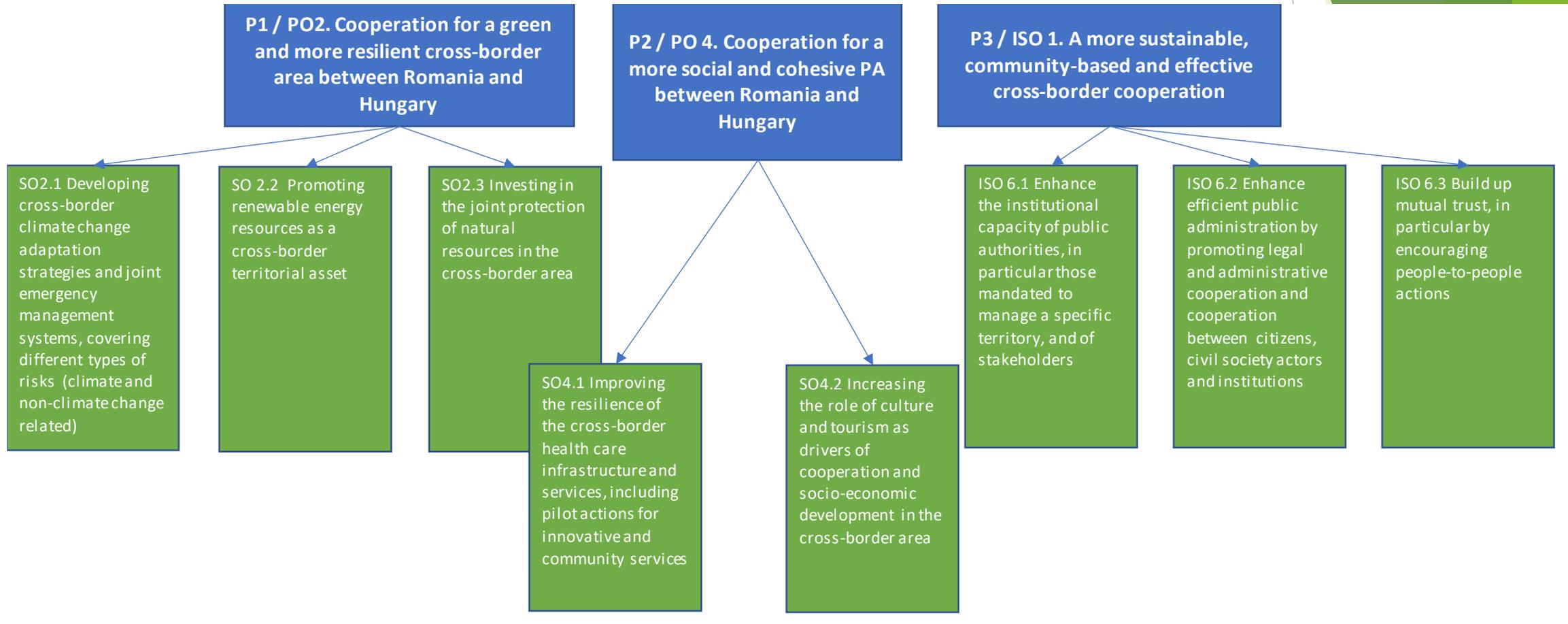
To build cooperation capacities and systems (including digital systems) in support of joint strategic thinking and joint actions, in order to valorise common resources and to tackle priority common challenges towards a more resilient cross-border region.

Specific objectives

1. Building capacities and systems in support of a Greener cross-border area

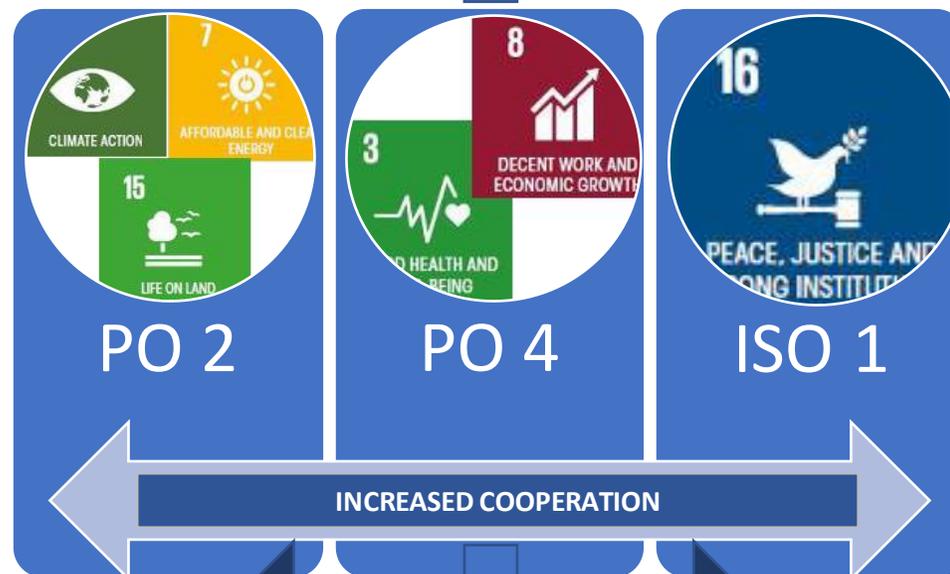
2. Building capacities and systems in support of a more social cross-border area

