**Guide for Submitting Project Ideas**

**Related to the Integrated Territorial Strategy for the Romania-Bulgaria Cross-Border Area (Call 2)**

**PROJECT IDEAS TO BE FINANCED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCING, COMPLEMENTARY TO INTERREG VI-A ROMANIA BULGARIA PROGRAMME**

Under the Integrated Territorial Strategy of the INTERREG VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme

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Abbreviations list

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **BG** | Bulgaria |
| **CN** | Concept Note |
| **ERDF** | European Regional Development Fund |
| **EU** | European Union |
| **EUSDR** | EU Strategy for the Danube Region |
| **ITS** | Integrated Territorial Strategy |
| **LAU** | Local Administrative Unit |
| **RO** | Romania |
| **SO** | Specific Objective |
| **NUTS** | Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics |
| **WP** | Work Package |

Glossary of terms

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| **Concept Note** | A concept note is the shortest expression of a project idea, as well as a basic layout of your project plan. The layout will form the foundation to develop a full-fledged proposal soon after the concept note is selected, when the applicants will be invited to submit the full project proposal. |
| **Cross-border character and impact** | Cross-border character refers to any problem / need / opportunity present of both sides of the borderline and which can be effectively solved only through a transboundary approach.  Cross-border impact implies that interventions are manifested on both sides of the border, on long-term its advantages are durable and measurable. The activity or intervention is intended to satisfy real needs. |
| **Hard projects / operations** | Project that has an infrastructure/works component equal or more than 50% of the total project eligible budget. |
| **Integrated projects** | Projects that respond to cross-border and cross-territorial problems and context, based on consultation and involvement of the community and local stakeholders. |
| **Integrated approach** | The good quality of each individual activity is not sufficient to ensure a successful learning process. An integrated approach, in which activities are logically interlinked, is also needed. Successful approaches usually follow a logical path. The standard approach is to start with the analysis of the partners’ different situations and the identification of valuable experiences and practices. This valuable experience is then further investigated through activities such as study visits and thematic workshops. Finally, the partners work with their stakeholders on integrating the lessons learnt from the cooperation activities into their policy instruments. The coherence, continuity, and good interconnection between the activities therefore also contribute to a successful learning process. |
| **Integrated development** | A method of shaping solutions to territorial challenges regardless of administrative boundaries, i.e. countries, regions or LAUs. This approach encourages cross-border and cross-territorial solutions, to respond to the main territorial challenges and to build on the existing opportunities and broader territorial context. Integrated development should replace the punctual intervention approach, focusing on singular objectives. |
| **Project idea** | Preliminary form of a project proposal, subject to additional feedback and limited changes. The project idea is transposed in a Concept Note template. |
| **Soft project/operation** | Project that has works/infrastructure/equipment component below 50% of the eligible budget. |
| **Territorial impact** | The effects that the achievement of objectives and the implementation of policies/projects can have on the use and management of territories and, more broadly, on the economy, society, and the environment. |

# Preamble

**Overview of Calls for Project Ideas from other financing sources**

The present document aims to guide future applicants in identifying and submitting project ideas contributing to the Integrated Territorial Strategy (ITS) objective, namely:

**TO CREATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE ROMANIA-BULGARIA CROSS-BORDER REGION BY ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM, WITH A STRONG CYCLING DIMENSION**.

The project ideas to be financed under the present call **will be** **complemented by project ideas to be financed from Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme** in view of an integrated approach. A separate dedicated call for proposals for Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria project ideas will be launched. Both types of project ideas may support programme authorities and other decision-making bodies in designing better targeted calls for project proposals, coherently with the ITS objectives.

The Strategy Board (SB) of the ITS decided to collect project ideas fundable from **other sources than the Interreg VI-A Romania – Bulgaria Programme. Other sources include other EU funds, national funds, and any other public or private funds. The project ideas are collected through a dedicated call, using an online submission method.**

The present Guide is part of a larger package including:

* Guide for application under this call (the present document);
* Annex 1 Form of the Preliminary Project Idea for projects to be financed from other sources of funding than Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme;
* Annex 2 List of LAUs in the ITS area.

The language of the programme and the ITS is English. Thus, all official communication is conducted in English and all documents regarding the project application are produced in English only or translated, if issued in other languages than English.

**What is a Preliminary Project Idea?**

The project ideas will be submitted in the form of “Preliminary Project Idea” (Annex 1).

A Preliminary Project Idea is the shortest expression of a project idea, as well as a basic layout of your project plan. The layout will form the foundation to develop a full-fledged proposal soon after the project idea is selected.

# The call for project ideas in a nutshell

**The territorial focus of the Call**

The delineation of ITS geographical area is represented by a total of 63 LAUs, distributed across 8 districts (Dobrich, Montana, Pleven, Ruse, Silistra, Veliko Tarnovo, Vidin, Vratsa) on the Bulgarian side and 329 LAUs within 7 counties in Romania (Calarasi, Constanța, Dolj, Giurgiu, Mehedinti, Olt, Teleorman).[[1]](#footnote-2)

