

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

Programme state of play

6th Monitoring Committee Meeting

2 July 2026

Virtual meeting



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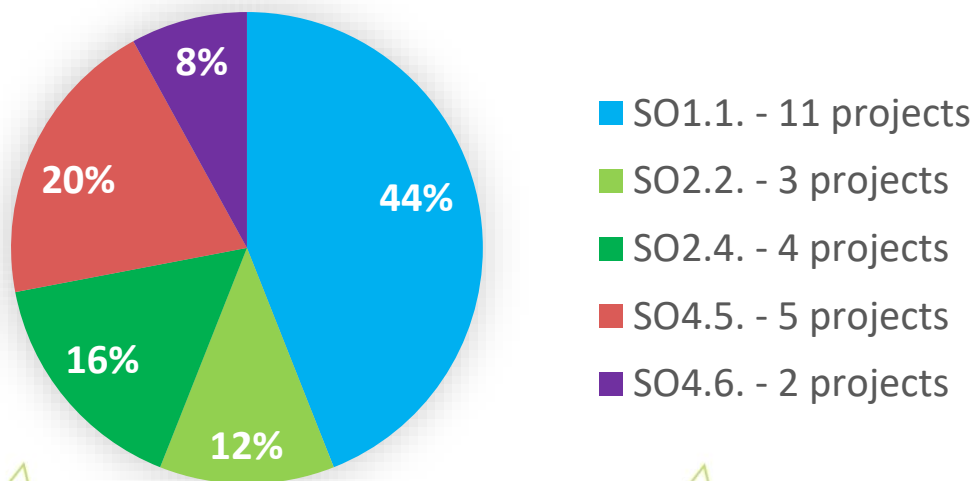
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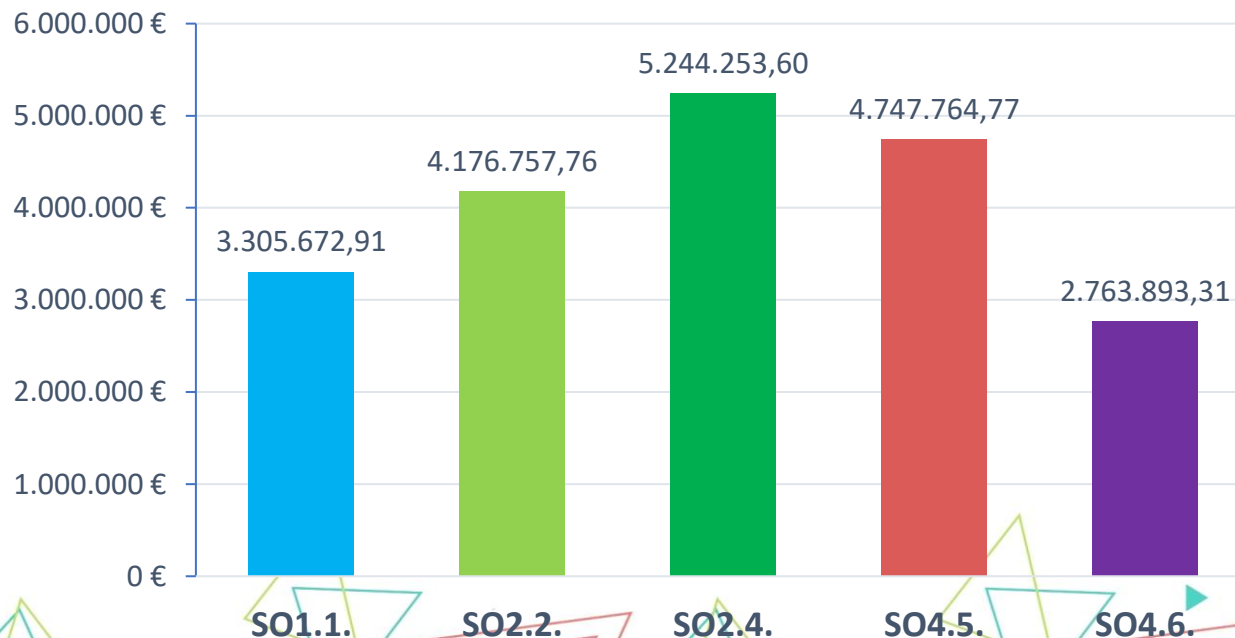