3. Building trust, capacities, knowledge and a more structured cooperation for a more effective and evidence-based cross-border action



Annual users of new / rehabilitated health infrastructure

Tourist sites supported - number of visitors



Cooperating organisations (during and after the project)

Jointly developed solutions - - taken up

Joint strategies / action plans - taken up

Participations in joint actions (during and after the project)

The programme intervention logics connected with Agenda 2030 development goals

Programme allocation:

indicative allocation (ERDF)	Policy Objective / specific objective	Share on total
46,448,167	PO 2	33%
11,260,162	RSO 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience	8%
23,927,843	RSO 2.2 Promoting renewable energy	17%
11,260,162	RSO 2.7 Enhancing nature protection and biodiversity, green infrastructure in particular in the urban environment, and reducing pollution	8%
78,821,131	PO 4	56%
39,410,566	RSO 4.5 Ensuring equal access to health care through developing infrastructure, including primary care	28%
39,410,566	RSO 4.6 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	28%
15,482,722	ISO 1	11%
3,086,176	ISO 6.1	2%
3,086,176	ISO 6.2	2%
9,310,371	ISO 6.3	7%
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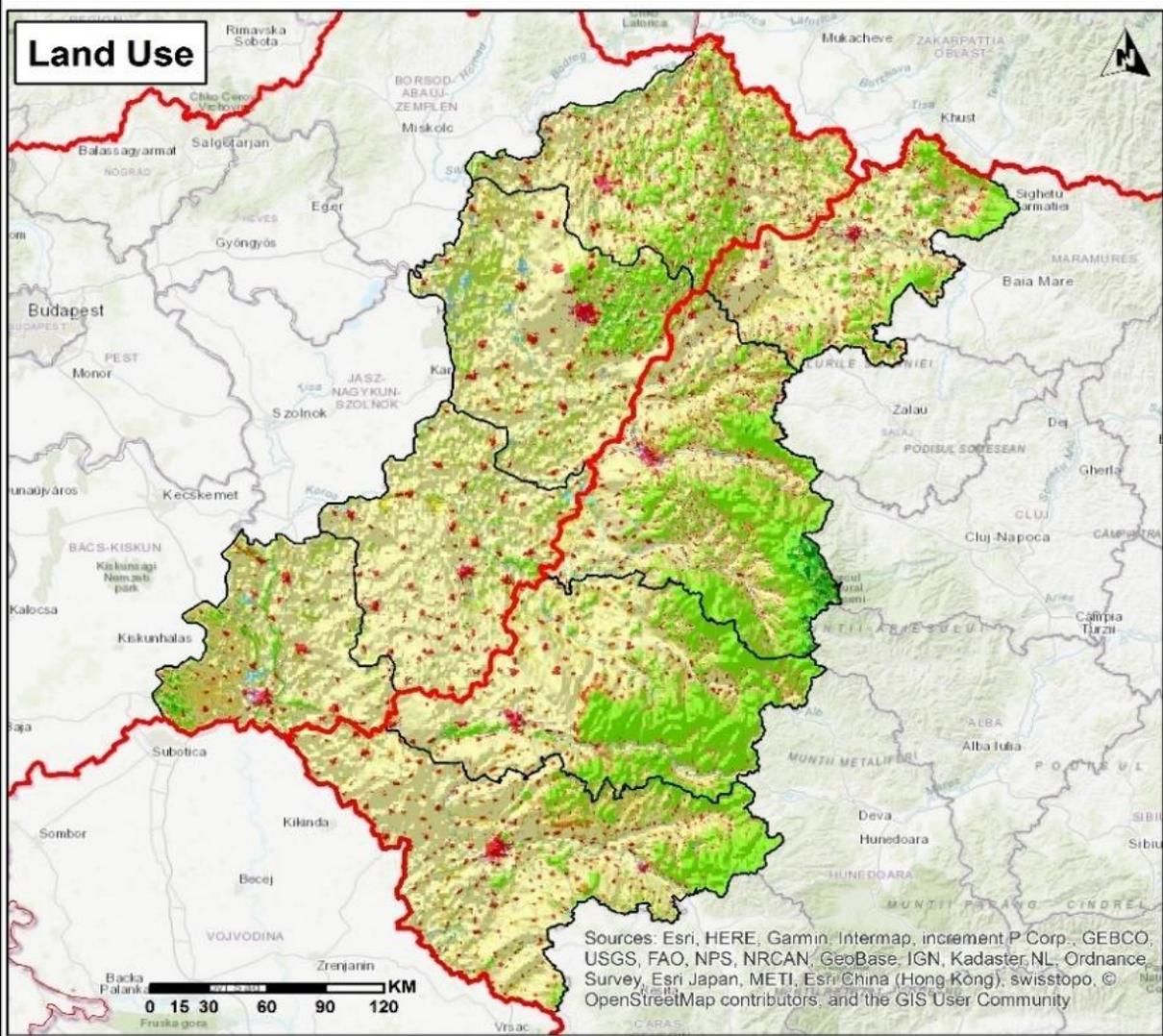
**Focus on RSO 2.7 -
Programme objective 2.3
Investing in the joint protection
of natural resources in the cross-
border area**

