

# Hungary-Croatia IPA Cross-border Co- operation Programme

Outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> and  
launching of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call  
for Proposals



# The preparation of the Programme

- Responsible for programming: **the Task Force, a joint body** with territorial and sectoral representatives of both countries.
- Approval of the European Commission for the Programme: **13<sup>th</sup> of March 2008.**
- Launching of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals: **26<sup>th</sup> of March 2009**, submission deadline for project proposals: **24<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.**



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# Novelties and challenges

- **IPA** Programme
- **Bilateral** co-operation between Hungary and Croatia after trilateral period in INTERREG
- **New set up** of institutions, structures, rules, procedures
- **New staff** in Programme implementing structures



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# Before the launch of the Call for Proposals

Will applicants understand the rules?

Can we harmonise rules between two countries?

Will there be difficulties with language?

How many applications will we receive?

What will applicants think about the application form ?

Will it be manageable to use PraG?

Will we have enough resources?



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# The 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals

- **Open** between the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.
- **All Actions**, with exception of Actions 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4 and 1.2.5, were launched.
- Number of received project proposals: **67**, out of which **49** had the LB from Hungary, whereas **18** LB-s were from Croatia.



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# After the receipt of project proposals

**Time has come!**

- to understand the projects
- to understand if our rules were properly formulated



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# The evaluation process

- **Formal assessment (JTS):** July and August 2009 (including requests for missing documents).
- **Eligibility assessment (JTS):** August and September 2009 (including requests for missing documents).
- **Quality assessment (external experts under JTS supervision):** October 2009.
- **Decision-making (JMC):** 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2009.



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# Results of selection

- **42 projects** selected for funding (tourism product plan included)
- Community funding allocated: **12,3 million Euros**
- JMC accepted JTS work in relation to selection of projects
- Projects recommended for funding at the end of the evaluation process were supported finally by the JMC
- Resources covered the needs (human and financial)



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# Summary

Submitted applications: **67**

Funded projects: **42 (1+41)**

Total budget of funded projects: **14,6 m EUR**

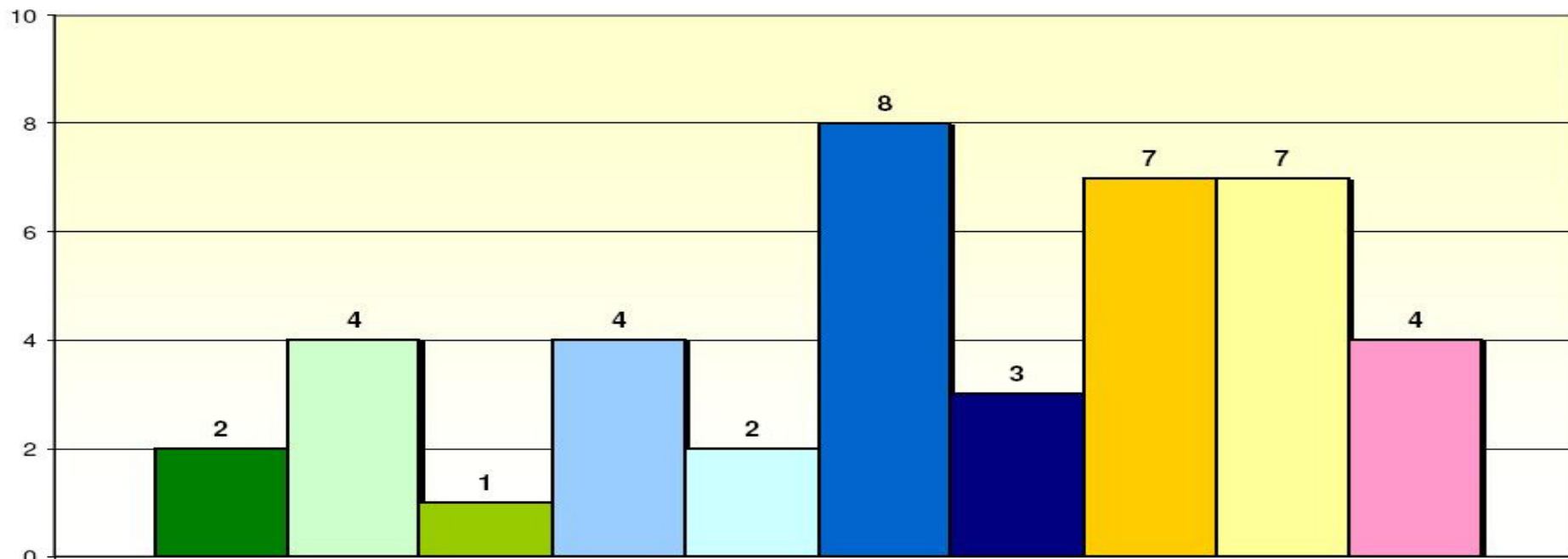
Amount of Community Funding for funded projects:  
**12,3 m EUR**