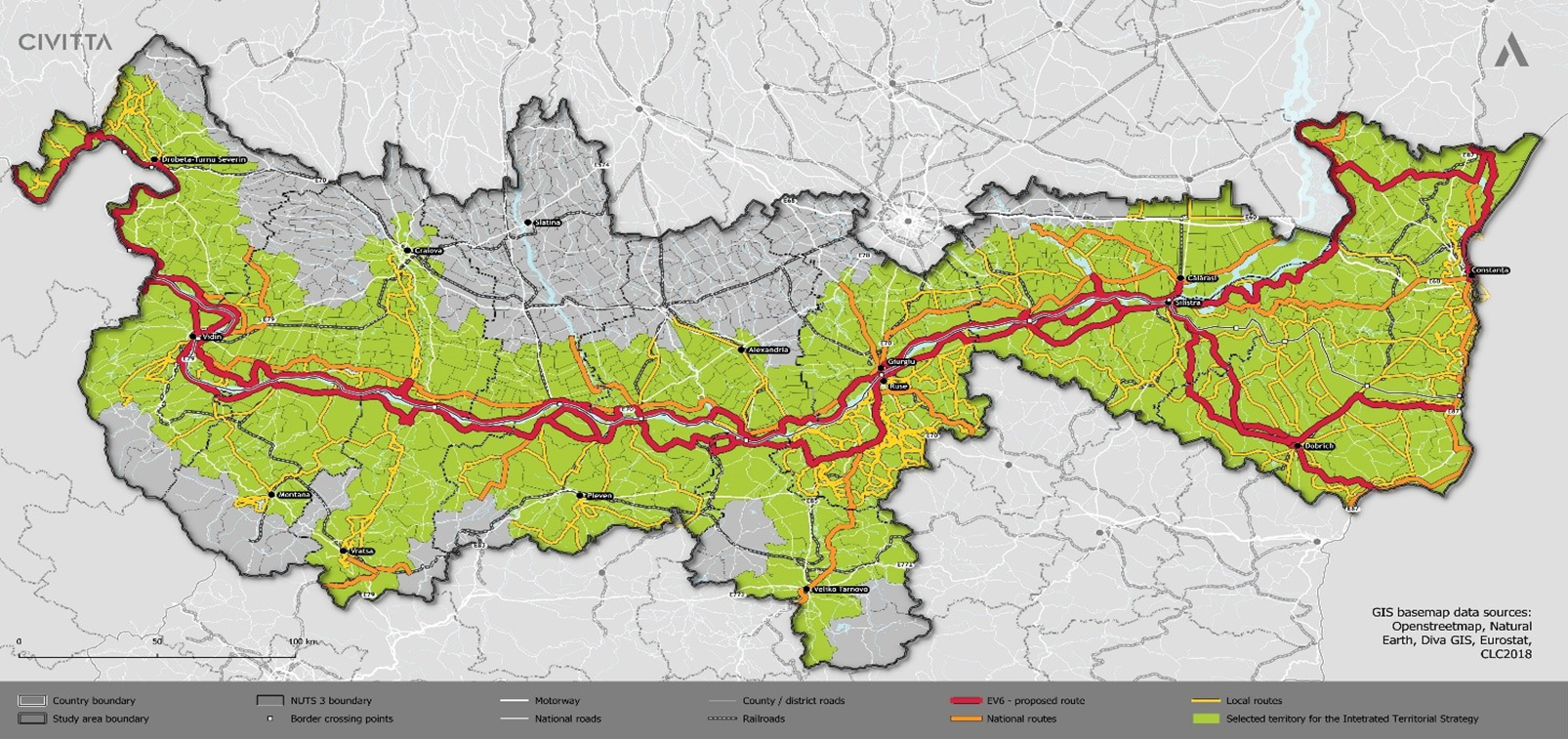
**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES PRELIMINARY PROJECT IDEAS CALL**

* **Objective:** To collect project ideas aligned with ITS objectives, eligible from other financing sources than Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme funding (national and external, EU sources from Romania and Bulgaria), fostering integrated development of the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border region. **Selected projects will be included in the list annexed to the ITS.**
* **Application Process:** This is based on a simplified process, namely on an online google form based application with the purpose of collecting project ideas to be financed/ already considered to be financed from other financing sources, complementary to INTERREG VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme and that answer to ITS objectives. The link is available at https://forms.gle/QaAcBwnRVdfw25wRA.
* **Project actions –** They are defined indicatively in the ITS for each of the specific objectives and can be seen in correlation also with the eligible type of actions of the other financing sources (NRRP, Regional programmes etc.) . Project ideas that blend various actions to foster an integrated approach will be particularly encouraged.
* **Deadline for submission**: all project ideas must be submitted in the weblink form until 30 days since the launching of the call.
* **Project participants (Lead applicant and partners)** – National, regional and local public bodies, institutions, administrations, and agencies, including the bodies governed by public law, county/ district councils, local councils/ municipalities, educational and research institutions etc. and/ or their offices/ branches active in the fields related to cycling tourism, registered and functioning in the ITS geographical area overlapping (total or partially) the area of other relevant financing programmes; chambers of commerce and Regional Development Agencies; NGOs, etc.
* **Project budget –** An overall budget estimation per project partner is required.
* **Project duration –** The project duration must comply with the rules of the identified financing source.

# Section 1 – General information

# Overview of the Integrated Territorial Strategy and coherence with Interreg VI-a Romania-Bulgaria

# Integrated Territorial Strategy Objectives and Priorities

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***The vision* for the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border region is formulated in the ITS as:**

**”CYCLING, NATURE, AND CULTURE FOR ENRICHED LIVING IN ROMANIA-BULGARIA CROSS-BORDER REGION”**

and reflects the belief that the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border region will be a fast-paced developing area, providing attractive opportunities for people to live and work in a preserved and resilient environment and representing a thriving tourist destination for its cycling, nature, and culture.

The main goal of the strategy is **to create economic growth and social attractiveness through enhancing sustainable tourism, with a strong cycling dimension,** by boosting tourism and culture heritage, interlinked with all related socioeconomic fields, such as tourism and culture infrastructure, environment, human resources and education system, business development, accessibility etc. The backbone of the strategy, integrating all these fields, is the development of the EuroVelo6 Route.

The ITS is supported by three specific objectives, covering the cycling infrastructure, the local economy and tourism/ green mobility promotion, as follows:

* **Specific objective 1: Developing sustainable mobility, mainly cycling infrastructure and associated facilities.**
* **Specific objective 2: Supporting the sustainable development of the local economy and quality of life.**
* **Specific objective 3: Fostering integrated development of tourism and green mobility.**

Each specific objective of the ITS is broken down into measures whose cumulative actions achievement are expected to bring the integrated and multi-sectoral approach to reach a desired change expressed in the strategic objective and vision of the strategy.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 1: DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY, MAINLY CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES**

* **Measure 1.1. Developing safe and integrated cycling infrastructure and ensuring appropriate facilities;**
* **Measure 1.2. Enhancing cycling connectivity to tourist attractions and transport hubs.**

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 2: SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

* **Measure 2.1. Developing touristic infrastructure and cultural assets;**
* **Measure 2.2. Developing key competencies in the tourism industry, including digital and green skills;**
* **Measure 2.3. Supporting local businesses, entrepreneurship and job creation, including the circularity of tourism services.**

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 3: FOSTERING INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND GREEN MOBILITY**

* **Measure 3.1. Developing coordinated and participatory multilevel policy-making in the field of tourism and green mobility;**
* **Measure 3.2. Ensuring an integrated tourism promotion of the region, including sustainable mobility and green transport.**

The ITS is the main document for the implementation of PO 5 of Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, for a well-defined geographical area (along and connected to the EuroVelo6 cycling route).