Main needs and challenges:

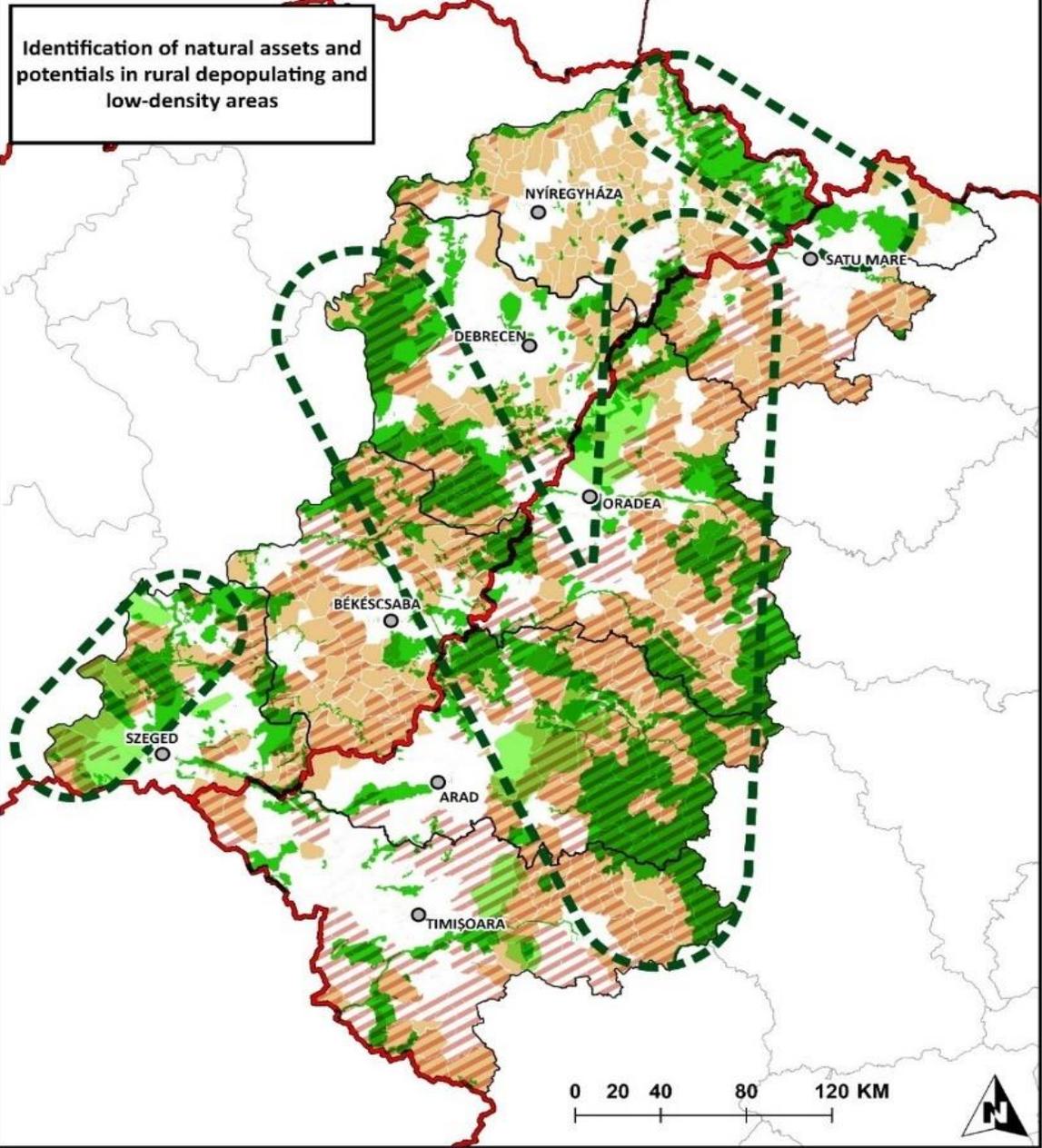
- ▶ Common challenges do also exist in relation to water management and, in particular, there is the need to improve water basins management and quality on both sides.
- ▶ The PA is characterized by a green border and high potential for the valorisation of natural resources. However, the current management of protected sites is hardly coordinated and does not reflect the real cross-border nature of the natural landscape.