Number of Lead Beneficiaries: **31 HU, 11 HR**

Number of Partners: **63 HU, 74 HR**



## Number of the selected projects per action



- 1.1.1. Development of landscapes in the Mura-Drava-Danube area and its natural and rural surroundings
- 1.1.2. Environmental planning activities and minor public actions to improve the quality of the environment in the natural areas
- 1.2.1. Elaboration of a regional tourism product plan
- 2.1.1. Cross-border business partner finding
- 2.1.2. Cross-border labour market mobility promotion services
- 2.1.3. Joint research, development and innovation
- 2.1.4. Joint local regional planning, strategies drawn up jointly by municipalities and/or deconcentrated state bodies
- 2.2.1. Joint cross-border education and other training projects between educational institutions
- 2.2.2. People to people actions
- 2.2.3. Bilingualism actions



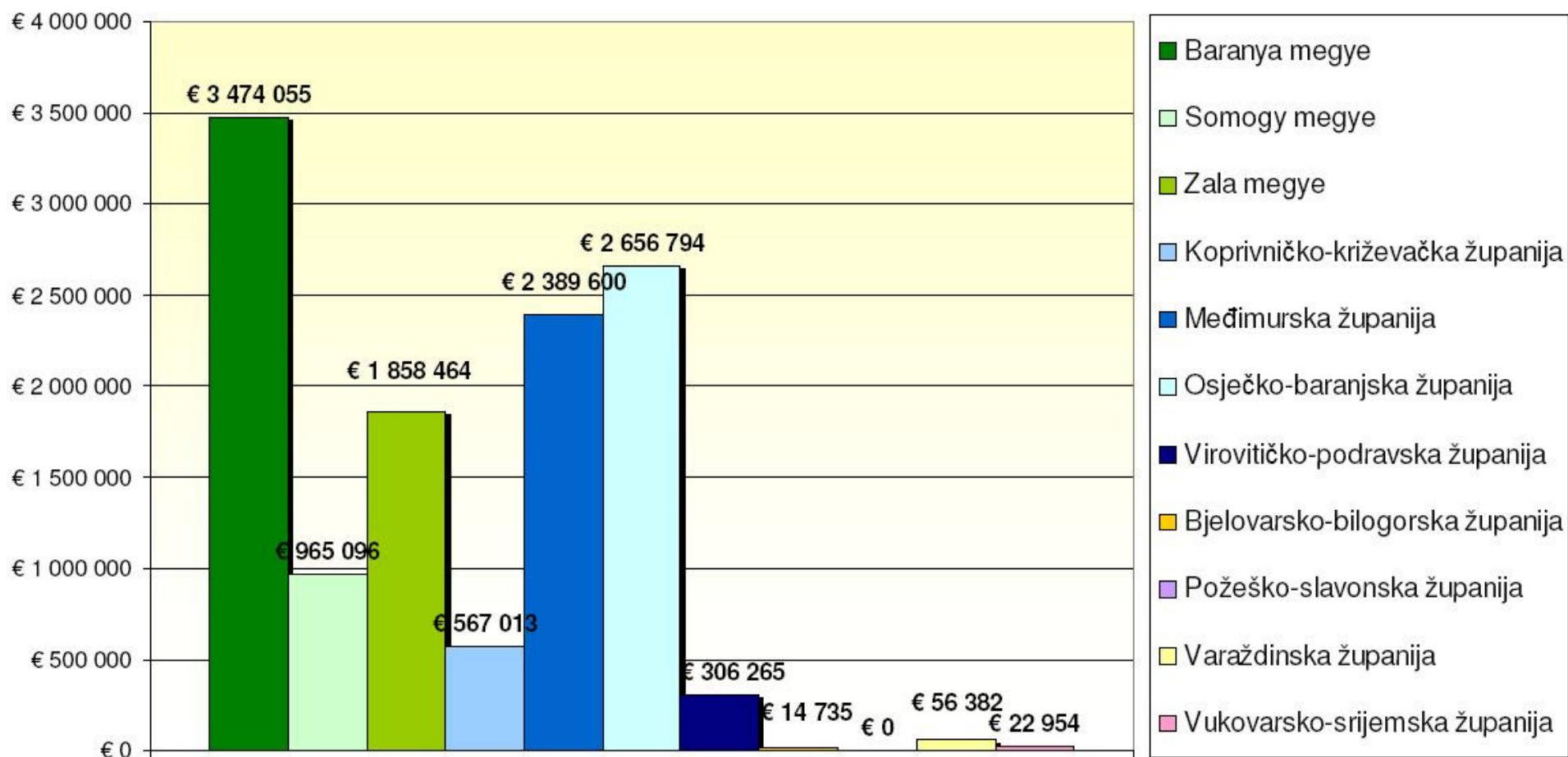
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## Amount of the Community funding according to the NUTS III regions