- 1st Open Call for Proposals was launched on 12 May and closed on 4 September 2023 | 98 applications | 342 project partners
- **25 projects were contracted** (11 small-scale projects – duration max 18 months and 14 standard projects – duration max 30 months)
- EU funds Available: EUR 17.400.751,50 | EU funds Requested: EUR 79.499.485,88 | EU funds Contracted: EUR 20.238.342,35
- All 11 small-scale projects (SO1.1.) finished their implementation by April 2026 - final reports are being approved/paid
- The rest of the 1st CfP projects are in an advanced stage of implementation (last projects plan to finish implementation by March 2027)

25 Contracted projects distributed per SO

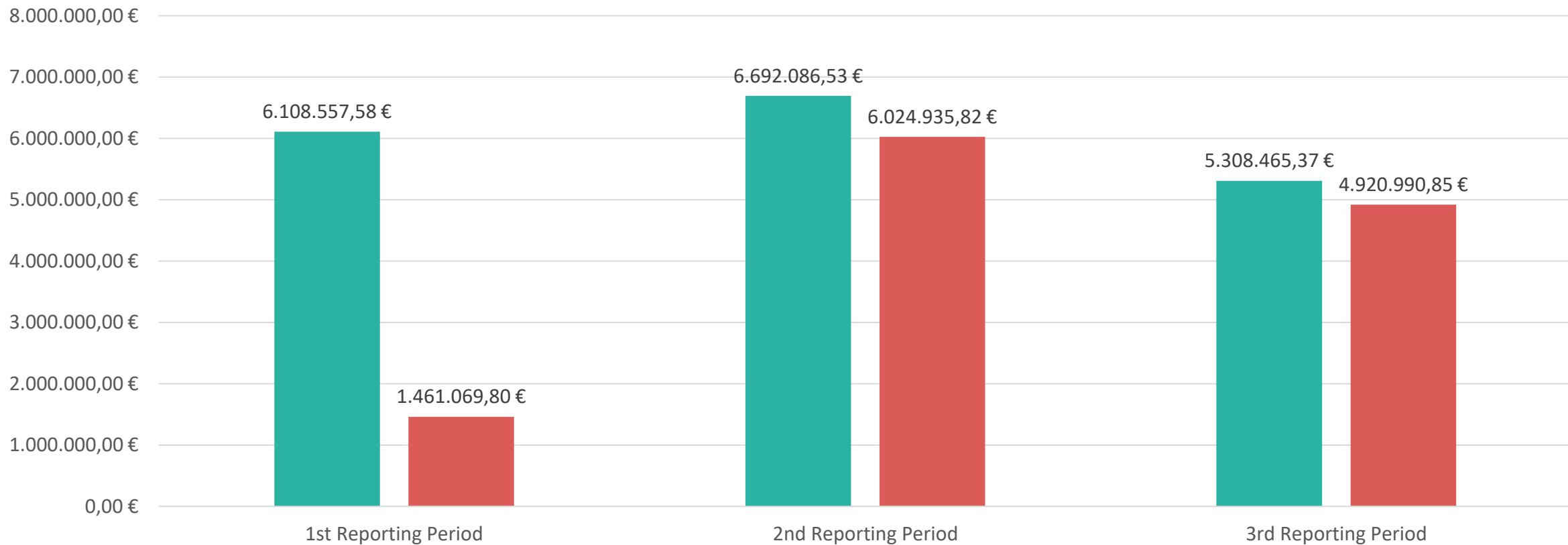


Contracted projects' EU share per SO



1st CfP Projects' Spending Profile

(cut-off date 15 June 2026 - 20 of 25 Project Reports for 3rd Reporting Period approved)