Thus, the backbone of the strategy, integrating all these fields, is the development of the EuroVelo6 Route..

## ITS measures and indicative types of actions

***SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 1 MEASURES AND ACTIONS***

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| **MEASURES** | ACTIONS |
| **M1.1** Developing safe and integrated cycling infrastructure and ensuring appropriate facilities | * Development of new or modernized cycling infrastructure (cycling lanes and paths), with focus on safety measures, first aid and service points, signalling; * Measures for road safety (with priority for EuroVelo6): complying with standards related to traffic signalling systems and/ or additional development of infrastructure dedicated to cyclists and pedestrians, such as tunnels, bypasses, bridges, overpasses and walkways and protected cycling paths. |
| **M1.2** Enhancing cycling connectivity to tourist attractions and transport hubs | * Ensure connectivity to other means of transport (e.g. ports and rail stations to facilitate the integration of cycling with various transportation options); * Create availability of public transportation in connection to the cycling route (e.g. adjusting the public transport routes to connect with the cycling routes, creating functional connections with public transportation hubs new routes); * Create accessible cycling routes and pathways leading to natural sites, castles, fortresses, churches, monasteries, palaces, archaeological sites, museums, libraries, galleries, and other natural and cultural points of interest, located in the proximity of the EuroVelo6 route. |

***SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 2 MEASURES AND ACTIONS***

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| **MEASURES** | ACTIONS |
| **M 2. 1:** Developing touristic infrastructure and cultural assets | * Set-up of natural sites for economic use: trails/ paths, signalling, camping sites, open-air attractions, adventure parks, amenities, etc.; * Modernization, development or restoration of historical and cultural landmarks, including cultural routes, castles, fortresses, churches, monasteries, palaces, archaeological sites, museums, libraries, and galleries; * Integrating these actions with soft measures for the promotion and revitalization of local heritage. |
| **M2.2:** Supporting local businesses, entrepreneurship and job creation including the circularity of tourism services | * Training programs of staff of local businesses to develop tourism-related skills, including digital and green skills; * Good practices exchange, facilitating cross-border learning. |
| **M2.3:** Supporting local businesses, entrepreneurship and job creation including the circularity of tourism services | * Construction/ modernisation of productive facilities and supply of relevant equipment for local businesses in tourism and related sectors, including local farms and craftsmen; * Measures for supporting the circularity of tourism services (measures for reducing food waste in the hospitality industry, water efficiency, use of locally supplied ingredients and resources with low environmental impact, reducing water stress and pollution, and improving sanitation); * Support the development of small, family local businesses in tourism and related sectors; * Support and promotion of local producers (e.g. wineries, agro-farms, lavender farms/ fields; roses farms/ fields, traditional oil factories, etc.); * Applying the EU Ecolabel or other EN ISO 14024 type I ecolabels or equivalent voluntary labels, by SMEs in tourism and related sectors; * Digitalisation of local business and tourism services – connection to the regional/ local apps, online shops, online booking etc. |

***SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 3 MEASURES AND ACTIONS***

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| **MEASURES** | ACTIONS |
| **M3.1** Developing coordinated and participatory multilevel policy-making in the field of tourism and green mobility | * Create a mechanism for coordinated development and promotion of tourism in the cross-border region (regular share of information among key stakeholders, working sessions to coordinate different initiatives and or to exploit jointly opportunities); * Stimulate cooperation of the stakeholders to enhance participation and coherence of other strategies; * Enhance participatory evaluation of the local and regional strategies and programs; * Implement administrative capacity building of the SB; * Implement strategic joint cross-border initiatives related to developing new touristic packages and extending the range of services provided; * Develop new touristic packages and extend the range of services provided through strategic joint cross-border initiatives; * Support the development and certification of eco-tourism destinations in the region, based on national or European standards. |
| **M3.2** Ensuring an integrated tourism promotion of the region including sustainable mobility and green transport | * Tourism promotion in an integrated manner, to ensure cohesive tourism and cultural promotion efforts, including by mobile applications; * Joint communication and promotion of accommodation, gastronomy, and related services; * Joint promotion of touristic objectives, sites, and experiences, including the creation of sustainable tourism trails/ routes and the development of quality labels to highlight service excellence; * Online and offline promotional activities for green and non-motorized transport/ for the EuroVelo6 route and connected routes (strategic project envisaged by the SB). |

# Section 2 – Conditions, requirements, and key features for the financed project ideas

## Objectives of the call for preliminary project ideas to be financed from other sources

The objective of this call for project ideas is to facilitate the identification of complementary project ideas that **contribute to the specific objectives of the ITS** and that could be financed from other financing sources (EU funds, national funds, and any other public or private funds).

This process of gathering project ideas will contribute to the **compilation of the strategy's list of operations as well as a project portfolio to be financed from other sources.**

## Eligible type of actions

The project ideas must be developed based on and in the scope of the indicative types of actions included in ITS (see section 1, 1.3) but also of the actions foreseen in the other financing sources, similar with the ITS types of actions.

Project ideas must demonstrate the relevance to the ITS area and how their proposed activities contribute to ITS objectives.

**Project ideas combining actions to ensure an integrated approach will be encouraged.**

This call for project ideas supports activities within the ITS geographical area. Specifically, investment-related activities (such as equipment procurement, infrastructure development, and construction works) **must be conducted exclusively within the ITS geographical area**.

## Eligible applications and applicants

This call is open to the following type of applicants:

* National, regional, and local public bodies, institutions, administrations, agencies, including the bodies governed by public law, county/ district councils, local councils/ municipalities;
* Educational and research institutions etc. and/ or their offices/ branches active;
* Chambers of Commerce and Regional Development Agencies;
* Non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations);
* Other eligible applicants as per the guidelines of the other financing sources.

