**GUIDELINES FOR CONCEPT NOTES (Call 1)**

**PROJECT IDEAS**

**Financing Source: INTERREG VI-A ROMANIA BULGARIA PROGRAMME & OTHER PROGRAMS**

Under the Integrated Territorial Strategy for the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border area

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Abbreviations list

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| **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 |

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. |
| **Infrastructure** | Infrastructure[[1]](#footnote-2) is a broad concept, which includes:   1. buildings, from private homes to schools or industrial facilities, which are the most common type of infrastructure and the basis for human settlement; 2. nature-based infrastructures such as green roofs, walls, spaces, and drainage systems. 3. network infrastructure crucial for the functioning of today's economy and society, notably energy infrastructure (e.g. grids, power stations, pipelines), transport8 (fixed assets such as roads, railways, ports, airports or inland waterways transport infrastructure), information and communication technologies (e.g. mobile phone networks, data cables, data centres), and water (e.g. water supply pipelines, reservoirs, waste water treatment facilities); 4. systems to manage the waste generated by businesses and households (collecting points, sorting and recycling facilities, incinerators and landfills); 5. other physical assets in a wider range of policy areas, including communications, emergency services, energy, finance, food, government, health, education and training, research, civil protection, transport, and waste or water; 6. other eligible types of infrastructure may also be laid down in the fund-specific legislation, for instance, the InvestEU Regulation includes a comprehensive list of eligible investments under the sustainable infrastructure policy window. |
| **Integrated projects** | The European Commission[[2]](#footnote-3) defines integrated projects as those that meet at least one of the following conditions:  a) The project involves different sectors (such as social, economic, and environmental sectors).  b) The project involves different administrative territories (e.g., municipalities).  c) The project involves several types of stakeholders (public authorities, private actors, NGOs).  In the context of this Integrated Territorial Strategy, these criteria should be understood in a manner that enhances effectiveness and impact. Thus, a good integrated project is expected to:   * Have multi-sectoral integration: Bring together, in a complementary and synergistic manner, actions, outputs, and results specific to different sectors. For example, infrastructure projects could address the needs of various sectors (mobility, environment, tourism). They should unite actions designed to support the operationalization of the infrastructure, either by supporting related services, enhancing capacities (e.g., human resources), or promoting users. * Demonstrate multi-level policy coordination: Align local, regional, and national policies on both sides of the border. This should be reflected in the representation of different territorial levels and the coherence of their policies with each other and with the project objectives. * Prove inclusive participation: Engage a broad range of stakeholders, including government entities, the private sector, civil society, and local communities, to ensure diverse perspectives and ownership. Participation could be as members in the partnership but also as participants in different project actions |
| **Integrated approach** | An integrated approach is the general methodology applied in the design and implementation of a project to ensure that the integrated project features detailed above are incorporated, thereby contributing to the expected results and impact. This approach includes:   1. **Developing a clear vision and specific objectives:** These should reflect the aspirations of the project territory and stakeholders, aligning with the ITS objectives. Effective participation of relevant stakeholders in all phases of the project design, implementation, evaluation and learning is expected. 2. **Ensuring fair and valuable partner contributions:** Partners' contributions in the design and implementation should be fair and should maximize the value of their potential and aspirations. 3. **Demonstrating coherence:** Ensure economic viability, social equity, and environmental sustainability are addressed and achieved in the project. |
| **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

The “Concept Note Process” constitutes the initial phase in implementing the RO-BG Integrated Territorial Strategy (ITS). Its objective is to develop a comprehensive portfolio of project ideas, from which the most relevant to the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme will be invited to submit full applications.

**Overview of Calls for Project Ideas**

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 THROUGH ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM, WITH A STRONG CYCLING DIMENSION**.

The Strategy Board (SB) of the ITS decided to collect project ideas through **one call dedicated to project ideas requesting funding from Interreg VI-A Romania – Bulgaria Programme, as well as from other sources.**

**The process of submitting Concept Notes will unfold offline – documents will be submitted via e-mail.**

The project ideas to be financed under the Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme **will be** **complemented by project ideas to be financed from other sources (other EU programmes, national sources, etc**.), in view of an integrated approach. 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 present Guidelines includes the following annexes:

* Annex 1 off-line template of the Concept Note for projects to be financed under Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria and other sources.
* Annex 2 Assessment criteria;
* Annex 3 Letter of Commitment;
* Annex 4 List of LAUs in the ITS area.

The language of the Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme 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 a other language than English.

**What is a concept note?**

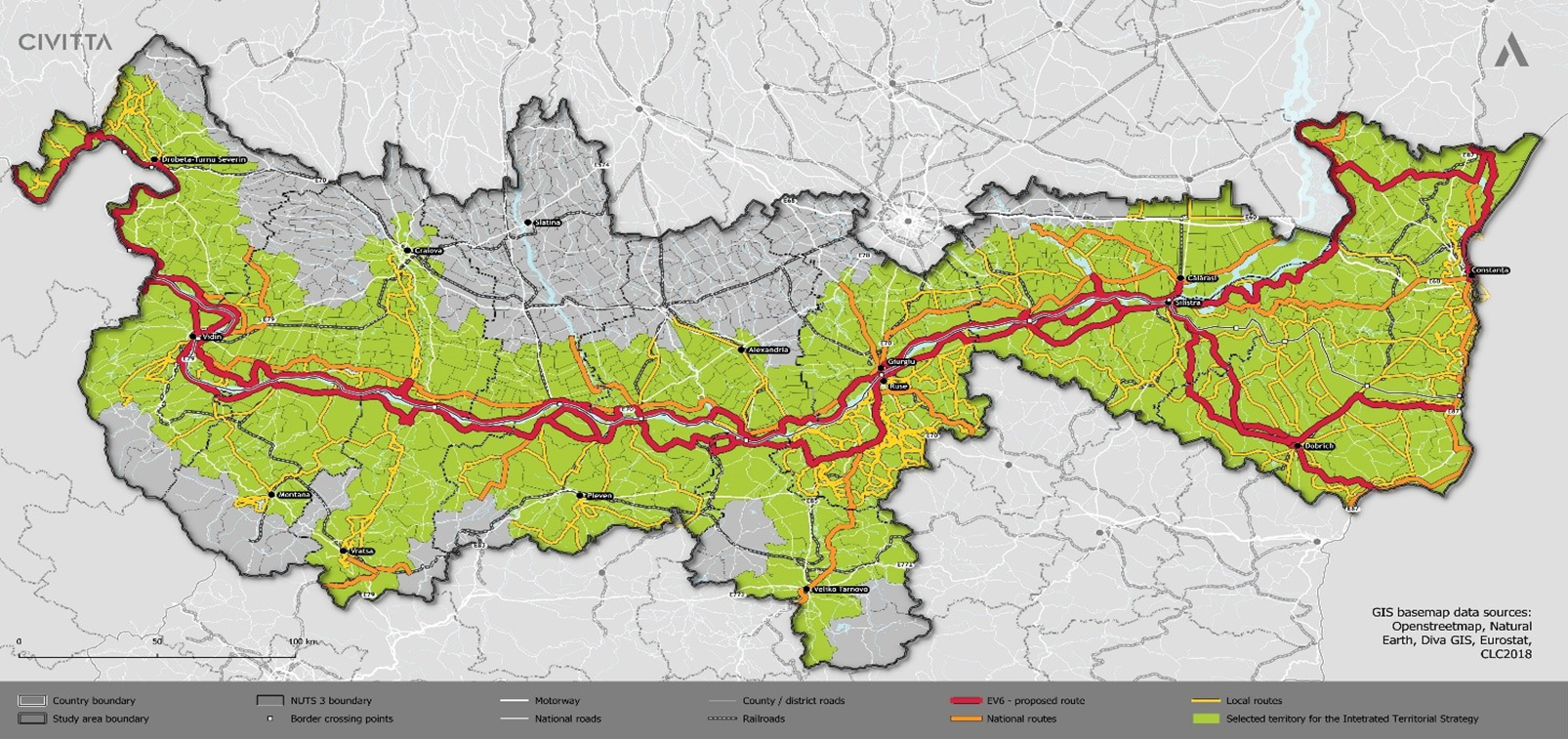
The project ideas will be submitted in the form of “CONCEPT NOTES” (Annex 1).

