

Cross-border cooperation development between Hungary and Ukraine in the context of granting Candidate status for EU membership to Ukraine

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EU Actions

1. 1996-2009: Technical Assistance to the Community of Independent States Cross-Border Co-operation (TACIS CBC)
2. 2007-2013: European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)
3. 2014-2020: European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)
4. 2021-2027: Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (NDICI-Global Europe)

and EU Reactions...

5. 28 February 2022: Ukraine sent its application for EU membership
6. 23 June 2022: Ukraine was given a European perspective and granted candidate status by unanimous agreement between the leaders of all 27 MSs
7. 20 June 2023: EC proposal to set up a new Ukraine Facility to support Ukraine's recovery, reconstruction and modernisation



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EU projects reacting to help Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression

before 24 February 2022

- more than 200 EU-funded projects in Ukraine across a wide range of sectors, regions and cities, supporting its ambitious reform agenda

after 24 February 2022

- the EU delegation to Ukraine and EU projects working with Ukraine rapidly repurposed their activities in the face of the humanitarian crisis and the massive displacement of populations

„On **good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation**, Ukraine maintains good bilateral relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring EU Member States. These have been strengthened amidst Russia's war of aggression leading to further deepening cooperation with many of those countries, marked by a number of high-level visits and considerable humanitarian, military and financial support.”



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Cross-border co-operations in the light of EU accession

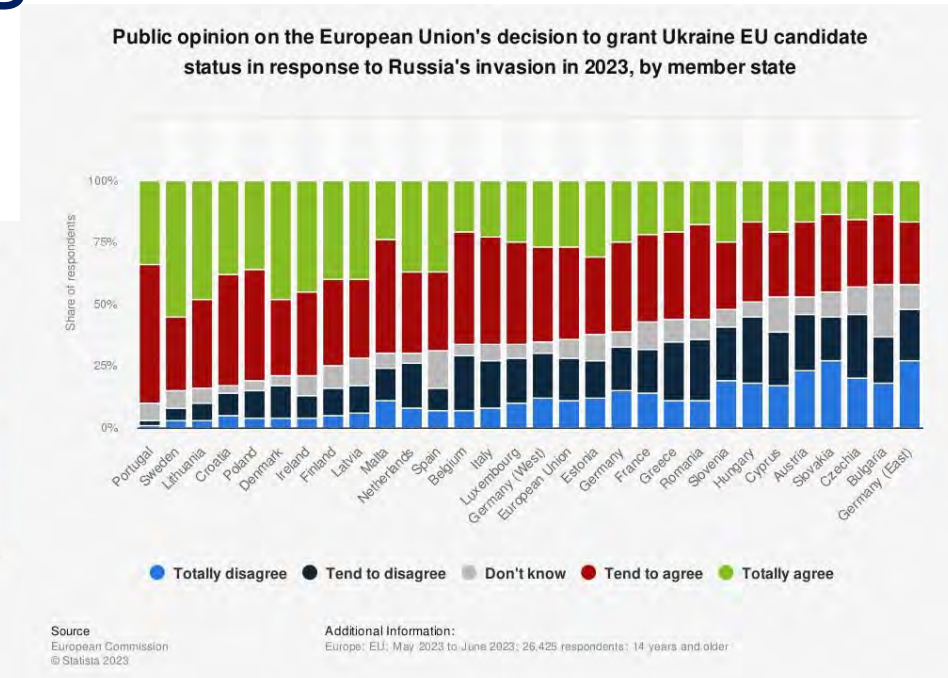
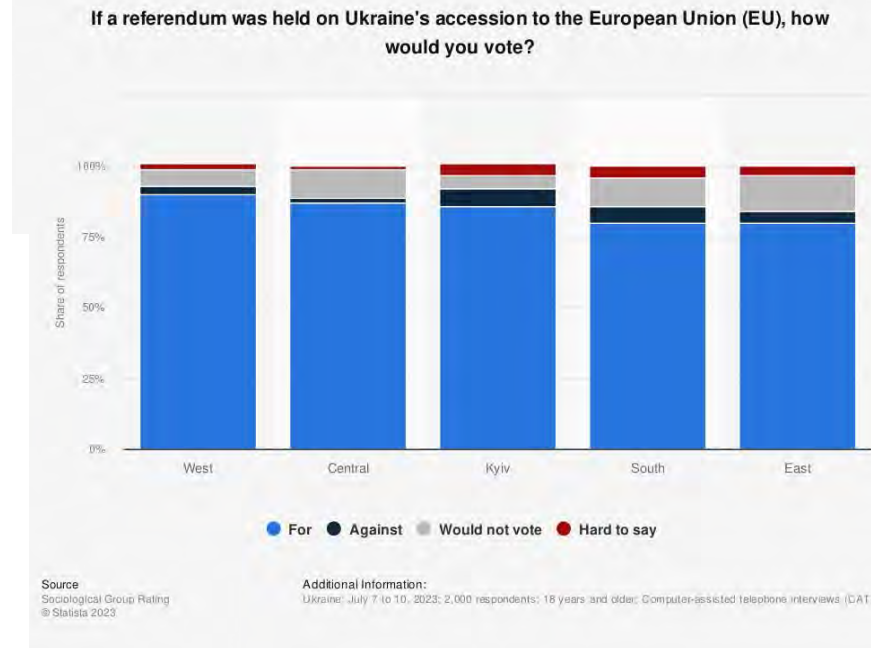
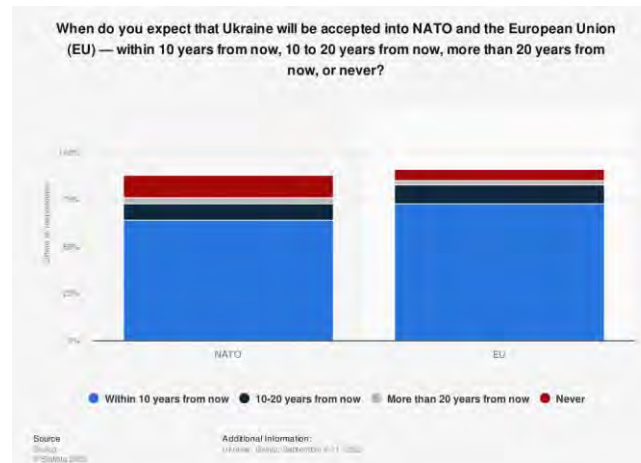
Dimensions of cross-border partnership