The preliminary project ideas that are financed from other sources must contribute to the achievement of the specific objectives of the ITS.

This means that the project idea (listed features are not exhaustive):

* falls within the thematic coverage of at least one of the strategic objectives of the ITS.
* has justified and aligned its need for support with at least one of the ITS objectives.
* is based on and fully exploits the territorial approach, as well as meets the definition of an integrated project.
* is built on a clear link between needs, expected results and target groups.
* has partners with competences and expertise in the selected types of intervention and envisages project actions containing investment component (works and/ or supply) and soft type component (e.g. services).

## Budget of the call

Given that the present call is a call for project ideas, there is no provisional budget foreseen. The project ideas must be financed from the available budgets of the identified sources of funding.

## Indicators

The achievement of the ITS objectives will be measured based on a set of indicators. Each project must contribute to at least one objective and one pair of corresponding indicators of the ITS. For each specific objective, output and results indicators were set. To each output indicator, a result indicator was identified. Each project must contribute to at least one output and one result indicator. The pairing of the indicators will be assessed.

These are presented below[[2]](#footnote-3): *ITS indicators*

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| **Indicator** | **Measurement unit** | **Target**  **2024** | **Target 2029** | **Indicator** | **Measurement unit** | **Target 2029** |
| **Output** | | | | **Result** | | |
| RCO58 Dedicated cycling infrastructure supported | km | NA | 519 | RCR64 Annual users of dedicated cycling infrastructure | Users/ year | 5,000 |
| ITS01 Number of tourist attractions with connectivity to the EuroVelo6 cycling route | number | NA | 15 | RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported | Visitors/ year | 32,400 |
| ITS02 Number of improved connections of EuroVelo6 with public transportation hubs | number | NA | 15 |  |
| RCO77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported | sites | NA | 18 | RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported | Visitors/ year | 32,400 |
| RCO85  Participation in joint training schemes | participations | NA | 260 | RCR81 Completion of joint training schemes | participants | 156 |
| RCO76 Integrated projects for territorial development[[3]](#footnote-4) | organizations | NA | 60 | RCR84 Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion. | organizations | 30 |
| RCO87 Organizations cooperating across borders | organizations | NA | 60 |  |  |
| ITS03 Integrated strategy brand | number | NA | 1 |  |  |
| ITS04 Number of strategic joint actions (online actions, public campaigns, public events) promoting integrated tourism and green and non-motorized transport (for the EuroVelo6 route and connected routes) organized. | Number of joint actions | NA | 2 joint actions/ project X no. of projects | ITSR 01 its strategy awareness for local development | Number of participations | To be calculated based on a survey |
| ITS05 Website performance, measured through:   * Website traffic * Click-Through Rate (CTR) * Conversion Rate | Number | NA |  | The indicator will be reported at the level of the ITS website and will be based on the website counting functionalities. | ITS05 Website performance, measured through:   * Website traffic * Click-Through Rate (CTR)   Conversion Rate | Number |

## Project features

Considering the specificity of the ITS, promoting an integrated approach to the development of the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border area, each project must:

* Have an integrated approach and territorial impact.
* Contribute to the ITS indicators.
* Promote solutions that are friendly with the environment and observe the Do No Significant Harm Principle (DNSH).
* Promote the equal opportunities, transparency and green procurement.

## How to apply and the deadline

The present call for project ideas is organized exclusively online. The preliminary project ideas must be submitted in English language, only online, using the following link: https://forms.gle/QaAcBwnRVdfw25wRA.

Project ideas must be submitted by the lead applicant at the latest by:

**…….2024 at 12:00 PM EET**

## Aseessment and ranking of preliminary project ideas

Project ideas will be evaluated and ranked based on a set of criteria that assigns a coefficient score to the relevance of each project, particularly its alignment with the ITS objectives. The following questions will be considered when assigning the coefficient:

* To what extent will the project contribute to the achievement of ITS objectives and indicators?
* Does the project’s overall objective clearly contribute to the achievement of the specific ITS objectives?
* Is the project’s contribution to the ITS output result indicators realistic and sufficient?

**Coefficient Descriptions:**

| **Coefficient** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| 0 | No contribution. The preliminary project idea addresses irrelevant issues concerning ITS objectives, or crucial information is missing. Examples include insufficient justification, lack of territorial and integrated development approach, and no clear link to the program output indicators. The project's contribution to the achievement of the ITS's objectives and indicators, and the linkage of its outputs to ITS output indicators are inadequate. |
| 0.5  + | Weak contribution. The information provided has minimal relevance, with several weaknesses such as insufficient justification or argumentation. Relevant information is present but inadequate or insufficient. The project's contribution to the ITS's objectives and indicators may be partially addressed but there are notable deficiencies. |
| 0.75 | Medium contribution. Overall information is adequate, but some aspects may not be sufficiently outlined. Relevant information is present but lacks complete evidence-based arguments, or there are minor shortcomings. The project's contribution to the ITS objectives and indicators, its alignment with the specific objective, and the linkage of its outputs to ITS output indicators are reasonably addressed but some areas require improvement or clarification. |
| 1 | Strong contribution. The information provided is adequate with well-detailed and evidence-based arguments. It fully aligns with ITS objectives and has a beneficial impact on the region beyond local interventions. The project demonstrates a strong contribution to the ITS objectives and indicators, aligns clearly with the specific objective, and establishes a solid linkage between its outputs and ITS output indicators. |

Preliminary project ideas will be ranked and classified according to these coefficients. Only project ideas that receive a coefficient of 0.75 (medium contribution) or 1 (strong contribution) will be considered for inclusion in the ITS list of project ideas. Preliminary project ideas that receive a coefficient of 0 or 0.5 for their contribution to ITS objectives will not proceed with the identification process.

# Annexes to the Guide for submitting project ideas

* Annex 1: Form of the Preliminary Project Idea for projects to be financed from other sources of funding than Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, available at https://forms.gle/QaAcBwnRVdfw25wRA.
* Annex 2: List of LAUs from ITS territory.