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. As such, the selection process is organized in two steps: step 1 for project ideas the objective of the present call and step 2 for full applications (separate call for full applications under the Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme[[3]](#footnote-4)), taking into account that only selected project ideas will be developed into full applications.

# Section 1 – General information

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

### 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 Euro Velo 6 Route.

The ITS is available at https://interregviarobg.eu/en/its-1.

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 strategic objective of the ITS is broken down into measures and tentative actions, which are expected, throughout the implementation period, to bring-in the integrated and multi-sectoral transformations and to reach 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.**

## Overview of the Interreg VI-A RO-BG program - the main funding source of the ITS

The ITS is the main document for the implementation of Policy Objective 5, under 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 Euro Velo 6 Route (Priority: P4 - An integrated region, Specific objective: RSO5.2. Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic, and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security, in areas other than urban areas of Interreg RO VI-A Romania-Bulgaria).

The Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under the European Territorial Cooperation goal of EU Cohesion Policy 2021-2027.

The Programme is organized along 4 priorities, which are broken down into 5 specific objectives (SOs):

* Priority 1 A well-connected region (PO3);
* Priority 2 A greener region (PO2);
* Priority 3 An educated region (PO4);
* **Priority 4 An integrated region (PO5).**

Also, the three specific objectives of the ITS were designed as to facilitate the implementation of the priorities under Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Priority 4, SO 5.2 *Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security*, where the EuroVelo6 route will serve as a linking element, bringing coherence and a single goal: development of the border area through a multi-sectoral approach. The types of actions under this priority are:

**1. Developing the EuroVelo6 route;**

**2. Supporting tourism activities, connected sectors and industries;**

**3. Support for implementing the ITS.**

## ITS measures and indicative types of actions

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

| **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 a focus on safety measures, first aid and service points, and signalling. This may also address connected infrastructure (including new, reconstruction or modernization of relevant road sections) which may be also considered, in duly justified cases (for interventions that specifically address certain road segments dedicated to cycling) and in line with the list of operations. * Measures for road safety (with priority for EuroVelo 6 route): 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 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, new routes, creating functional connections with public transportation hubs); * Create accessible cycling routes and pathways leading to touristic attractions like nature sites, castles, fortresses, churches, monasteries, palaces, archaeological sites, museums, libraries, galleries, and other cultural and natural points of interest, located in the proximity of the EuroVelo 6 route. |

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

| **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.); * Obtaining 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***

| **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 with other strategies; * Enhance participatory evaluation of the local and regional strategies and programs; * Administrative capacity building of the SB and other local stakeholders; * Implement strategic joint cross-border initiatives related to developing new touristic packages and extending the range of services provided[[4]](#footnote-5); * 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. |
| **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 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). |

## ITS budget for the present call, financed from Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme

Priority 4 An integrated region from Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme has an overall budget of EUR 65,000,000, including the national and own contribution, **fully dedicated to the implementation of the ITS projects, to be developed in subsequent calls**. The total budget available for the present call is presented in the table below:

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| ***Specific Objective*** | **Indicative Financial Allocation available for the present call** |
| Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programmes (ERDF plus national contribution) |
| SO1 | 22,500,000 |
| SO2 | 33,750,000 |
| SO3 | - |
| Total | 56,250,000 |

**The proposed budget for the operations should rank within 300,000 and 6,000,000 Euros,**

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

## Eligible type of actions to be financed under ITS

The project ideas must be developed based on and in the scope of the indicative types of actions included in ITS (see section 1,2). Project ideas will have to demonstrate relevance for the cross-border area and how their proposed activities contribute to ITS objectives **Project ideas that blend various actions to foster an integrated approach will be particularly encouraged. Priority will be given to project ideas that focus on developing the EuroVelo 6 infrastructure. For interventions under Specific Objectives (SO) 1 and 2, it is essential to incorporate promotional activities, as outlined in SO3.**

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**.

****If the project ideas are developed to be financed from Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria 2021-2027 program, they will consider the actions as presented below.

**The Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria will support the following types of actions (non-exhaustive list) under Priority 4:**