Horizontal dimensions

- border regions represent 40% of EU territory and 30% of the EU's population
- cross-border partnerships are minilaboratories of the European integration processes: best field to experience the advantages and disadvantages of integration
- potential and important catalysts for European Territorial Cohesion

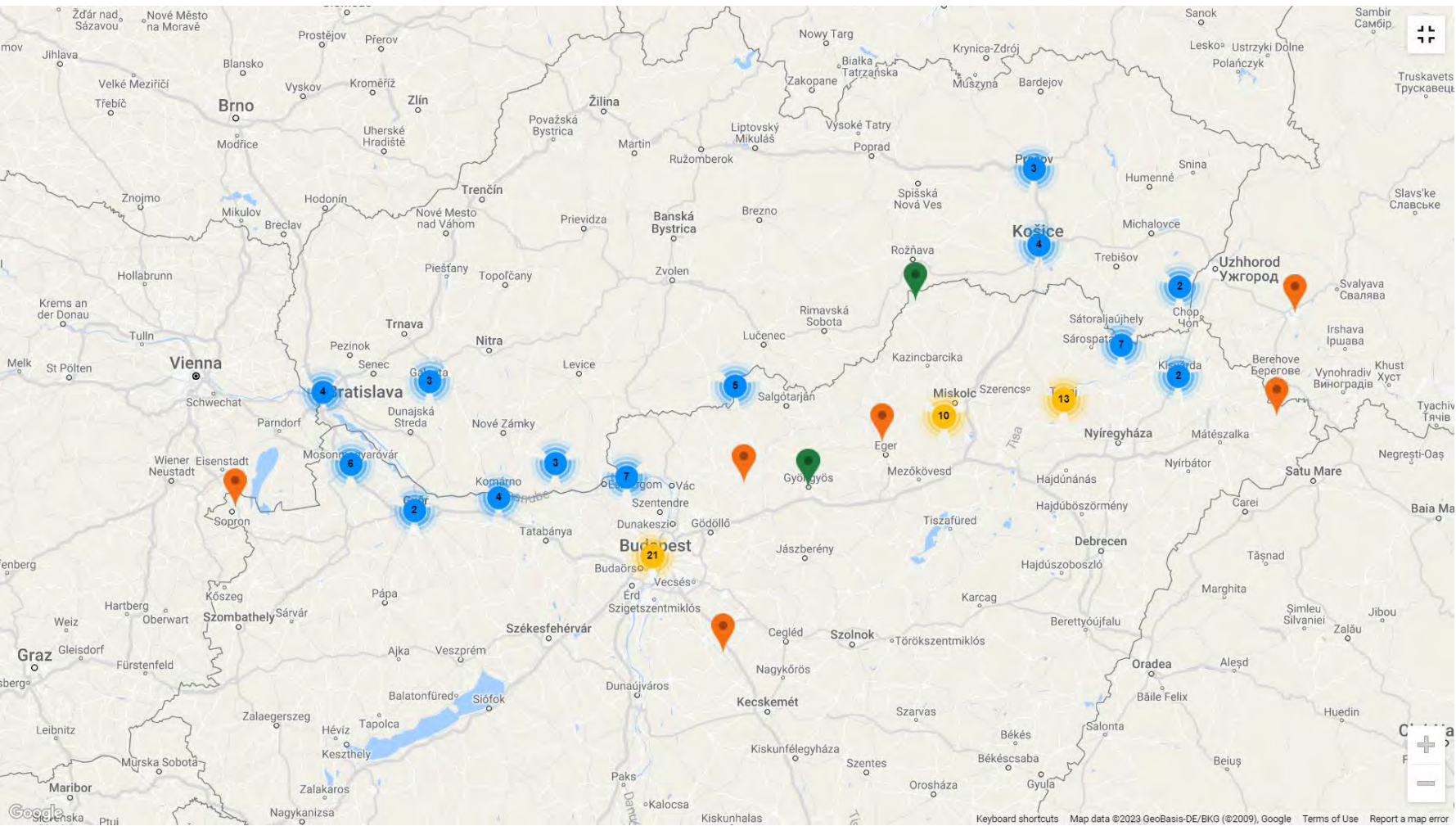
Vertical dimensions

- actors are involved on equivalent levels (local, regional, national) on both sides of the border
- shared cross-border services with joint administrative competences



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2000-2006 Hungary – Slovakia – Ukraine (HU-SK-UA) (TACIS Neighbourhood Programme)



- Overall **110** projects in the programme
- **72** projects with Hungarian participants (99 partners and 105 partnerships), **14** between Hungary and Ukraine (22 partners, 16 partnerships)



Cross-border co-operation programme	Indicative allocation (TACIS/MEDA)	Indicative allocation (Interreg/Phare CBC)	Total EC funding per NP
Poland – Ukraine – Belarus	8.0	30	38
Hungary – Slovakia – Ukraine	4.0	23	27
Romania – Ukraine	6.5	29	35.5

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GENERAL AIMS:

- to promote development of the trilateral border area to become a common, future-oriented economic and living space,
- to improve its competitiveness within European context,
- to improve sustainable living conditions of the residents in the eligible area
- and to help to overcome regional development disadvantages caused by separation through national borders



TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY:

Together with Zakarpatska County for improving transport security

The result of the project is an application accessible through the Internet which shows the current traffic situation on a point-based map, thus facilitating more seamless and more secure passenger and cargo traffic along the route Hungary-Ukraine. This system can also be used by the population through the Internet: information can be gathered on frequent accident locations, roadblocks, detours and road closures.