*Please have in mind that during the call, we strongly recommend you to send your questions regarding the rules of this call up to 5 working days before the deadline. Any other question received in this interval may not receive answer in due time (considering the necessary time for analysing, drafting replies, consulting within Programme structures, no. of questions, aso).*

*The e-mail address where you may send your questions is: helpdeskITS@civitta.com.*

*Please note that all the questions and answers (Q&A) concerning this call for project ideas from other financing sources, aso, are published on the https://interregviarobg.eu/sti1*

# Annex 1: Form of the Preliminary Project Idea for projects to be financed from other sources of funding than Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, available at https://forms.gle/QaAcBwnRVdfw25wRA.

The following document is an offline template, which is not the official preliminary application form and shall not be submitted to the programme. Applications under this call can exclusively be submitted online via Weblink form

The main objectives of this template are:

* for applicants to submit their preliminary project ideas;
* for assessors to determine project’s relevance for the ITS during project selection;
* to evaluate the integrated approach and coherence.

**A – Project identification**

**A.1. Project identification**

The number of maximum project ideas and the duration of the project must be fully compliant with the rules of the identified source of funding.

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| Project ID (automatically created) |  |
| Name of the lead partner organisation |  |
| Name of the lead partner organization in English |  |
| Project title |  |
| Project acronym |  |
| Type of project (soft or hard) |  |
| Source of funding (name of the programme) – if info available, otherwise, the targeted source |  |
| Specific ITS objective | Select from a drop-down list:  SO1  SO2  SO3 |
| Project duration in months |  |
| Location of implementation (ITS area) – please indicate proximity to the EV 6 route) |  |

**A.2. Project summary**

Please give a short overview of the project and describe:

* the common challenge of the ITS area you are jointly tackling in your project idea;
* the overall objective of the project idea and the expected change your project will make to the current situation/ the project context;
* the integrated territorial project approach;
* the main outputs you will produce and those who will benefit from them;
* the approach you plan to take;
* what is new/original about the project idea.

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**A.3. Project budget overview**

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| Funding sources (if identified) | | |
| Funding source | Funding amount | Co-financing rate (%) |
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Buget per partner, if applicable

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|  | Funding amount | Co-financing rate (%) |
| Partner 1 |  |  |
| Partner 2, 3… |  |  |

**B. Project partners**

**B.1. Partners overview**

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| No. | Status | Name of the organization in English | Country | Organization abbreviation | Partner role | Associated organizations |
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**C. Project description**

**C.1. Project overall objective**

In connection to the ITS specific objective to which your project idea contributes, please describe what do you aim to achieve by the end of your project.

Your objective should:

* be realistic and achievable by the end of the project, or shortly after;
* specify who needs project results and in which territory;
* be measurable – indicate the change you are aiming for.

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**C.2. Project relevance and context**

C.2.1 What are the common territorial challenge(s) that will be tackled by the project?

Please describe why your project is needed in the ITS area and the relevance of your project for the ITS area, in terms of common challenges and opportunities addressed.

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C.2.2 How does the project tackle identified common challenges and/or opportunities of the ITS and what is new about the approach the project takes?

Please describe the solutions that will be developed during the implementation of the project, including new solutions that go beyond existing practices.

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C.2.3 Who will benefit from your project outputs?

Please list and describe shortly the main target groups that will benefit from your project. Indicate the extended target group in terms of size and categories, then the specific target group/impact limited to a smaller area. Indicate if the project idea directly addresses vulnerable groups or specific groups relevant for the ITS.

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C.2.4 How does the project contribute to the ITS strategy?

Please indicate to which strategic objective of the ITS your project will contribute. Then describe in what way you will contribute.

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| Specific objective | Contribution |
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**C.3. Project activities**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Project objectives | Activities | Deliverables | Investments (list) hard projects/soft projects |
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**C.4. Project concept maturity**

Please explain if the project idea is in an advanced state of preparation (ready to be implemented, technical documentations are prepared, etc.) or if the documentation is under development, but prerequisites are ensured (e.g. ownership of the land).

