

JOINT OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME

ROMANIA – UKRAINE – REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

2007-2013

OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

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Joint Operational Programme “Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013” is one of the cross border programmes financed by EU through European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and it is characterized by a number of specificities regarding eligibility areas, the priorities and measures, and the eligibility of applicants.

Through the JOP RO-UA-MD the people in border areas are encouraged to further develop the border economy, confront environmental challenges and enhance their preparedness for emergency situations. The program also promotes greater interaction between people and communities living in the border areas.



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MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES

Joint Management Authority (JMA) is the structure in Romania, responsible for managing and implementing the operational programme, in accordance with EC Regulations and the principles of sound financial management. The JMA for the program has been jointly designated by the programme partners, within the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania.

Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) is the structure that supervises and monitors the Programme implementation, is responsible for the final decision on project selection.

Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) is joint operational body, assisting the Joint Managing Authority and the Joint Monitoring Committee in carrying out their respective duties.



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PRIORITIES

Priority 1: Towards a more competitive border economy.

This priority aims to improve the economic performance of the border area through the diversification and modernization in a sustainable manner, of the border economy.

Priority 2: Environmental Challenges and Emergency Preparedness.

This priority aims to develop long term solutions to the environmental problems faced by the border areas particularly those associated with environmental emergencies where a co-ordinated approach is essential.

Priority 3: People to People Co-operation. This priority aims to promote greater interaction between people and communities living in the border areas.



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ELIGIBLE AREA

Projects financed within the Joint Operational Programme “Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013” have to be implemented on the eligible area of the Programme .

Eligible area of the Programme includes the following territories:

- **Ukraine**: Odessa region and Chernivetski region and adjoining regions including the oblasts of Ivano-Frankivska, and Vinniytska including ten districts of Vinkovetskyi, Chemerovetskyi, Khmelnytskyi, Kamyanets-Podiskyi, Letychivskyi, Dunayevetskyi, Derazhnyanskyi, Novoushutskyi, Yarmolynetskyi, and Horodetskyi in Khmelnytska Oblast and the twelve districts of Ternopilskyi, Berezhanskyi, Pidgayetskyi, Terebovlyanskyi, Monsturskyi, Gusyatynskyi, Chortkivskyi, Borschchivskyi, Zalishutskyi and Buchatskyi in the oblast of Ternopilska.
- **Republic of Moldova**: the whole territory of the country
- **Romania**: the counties of Suceava, Botosani, Iasi, Vaslui, Galati, and Tulcea and adjoining region - the county of Braila

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INDICATIVE ELIGIBLE PARTNERS AND APPLICANTS

Applicants and partners of the projects to be implemented within JOP “Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013” can be:

Under Priority 1

- chambers of commerce, local and regional authorities, universities and other educational institutions such as business colleges public entities supporting the work force (job creation centres, job exchange services etc), NGOs and formally constituted business and professional associations public entities in charge with promoting tourism association of small local municipalities and town administrations, etc;
- local and regional authorities and public sector transport (rail and road) and energy agencies and public service providers bodies in charge with border crossing management



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INDICATIVE ELIGIBLE PARTNERS AND APPLICANTS

Under Priority 2

- local and regional authorities, environmental agencies and agencies involved in water management and flood protection and national parks administrations ,emergency situations inspectorates, other statutory bodies involved in the development of emergency plans
- county and regional waste management and waste water management public bodies
NGOs NPOs



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INDICATIVE ELIGIBLE PARTNERS AND APPLICANTS

Under Priority 3

- local and regional authorities, legally constituted voluntary bodies drawn from civil society and local communities, non-governmental organizations and associations, educational institutions and formally constituted women's groups.
- schools, colleges, universities, other educational institutions, legally constituted voluntary groups including disadvantaged groups and cultural and social organizations, non-profit media associations, professional organizations



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PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Application stage

Calls for Proposal can be either Open Call for Proposals or Restricted Call for Proposals. The choice of launching an open rather than restricted call for proposals depends on particular technical nature of the call, the limited budget available, the limited number of proposals expected or organizational constraints. The PRAG is one of the main instruments used for a call for proposals.

To explain the purpose of the call for proposals, the rules on eligibility of applicants, the types of action and costs which are eligible for financing, the evaluation (selection and award) criteria, as well as instructions on how to fill in the application form, the guidelines for applicants are developed.



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PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION

Evaluation Stages (1)

During the evaluation stages the received project proposals are evaluated, and the projects eligible for financing are selected. In case it is an open call for proposals where all documents are submitted at one stage (Concept Note and full proposal) within the deadline established. The whole evaluation will include the following stages: opening session and administrative check, evaluation of Concept Notes, technical and financial evaluation of Full Application and Eligibility Verification.

Evaluation Stage (2)

In case of restricted call for proposals, in the first instance, only Concept Notes must be submitted for evaluation. Applicants whose Concept Notes have been pre-selected will be invited to submit a Full Application Form. Further to the evaluation of the Full Applications, an eligibility check will be performed for those which are provisionally selected or are proposed on the reserve list. The evaluation stage will include Opening Session, Administrative Checks, and Concept Notes Evaluation (Step 1), Evaluation of the Full Applications (Step 2), and Verification of the Eligibility of Applicants and their partners.



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IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

Implementation Stage

During this stage the beneficiary implements the project in cooperation with the partners and has to follow the schedule of the project and budget stipulated in the annexes to the contract as well as the respective implementation procedures.