Expected change:

- ▶ Improved coordination and protection of the natural heritage across the border.



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| 111: Continuous urban fabric | 133: Construction sites | 223: Olive groves |
| 112: Discontinuous urban fabric | 141: Green urban areas | 231: Pastures |
| 121: Industrial or commercial units | 142: Sport and leisure facilities | 241: Annual crops associated with permanent crops |
| 122: Road and rail networks | 211: Non-irrigated arable land | 242: Complex cultivation patterns |
| 123: Port areas | 212: Permanently irrigated land | 243: Land principally occupied by agriculture |
| 124: Airports | 213: Rice fields | 244: Agro-forestry areas |
| 131: Mineral extraction sites | 221: Vineyards | 311: Broad-leaved forest |
| 132: Dump sites | 222: Fruit trees and berry plantations | 312: Coniferous forest |



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| National borders | Small settlements (under 10,000 inhabitants) with a declining population (2009-2018) | Natura 2000 sites |
| Borders of NUTS 3 regions | Low-density areas (under 50 inhabitants / sqkm) | Recognized wine regions |
| | | Declining / remote areas with high natural potential |

EUSDR embedding during programming

- ▶ The definition of programme actions has taken into account EUSDR PA 06
- ▶ In particular, the rationale of the specific objective recalls the main areas of intervention under PA 06 which the programme will contribute to:

“Biodiversity is a Priority of the EUSDR, notably Priority Area 06 “To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils”. Among the EUSDR targets for the next period, the following could be mentioned: improve management of Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas through transnational cooperation and capacity building; strengthen the efforts to halt the deterioration in the status of species and habitats occurring in the Danube Region and covered by EU nature legislation; maintain and restore Green and Blue Infrastructure elements through integrated spatial development and conservation planning; to improve and/or maintain the soil quality in the Danube Region”.

Cluster action 1. Planning and data

- ▶ 1.1 Develop a joint / cross-border Masterplan of border Natura2000 areas or sensible areas to focus on the identification of biodiversity hotspots, the common setting of conservation objectives, identifying priority sites for restoration, and measures for mainstreaming the biodiversity
- ▶ 1.2. Foster joint basin wide management planning on specific issues (e.g. ice on rivers, joint water protection and improvement of water quality)
- ▶ 1.3 Support operative flood management planning on transboundary watersheds and the harmonization of available assets (joint strategies)
- ▶ 1.4. Develop and/or implement joint conservation action plans and/or management plans for endangered umbrella species of Natura2000 protected areas
- ▶ 1.5. Develop and/or implement joint conservation action plans and/or management plans focussed on certain species conservation aspects
- ▶ 1.6. Promoting initiatives connected with the New European Bauhaus (e.g. community participation in the identification of public areas suitable for the establishment of green infrastructure, and their design)

Cluster action 2. Capacity building

- ▶ 2.1. Joint capacity building and awareness raising events among local communities and institutions on biodiversity conservation and protected areas
- ▶ 2.2. Capacity building, training and awareness raising among local communities and institutions related to the sustainable use of blue and green infrastructure
- ▶ 2.3. Exchange of experience and joint capacity building among institutions on topics related to environment strategic assessment
- ▶ 2.4 Exchange of experience and joint capacity building among local stakeholders on the definition and implications of integrating the ecosystem approach in local strategic planning documents

Cluster action 3. Other structural and non-structural joint actions

- ▶ 3.1. Develop and apply the most appropriate methods / procedures / tools for the joint prevention and control of IAS and management of their priority pathways in the border areas (joint solutions)
- ▶ 3.2. Joint measures for restoration of the invaded ecosystems in the cross-border area (joint solutions)
- ▶ 3.3. Joint protocols for the preservation and restoration of biodiversity and / or establishment / improvement of green infrastructure
- ▶ 3.4. Construction of exemplary, permanent green and recreational facilities, including cycling infrastructure
- ▶ 3.5. Promote sustainable joint floodplain management through blue and green infrastructure (e.g. small nature-based water retention measures)
- ▶ 3.6. Promote the improvement of water quality on both sides of the border through small scale blue infrastructure

EUSDR embedding during implementation

- ▶ Possible additional scores for projects that demonstrate their relevance to the EUSDR actions / objectives
- ▶ Possible additional scores for projects ensuring continuity and synergies with other initiatives directly contributing to EUSDR objectives / actions / priorities
- ▶ Capitalisation of results and exchange of experience with other EUSDR countries



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