* Developing the necessary cycling infrastructure, including safety measures, first aid and service points, signalling etc. Priority will be given to projects ensuring connection to tourist attractions – cultural, natural heritage sites and to other means of transport. Connected infrastructure (incl. new, reconstruction or modernization of relevant road sections) is also considered, in duly justified cases and in line with the list of operations.
* Ensuring road safety for the sections overlapping the EuroVelo Route, in view of 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.
* Ensuring effective connections with and access to and from other means of transport, including ports and rail stations – adapting infrastructure.
* Ensuring availability of public transportation in connection to the cycling route.
* Ensuring appropriate services along the EuroVelo Route, such as: accommodation, food, drink and rest and recreation areas, services including Bike Pit-Stops, information, bookable offers, other assistance.
* Ensuring communication and information, online and along the route, including mobile/e-applications for cyclists, etc. Soft measures, such as promotion campaigns for green and non-motorized transport and/or advertising for the EuroVelo 6 route are also envisaged, as supporting measures.
* Investments in economic competitiveness of local businesses including, but not limited to: construction/ modernisation of productive facilities; supply of relevant equipment; adoption of digital technologies etc.
* Set-up of natural sites for economic use: trails / paths, waste disposal, security, signalling, camp sites, other open-air attractions etc.
* Supporting sites with tourist potential: construction, modernization/ restauration of castles, fortresses, churches, monasteries, palaces, archaeological sites, private/public museums, libraries, art collections/galleries, exhibitions places, wineries, agro-farms (e.g. lavender farms/fields; roses farms/fields, traditional oil factories, sheepfolds), adventure parks, open air attractions etc.
* Creating common historical, natural and cultural heritage products and services, expanding and improving services, targeting new markets and creating jobs in the cross-border area, including by setting up on-site and on-line shops, especially for traditional / local products (local food, bread, wine, cheese, rose, lavender, honey etc.), including the related tourist infrastructure, access and links to the tourist sites.
* Support for local and regional actors to valorise potentially valuable touristic objectives /sites / experiences, including by creating sustainable tourism trails, or developing quality labels for excellence in services, promoting and marketing the touristic offer etc. taking advantage of social media trends – such as “insta-tourism”, is also encouraged.
* Training of staff, particularly digital skills.
* Developing the stakeholders’ capacity to implement the ITS.
* Support for implementing and monitoring the ITS.

## Eligible applications and applicants under ITS

This call is open to the following type of applicants, who are registered and/or functioning in the ITS geographical area:

* National, regional and local public bodies, institutions, administrations, agencies, including the bodies governed by public law (which fall under the definition of Article 2(1) of Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement), county/district councils, local councils/ municipalities active, etc. in the field of cycling, tourism, culture, registered and functioning in the ITS area acting in the Chambers of Commerce and Regional Development Agencies functioning in the ITS area and registered in accordance to national law, registered and functioning in the ITS area
* Non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations) in the sense of art. 192, of
* Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046)3, registered and functioning in the ITS area
* Offices/ branches of public national/regional authorities and other public bodies active on the themes of the priority in the program area (registered and functioning in the ITS area). If those offices/ branches which are functioning in the ITS area are not legal bodies. The project idea should be submitted by their Headquarters indicating the office/ branch responsible for implementing the activities).

****SMEs (including micro-enterprises) are not eligible under the present call. As such, no project ideas including SMEs as partners can be accepted by ITS, under this call

**For all operations, it is compulsory that the applicant has among its attributions, according to its statute or according to the national legislation, the implementation of the proposed activities or that the applicant has an agreement with the relevant institutions to implement such activities, according with its statute or according to the national legislation. For Bulgarian partners, the investment activities should be carried out on public property (both public and private domain of the state/municipality).**

All concept notes must contribute to the achievement of the specific objectives of the ITS.

Please note that during the assessment, partners may be requested to submit additional information or to indicate legal acts in support of their declared compliance with the requirements in Annex 3. Additional information will be required under the form of a written document, containing explanations, under the signature of the applicant, in the scope of the assessment

**For the project ideas to be financed from INTERREG VI-A Romania – Bulgaria Programme to be eligible, these applicants must fulfil the following criteria and declare compliance with the requirements in Annex 3, point 4:**

* Be a Romanian or Bulgarian entity, legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located;
* Prove their competence in the field and the activities envisaged under the project through ownership acts, legal acts/ strategies/ action plans references, etc.;
* Not be in any of the situations mentioned under Art. 136 of REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046;
* Be registered and/or functioning in the ITS geographical area except Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities, agencies whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to ITS area;
* In case of a project envisaging investment activities, applicants(s) have the right of property and/or use over the land and/or construction (building or item of infrastructure) subject to the project's intervention. If the partner(s) hold/s only the right of use, such right should be secured for at least 5 years after the completion of the operation; if the owner of the land and/or construction (building or item of infrastructure) is different from the applicant(s), the owner should have given it’s written agreement for the applicant(s) to perform the investment on/in the relevant land and/or construction (building or item of infrastructure). Exceptionally, for building velo routes or paths, applicants are allowed not to demonstrate the ownership the entirety of the concerned land/item of infrastructure if they commit to obtain the necessary legal right through the expropriation for causes of public utility or through other means allowed by law;
* For Bulgarian partners, in case of infrastructure, the investment activities should be carried out on public property;
* The types of operations that can be financed under the program are soft or hard. A soft operation is a project that has works/infrastructure/equipment component below 50% of the eligible budget, while a hard operation is a project that has works/infrastructure/equipment component equal or more than 50% of the total project eligible budget. For both soft and hard type of operations, the partnership should include project partners or associated project partners equally responsible for the field of interventions/ policy domain addressed by the project and who will be the user of the project outputs;
* Lead partners need to be registered and to operate in the programme area for at least 2 years prior to the application;
* A maximum number of five partners is accepted under this call;
* The applicants that are in any of the situations mentioned under Art. 136 of REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 shall not be considered by the programme.

## Indicators

The achievement of the ITS objectives will be measured based on a set of indicators. Each concept idea must contribute to at least one objective of the ITS. The applicants are encouraged to integrate in their concept notes specific ITS indicators.

For each specific objective, output and results indicators were set. For each output indicator, a result indicator was identified. Each concept idea must contribute to at least one output and one result indicator. The pairing of the indicators will be assessed. These are presented below[[5]](#footnote-6):

*ITS indicators*

A methodology for indicators data collection and reporting is annexed to the ITS and is available at: <https://interregviarobg.eu/en/its-1>.

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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 new/modernized 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[[6]](#footnote-7) | 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 EuroVelo 6 route and connected routes) organized. | Number of joint actions | NA | 2 joint actions/ project X no. of projects | RCR 85 Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion | 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. * The rate will be calculated by dividing the number of clicks by the total number of impressions and then multiplying by 100 to express it as a percentage: * Conversion Rate = (Number of Conversions / Total Users or Visitors) \* 100 | ITSR1 Awareness in the territory about the opportunities created for local development by the ITS strategy (baseline survey and final survey) | Number of participations | To be calculated based on a survey |

*For project ideas to be financed from Interreg VI-A Romania - Bulgaria Programme, the following indicators are mandatory*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Indicator** | **Measurement unit** | **Target**  **2024** | **Target 2029** | **Indicator** | **Measurement unit** | **Target 2029** |
| **Output** | | | | **Result** | | |
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| RCO87 Organizations cooperating across borders | organizations | NA | 60 | RCR84 Organizations cooperate across borders after project completion. | organizations | 30 |

**If the project does not contribute to the IP indicators it will not be considered for funding by the Programme/included in the list of projects proposed for funding under Interreg VI-A Romania - Bulgaria Programme. Please select your indicator/s targets carefully, clearly stating the targets while keeping in mind that failure to meet the targets during implementation (if the project is selected for financing), may result in financial corrections/ de-commitment of the project’s budget.**