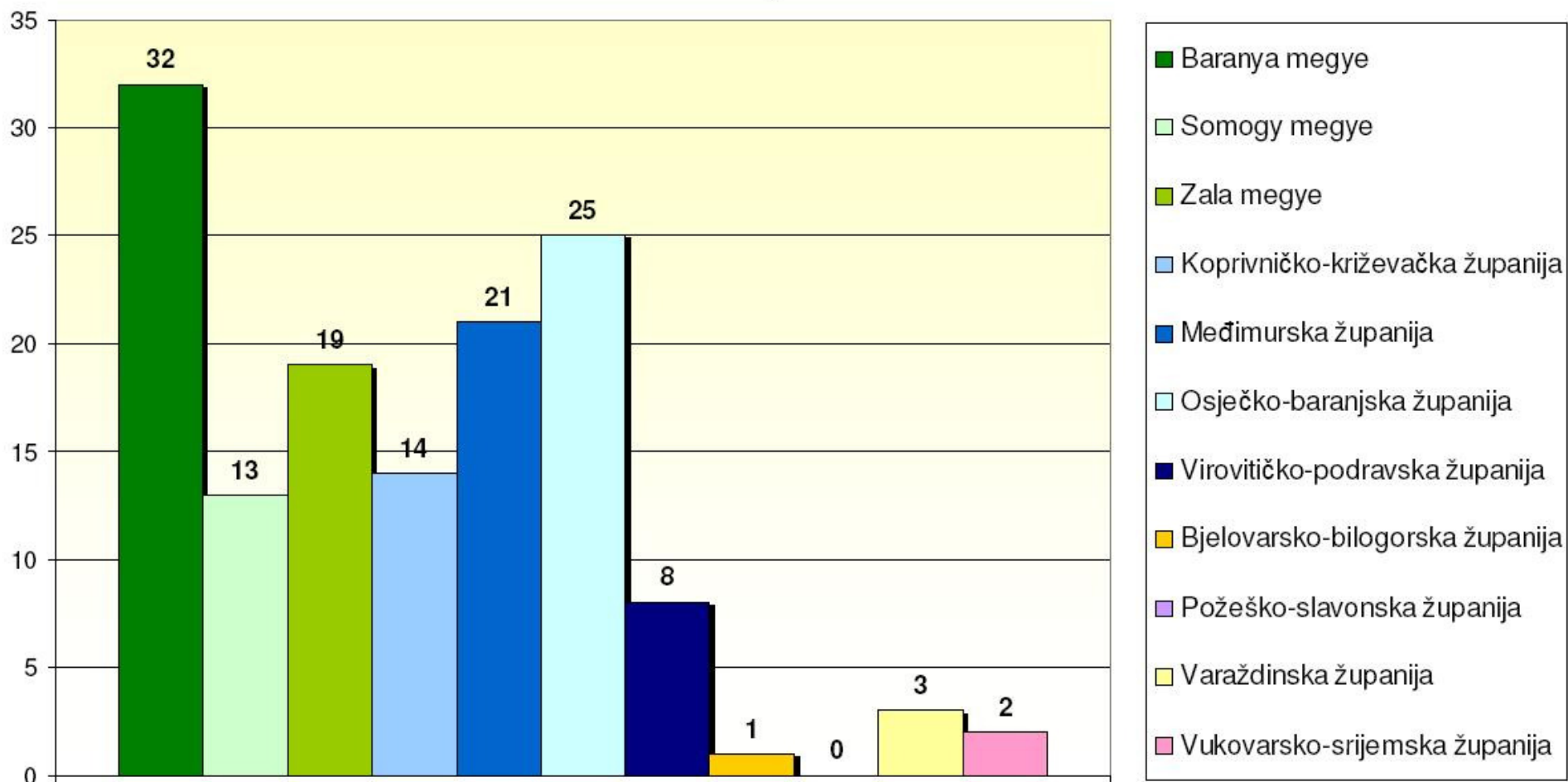
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## Number of the selected Project Partners according to the NUTS III regions



