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Regional Analysis ✓

Logframe ✓

Stakeholder consultation ✓

**Chapter 1: Programme Strategy\***

- Area ✓
- Challenges ✓
- Justification ✓

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**Chapter 2: Priorities\***

PO1	PO2	PO4	ISO1
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**Chapter 3: Financing plan\***

Chapter 4 Partnership principle ✓

Chapter 5 Communication ✓

Chapter 6 Small-scale projects ✓

Chapter 7 Implementing provisions ✓

Chapter 8 SCO (table) ✓

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**Annexes: Map\***

Final Financial allocation ✓

Performance methodology ✓

Citizens summary

# What we have ...

## **Programme document**

- 2021-2027 Programme document
- Performance Framework Methodology paper for Indicators
- 23rd December 2021 submitted for informal consultation to the EC
- March 2022 officially submitted

## **Our next steps**

- Integrating comments from EC and programme start
- Elaborating details for small projects
- First call

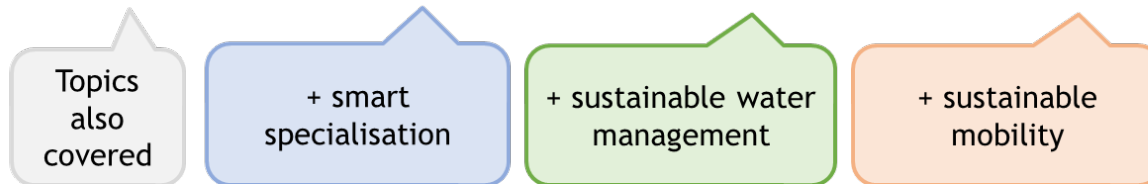
# How to proceed ...

Schedule until/after submission	11/21	12/21	01/22	02/22	03/22	04/22	05/22	06/22
<b>SEA (4-5 months) – SK legislation</b>	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Pre-final EC decision on Programme area	█							
Preparation of Announcement + Submission to the MoE SR (AT SEA points informed via e-mail)	█	█						
Public procurement on printing media	█	█	█					
Publication of Announcement in print media, on ministry/programme website + official information sent to the relevant SK bodies (AT SEA points informed via e-mail)			█					
<b>Consultation to Announcement (15 days)</b>			█	█				
Scoping report + consultation (2 weeks)				█	█			
<b>Public procurement on SEA report</b>			█	█	█			
SEA report elaboration (2 months)					█	█	█	
Public consultation of SEA report (1 month)							█	█
Expert statement to SEA report (2 weeks)								█
Ministry of Enviroment statement + SEA recommendations into programme document (2 weeks)								█
<b>Public consultation IP (together with SEA report consultation)</b>						█	█	█
<b>Governmental decisions (6-8 weeks)</b>					█	█	█	█
<b>Final Draft Submission to EC</b>								

# Thematic focus

## Interreg Programme SK-AT 2021-2027 (June 2021)

Policy objective	PO1 a more competitive and smarter Europe	PO2 a greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe	PO4 a more social and inclusive Europe	ISO 1 Interreg-specific objective 'a better cooperation governance'
Specific objectives (short titles)	Research and innovation capacities; uptake of advances technologies	Climate change adaptation disaster risk prevention protection/preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, reducing pollution	Education, training and lifelong learning Health care and resilience of health systems Culture and tourism	Legal and administrative cooperation Mutual trust, people to people actions



horizontal topic: digitisation

# INTERREG SK-AT Programme 2021 – 27 – financial allocation

		AT	SK	Total (incl. TA)	%
PO	SO				
PO1	R&I	4 754 839,00 €	3 170 000,00 €	7 924 839,00 €	14%
PO2	Climate change adaptation	3 383 871,00 €	3 200 000,00 €	6 583 871,00 €	12%
	Biodiversity	4 832 258,00 €	5 800 000,00 €	10 632 258,00 €	19%
PO4	Education	3 325 806,00 €	2 500 000,00 €	5 825 806,00 €	10%
	Health	2 100 000,00 €	2 030 000,00 €	4 130 000,00 €	7%
	Culture and tourism	3 987 097,00 €	8 700 000,00 €	12 687 097,00 €	23%
ISO1	Legal and administrative cooperation	2 532 258,00 €	2 000 000,00 €	4 532 258,00 €	8%
	People to people actions	1 583 871,00 €	1 600 000,00 €	3 183 871,00 €	6%
Total ERDF)		26 500 000,00 €	29 000 000,00 €	55 500 000,00 €	100%