 **The project idea must contain the mandatory pair/s of indicators including at least one of the two pairs of ERDF indicators (investment indicators). The pair of indicators RCO87 & RCR 84 cannot be used alone, without the other pair of indicators.**

## ITS Project features

The projects proposed for funding under ITS shall observe, at least the following characteristics:

1. **CONTRIBUTION TO ITS OBJECTIVES**

Each concept note must actively contribute to the attainment of both the strategic objectives outlined in the Integrated Territorial Strategy and the specific objectives set forth by the Interreg VI-A Romania - Bulgaria Programme. This alignment entails that the project idea (with listed features not representing an exhaustive list):

* Corresponds with the multi-thematic and multi sectoral focus of the strategic objectives of ITS.
* Justifies and aligns its necessity for support with these strategic objectives.
* Adopts an integrated territorial approach.
* Establishes a clear and coherent connection between identified needs, anticipated outcomes, and target group.
* Involves partners possessing the requisite competencies for the chosen intervention, envisioning project actions that encompass components related to infrastructure (such as works) and softer elements (e.g. services).

The extent to which each a project concept contributes to the achievement of the strategic objectives of the ITS/ Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria will be assessed during the eligibility evaluation phase. Further details can be found in section 2.8, which elaborates on the project ideas assessment and selection process.

1. **CONTRIBUTION TO ITS INDICATORS**

As per the 2021-2027 programming period output indicators will measure deliverables from the projects to be supported, while result indicators will focus on the outcomes of funded projects for beneficiaries.

ITS Output indicators primarily measure the tangible outcomes derived from the supported actions, while result indicators measure the outcomes, e.g. the effects of the interventions supported, with reference to the direct addressees, population targeted or users of infrastructure.

In the intervention logic of the ITS the indicators are linked with project activities under each Specific Objective, meaning that the achievement of indicator targets is only possible by implementing concrete project actions as presented in section 1,2. . The activities and indicators can be still adjusted, if needed, in the full Application Form.

It's important to note that even if at the concept note stage, detailed work plan is not required it is particularly important for the project partners to align their project idea, at this early development stage, with the complete set of activities and indicators that contribute to ITS objectives

For the project to be selected for funding under Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria, at least one pair of indicators from the table below is mandatory. The given pairing of the indicators cannot be modified. RCO87 and RCR84 cannot be selected standalone, but only in complementarity with another pair of the indicators presented in the table below

| **PAIRING OF INDICATORS Interreg vi-a Romania - Bulgaria Programme** | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | OUTPUT INDICATOR | RESULT INDICATOR |
| **Priority 1** | RCO58 Dedicated cycling infrastructure supported | RCR64 Annual users of dedicated cycling infrastructure |
| **Priority 2** | RCO77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported | RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported |
|  | RCO87 Organizations cooperating across borders | RCR84 Organizations cooperate across borders after project completion. |

1. **PROXIMITY TO EUROVELO ROUTE**

The development of EuroVelo6 Route serves as the cornerstone and backbone of the ITS. Therefore, the project concept must be part of the EuroVelo6 section within the cross-border region or connected/contributing to its network. The project should also focus on establishing robust connections with the EuroVelo6 Route to ensure quality service for cyclists and other users/target groups.

The map of EuroVelo6 was approved by the Strategy Board and it is available here: https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1VLo4-T-hl9S0wnShGFTRakYKgM-t-pQ&ll=44.53015804279753%2C25.013049500000015&z=7

1. **EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR CYCLE TOURISM**

Given the importance of effective support for cycle tourism in advancing the goals of the ITS and Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme and recognizing the role of cycling tourism in attracting visitors and promoting sustainable regional development, the project concept must be designed to provide substantial support for cycle tourism. This includes the development of cycling-friendly infrastructure, services, and amenities, as well as initiatives that enhance the overall cycle tourism experience, leading to increased visitor engagement and regional growth.

In the scope of this guide, “significantly upgraded cycling lanes or routes” will meet at least six out of the following ten practical characteristics, inspired by Cycling Design Best Practices (2023), available at <https://www.iurc.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Cycling-Design-Best-Practices-Report.pdf> :

1. width of cycle infrastructure – minimum 1.5 m for one-way cycle path and 2.5 m for two-way lanes;
2. type of cycle infrastructure – cycle lanes in urban areas and cycle paths separated from vehicular traffic in extra-urban areas;
3. on-way vs. two-way – one-way in urban areas, bidirectional cycle paths in extra-urban areas;
4. avoid conflict between vulnerable users – cycle infrastructure should not be designed at the expense of pedestrian mobility;
5. highlight cycle crossings at intersections – horizontal signs and colored paint;
6. bike-box at traffic light intersection – space dedicated to bicycles located at the traffic light intersections;
7. traffic lights dedicated to cyclists at intersections;
8. bicycle parking: racks, velo-stations & bick-boxes;
9. signing system with directions, distances, and travel times;
10. bike-sharing services.
11. **SOCIAL IMPACT**

One of the primary challenges identified in the territorial analysis was that the ITS area is not a destination with a well-defined touristic identity, which stems from a complex set of underlying issues, including socio-demographic challenges, limited territorial connectivity, inadequate tourist infrastructure in remote areas and others.

Given these challenges, it is crucial to evaluate the social impact of project concepts within the ITS and Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria area. The assessment will consider key elements, including the project's potential to address these issues, reach an extended target group in terms of size and categories, and directly engage vulnerable or specific groups relevant to ITS development (e.g., youth), considering the demographic decline and other challenges. These elements collectively contribute to the project's social impact and its role in addressing the region's pressing social and economic challenges.

1. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACT**

Project financed will be a key driver for the economic development within the ITS and Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria area. To understand the capacity of projects to stimulate economic growth and job creation, the project concept must demonstrate its economic development impact. This entails a thorough examination of how the project can contribute to economic prosperity, business growth, employment opportunities, and overall economic development within the region. Therefore, it is important to describe the potential economic impact of the project idea within the ITS and Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria area. The description will encompass various facets, including investment value, job creation, tourism promotion, support to local enterprises, income generation, and the realization of a multiplier effect.

The social and economic impact are core features of all projects developed under the Integrated Territorial Strategy for the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border region. The strategy's general objective is to stimulate economic growth and enhance the social attractiveness of the territory.

While the strategy strongly emphasizes cycling infrastructure, projects must not be limited to cycling-related interventions alone. To achieve the expected impact, an integrated approach is required—one that combines investments across multiple sectors. **High-impact tourism, cultural and natural heritage investments should complement cycling infrastructure, alongside soft components that focus on service development or social interventions.**

This balanced mix of investments will create synergies that amplify the overall results, boosting tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage while supporting related socioeconomic fields. By integrating these elements, projects will contribute meaningfully to the region's economic and social development, in a sustainable manner, enabling long-term attractiveness.