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# Annex 2 List of LAUs

**Local administrative units within the RO-BG ITS area**

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| **#** | **COUNTRY** | **DISTRICT/COUNTY** | **Local Administrative Units** |
| 1 | BG | Dobrich | Balchik |
| 2 | BG | Dobrich | Dobrich |
| 3 | BG | Dobrich | Dobrich-selska |
| 4 | BG | Dobrich | General Toshevo |
| 5 | BG | Dobrich | Kavarna |
| 6 | BG | Dobrich | Krushari |
| 7 | BG | Dobrich | Shabla |
| 8 | BG | Dobrich | Tervel |
| 9 | BG | Montana | Boychinovtsi |
| 10 | BG | Montana | Brusartsi |
| 11 | BG | Montana | Lom |
| 12 | BG | Montana | Medkovets |
| 13 | BG | Montana | Montana |
| 14 | BG | Montana | Valchedram |
| 15 | BG | Montana | Yakimovo |
| 16 | BG | Pleven | Belene |
| 17 | BG | Pleven | Dolna Mitropolia |
| 18 | BG | Pleven | Dolni Dabnik |
| 19 | BG | Pleven | Gulyantsi |
| 20 | BG | Pleven | Iskar |
| 21 | BG | Pleven | Knezha |
| 22 | BG | Pleven | Levski |
| 23 | BG | Pleven | Nikopol |
| 24 | BG | Pleven | Pleven |
| 25 | BG | Pleven | Pordim |
| 26 | BG | Ruse | Borovo |
| 27 | BG | Ruse | Byala Ruse |
| 28 | BG | Ruse | Dve Mogili |
| 29 | BG | Ruse | Ivanovo |
| 30 | BG | Ruse | Ruse |
| 31 | BG | Ruse | Slivo Pole |
| 32 | BG | Ruse | Tsenovo |
| 33 | BG | Ruse | Vetovo |
| 34 | BG | Silistra | Alfatar |
| 35 | BG | Silistra | Dulovo |
| 36 | BG | Silistra | Glavinitsa |
| 37 | BG | Silistra | Kaynardzha |
| 38 | BG | Silistra | Silistra |
| 39 | BG | Silistra | Sitovo |
| 40 | BG | Silistra | Tutrakan |
| 41 | BG | Veliko Tarnovo | Gorna Oryahovitsa |
| 42 | BG | Veliko Tarnovo | Lyaskovets |
| 43 | BG | Veliko Tarnovo | Polski Trambesh |
| 44 | BG | Veliko Tarnovo | Strazhitsa |
| 45 | BG | Veliko Tarnovo | Svishtov |
| 46 | BG | Veliko Tarnovo | Veliko Tarnovo |
| 47 | BG | Vidin | Boynitsa |
| 48 | BG | Vidin | Bregovo |
| 49 | BG | Vidin | Dimovo |
| 50 | BG | Vidin | Gramada |
| 51 | BG | Vidin | Kula |
| 52 | BG | Vidin | Makresh |
| 53 | BG | Vidin | Novo Selo |
| 54 | BG | Vidin | Ruzhintsi |
| 55 | BG | Vidin | Vidin |
| 56 | BG | Vratsa | Borovan |
| 57 | BG | Vratsa | Byala Slatina |
| 58 | BG | Vratsa | Hayredin |
| 59 | BG | Vratsa | Kozloduy |
| 60 | BG | Vratsa | Mezdra |
| 61 | BG | Vratsa | Mizia |
| 62 | BG | Vratsa | Oryahovo |
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| 2 | RO | Calarasi | Borcea |
| 3 | RO | Calarasi | Cascioarele |
| 4 | RO | Calarasi | Chirnogi |
| 5 | RO | Calarasi | Chiselet |
| 6 | RO | Calarasi | Ciocanesti |
| 7 | RO | Calarasi | City of Budesti |
| 8 | RO | Calarasi | Crivat |
| 9 | RO | Calarasi | Curcani |
| 10 | RO | Calarasi | Cuza Voda |
| 11 | RO | Calarasi | Dichiseni |
| 12 | RO | Calarasi | Dorobantu |
| 13 | RO | Calarasi | Dragalina |
| 14 | RO | Calarasi | Dragos Voda |
| 15 | RO | Calarasi | Frasinet |
| 16 | RO | Calarasi | Frumusani |
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| 22 | RO | Calarasi | Luica |
| 23 | RO | Calarasi | Lupsanu |
| 24 | RO | Calarasi | Manastirea |
| 25 | RO | Calarasi | Mitreni |
| 26 | RO | Calarasi | Modelu |
| 27 | RO | Calarasi | Municipality of Calarasi |
| 28 | RO | Calarasi | Municipality of Oltenita |
| 29 | RO | Calarasi | Nana |
| 30 | RO | Calarasi | Perisoru |
| 31 | RO | Calarasi | Radovanu |
| 32 | RO | Calarasi | Roseti |
| 33 | RO | Calarasi | Sohatu |
| 34 | RO | Calarasi | Soldanu |
| 35 | RO | Calarasi | Spantov |
| 36 | RO | Calarasi | Stefan Voda |
| 37 | RO | Calarasi | Ulmeni |
| 38 | RO | Calarasi | Ulmu |
| 39 | RO | Calarasi | Unirea |
| 40 | RO | Calarasi | Valcelele |
| 41 | RO | Calarasi | Valea Argovei |
| 42 | RO | Calarasi | Vasilati |
| 43 | RO | Calarasi | Vlad Tepes |
| 44 | RO | Constanta | 23 August |
| 45 | RO | Constanta | Adamclisi |
| 46 | RO | Constanta | Agigea |
| 47 | RO | Constanta | Albesti |
| 48 | RO | Constanta | Aliman |
| 49 | RO | Constanta | Amzacea |
| 50 | RO | Constanta | Baneasa |
| 51 | RO | Constanta | Baraganu |
| 52 | RO | Constanta | Castelu |
| 53 | RO | Constanta | Cerchezu |
| 54 | RO | Constanta | Chirnogeni |
| 55 | RO | Constanta | Ciobanu |
| 56 | RO | Constanta | Ciocarlia |
| 57 | RO | Constanta | City of Cernavoda |
| 58 | RO | Constanta | City of Eforie |
| 59 | RO | Constanta | City of Harsova |
| 60 | RO | Constanta | City of Murfatlar |
| 61 | RO | Constanta | City of Navodari |
| 62 | RO | Constanta | City of Negru Voda |
| 63 | RO | Constanta | City of Ovidiu |
| 64 | RO | Constanta | City of Techirghiol |
| 65 | RO | Constanta | Cobadin |
| 66 | RO | Constanta | Cogealac |
| 67 | RO | Constanta | Comana |
| 68 | RO | Constanta | Corbu |
| 69 | RO | Constanta | Costinesti |
| 70 | RO | Constanta | Crucea |
| 71 | RO | Constanta | Cumpana |