■ Planned Expenditure (Total, EUR) ■ Certified Expenditure (Total, EUR)



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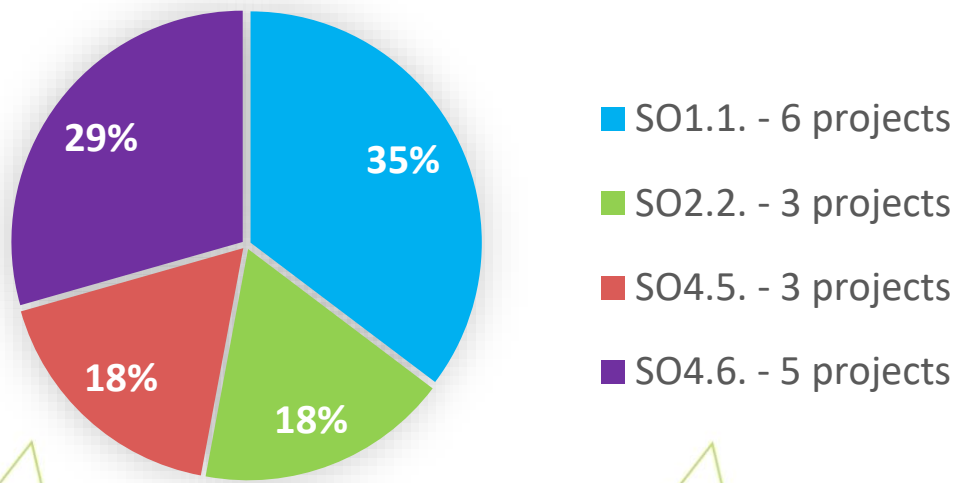
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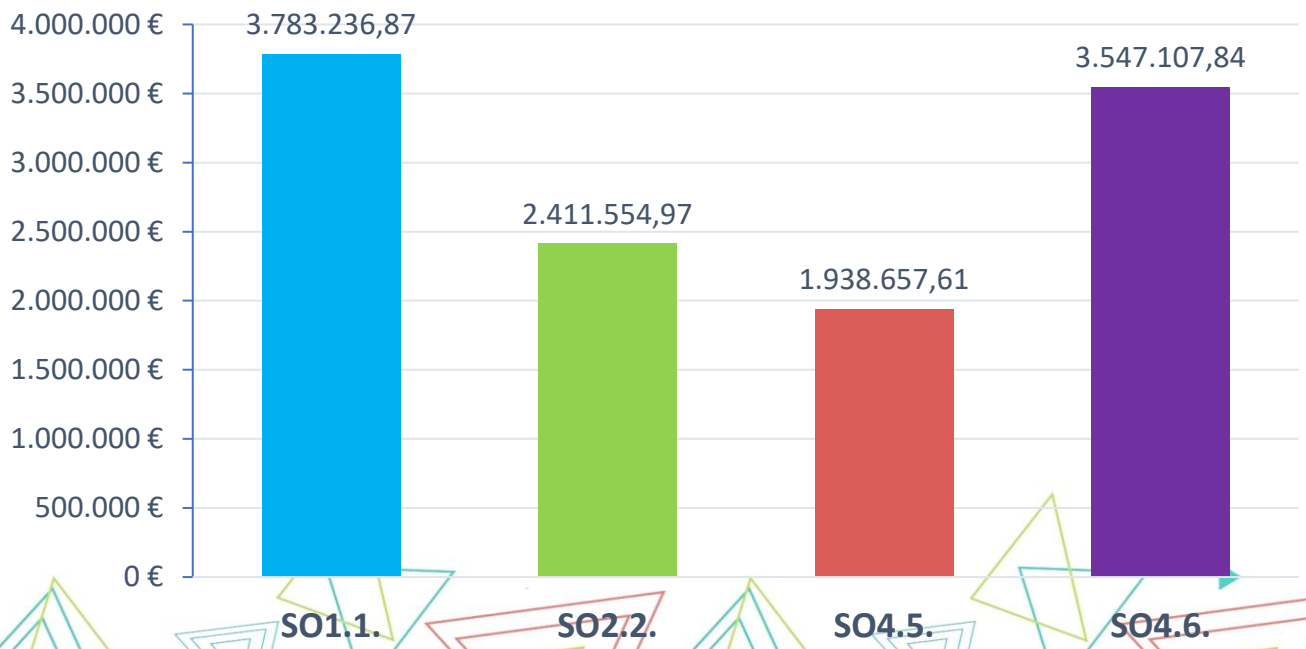