1. **IMPACT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT**

In light of the commitment to sustainable development and environmental preservation within the ITS and Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria area the project should not have negative impact on the environment. This means that the concept should describe how the project aligns with sustainable principles, mitigates environmental impacts, and promotes eco-friendly practices to ensure a harmonious coexistence with the natural surroundings.

1. **COMPLEMENTARITY WITH OTHER INITIATIVES**

Given the cooperation nature of initiatives within the ITS and Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria area as well as the potential for projects to align with and enhance existing efforts, it is crucial that the project concept is assessed for its complementarity with other initiatives. Concept notes should demonstrate how the respective projects can synergize with and strengthen ongoing or planned initiatives, fostering a cooperative and harmonious approach to regional development.

1. **THE SIZE OF THE PARTNERSHIP**

It is recommended that the partnership is formed of max. four organizations in compliance with the conditions of the envisaged financing source

## How to apply and the deadline

The documents (Concept Note and Letter of Commitment) will be sent via e-mail, as electronically signed pdf. files to the following e-mail address: [conceptnotesITS@gmail.com](mailto:conceptnotesITS@gmail.com).

**Project ideas must be submitted by the LEAD PARTNER starting from 15.01.2025 and the latest by:**

**04th of March 2025 at 13:00 EET**

## Assessment and selection of concept notes

Assessment Process

Project ideas (concept notes) will be evaluated and selected for funding through a standardized, transparent process ensuring equal treatment. Evaluation and selection criteria are detailed in *Annex 2: Assessment Grids.*

The process includes three main stages:

1. ITS portfolio eligibility assessment- Project ideas will be reviewed to confirm their alignment with ITS portfolio requirements (Annex 2, Table 1).
2. Eligibility assessment for Interreg VI-A Funding-Eligible project ideas will be assessed for compliance with the funding requirements of the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme (Annex 2, Table 2).
3. Prioritization of eligible projects Eligible projects will be prioritized based on their relevance, feasibility, and quality, as defined in the prioritization criteria (Annex 2, Table 3). The objective of the prioritization of eligible projects is to:

* assess the relevance and the feasibility of the project;
* use the result of the assessment as a basis for decision making;
* establish a common understanding which is common ground for decision-making;
* ensure transparency.

The **final outputs** of this assessment will form the ITS Project Ideas Portfolio, which will include:

**ITS Portfolio of Project Ideas, categorized as follows:**

* **Project ideas recommended for funding under the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme:**

These project ideas fully align with ITS objectives and implementation requirements. They will be submitted to the Monitoring Committee for approval. If accepted, applicants will be invited to develop and submit full applications for funding and may receive support during this process. These project ideas will include key features enabling analysis of territorial coverage, project types, and applicant profiles.

* **Project ideas relevant to ITS but not eligible for funding under the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme:**

These project ideas contribute to ITS objectives but do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Interreg VI-A Programme.

**Project ideas returned for improvement:**

These project ideas must address identified gaps and improve their alignment with the assessment criteria. They may be resubmitted under future calls for project ideas.

# Annexes to the Applicant Guide

* Annex 1 offline template of the Concept Note signed by the Lead Partner for projects to be financed under Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme;
* Annex 2 Assessment Grid for projects to be financed from Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria;
* Annex 3 Letter of Commitment;
* Annex 4 List of LAUs from ITS territory.

# Relevant documents to be considered when preparing the application form for concept note:

* Project Implementation Manual - <https://interregviarobg.eu/en/project-implementation-manual>
* Communication Starter Kit - <https://interregviarobg.eu/assets/2023/04/communication-starter-kit-2021-2027.docx>
* Dare to go green! - <https://interregviarobg.eu/assets/2023/04/go-green.docx>
* Practical guide on fraud for applicants and project partners - <https://interregviarobg.eu/assets/2023/04/practical-guide-on-fraud.pdf>
* Communication Strategy - <https://interregviarobg.eu/assets/2023/10/communication-strategy-2021-2027-approved-mc.pdf>
* Visual Identity Manual - <https://interregviarobg.eu/assets/2024/01/visual-identity-manual-interreg-vi-a.pdf>
* Methodological descriptions of Interreg VI-A Ro-BG indicators – SO 5.2 – <https://interregviarobg.eu/assets/2024/01/guidance-on-monitoring-programme-indicators-annex-5-so-52.pdf>
* Code of Conduct for Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria - <https://interregviarobg.eu/assets/2023/04/code-of-conduct-robg-vi-a.pdf>
* JEMS manual – <https://jems.interact-eu.net/manual/>.

*Please keep 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 the answer in due time (considering the necessary time for analyzing, drafting replies, consulting within Programme structures, no. of questions).*

*The e-mail address where you may send your questions is:* [***helpdeskITS@civitta.com***](mailto:helpdeskITS@civitta.com)

*Please note that all the questions and answers (Q&A) concerning this call for project ideas will be published at* *<https://interregviarobg.eu/sti1>.*

# Annex 1 Concept Note (for projects to be financed under Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria 2021-2027)

**Before preparing the Concept Note, please check the eligibility and other conditions set out in the present Guidelines, and in the specific guidelines of the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria/other sources of funding.**

The main objectives of this template are:

* for applicants to prepare their project concepts,
* for assessors to determine the project’s relevance for the program during project selection,
* to have a baseline for monitoring the project's progress during its implementation.