| 72 | RO | Constanta | Cuza Voda |
| 73 | RO | Constanta | Deleni |
| 74 | RO | Constanta | Dobromir |
| 75 | RO | Constanta | Dumbraveni |
| 76 | RO | Constanta | Fantanele |
| 77 | RO | Constanta | Garliciu |
| 78 | RO | Constanta | Ghindaresti |
| 79 | RO | Constanta | Gradina |
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| 81 | RO | Constanta | Independenta |
| 82 | RO | Constanta | Ion Corvin |
| 83 | RO | Constanta | Istria |
| 84 | RO | Constanta | Limanu |
| 85 | RO | Constanta | Lipnita |
| 86 | RO | Constanta | Lumina |
| 87 | RO | Constanta | Mereni |
| 88 | RO | Constanta | Mihai Viteazu |
| 89 | RO | Constanta | Mihail Kogalniceanu |
| 90 | RO | Constanta | Mircea Voda |
| 91 | RO | Constanta | Municipality of Constanta |
| 92 | RO | Constanta | Municipality of Mangalia |
| 93 | RO | Constanta | Municipality of Medgidia |
| 94 | RO | Constanta | Nicolae Balcescu |
| 95 | RO | Constanta | Oltina |
| 96 | RO | Constanta | Ostrov |
| 97 | RO | Constanta | Pantelimon |
| 98 | RO | Constanta | Pecineaga |
| 99 | RO | Constanta | Pestera |
| 100 | RO | Constanta | Poarta Alba |
| 101 | RO | Constanta | Rasova |
| 102 | RO | Constanta | Sacele |
| 103 | RO | Constanta | Saligny |
| 104 | RO | Constanta | Saraiu |
| 105 | RO | Constanta | Seimeni |
| 106 | RO | Constanta | Silistea |
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| 108 | RO | Constanta | Topalu |
| 109 | RO | Constanta | Topraisar |
| 110 | RO | Constanta | Tortoman |
| 111 | RO | Constanta | Tuzla |
| 112 | RO | Constanta | Valu Lui Traian |
| 113 | RO | Constanta | Vulturu |
| 114 | RO | Dolj | Afumati |
| 115 | RO | Dolj | Amarastii De Jos |
| 116 | RO | Dolj | Amarastii De Sus |
| 117 | RO | Dolj | Barca |
| 118 | RO | Dolj | Bistret |
| 119 | RO | Dolj | Bratovoesti |
| 120 | RO | Dolj | Breasta |
| 121 | RO | Dolj | Bucovat |
| 122 | RO | Dolj | Calarasi |
| 123 | RO | Dolj | Calopar |
| 124 | RO | Dolj | Caraula |
| 125 | RO | Dolj | Carcea |
| 126 | RO | Dolj | Carna |
| 127 | RO | Dolj | Catane |
| 128 | RO | Dolj | Celaru |
| 129 | RO | Dolj | Cerat |
| 130 | RO | Dolj | Cetate |
| 131 | RO | Dolj | Cioroiasi |
| 132 | RO | Dolj | City of Bechet |
| 133 | RO | Dolj | City of Dabuleni |
| 134 | RO | Dolj | City of Segarcea |
| 135 | RO | Dolj | Ciupercenii Noi |
| 136 | RO | Dolj | Cosoveni |
| 137 | RO | Dolj | Daneti |
| 138 | RO | Dolj | Desa |
| 139 | RO | Dolj | Dobresti |
| 140 | RO | Dolj | Dobrotesti |
| 141 | RO | Dolj | Dranic |
| 142 | RO | Dolj | Galicea Mare |
| 143 | RO | Dolj | Galiciuica |
| 144 | RO | Dolj | Gangiova |
| 145 | RO | Dolj | Ghercesti |
| 146 | RO | Dolj | Ghidici |
| 147 | RO | Dolj | Ghindeni |
| 148 | RO | Dolj | Gighera |
| 149 | RO | Dolj | Giurgita |
| 150 | RO | Dolj | Goicea |
| 151 | RO | Dolj | Intorsura |
| 152 | RO | Dolj | Izvoare |
| 153 | RO | Dolj | Lipovu |
| 154 | RO | Dolj | Macesu De Jos |
| 155 | RO | Dolj | Macesu De Sus |
| 156 | RO | Dolj | Maglavit |
| 157 | RO | Dolj | Malu Mare |
| 158 | RO | Dolj | Marsani |
| 159 | RO | Dolj | Motatei |
| 160 | RO | Dolj | Municipality of Bailesti |
| 161 | RO | Dolj | Municipality of Calafat |
| 162 | RO | Dolj | Municipality of Craiova |
| 163 | RO | Dolj | Negoi |
| 164 | RO | Dolj | Orodel |
| 165 | RO | Dolj | Ostroveni |
| 166 | RO | Dolj | Piscu Vechi |
| 167 | RO | Dolj | Plenita |
| 168 | RO | Dolj | Podari |
| 169 | RO | Dolj | Poiana Mare |
| 170 | RO | Dolj | Rast |
| 171 | RO | Dolj | Rojiste |
| 172 | RO | Dolj | Sadova |
| 173 | RO | Dolj | Seaca De Camp |
| 174 | RO | Dolj | Silistea Crucii |
| 175 | RO | Dolj | Simnicu De Sus |
| 176 | RO | Dolj | Teasc |
| 177 | RO | Dolj | Tuglui |
| 178 | RO | Dolj | Unirea |
| 179 | RO | Dolj | Urzicuta |
| 180 | RO | Dolj | Valea Stanciului |
| 181 | RO | Dolj | Verbita |
| 182 | RO | Giurgiu | Adunatii-Copaceni |
| 183 | RO | Giurgiu | Baneasa |
| 184 | RO | Giurgiu | Calugareni |
| 185 | RO | Giurgiu | Colibasi |
| 186 | RO | Giurgiu | Comana |
| 187 | RO | Giurgiu | Daia |
| 188 | RO | Giurgiu | Fratesti |
| 189 | RO | Giurgiu | Gaujani |
| 190 | RO | Giurgiu | Ghimpati |
| 191 | RO | Giurgiu | Gogosari |
| 192 | RO | Giurgiu | Gostinari |
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| 194 | RO | Giurgiu | Greaca |
| 195 | RO | Giurgiu | Herasti |
| 196 | RO | Giurgiu | Hotarele |
| 197 | RO | Giurgiu | Isvoarele |
| 198 | RO | Giurgiu | Izvoarele |
| 199 | RO | Giurgiu | Malu |
| 200 | RO | Giurgiu | Mihai Bravu |
| 201 | RO | Giurgiu | Municipality of Giurgiu |
| 202 | RO | Giurgiu | Oinacu |
| 203 | RO | Giurgiu | Prundu |
| 204 | RO | Giurgiu | Putineiu |
| 205 | RO | Giurgiu | Rasuceni |
| 206 | RO | Giurgiu | Schitu |
| 207 | RO | Giurgiu | Singureni |
| 208 | RO | Giurgiu | Slobozia |
| 209 | RO | Giurgiu | Stanesti |