- **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

During the implementation of the projects JTS officers are constantly doing checks (monitoring onsite visits) on the progress of the projects and provide support to the grant beneficiaries. The important aspect in implementing the projects is reporting when the progress on the projects' implementation is recorded in the respective reports submitted.



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THE FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- The first call for proposals was launched on the 1st of July, 2009, the deadline for submission of the project proposals was September 28, 2009, for Priority 3 and October, 28th, 2009 for Priorities 1 and 2. There was an Open Call for Proposals, where all documents were submitted at one stage (Concept Note and Full Application Form).

83 project were selected, out of which **21** projects for Priority 1 and Priority 2 and **62** project proposals for Priority 3.

The total ENPI funds contracted for projects selected under Priority 1 and Priority 2 was **26,940,249.36 EUR**.

The total ENPI funds contracted for projects selected for Priority 3 was **7,567,473.30 EUR**



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THE SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Second Call for Proposals was launched in November, 2011. The deadline for submission of the project proposals was January 30, 2012. It was a restricted Call for Proposals. In the first instance, only Concept Notes were submitted for evaluation. Thereafter, applicants whose Concept Notes have been pre-selected were invited to submit a Full Application Form. Further to the evaluation of the Full Applications, an eligibility check was performed for those which were provisionally selected.

More than **1070** Concept Notes were submitted within the Second Call for Proposals. An impressive interest has been shown by the applicants for cross border cooperation in the field of economic and social development, border infrastructure, environment, emergencies preparedness and people to people cooperation.



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PROJECTS IN ODESSA REGION

Beneficiaries:

1. Odessa National Economic University;
2. Odessa National Polytechnic University;
3. Non-Government Organization “Agency of Regional Development”
4. Regional Fund for Support of Entrepreneurship
5. Youth Public Organization “New European Generation”

Partners:

1. Odessa National Medicine University
2. Ukrainian Scientific Center of Ecology of the Sea
3. Odessa Bleschunov Museum
4. Agency for Cross Border Cooperation “Lower Danube” Euroregion”

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MIS-ETC 1208

Odessa National Economic University is the Lead Partner within implementation of the project Cross Border Business Cooperation Network UA-RO-MD MIS-ETC 1208. Total duration of the project is 12 months and the value of the grant from ENPI funds is EUR 241,888.74. Within the project it was foreseen the training and development of the regional labour force skills and qualification, development of cross-border capacity building initiatives, training in the areas of entrepreneurship and cross border trade.



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MIS-ETC 1118

Odessa National Polytechnic University is the beneficiary within the implementation of the project “The International Student Center for Recreation and Tourism: The Way to Healthy Nation (ISCRT)” MIS-ETC code 1118. Total duration of the project is 24 months and the value of the grant from ENPI funds is EUR 1,606,820. Within this project implementation it is foreseen large-scale reconstruction of the Student Sports and Health Improving Complex “Chayka” following the European standards and creation of barrier-free environment for students with disabilities

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MIS-ETC 1214

Non-Government Organization “Agency of Regional Development” is the beneficiary within the implementation of the project “Creation of favorable investment climate in border regions of Ukraine and Romania” MIS-ETC 1214 . Project duration is 18 months and the value of the grant from ENPI funds is EUR 440,848.62. Within the project it is foreseen the creation of Regional Consulting Centre, creation of the website and launching of the advertising campaign, creation of the database and helpdesk on the website; improvement of interaction between regional authorities, enterprises and investment funds, creation of positive investment image and preparation of recommendations.

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MIS-ETC 958

Non-Government Organization “Agency of Regional Development” was the beneficiary within implementation of the project “Ethnic Festival –Danubian Garland “ MIS-ETC 958. Duration of the project was 8 months and the value of the grant from ENPI funds is EUR 135,000. By implementing this project, the beneficiary, together with its partner, contributed to the intensification of cross-border cooperation in the field of development of intercultural dialogue, revival of ethnic traditions, folk arts and traditional handicrafts of Odessa Region and Galati County.

The ethnic festival “Danubian Garland” was held, with more than 20 ethnic folk groups from the cross border region, 50 participants at the contest Folk coking master and more than 5000 people attended this festival. A forum “Days of cultural dialogue Ukraine-Romania” was organized and more than 100 people were present. The exhibition of traditional handicrafts and the contest of children's ethnic arts were also important and attractive activities of this project with a lot of participants and visitors.

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MIS-ETC 1192

Regional Fund for Support of Entrepreneurship in Odessa Region is the beneficiary within implementation of the project “InterNet – Internationalization and Networking of SMEs and business support structures in the cross border area”, MIS-ETC 1192. Duration of the project is 24 months and the value of the grant from ENPI funds is EUR 406,724.68. Within the Project it is foreseen the development of Business Support Network (BSN) which will foster cooperation between business support structures, local/ regional authorities and collaboration between training centers, educational institutions and consulting companies, located on the cross-border areas of Ukraine, Romania and Republic of Moldova as well as holding of workshops on exchange of experience and knowledge regarding aspects of business management.



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Next programming period 2014 - 2020

- a bilateral programme, Romania – Ukraine,
- Odessa is one of the eligible regions;
- this programme will contain objectives, priorities and outputs/ results, according to the consultations made between both states involved;
- the JMA of this new programme – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration Romania;
- the JTS of this new programme – Regional Office for Cross Border Cooperation Suceava at the Romanian – Ukrainian border;
- The JTS will have branch offices in Odessa and Chernivtsi.



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