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| **I. Contact details** | | |
| ***1.1 Organization name and type*** |  | |
| ***1.2 Contact person:*** |  | |
| ***1.3. Position/ function:*** |  | |
| ***1.4. Email:*** |  | |
| ***1.5. Phone number:*** |  | |
|  | | |
| **II. Partners** | | |
| ***Partner I (Lead Partner)*** | ***Organization name***  ***Organization type*** | |
| ***Partner II*** |  | |
| ***Partner III*** |  | |
| ***Partner IV*** |  | |
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| Justification of the partnership | *Please describe the structure of your partnership and explain why these partners are needed to implement the project and to achieve project objectives. Justify the balanced structure of the partnership in terms of addressed target groups, sectors, and territory.*  *Please consider that a number of maximum 4 partners is recommended.*  *Max. 300 words* | |
| Avoidance of double financing | *Please confirm that no partner has received public financing for the same project proposal (including objectives, activities, and results). Additionally, partners do not apply for other funding programmes for this project unless financial support is not granted under this call. For investment projects, this provision applies specifically to the same infrastructure or segment of infrastructure.* | |
| **III.1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL** | | |
| **Project acronym and title** | *Please indicate the full title of your project.*  *Please choose an acronym for your project.* | |
| Location of the main intervention(s) within the ITS area | **Romania** | County, Municipality / Town / Commune  **[…]** |
| **Bulgaria** | District, Municipality  […] |
| Project completion status | *Please confirm that the project has not been physically completed or fully implemented before the application for funding.* | |
| Contribution to ITS Specific Objective | *Select from the drop-down list:*  *SO 1 Developing sustainable mobility, mainly cycling infrastructure and associated facilities*  *SO 2 Supporting the sustainable development of the local economy and quality of life*  *SO 3 Fostering integrated development of tourism and green mobility*  Please justify the contribution to the respective specific objective selected in max. 200 words) | |
| Contribution to indicators | *Select from the drop-down list of ITS pair of indicators:*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **OUTPUT Indicator** | **RESULT INDICATOR** | | RCO58 Dedicated cycling infrastructure supported | RCR64 Annual users of dedicated cycling infrastructure | | ITS01 Number of tourist attractions with connectivity to the EuroVelo6 cycling route | RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported | | ITS02 Number of new/modernized connections of EuroVelo6 with public transportation hubs | | RCO77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported | RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported | | RCO85 Participation in joint training schemes | RCR81 Completion of joint training schemes | | RCO76 Integrated projects for territorial development[[7]](#footnote-8) | RCR84 Organizations cooperate across borders after project completion. | | RCO87 Organizations cooperating across borders | | ITS03 Integrated strategy brand | | ITS04 Number of strategic joint actions (online actions, public campaigns, public events) promoting integrated tourism and green and non-motorized transport (for the EuroVelo 6 route and connected routes) organized. | RCR 85 Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion | | ITS05 Website performance, measured through:   * Website Traffic * Click-Through Rate (CTR)   Conversion Rate | ITSR1 Awareness in the territory about the opportunities created for local development by the ITS strategy (baseline survey and final survey) |   *SPECIAL ATTENTION FOR INTERREG – please see section 2.3 disclaimer*  *Please select and justify the contribution to the respective indicators selected in max. 50 words for each indicator.* | |
| Duration | *Please indicate the number of months needed to implement the project.* | |
| Total budget (euro) | *Please present the budget broken down on co-financing and own contribution.* | |
| Integrated territorial approach | *Describe how the project idea reflects the integrated territorial approach, as defined in the present guidelines*  *Max. 300 words* | |
| Cross-border dimension | *Please explain why the project objectives cannot be efficiently reached acting only on a national/regional/local level and/or describe what benefits the project partners/target groups/ project area/ITS area/program area gain in taking a cross-border approach, fostering collaboration and benefits across borders.*  *Max. 300 words* | |
| Synergies with past or current EU and other projects or initiatives | *Please list other projects or initiatives implemented in the cross-border and/or ITS area that are complementary to the present project idea.*  *Max. 300 words* | |
| Location(s) of the interventions and investment(s) | *Please indicate the specific location(s) of the planned project intervention(s).*  *If there are interventions intended as investments, please indicate their location*  *In case of a project aiming to develop cycling routes or lanes, please include details such as key waypoints, nearby landmarks, and any relevant geographical or municipal boundaries that define the route’s path. Please provide a map or GPS coordinates (start/ending point) to clearly illustrate the proposed cycling route.*  *Max. 400 words* | |
| Effective support for cycling tourism | *Please describe how the project idea will contribute to the development of the cycling tourism, by including information on: the length of the newly built / significantly upgraded cycling routes or lanes, the support facilities that will be installed or created, the facilities for cycling tourism that will be developed, the safety features of the cycling routes, the changes in the use of transportation/routes, the estimated number of users, etc.*  *Max. 300 words* | |
| **III.2. OBJECTIVE**  *Please present the overall objective of the project idea and the expected change your project will make to the current situation/the project context.*  *Formulate the project's overall objective: what do you aim to achieve by the end of your project?*  *The project objective should:*   * *be aligned with the programme’s and ITS objectives* * *be realistic and achievable by the end of the project, or shortly after;* * *specify who needs project results and in which territory;* * *explain the problem addressed by the project* * *be measurable – indicate the size of the change you are aiming for.*   *Max. 150 words* | | |
| **III.3. MAIN ACTIVITIES**  *Please describe the main activities by which the project achieves the project specific objective and related communication objective(s).*  *Activity 1: title and description*  *Activity 2: title and description*  *Activity 3: title and description*  *< If applicable, please multiply >*  *Max. 1,000 words in total* | | |
| **III.4. OUTPUTS**  *Based on the activities you need to implement to achieve the specific objective and the selected indicators in section III.1 in this work package, please detail below the outputs that will be delivered during the implementation*  *Output 1.1.*   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Output title* | *Programme output indicator* | *Measuring Unit* | *Target value* | |  | *Pls select the same output indicator as in section III.1* |  |  |   Output description: Max. 100 words per output   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Output title* | *Programme output indicator* | *Measuring Unit* | *Target value* | |  | *Pls select the same output indicator as in section III.1* |  |  |   Output description: Max. 100 words per output   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Output title* | *Programme output indicator* | *Measuring Unit* | *Target value* | |  | *RCO87 Organizations cooperating across borders* |  |  |   *Output description: Max. 100 words per output* | | |
| III.5. RESULTS  *What do you expect to change because of the activities you plan to implement and the outputs you plan to deliver? Please take a look at the programme result indicators and select those that your project will contribute to (in line with the selected indicators from section III.1).*   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Result* | *Programme result indicator* | *MU* | *Baseline* | *Target value* | |  | *Pls select the same result indicator as in section III.1* |  |  |  |   Result description: *Max. 100 words per result*   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Result* | *Programme result indicator* | *MU* | *Baseline* | *Target value* | |  | *Pls select the same result indicator as in section III.1* |  |  |  |   Result description: *Max. 100 words per result*   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Result* | *Programme result indicator* | *MU* | *Baseline* | *Target value* | |  | *(Drop-down list)*  *RCR64 Annual users of dedicated cycling infrastructure /*  *RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported /*  *RCR84 Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion*  *Pls select the same result indicator as in section III.1* |  |  |  |   Result description: *Max. 100 words per result* | | |
| III.6. PROJECT MATURITY  *Please describe to what extent the project idea is ready for implementation and in what timeframe: the status of obtaining all necessary permits and approvals, the status of the detailed project design and engineering, if the project management structure has been identified and clear roles and responsibilities have been assigned, if feasibility studies have been already carried out, etc.*  *Max. 500 words* | | |
| III.7. PROXIMITY TO THE EUROVELO6 ROUTE  *Please specify where the main intervention[[8]](#footnote-9) of the project is located relative to the EuroVelo6 route.*  *Max. 200 words* | | |
| III.8. SOCIAL IMPACT  *Please describe how the project targets a large and diverse population spanning multiple regions or categories (e.g. local residents, commuters, tourists, cycling-tourists children, vulnerable groups, etc.)*.  *Max. 500 words* | | |
| III.9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACT  *Please describe how the project contributes to job creation and local enterprises support, how the project integrates tourism promotion, income generation, and the overall multiplier effect.*  *Please explain how your project brings value for money, presenting the overall costs and the benefits expected by the end of the project (financial and non-financial benefits). If the project involves investment, present to the extent possible the approximate value of each investment together with its main characteristics (surface built, number and value of items purchased and installed, etc.).*  *Max. 500 words* | | |
| III.10. COMMITMENT TO HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES  *Please include a clear statement from the partners affirming their commitment to uphold and implement the horizontal principles outlined in the relevant EU regulations[[9]](#footnote-10).*  *Max. 100 words* | | |
| III.11. COMPLEMENTARITY WITH OTHER PROJECT/STRATEGIES/INITIATIVES  *Please describe how the project has complementarity or synergy with multiple strategies, policies, initiatives, past or undergoing, in the cross-border region.*  *Max. 300 words* | | |