PO2 - Climate Change 6,6 MEURO, Biodiversity 10,6 MEURO

PO4 - Education 5,8 MEURO, Health 4,1 MEURO, Culture and Tourism 12,7 MEURO (4 AT, 8,7 SK)

ISO 1 - Legal and administrative Cooperation - 4,5 MEURO, People2People - KPF 3,2 MEURO

# **PO 1: A more competitive and smarter border region**

Specific objective: Developing and enhancing **research and innovation** capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

Action 1: Interdisciplinary cross-border cooperation in research and innovation Indicative actions:

- joint research and innovation activities in the fields of common interest
- cooperation activities of Universities with SME/with the private sector to transfer technologies and knowledge from research to practice
- cross-border mobility of researchers, for example by postdoc fellowships and staff exchange

Action 2: Implementing actions including small-scale investments in shared research facilities

Indicative actions:

- investments in new or improved shared research and innovation facilities and services of cross-border interest
- developing joint transfer and technology facilities including social innovation such as clusters, high-quality R&D hubs or cross-border incubators
- fostering (digital) social innovation by e.g. setting up digital innovation hubs, accelerators or co-working & technopreneur campus

Action 3: Science education and awareness raising activities

Indicative actions:

- awareness raising and capacity building activities on local and regional level such as field trips, (digital) trainings or other information activities
- science education in schools and other education institutions including know-how exchange

## **PO 2: A greener SK-AT border region**

Specific objective: Promoting **climate change adaptation** and **disaster risk prevention**, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

Action 1: Data collection and analysis, know-how exchange and strategy development

Indicative actions:

- data collection and data harmonising on climate-related risks in the border region, such as extreme weather, heat or pests or to assess the impact of climate mitigation measures, including open data activities
- studies and analysis on climate change to better understand the interrelation of vulnerability and adaptive capacity in the programme region
- (digital) citizen science activities, for example phenological observations
- (digital) workshops, conferences, discussion panels on possible climate-change adaptation measures involving different types of target groups and stakeholders on local and regional level, including match making activities between technology providers and lead users.
- interdisciplinary strategy development for climate related actions such as soil protection or green and open spaces for recreation and leisure uses under changing climatic conditions
- risk management plans addressing specific sectors in the cross-border region (e.g. water management, agriculture and forestry, tourism, housing, services and infrastructure...), also involving response organisations



## **PO 2: A greener SK-AT border region**

Specific objective: Promoting **climate change adaptation** and **disaster risk prevention**, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

### Action 2: Implementing joint (pilot) actions including small-scale investments

Indicative actions:

- specific local mitigation measures such as greening and shading measures in residential areas or maintenance of water in rural and urban areas
- actions implementing new research results or innovative solutions into practice
- developing toolboxes with different adaptation measures for urban areas, communities and businesses aiming at e.g. reducing heat islands, cooling buildings or adapting infrastructure towards more energy efficiency and reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission
- implementing joint (digital) risk management systems and tools, e.g. flood warning
- pilot measures to improve the Danube River management with respect to sediment transport and river morphodynamics for adaptation to climate change

### Action 3: Awareness raising activities and capacity building

Indicative actions:

- general awareness raising activities on local level addressing the wider public e.g. gaming events, urban gardening activities, fieldtrips, trainings, school and community events
- (digital) seminars or other specific information activities addressing local decision makers on climate-related health risks such as heat, the spread of allergenic and toxic species or outbreaks of infectious diseases, taking into account the learnings of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as on civil protection measures and on natural hazards
- (digital) trainings or field exercises on civil protection to improve the preparedness of the region against climate change related hazards

## **PO 4: A more social SK-AT border region**

Specific objective: improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in **education, training and lifelong learning** through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training

Action 1: Developing joint strategies and implementing joint solutions including small-scale investments to foster cooperation in the field of education

Indicative actions:

- setting up a joint data base by collecting, harmonizing, sharing of data relevant for education, training and lifelong learning
- development of educational programmes improving skills and competences (language and culture; environmental, technical and digital education)
- developing a regional/sub-regional education and training strategy
- developing a strategy for closer cooperation allowing teacher and student exchanges

Action 2: Know-how exchange and training of relevant stakeholders actively involved in educational process

Indicative actions:

- know-how exchange on effective approaches and methods in education, e.g. language and cultural education, environmental, technical and digital education or inclusive learning
- joint training activities for teachers
- cooperation among organisations providing vocational education
- cooperation among educational institutions in the programme region or between education institutions and the business sector
- job orientation courses

