

Interreg VI-A IPA Programme Croatia – Serbia 2021-2027

Programme Key Features

1st Call for Proposals Information Session



Programme Facts



The European Union promotes cooperation between regions and countries through the **European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)**



In the framework of ETC in the 2021-2027 perspective, there are almost 100 **Interreg Programmes**, out of which 10 Interreg **IPA** Programmes



The Interreg VI-A IPA Programme **Croatia - Serbia** belongs to the cross-border strand (A) of Interreg and is supported by ERDF/IPA III funds



The new Interreg Programme (2021-2027) was **approved by the European Commission on 3 Nov 2022** and continues the successful cooperation of the two countries in 2014-2020

Total Programme Allocation: **EUR 45.037.241**

85% of EU share: EUR 38.281.653

15% of national co-financing: EUR 6.755.588

Total EU funding available for projects: EUR 34.801.503



Main Programme Goals

Strategic Programme objective is sustainable development of the Programme area through **smart, green and innovative** projects.



The **Programme mission**, beside strengthening the social, economic and territorial development of the cross-border area, is to encourage and support cross-border cooperation to make the area more resilient to common challenges.



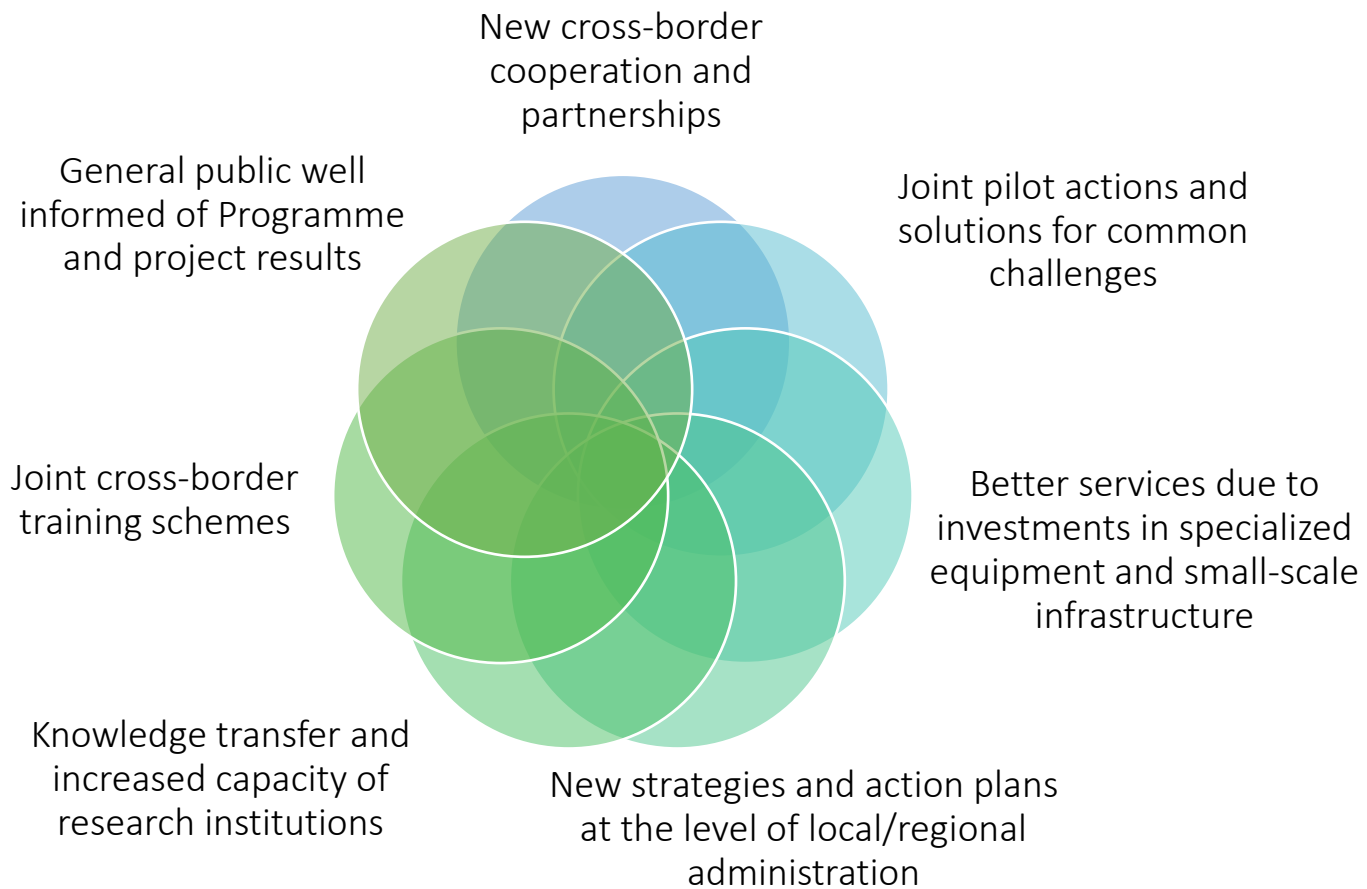
Based on **lessons learnt in the 2014-2020 period**, the Programme will continue to tackle joint challenges, by providing resources and building the capacities of stakeholders to develop new solutions benefiting the cross-border region.