# Annex 2 Assessment grid for projects to be financed under ITS and Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria 2021-2027

Table1. General Assessment ITS Criteria (Applicable to all Concept Notes)

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| **Eligibility criteria** | **Yes/No** | **Accepted/Rejected** |
| **General Assessment ITS criteria (Applicable to all Concept Notes)** | | |
| **Relevance to ITS Objectives:** The project idea aligns with and contributes to one or more specific objectives of ITS (SO1, SO2, and/or SO3). | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Contribution to ITS Indicators**: The project idea supports the achievement of ITS pairs of indicators. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Project Duration**: The project duration complies with the limits outlined in the Applicant Guide and does not extend beyond 30 June 2029. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Integrated Approach**: The project idea demonstrates an integrated character, showing coherence and complementarity among its components. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Cross-Border Dimension**: The project idea reflects a clear cross-border character, fostering collaboration and benefits across borders. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Combination of Actions**: The project concept includes a mandatory combination of investment actions (e.g., cycling network infrastructure and/or facilities) and soft-type actions (e.g., services). | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Eligibility of Partners:** The partnership consists of eligible applicants, as defined in the Guidelines. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |

Table 2. Specific assessment of the eligibility for funding by Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme (Applicable to ITS portfolio)

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| **Eligibility criteria** | **Yes/No** | **Accepted/Rejected** |
| **Specific Eligibility Criteria for Concept Notes Assessed for Funding by Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme** | | |
| **Partnership composition:** The partnership includes at least one Romanian and one Bulgarian beneficiary. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Avoidance of Double Funding:** No partner has received public financing for the same project proposal (including objectives, activities, and results). Additionally, partners do not apply for other funding programmes for this project unless financial support is not granted under this call. For investment projects, this provision applies specifically to the same infrastructure or segment of infrastructure. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Project Completion Status:** The project has not been physically completed or fully implemented prior to the application for funding. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Budget compliance:** The project budget adheres to the limits foreseen by the guidelines (between 300.000 and 6.000.000 Euros). | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Mandatory Programme indicators as described in section 2.3 Disclaimer.** | If YES  If NO | Accepted  - Rejected |
| **Commitment to horizontal principles:** The concept note includes a clear statement from the partners affirming their commitment to uphold and implement the horizontal principles outlined in the relevant EU regulations. | If YES  If NO | - Accepted  - Rejected |

**Table 3. ITS project ideas prioritisation criteria**

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| **Prioritisation criteria** | | Max. points |
| **Proximity to the EuroVelo6 route**  Excellent (20 p) = the main intervention is located on the course of the EuroVelo6 route  Good (15 p) = the main intervention is located within 0-10 km distance from the course of EuroVelo 6 route  Average (10 p) = The main intervention is located within 10-20 km distance from the course of the EuroVelo6 route, as well as on the North-South axis Craiova-Vratsa, or Constanta-Balchik  Weak (5 p) = The main intervention is located further than 20 km distance from the course of the EuroVelo6 route, within the eligible ITS area  Not addressed at all (0 p) = the information is not available | | 20 points |
| **Effective support for cycling tourism** – the project leads to newly built / significantly upgraded[[10]](#footnote-11) cycling routes or lanes and/or to the creation or installation of support facilities and/or safety features, as follows**:**  Excellent (20 p) = over 30 km of cycling routes or lanes, endowed with support facilities AND substantial safety features  Good (15 p) = between 15 and 30 km of cycling routes or lanes, endowed with support facilities and/or safety features  Average (10 p) = between 10 and15 km of cycling routes or lanes endowed with some support facilities and/or safety features OR support facilities and/or safety features installed on more than 30 km of roads or existing cycling routes or lanes  Weak (5 p) = between 0.5 and 5 km of cycling routes or lanes OR some support facilities and/or safety features installed or created on existing cycling routes or lanes  Not addressed at all (0 p) = N/A or the information is not available | | 20 points |
| **Economic impact**  Excellent (20 p) = The project has a significant, measurable impact on job creation, tourism promotion and income generation. It includes high-impact investments in tourism, cultural, and natural heritage, attracting a large number of tourists and creating new job opportunities and clear prerequisites for the generation of income for the local economy. The project clearly creates a multiplier effect, fostering additional economic activities.  Good (15 p) = The project has a considerable impact on job creation, tourism promotion and income generation. It includes investments in tourism, cultural, and natural heritage, attracting a moderate number of tourists and creating new job opportunities and potential prerequisites for the generation of income for the local economy.  Average (10 p) = The project has a moderate impact on job creation, tourism promotion and income generation, attracting a limited number of tourists and creating moderate prerequisites for the generation of income for the local economy.  Weak (5 p) = The project has a negligible impact on job creation, tourism promotion and income generation, attracting very few tourists and creating very little prerequisites for the generation of income for the local economy.  Not addressed at all = N/A or the information is not available. | | 20 points |
| **Social impact**  Excellent (15 p) = The project targets a large, diverse population spanning multiple regions or categories (e.g., commuters, tourists, local residents, vulnerable groups).  Good (10 p) = The project targets a large population but with some diversity in categories or regions.  Average (5 p)= The project targets a moderately sized population within a single category or region.  Weak (2 p) = The project targets a small, specific population within a limited area.  Not addressed at all (0 p) = N/A or the information is not available | | 15 points |
| **Maturity of the project**  Excellent (15 p) = all necessary permits and approvals obtained; detailed project design and engineering completed, established project management structure with identified roles and responsibilities, completed feasibility studies; project ready to commence within three months.  Good (10 p) = The project is well-prepared with most key elements in place: most necessary permits and approvals obtained, advanced project design and engineering in progress; defined project management structure with most roles and responsibilities identified; Completed feasibility studies; ready to commence within six months.  Average (5 p) = The project is reasonably prepared but some key elements are still pending: some necessary permits and approvals obtained; Intermediate project design and engineering in progress; Initial project management structure defined; preliminary feasibility studies, ready to commence within nine months  Weak (2 p) = The project is in the early planning stages with many key elements pending: no permits and approvals obtained; preliminary project design and engineering in initial stages; Initial project management structure yet to be defined; preliminary feasibility studies yet to be started; ready to commence beyond twelve months.  Not addressed at all (0 p) = N/A or the information is not available. | | 15 points |
| **Complementarity with other project/strategies/initiatives**  Excellent (10 p) = The project demonstrates a strong and clear complementarity or synergy with strategies, policies, and/or initiatives in the cross-border region  Good (8 p) = The project demonstrates a good complementarity or synergy with strategies, policies, and/or initiatives in the cross-border region  Average (5 p) = The project demonstrates a moderate complementarity or synergy with strategies, policies, and/or initiatives in the cross-border region  Weak ( 2p)= The project demonstrates a negligeable complementarity or synergy with strategies, policies, and/or initiatives in the cross-border region  Not addressed at all (0 p) = N/A or the information is not available. | | 10 points |
| **Conclusion:**  **The total score of the project idea.** | Max. 100 points | |

