



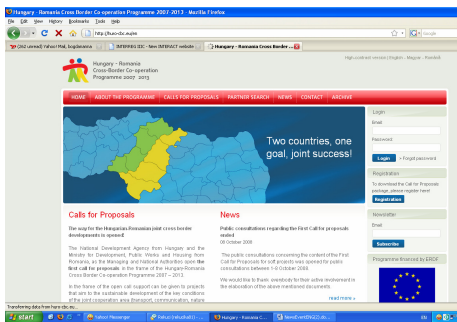
## PROGRAMME NEWS

### The programme website is here

We are pleased to announce that the programme's website, [www.hungary-cbc.eu](http://www.hungary-cbc.eu) is finally active!

This temporary version contains all the information related to the first Call for proposals, such as the Application Package, FAQ, as well as a regularly updated news section.

The final version of the website is under development and its launch into virtual space will bring several new and useful features, including a Partner and Idea Search Database and a large download centre. The website aims to serve as a useful tool for possible applicants and future project owners.



You can access it at <http://hungary-romania-cbc.eu/en>, as well!

### We have launched the first Call for Proposals

Starting October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the first call for proposals for the Hungary-Romania Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013 is open.

Since the launch more than 560 people have registered on our website to download the Application package, figure



which gives a hint to the interest manifested towards this Programme.

The first call for proposals was opened for both priority axes of the Programme, mainly for preparatory activities (studies, plans) and actions encouraging cooperation, for example change of experiences and development of viable cooperation networks.

Projects will be supported from the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**, as well as the state co-financing of the two Member States participating in the Programme, Hungary and Romania. In the frame of the present call 16 746 954 EUR is available from European Funds.

The minimum and maximum grant that can be awarded for different actions, within the present call, varies from 10,000 to 1.500.000 EUR. The maximum timeframe of project implementation ranges between 12 to 18 months.

Applications can be submitted until the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2009 (date of postal stamp). The formal and qualitative compliance check and evaluation of applications will be performed in one step, in order to ensure that best-quality proposals, which contribute to the specific objectives of the Programme, are selected.



### Back to back INFO - DAYS

We have the pleasure to invite you to the **Info-Days** organised by the JTS and Info Point. The Info Days are addressed to potential applicants, planning to submit project application within the first Call for Proposals. The event will help them prepare their applications, offer practical advice and guidelines on the preparation of projects as well as provide answers to open questions with respect to the above mentioned aspects.

The events will take place back to back in Hungary and Romania as it follows:

**4 November – Hódmezővásárhely and Jimbolia** (Csongrád and Timiș counties)

**5 November - Szarvas and Curtici** (Békés and Arad counties)

**10 November – Berettyóújfalu and Salonta** (Hajdú-Bihar and Bihor counties)

**11 November - Mátészalka and Carei** (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg and Satu-Mare counties)

Everybody is welcome, without prior registration! The programme agenda is available on our website in both Hungarian and Romanian languages!

The JTS would kindly ask each participant to carefully read the Application Package before attending these events.



### Three Vacancies At The Joint Technical Secretariat

The Joint Technical Secretariat of the Hungary-Romania CBP 2007-2013 announces three job openings at its two offices, as follows:

[Programme manager Budapest](#)

[Programme manager Bekescsaba](#)

[Financial manager Budapest](#)

*For more information, please visit our website.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Partner Search Forum - 25<sup>th</sup> of November



Establishing viable cross-border partnerships is one of the most important aims of the Programme and a necessity of the application and implementation process. The JTS is here to help you in finding suitable partners (Lead

Partner or Project Partners) for your project idea or to find a project idea that is looking for you as a partner, in the frame of a **Partner Search Forum**.

The event will take place on the **25<sup>th</sup> of November, 2008**.

The forum aims to offer a real opportunity for networking, therefore registration for the event is already possible. All you have to do is send us the completed registration form available on our website by the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2008 to [jts@huro-cbc.eu](mailto:jts@huro-cbc.eu). The JTS will do anything possible to find a suitable partner for you.

Please note that a maximum of 2 persons per organisation can attend the event. In case too many persons register this might be reduced to one!

For further information please contact the Joint Technical Secretariat or visit our [web-page!](#)

### Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals

The **2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals** for large-scale and soft investment projects is under preparation and it is expected to be launched until the end of the year. In this case the two-step application model will apply.

The first phase of the application procedure will consist of the submission of a Concept Note.

Only the project owners of the pre-selected Concept Notes will be invited to enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase: in the second step the full application package has to be submitted.

To find out more about the application models employed in the Programme please consult the Applicants Handbook.

## PROGRAMME AREA NEWS

### Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Hungary and Romania, regarding the implementation of the Hungary-Romania Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013 was signed ceremoniously within the confines of the Joint Governmental meeting between the two Governments, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 2008.

The signature of the Memorandum underlines once more the commitment and involvement of the two Member States, as well as that of the institutions involved, in the successful implementation of the Programme.