Emphasis on: cross-border solutions, cooperation and sharing of knowledge and experience



What we want to achieve



Programme Area

- Same as in the 2014-2020 period
- Covers 25.505 km² and 2,1 million people
- Includes the following regions in the cross-border area:



4 Counties in Croatia

Osijek – Baranja
Vukovar – Srijem
Brod – Posavina
Požega – Slavonia

5 Districts in Serbia

North Bačka
West Bačka
South Bačka
Srem
Mačva



PO1
Smarter Europe



PO2
Greener Europe



PO4
Social Europe

Programme Thematic Priorities



Priority 1

Cooperating for smarter
programme area

19% of EU Funds Allocated
EUR 6.612.285



Priority 2

Cooperating for greener
and climate change
resilient programme area

45% of EU Funds Allocated
EUR 15.660.677



Priority 3

Cooperating for healthier
and more inclusive
programme area

20% of EU Funds Allocated
EUR 6.960.301



Priority 4

Cooperating for more
sustainable and socially
innovative tourism and
culture

16% of EU Funds Allocated
EUR 5.568.240

Programme Specific Objectives

Priority 1

Cooperating for smarter programme area

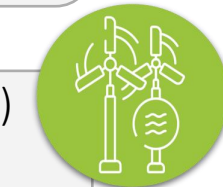
- SO 1.1. Developing and enhancing **research and innovation** capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies



Priority 2

Cooperating for greener and climate change resilient programme area

- SO 2.2. Promoting **renewable energy** in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein
- SO 2.4. Promoting **climate change adaptation** and **disaster risk prevention**, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches



Priority 3

Cooperating for healthier and more inclusive programme area

- SO 4.5. Ensuring **equal access to health care** and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care