# Annex 3 Letter of commitment

Lead Partner Letter of Commitment

Project title and acronym ………………

Project ID ……………….

Name of the lead partner in original language ……………………………………

Name of the lead partner in English language …………………………………….

The undersigned, representing the ……………………………………………. participating in the call for project ideas under the Integrated Territorial Strategy for the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border area, hereby certifies the following:

1. I am legally authorised to sign this letter of commitment on behalf of my organization;
2. In the event of approval of the project idea, the organization I represent commits itself to develop a full project proposal, under the Interreg VI A Romania Bulgaria and/or other sources of funding, (other EU programmes, national sources, etc.), in view of an integrated approach, upon invitation and under the available financial allocation;
3. The organization I represent has the adequate legal capacity to participate in the present call for project ideas and that it fully meets the requirements for applicants specified in 2.3 *Eligible applications and applicants*, from the *Guide for application with concept notes*;
4. The organization I represent has the financial capacity to implement the proposed project idea;
5. The organization I represent has the administrative and operational capacity to implement the project idea;
6. The organization I represent is not under a bankruptcy proceeding, bears full legal capacity and is financially reliable, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation;
7. The organization I represent has among its attributions, according with its statute or according to the national legislation, the implementation of the proposed activities or the applicant has an agreement with the relevant institutions to implement such activities, according with its statute or according to the national legislation;
8. All information concerning the participation of my organization in the call for project ideas, as enclosed in the concept note, has been verified and it is correct;
9. The project proposal is in line with the relevant EU legislation, Programme rules and - where relevant - national legislation and policies of the countries involved. In particular all necessary approvals and permissions have been or will be obtained;
10. In case of a project envisaging investment activities, the organization I represent has the right of property and/or use over the land and/or construction (building or item of infrastructure) subject to the project's intervention. If my organisation hold/s only the right of use, such right is secured for at least 5 years after the completion of the operation; if the owner of the land and/or construction (building or item of infrastructure) is different from the organization I represent, the owner has given it’s written agreement for my organization to perform the investment on/in the relevant land and/or construction (building or item of infrastructure); exceptionally, for building velo routes or paths, the organization I represent has the legal rights or commit to obtain the necessary legal rights through the expropriation for causes of public utility or through other means allowed by law over the land concerned by the investment activity;
11. In the case of Bulgarian partners, the investment activities will be carried out on public property (both public and private domain of the state/municipality);
12. In the event that the project proposal is approved for funding, I acknowledge that Programme authorities shall publish the name and address of my organization, the main contents of the project idea (title, project focus), the amount and the rate of funding according to Article 49(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060;
13. I acknowledge the provisions of the Guide for Application and the fact that the Strategy Board of the ITS is responsible with project selection and with the decisions related to solving complaints against selection decisions. I acknowledge that the Strategy Board will act in the benefit of the ITS, according to its rules and that Programme bodies have to endorse Strategy Board decisions in order for my organization to obtain financing.

Place/date: ……

Signature(s) : ……

Name(s) of Legal representative Status of signatory(ies) : ……

Electronic signature: ……

# Annex 4 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 |
| 63 | BG | Vratsa | Vratsa |
| 1 | RO | Calarasi | Alexandru Odobescu |
| 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 |
| 17 | RO | Calarasi | Galbinasi |
| 18 | RO | Calarasi | Gradistea |
| 19 | RO | Calarasi | Gurbanesti |
| 20 | RO | Calarasi | Independenta |
| 21 | RO | Calarasi | Jegalia |
| 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 |
| 80 | RO | Constanta | Horia |
| 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 |
| 107 | RO | Constanta | Targusor |
| 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 |
| 193 | RO | Giurgiu | Gostinu |
| 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 |
| 231 | RO | Mehedinti | Gogosu |
| 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 |
| 251 | RO | Mehedinti | Punghina |
| 252 | RO | Mehedinti | Rogova |
| 253 | RO | Mehedinti | Salcia |
| 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 |
| 318 | RO | Teleorman | Saelele |
| 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 |

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3. *For the specific case of Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme funded project ideas, the project ideas submitted and and proposed for funding under Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria Programme , the applicants of the selected project ideas will be invited to submit the full project proposals, as long as financial allocation will be available.* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. The action refers to the cooperation efforts to strategically align existing/new products and services, *e.g.* a platform that centralizes and promotes such services and products; [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. ITS indicatos include all relevant Interreg VI-A Romania Bulgaria indicators. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Only in the case of project ideas submitted for M 3.1. Developing coordinated and participatory multilevel policy-making in the field of tourism and green mobility. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Only in the case of project ideas submitted for M 3.1. Developing coordinated and participatory multilevel policy-making in the field of tourism and green mobility. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. The main intervention of the project defines its most important output which may be an investment but also an activity. If compared to other interventions of the project, the main intervention will be defined by applying the following criteria, in this order: budget, number of people benefiting from that output, duration of the activity. If all activities cannot be not related to a certain location, then the place of the main intervention will be the headquarters of the lead partner. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. The list of horizontal principles include:

   • the respect of fundamental rights;

   • the sustainable development,

   • the equal opportunities and non-discrimination as well as the equality between men and women;

   • the “do no significant harm” principle;

   • the green public procurement practices;

   • the New European Bauhaus initiative. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. As detailed in section 2.4, point 4 [↑](#footnote-ref-11)