- 2nd Open Call was launched on 30 October 2024 and closed on 20 February 2025 | 77 application received | 272 project partners
- EU funds Available: EUR 11.470.000,00 | EU funds Requested: EUR 48.838.922,78 | EU funds Contracted (ind.): EUR 11.680.557,29
- **14 projects were initially contracted and started their implementation in 1st Q of 2026.** After the calculation of leftover funds/1st CfP savings, additional 2 projects (WAVE on SO2.2. and Dig4soil on SO1.1.) from the 2nd CfP reserve list were also contracted. Following the Programme amendment/reallocation of funds from PA3 to PA4, another project from the reserve list (Danube Digital Outdoor on SO4.6.), will be offered a Contract. Optimisation/pre-contracting process will start after the MC decision on Programme amendment.
- 2nd CfP projects' duration is 24 months – the end of implementation of the last contracted projects is planned for 3rd Q of 2028

17 Projects (to be) contracted per SO



Indicative EU share (to be) contracted per SO



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- Novelty for the Programme in 2021-2027 period
- Significant impact on the cross-border area and high strategic importance for both countries. Subject to mandatory comm. activities.
- 2 strategic projects (OSIs) are financed by the Programme under SO2.4. (climate change adaptation)
- Both Strategic Calls were per invitation only, since the partnership composition was pre-defined (top-down strategic approach)
- The invitation for the 1st OSI was sent in Feb 2024 - **ADAPTVitis** was contracted in Apr 2024. End date: Apr 2027 (36 months)
- The invitation for the 2nd OSI was sent in May 2024 - **RETFOR** was contracted in Nov 2024. End date: Oct 2027 (36 months)
- By contracting these two OSIs and the 4 projects within the 1st CfP, all funds on SO2.4. were committed, therefore this SO was not available in the 2nd Open Call for Proposals
- Both OSIs feature significant contribution to Programme output and result indicators and their implementation is progressing as planned, with minor deviations from the Application forms. Significant spending and indicator achievement is planned for late 2026/early 2027.

ADAPTVitis

Total Budget: EUR 2.553.457,17

EU share: EUR 2.170.438,59

Spending in the first 4 reporting periods:
56% of planned

RETFOR

Total Budget: EUR 2.808.128,24

EU share: EUR 2.386.908,99

Spending in the first 3 reporting periods:
123% of planned

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EU share amounts in EUR

Specific Objective	Programme Allocation for projects <i>(after the proposed Programme reallocation from PA3 to PA4)</i>	Contracted Funds 1 st , 2 nd CfP & OSIs <i>(Indicative amount for Danube Digital Outdoor included)</i>	Commitment Rate (%)	Certified and paid to beneficiaries <i>(cut-off date 15 June 2026)</i>	Absorption Rate (%) on Programme level
SO1.1.	6.612.285,00	7.088.909,78	107,21%	2.937.566,57	44,43%
SO2.2.	6.264.270,80	6.588.312,73	105,17%	1.491.332,13	23,81%
SO2.4.	9.396.406,20	9.801.601,18	104,31%	2.319.869,51	24,69%
SO4.5.	6.440.300,00	6.686.422,38	103,82%	2.406.910,71	37,37%
SO4.6.	6.088.241,00	6.311.001,15	103,66%	1.508.317,47	24,77%
TOTAL	34.801.503,00	36.476.247,22	104,81%	10.663.996,39	30,56%