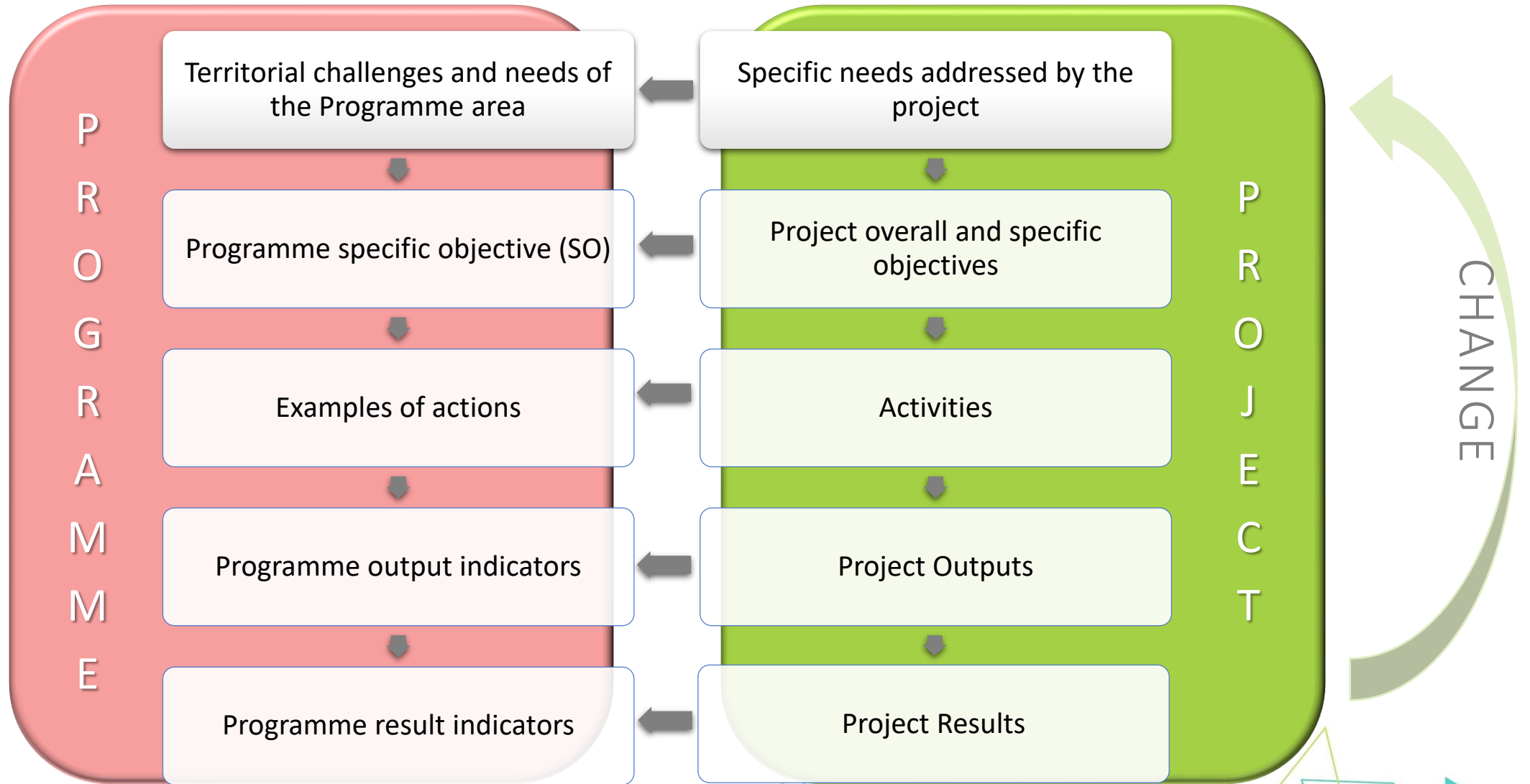
Priority 4

Cooperating for more sustainable and socially innovative tourism and culture

- SO 4.6. Enhancing the **role of culture and sustainable tourism** in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation



Connecting Programme and Project Intervention Logic



Programme Indicators

The impact of the Programme on solving the territorial challenges in the Programme area, is measured through a set of **indicators**, defined per each Programme priority and Specific Objective.

There are two types of indicators:

- **Output indicators** – measuring the specific deliverables of the interventions (*project outputs*)
- **Result indicators** – measuring the effects of the interventions supported, with reference to the direct addressees, population targeted or users of infrastructure (*project results*)

All output and results indicators under all Specific Objectives have a defined **final target value on Programme level** to be achieved by implemented projects until 2029. Depending on the Specific Objective, there are mandatory and optional indicators.

NEW in 2021-2027: Programme result indicators are directly linked to the chosen Programme output indicators, and need to be selected by the project, correctly quantified, monitored and reported on.

Programme Indicators

RCO 87

Organizations cooperating across borders

Measurement unit:
Organizations

Output Indicator

- Counts the organizations cooperating formally in supported projects
- The organizations counted are the legal entities acting as **project partners***

**On Programme level, one legal entity can only be counted once towards the achievement of this indicator, but applicants are advised to count all project partners in the partnership as contribution to this output indicator.*

RCR 84

Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion

Measurement unit:
Organizations

Result Indicator

- Counts the organisations cooperating across borders **after the completion** of the supported project, proven by the formal agreement
- Agreement can be formalized during implementation or within 1 year after
- The cooperation does not have to cover the same topic as addressed by the completed project



Programme Indicators

Output Indicator

RCO 84

**Pilot actions developed
jointly and implemented
in projects**

Measurement unit:

Pilot action

- Counts the pilot action **developed and implemented** by organizations from both participating countries, completed **by the end of the project**.
- A pilot action should test, evaluate or demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of new procedures, instruments or tools in the pilot area
- It should be limited in its scope and have an innovative/demonstration character or represent a transfer of practices (e.g. in a new area)
- Project partners from both countries need to be **involved in the process** of development/implementation of the pilot action
- A pilot action should aim towards the development of a **joint solution**