## **PO 4: A more social SK-AT border region**

Specific objective: ensuring equal access to **health care** and **fostering resilience of health systems**, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care

Action 1: Developing and implementing cross-border strategies and action plans to strengthen cooperation of health care and social services providers

Indicative actions:

- data collection and joint research projects, e.g. digital health, etc.
- developing joint strategies and action plans on cooperation between health care providers and educational/research institutions, cooperation between social care providers or between client-oriented health and social services
- innovative concepts of regional health care structures

Action 2: Implementing solutions including small-scale investments to facilitate cross-border cooperation in provision of health care and social services

Indicative actions:

- joint actions for better access to emergency health services across the border
- pilot actions for cooperation of relevant stakeholders providing health care and social services
- activities aiming at joint standards for health care and social services
- joint cross-border awareness raising campaigns

## **PO 4: A more social SK-AT border region**

Specific objective: enhancing the role of **culture and sustainable tourism** in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Action 1: Developing and implementing cross-border strategies and action plans for sustainable tourism development

Indicative actions:

- studies on sustainable valorisation of the cultural and natural heritage in tourism
- initiatives coordinating cultural and natural heritage development plans, e.g. common preparation of exhibitions, joint research initiatives
- action plans developing quality labels in services and products
- development of new innovative mediation/digital formats
- common approaches to valorisation of promising sites and attractions, to promotional activities or to education of public and volunteers
- development of joint thematic tourism routes and offers based on the natural and cultural heritage (e.g. wine, biking, architecture, history, etc.)

Action 2: Implementing joint solutions including small-scale investments in natural and cultural heritage sites and joint tourism services

Indicative actions:

- cross-border destination management (joint tourism guides, information boards, e.g)
- implementation of thematic offers such as routes on joint topics (e.g. the Route of aristocratic families, Iron Curtain Trail, Water paths, Geopark Little Carpathians, Historical parks route)
- preservation and maintenance of the cultural heritage monuments, sites and landmarks) activities related to cross border tourism mobility including small scale investment
- educational activities for relevant bodies/owners of historical sites or volunteers
- awareness raising activities for the general public on natural and cultural heritage

## **PO 4: A more social SK-AT border region**

Specific objective: enhancing the role of **culture and sustainable tourism** in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Action 3: Investments in infrastructure to enhance accessibility of cross-border regions and sites to citizens and tourists

Indicative actions:

- planning process and implementation of sustainable cross-border connections (e.g. Angern – Záhorská Ves, Dürnkrot – Gajary)
- filling the gaps in cycle routes embedded in tourism projects



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# ISO 1: A better cooperating border region

Specific objective: enhance **efficient public administration** by promoting **legal and administrative cooperation** and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular, with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions

## Action 1: Know-how and data exchange to improve strategy dev. in the cross border region

Indicative actions are:

- exchange of experience to share solutions and increase their impact
- studies to understand cross-border obstacles, processes and gather expertise
- data collection and harmonization to build a solid data base
- strategy development (e.g. transport and mobility, housing, labour market, demographic change, business development, RTI, rescue services, health education, regional development)

## Action 2: Joint pilot actions addressing the removal of border obstacles

Indicative actions:

- joint activities and know-how exchange among public actors in relevant thematic fields, e.g. in housing, mobility, environmental protection or tourism, etc.

## Action 3: strengthening the institutional capacity of public authorities/organisations

Indicative actions:

- joint actions promoting skill development of public authorities
- trainings, peer reviews, language training and staff exchanges

## SPF in 2021-2027 Programme period

### NÖ.Regional expressed its interest in administrating the SPF in ISO 1 (people-to-people actions).

For the SPF in ISO 1, the following initial framework conditions were proposed by the NÖ.Regional:

Financial volume of the SPF: costs	€ 3,2 Mio ERDF / € 4 Mio. total
Spatial effect of the SPF: SKAT 2021-2027	the whole program area of Interreg
Max. duration of a SP: 2 month for accounting	12 months for implementation + 1-
Max. size of a SP: but max. € 25.000 total costs per project partner	€ 50.000 total costs per project,
Max. ERDF contribution of a SP:	€ 40.000 ERDF, but max. € 20.000 ERDF per project partner (more smaller projects than € 40.000 ERDF are expected)
Foreseen implementation period of the SPF:	01/2023 – 12/2029