- Further savings are expected from 1st CfP projects by the end of their implementation, therefore the Programme decided to overcontract EU funding for the 2nd CfP.
- The Programme has already met (and exceeded) both the N+3 target for the end of 2026 (EUR 3.191.539,50 of EU funds), as well as the target for the end of 2027 (EUR 9.909.544,50 of EU funds), so there is **no risk of automatic decommitment of funds (for 2026 or 2027)**.

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RSO	Output/Result Indicator	Programme Target Value (2029)	Planned in Projects (1st+2nd CfP+OSI)	% of Programme target covered with planned project contributions	Achieved by <u>completed</u> projects	% of Programme Indicator Achievement
1.1.	RCO84 - Pilot actions	12	15	125%	4	33%
	RCO116 - Joint solutions	8	16	200%	7	88%
	RCO87 - Organizations cooperating a.b.	34	37	109%	21	62%
	RCR104 - Solutions taken up or up-scaled	4	20	500%	5	125%
	RCR84 - Organizations after completion	17	37	218%	17	100%
2.2.	RCO84 - Pilot actions	6	7	117%	0	0%
	RCO116 - Joint solutions	6	6	100%	0	0%
	RCR104 - Solutions taken up or up-scaled	3	6	200%	0	0%
2.4.	RCO84 - Pilot actions	8	12	150%	0	0%
	RCO116 - Joint solutions	8	9	113%	0	0%
	RCO83 - Strategies/action plans	3	5	167%	0	0%
	RCR104 - Solutions taken up or up-scaled	4	9	225%	0	0%
	RCR79 - Strategies/action plans taken up	1	5	500%	0	0%
4.5.	RCO84 - Pilot actions	9	11	122%	0	0%
	RCO116 - Joint solutions	6	7	117%	0	0%
	RCO87 - Organizations cooperating a.b.	29	22	76%	0	0%
	RCO85 - Participations in training schemes	105	91	87%	0	0%
	RCR104 - Solutions taken up or up-scaled	3	9	300%	0	0%
	RCR84 - Organizations after completion	9	20	222%	0	0%
	RCR81 - Completions of training schemes	84	76	90%	0	0%
4.6.	RCO87 - Organizations cooperating a.b.	22	22	100%	0	0%
	RCO77 - Cultural/tourism sites supported	14	13	93%	0	0%
	RCR84 - Organizations after completion	11	22	200%	0	0%
	RCR77 - Visitors of cultural/tourism sites	14.000	55.160	394%	0	0%

In the 2021-2027 financial perspective, the achievement of Programme output/result indicators can be reported to the EC only **after the project has finished implementation**. Therefore, the achievement of Programme indicators under specific objectives other than SO1.1. are expected to be reported to EC in 2027. JS and MA are closely monitoring the projects' progress towards the achievement of indicators.

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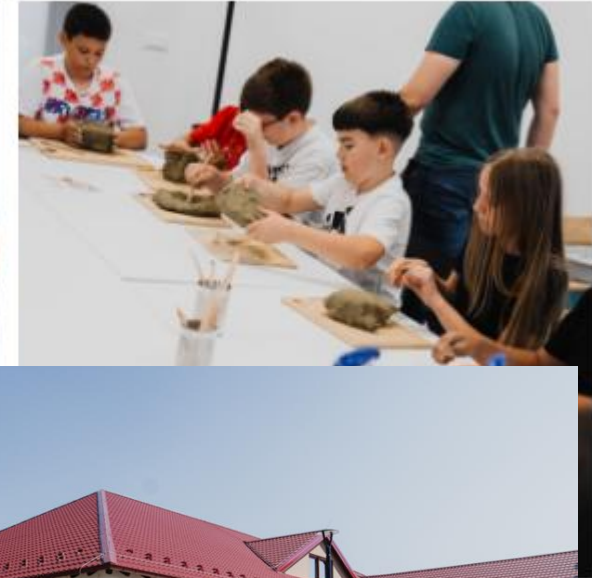