Related Result Indicator

RCR 104

**Solutions taken up or up-
scaled by organizations**

Measurement unit: Solution

Programme Indicators

RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions

Measurement unit:
Solution

Output Indicator

- Counts the number of jointly developed solutions **derived from joint pilot actions** implemented by projects
- An identified solution should include indications of actions needed for it to be taken up or up-scaled
- A **jointly developed** solution implies the involvement of organizations from both participating countries in the drafting and design process
- Solutions should not have as their main focus administrative or legal frameworks

Related Result Indicator

RCR 104
Solutions taken up or up-
scaled by organizations
Measurement unit: Solution



Programme Indicators

RCR 104

Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations

Measurement unit:

Solution

Result Indicator

- Counts the number of joint solutions (other than legal/administrative solutions) **derived from pilot actions**, and **taken up or up-scaled** during project implementation or within 1 year after project completion
- The solution needs to be taken up or up-scaled by **at least one organization**, within or outside the project partnership
- **Up take** means making use of the developed solution in practice by an organization, while **up-scale** means increasing the size or improving the quality of the solution
- The uptake/up-scaling should be **documented** by the adopting organisations in their official strategies, action plans etc.

Pilot actions and solutions are interlinked: Solutions should either be newly developed by the project based on learnings from pilot actions, or already existing solutions should be tailored to the project context through testing in pilot actions.



Programme Indicators

RCO 83

Strategies and action plans jointly developed

Measurement unit:
Strategy/action plan

Output Indicator

- Counts the number of joint **strategies or action plans developed by projects**
- A jointly developed strategy aims to achieve a set goal in a specific domain
- An action plan translates an existing jointly developed strategy into actions
- **Jointly developed** strategy/action plan requires the involvement of organizations from both countries in the drafting process
- Revision or update of existing strategies/action plans cannot be counted

RCR 79

Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organizations

Measurement unit:
Strategy/action plan

Result Indicator

- Counts the number of joint strategies and action plans (not individual actions) **adopted and implemented by organisations**, during or after the project
- At the time of reporting this indicator, the implementation of the joint strategy/action plan does not need to be completed, but effectively started
- The organisations involved in the take-up **may or may not be project partners**
- It is not necessary that all actions identified are taken-up for a strategy/action plan to be counted

Programme Indicators

RCO 85

Participations in joint training schemes

Measurement unit:
Participants

Output Indicator

- Counts the number of **registered participants who started to attend** the joint training scheme (making sure double counting is avoided)
- A **joint training scheme** requires the involvement of organizations from both countries in building knowledge of participants over several sessions
- An one-off meeting/event/session where information is disseminated should not be considered as a training scheme
- Joint trainings for which the training organisers do not intend to record the confirmed completions/issue certificates of completion, should not be counted (*in relation to the Result Indicator RCR 81*)

RCR 81

Completion of joint training schemes

Measurement unit:
Participants

Result Indicator

- Counts the number of **participants completing** the joint trainings schemes organized by supported projects
- Completion should be documented by the training organisers, either through a **record** of the confirmed completions or by issuing **certificates** of completion of the training
- The certificates of completion do not necessarily require a previous national certification process of the issuing organisation

Programme Indicators

RCO 77

Number of cultural and tourism sites supported

Measurement unit:
Cultural and tourism sites

Output Indicator

- Counts the number of **cultural and tourism sites** supported by the Programme
- The Programme will take into account only those projects that have in some ways **invested** in the sustainable cultural/tourism sites, directly through small-scale infrastructure and/or equipment
- Only sites for which the number of visitors can be quantified are to be considered (*in relation to the Result Indicator RCR 77*)

RCR 77

Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported

Measurement unit:
Visitors/year

Result Indicator

- Counts the estimated **number of annual visitors** of sustainable cultural and tourism sites supported, in the first year after project completion
- The baseline of the indicator is the estimated number of annual visitors of the supported sites in **the year before the project starts** (0 in case of new sites)
- The project should report the estimated number of annual visitors to the supported sites *ex post*, **in the first year after project completion** (either an increase of the baseline value, or total number of visitors in case of new sites)
- The indicator does not cover natural sites for which an accurate estimation of the number of visitors is not feasible

Programme Indicators - Specific Objective 1.1.