| 210 | RO | Giurgiu | Stoenesti |
| 211 | RO | Giurgiu | Toporu |
| 212 | RO | Giurgiu | Valea Dragului |
| 213 | RO | Giurgiu | Varasti |
| 214 | RO | Giurgiu | Vedea |
| 215 | RO | Mehedinti | Balta |
| 216 | RO | Mehedinti | Balvanesti |
| 217 | RO | Mehedinti | Branistea |
| 218 | RO | Mehedinti | Breznita-Ocol |
| 219 | RO | Mehedinti | Burila Mare |
| 220 | RO | Mehedinti | Cazanesti |
| 221 | RO | Mehedinti | Ciresu |
| 222 | RO | Mehedinti | City of Vanju Mare |
| 223 | RO | Mehedinti | Corlatel |
| 224 | RO | Mehedinti | Cujmir |
| 225 | RO | Mehedinti | Darvari |
| 226 | RO | Mehedinti | Devesel |
| 227 | RO | Mehedinti | Dubova |
| 228 | RO | Mehedinti | Eselnita |
| 229 | RO | Mehedinti | Garla Mare |
| 230 | RO | Mehedinti | Godeanu |
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| 232 | RO | Mehedinti | Gruia |
| 233 | RO | Mehedinti | Hinova |
| 234 | RO | Mehedinti | Husnicioara |
| 235 | RO | Mehedinti | Ilovat |
| 236 | RO | Mehedinti | Ilovita |
| 237 | RO | Mehedinti | Izvoru Barzii |
| 238 | RO | Mehedinti | Jiana |
| 239 | RO | Mehedinti | Livezile |
| 240 | RO | Mehedinti | Malovat |
| 241 | RO | Mehedinti | Municipality of Drobeta-Turnu Severin |
| 242 | RO | Mehedinti | Municipality of Orsova |
| 243 | RO | Mehedinti | Obarsia De Camp |
| 244 | RO | Mehedinti | Oprisor |
| 245 | RO | Mehedinti | Padina |
| 246 | RO | Mehedinti | Patulele |
| 247 | RO | Mehedinti | Podeni |
| 248 | RO | Mehedinti | Poroina Mare |
| 249 | RO | Mehedinti | Pristol |
| 250 | RO | Mehedinti | Prunisor |
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| 254 | RO | Mehedinti | Simian |
| 255 | RO | Mehedinti | Sisesti |
| 256 | RO | Mehedinti | Svinita |
| 257 | RO | Mehedinti | Tamna |
| 258 | RO | Mehedinti | Vanatori |
| 259 | RO | Mehedinti | Vanjulet |
| 260 | RO | Mehedinti | Vladaia |
| 261 | RO | Mehedinti | Voloiac |
| 262 | RO | Mehedinti | Vrata |
| 263 | RO | Olt | Brastavatu |
| 264 | RO | Olt | Bucinisu |
| 265 | RO | Olt | Cilieni |
| 266 | RO | Olt | City of Corabia |
| 267 | RO | Olt | Garcov |
| 268 | RO | Olt | Giuvarasti |
| 269 | RO | Olt | Gradinile |
| 270 | RO | Olt | Grojdibodu |
| 271 | RO | Olt | Gura Padinii |
| 272 | RO | Olt | Ianca |
| 273 | RO | Olt | Izbiceni |
| 274 | RO | Olt | Obarsia |
| 275 | RO | Olt | Orlea |
| 276 | RO | Olt | Rusanesti |
| 277 | RO | Olt | Scarisoara |
| 278 | RO | Olt | Stefan Cel Mare |
| 279 | RO | Olt | Studina |
| 280 | RO | Olt | Tia Mare |
| 281 | RO | Olt | Urzica |
| 282 | RO | Olt | Vadastra |
| 283 | RO | Olt | Vadastrita |
| 284 | RO | Olt | Visina |
| 285 | RO | Olt | Visina Noua |
| 286 | RO | Teleorman | Bogdana |
| 287 | RO | Teleorman | Bragadiru |
| 288 | RO | Teleorman | Branceni |
| 289 | RO | Teleorman | Bujoru |
| 290 | RO | Teleorman | Buzescu |
| 291 | RO | Teleorman | Calmatuiu |
| 292 | RO | Teleorman | Cervenia |
| 293 | RO | Teleorman | City of Zimnicea |
| 294 | RO | Teleorman | Ciuperceni |
| 295 | RO | Teleorman | Contesti |
| 296 | RO | Teleorman | Crangu |
| 297 | RO | Teleorman | Dracea |
| 298 | RO | Teleorman | Fantanele |
| 299 | RO | Teleorman | Frumoasa |
| 300 | RO | Teleorman | Furculesti |
| 301 | RO | Teleorman | Islaz |
| 302 | RO | Teleorman | Izvoarele |
| 303 | RO | Teleorman | Lisa |
| 304 | RO | Teleorman | Lita |
| 305 | RO | Teleorman | Lunca |
| 306 | RO | Teleorman | Municipality of Alexandria |
| 307 | RO | Teleorman | Municipality of Turnu Magurele |
| 308 | RO | Teleorman | Nanov |
| 309 | RO | Teleorman | Nasturelu |
| 310 | RO | Teleorman | Nenciulesti |
| 311 | RO | Teleorman | Peretu |
| 312 | RO | Teleorman | Piatra |
| 313 | RO | Teleorman | Pietrosani |
| 314 | RO | Teleorman | Plopii-Slavitesti |
| 315 | RO | Teleorman | Plosca |
| 316 | RO | Teleorman | Poroschia |
| 317 | RO | Teleorman | Putineiu |
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| 319 | RO | Teleorman | Salcia |
| 320 | RO | Teleorman | Seaca |
| 321 | RO | Teleorman | Segarcea-Vale |
| 322 | RO | Teleorman | Slobozia Mandra |
| 323 | RO | Teleorman | Smardioasa |
| 324 | RO | Teleorman | Storobaneasa |
| 325 | RO | Teleorman | Suhaia |
| 326 | RO | Teleorman | Tiganesti |
| 327 | RO | Teleorman | Traian |
| 328 | RO | Teleorman | Uda-Clocociov |
| 329 | RO | Teleorman | Viisoara |

1. The full list of LAUs can be found annexed to the ITS. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. ITS indicatos include all relevant Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme indicators. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Only in the case of project ideas submitted for M 3.1. Deveopling coordinated and participatory multilevel policy-making in the field of tourism and green mobility. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)