# The Regional Tourism Product Plan



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# The Regional Tourism Product Plan

- In line with the strategy agreed upon by the Task Force, a **two-step approach is applied to the joint cross-border tourism development Actions.**
- **First step:** elaboration of a comprehensive joint Regional Tourism Product Plan.
- **Second step:** opening of the Actions of Area of Intervention 1.2 to the potential LB-s and PP-s.



# Features of the RTPP project

- The elaboration of the RTPP was **Action 1.2.1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals** opened to the potential LB-s and PP-s in March 2009.
- The RTPP is being created **in the framework of a ‘regular’ project** which is under implementation between March 2010 and March 2011.
- Calls for Proposals for the tourism-related Actions shall be published in the **second half of 2011**.



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# The content of the RTPP

- **Designation of a framework** for the joint infrastructural development serving active and eco-tourism.
- Designation of potential **routes of cultural heritage**.
- Identification of basic directions concerning the **promotion of the cross-border region** as a single touristic product.
- Identification of basic elements of private investment attraction.



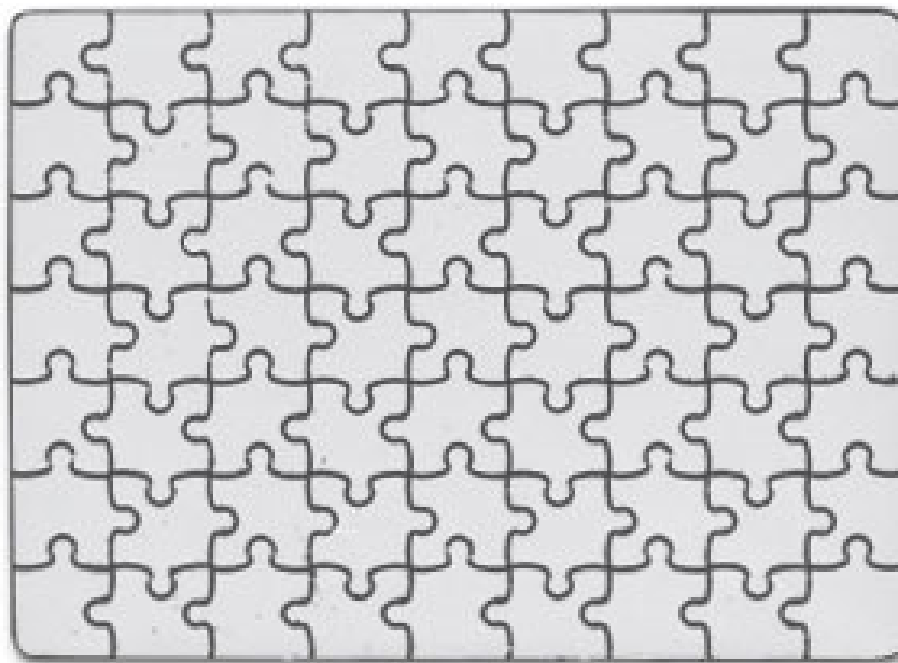
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# Target for the Programme and for the projects



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# Community funding of the Programme

Priority 1 – Sustainable Environment and Tourism	21.325.330,00 EUR
Priority 2 – Co-operative Economy and Intercommunity Human Resource Development	10.662.665,00 EUR
Priority 3 – Technical Assistance	3.554.221,00 EUR
<b>Total for 2007 to 2011</b>	<b>35.542.216,00 EUR</b>



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# Financing of projects

- From the total eligible costs of every LB and PP budget a maximum of **85% is financed by Community funding.**
- All LB-s and PP-s in **Hungary** receive **automatic state contribution to the extent of 10% or 15 %** of the total eligible costs.
- **Private law LB-s and PP-s in Croatia** receive a maximum of **15% state contribution.**



# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals

- The majority of the projects selected from the 1st Call has already signed the **Subsidy Contract** and several projects have started the **implementation of their activities**.
- The launching of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call is scheduled for **10 June 2010**.
- Most rules, including the eligible activities per Actions, do not change as compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> Call.



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# Thank you for your attention!

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