Specific Objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
1.1. Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	RCO 87 Organisations cooperating across borders (PT = 34) <i>Example: Organizations cooperating in supporting cross-border innovation and technology based on smart specialization approach</i>	RCR 84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion (PT = 17)
	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 12) <i>Example: Pilot actions of transferring good practices (e.g. on green economy trends and standards, in innovative solutions etc.)</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 4)
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 8) <i>Example: Implementing joint innovative solutions in business organisation and processes (e.g. blockchain, big data, cloud computing, Internet of Things, advanced manufacturing, robotics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, etc.)</i>	

RCO87 and RCR84 are mandatory for all projects supported (including small-scale projects). With RCO87, projects need to select either RCO84 or RCO116, but RCR104 is mandatory for all projects.

Mandatory
 Optional
 PT Programme target 2029

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Cooperating for smarter programme area



Programme Indicators - Specific Objective 2.2.

Specific Objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
2.2. Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 6) <i>Example: Pilot action in testing sustainable, nature-based systems of renewable energy (e.g. solar, geothermal, biomass) in different sectors (e.g. agriculture, building sector, forestry)</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 3)
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 6) <i>Example: Joint innovative solutions for energy-efficient systems for heating/cooling of public buildings in order to reduce the energy consumption</i>	

All indicators are mandatory for all projects supported.

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Cooperating for greener and climate change resilient programme area



Programme Indicators - Specific Objective 2.4.

Specific Objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
2.4. Promoting climate change adaption and disaster risk prevention resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches	<p>RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 8) <i>Example: Pilot action for integration of suggested climate adaptation measures into spatial planning process (e.g. increasing of public green surfaces in densely populated areas, green corridors, local water sources security)</i></p>	<p>RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 4)</p>
	<p>RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 8) <i>Example: Warning and response system for joint cross-border area for climate-related and other threats (e.g. evacuation plan, early warning system for storm and drought)</i></p>	
	<p>RCO 83 Strategies and action plans jointly developed (PT = 3) <i>Examples: A cross-border intervention and emergency plan in case of climate-related and other disasters (e.g. fires, frost, droughts, storms, floods)</i> <i>Action plan for climate resilient water management in cross-border area at regional level</i></p>	<p>RCR 79 Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organizations (PT = 1)</p>

RCO84 and RCO116 are mandatory for all projects supported, accompanied by RCR104. RCO83, accompanied by RCR79, is optional.

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Programme Indicators - Specific Objective 4.5.

Specific Objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
4.5. Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 9) <i>Example: Pilot actions to support digitalization in health care</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 3)
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 6) <i>Examples: Joint solutions in improving access to health care services for vulnerable and marginalised groups through investments in equipment and transport means</i> <i>Joint solution in transition from institutional and hospital-center model to family-based and community-based care</i>	
	RCO 87 Organisations cooperating across borders (PT = 29) <i>Example: Cooperation between cross-border public health care centers (e.g. improving services in telemedicine, diagnostics, mobile clinics and mobile assets)</i>	RCR 84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion (PT = 9)
	RCO 85 Participations in joint training schemes (PT = 105) <i>Example: Joint transfer of knowledge in the field of health care (e.g. exchange of experience, awareness raising, lifelong learning, education and training programmes, and capacity building through online and in-situ trainings)</i>	RCR 81 Completion of joint training schemes (PT = 84)

RCO84 is mandatory for all projects supported, accompanied by RCR104. Projects can also select RCO116. RCO87 and RCR84 are mandatory, while RCO85 and RCR81 are optional.

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Cooperating for healthier and more inclusive programme area



Programme Indicators - Specific Objective 4.6.

Specific Objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
<p>4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation</p>	<p>RCO 77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported (PT = 14) <i>Examples: Sustainable support to the sites (preferably less-known) by investing in physical regeneration and security of public spaces (including small scale infrastructure focusing on nature-based solutions)</i> <i>Enhancing the sites by implementing innovative solutions and creating smart destinations (e.g. through digitalisation and creative industries), for specific targeted market segments such as seniors, young people or people with disabilities</i></p>	<p>RCR 77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported (PT = 14.000)</p>
	<p>RCO 87 Organisations cooperating across borders (PT = 22) <i>Example: Organisations cooperating in supporting environmentally and socially responsible tourism</i></p>	<p>RCR 84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion (PT = 11)</p>

All indicators are mandatory for all projects supported.

Priority 4
Cooperating for more sustainable and socially innovative tourism and culture



Thank you for the attention!

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