- Small-scale projects of the 1st CfP (SO1.1.) finalized their implementation in 2026 – first progress towards the achievement of Programme indicators was reported to the EC
- Continued MA on-the-spot checks and JS monitoring visits of the 1st CfP projects/OSIs and durability controls of the 2014-2020 projects
- 2nd CfP Contracting finalization: optimisation/contracting of 1 additional project from the SO4.6 reserve list (Danube Digital Outdoor)
- First progress reports of the 2nd CfP projects expected in 3rd Q of 2026
- 3rd NC networking meeting planned for September/October 2026
- Operational evaluation ongoing by the end of 2026 – final report to be approved at MC meeting planned for February 2027
- Audits: System audit (KR4, KR5 and KR6) draft final report + next audit of operations starting after the audit sample is prepared
- Assurance Package for the accounting year July 2025 – June 2026 to be submitted by 15 Feb 2027
- Transmissions of data to be sent to EC (Jul, Oct 2026, Jan 2027)
- Programme Non-Substantial Amendment – after the MC approval the reallocation of funds between PA3 and PA4 needs to be sent to the EC through SFC2021
- Programming for the new period 2028-2034
- Interreg Cooperation Day



Communication and visibility/outreach

Updates on major Programme/project activities are regularly published on the programme [web site](#) and social media channels (Youtube, Facebook and LinkedIN)



MAJESTIC ZOO-S: The Slavonian Village has opened

On 12 March 2026, the Osijek Zoo and Aquarium in Croatia hosted the opening conference marking the launch of a project to build a new hippopotamus enclosure, alongside the ceremonial opening of the Slavonian Village. The MAJESTIC ZOO-S project focuses on preserving and presenting the traditional heritage of Slavonia through the creation of the Slavonian Village, a space designed to showcase the region's cultural and historical id



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DG REGIO Interreg newsletter and website updated with info on project activities (INNATUS Majestic ZOOS)



EU IN MY SCHOOL EC campaign that included Creative Children's Center in Ernestinovo (INNATUS) Outreach surpassed several hundred thousands viewers

Workshop **How to Communicate Projects?** was held on 18 June aiming to improve communication across all project segments

KOMUNIKACIJSKI ALATI



- Web**
 - Sve aktivnosti objaviti na webu
 - Staviti poveznice na društvene mreže
- Događaj**
 - Stručne konferencije
 - Obilazak projekta
 - Za građane
- Intervju/tema**
 - Pronaći medij i novinara koji prati vaše područje i zainteresirati ga za projekt

TEKSTOVI, FOTOGRAFIJE I VIDEO - FORMA

Tekstovi na društvenim mrežama

- **Kratko, sažeto i razumljivo**
- **Istaknite zanimljivost, zašto je vaš projekt bitan, nemojte pisati „projektno“ i birokratski....**
- **Vaš web** - šire informacije, dodatni materijali



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OUR PROJECTS FOR FIGHTING CANCER
During the European Week Against Cancer, taking place from 25–31 May, we stand together to raise awareness about prevention, early detection, and support for everyone affected by cancer. That is why we are proud to support projects that contribute to the fight against cancer:

- Before Time Interreg Hr-Ba-Me <https://bit.ly/4earJu0>
- Patodigital <https://bit.ly/43wTdtf>
- Lifegate <https://bit.ly/4nWtwpV>

Small actions can make a big difference — from healthy lifestyles and regular screenings to supporting research and solidarity initiatives across Europe. Together, we can build a healthier future for all.

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