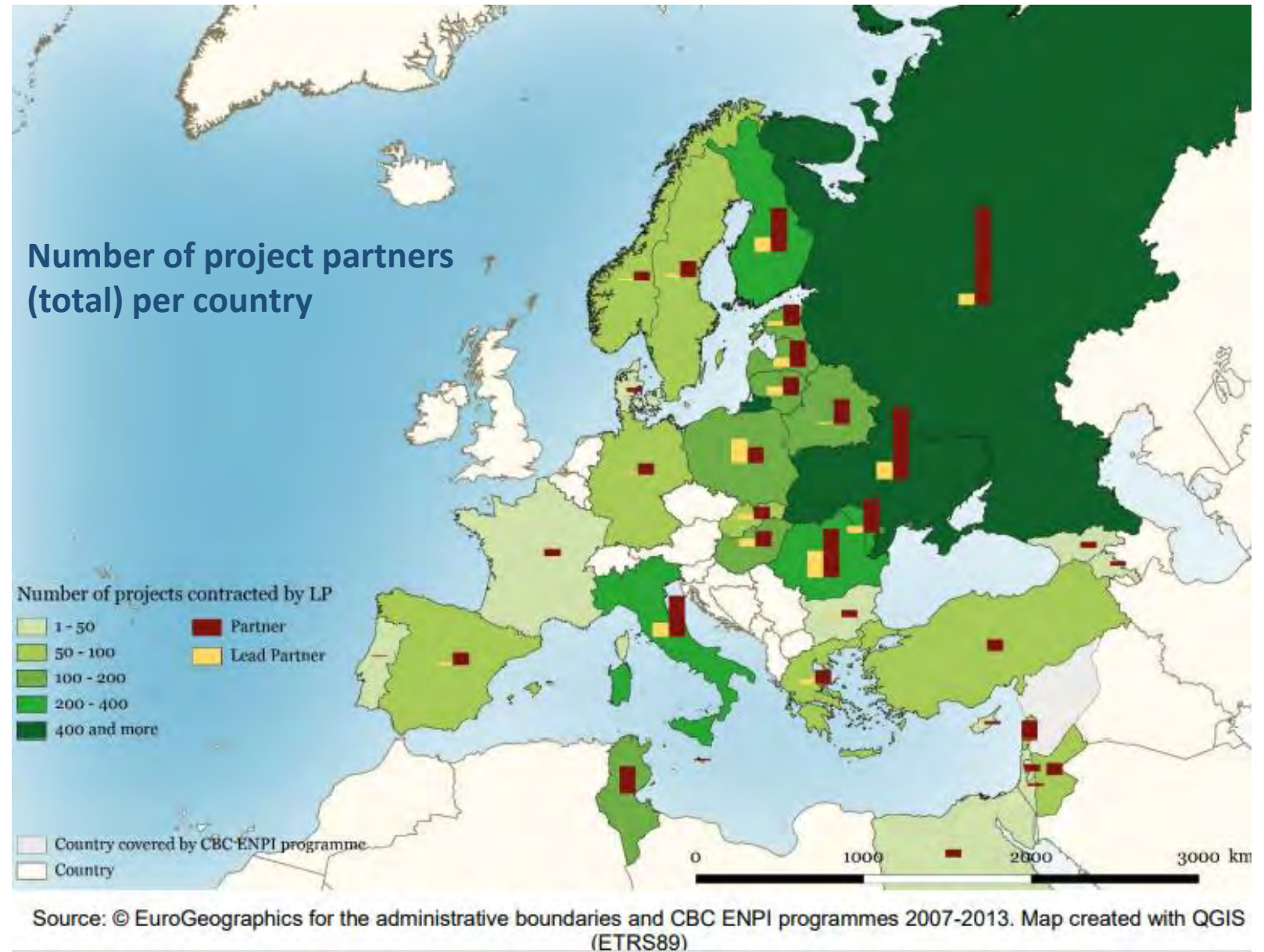


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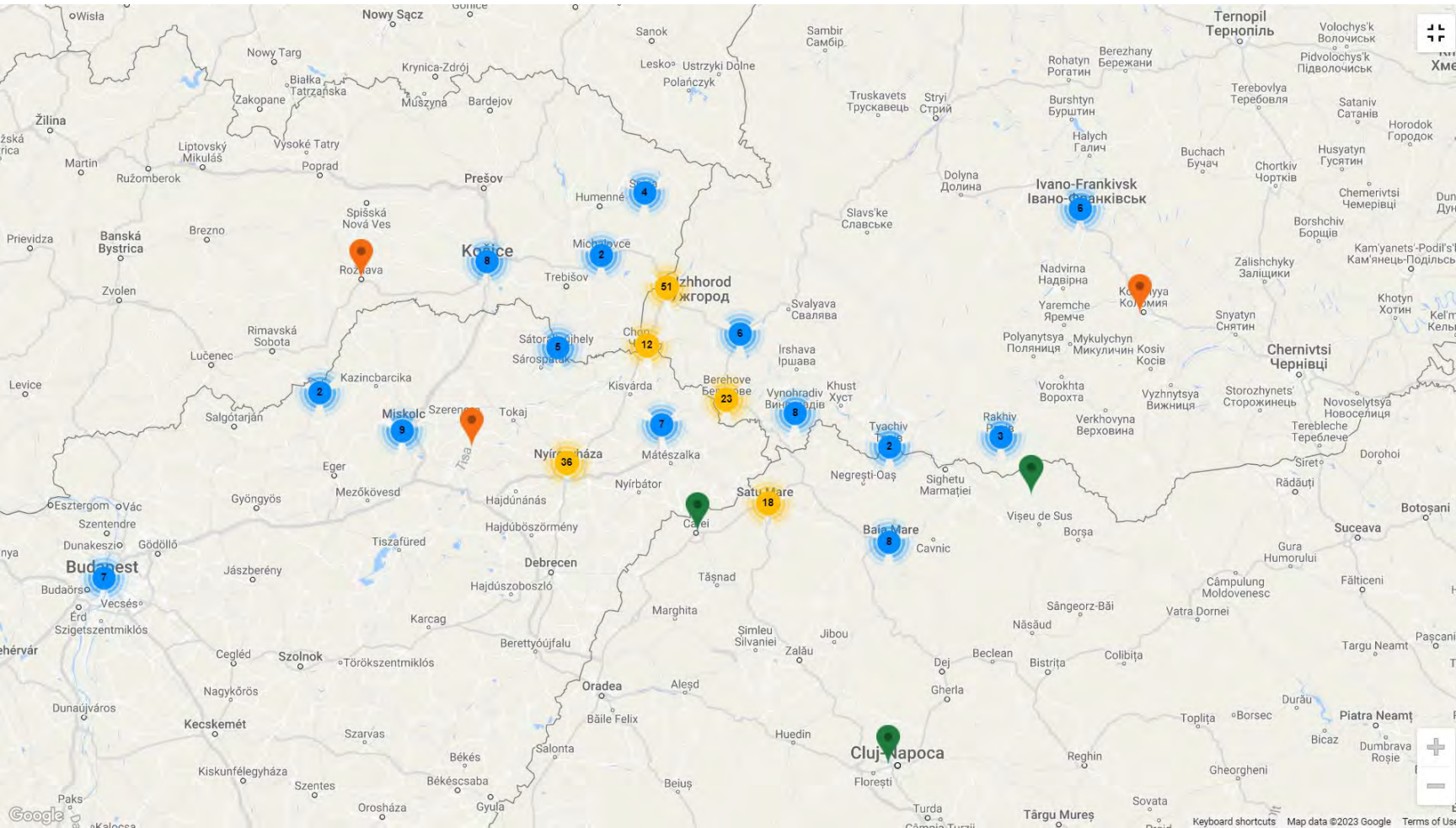
2007-2013: Analysis of participation at the European level

Levels of participation

- most of the lead applicants were from EU Member States (75-85%)
- the programmes had a high success rate: 20%



2007-2013 Hungary–Slovakia–Romania–Ukraine (HU-SK-RO-UA) ENPI CBC



- Overall **138** projects in the programme (442 partnerships)
- **70** projects with Hungarian and Ukrainian participants (186 partners and **227** partnerships)

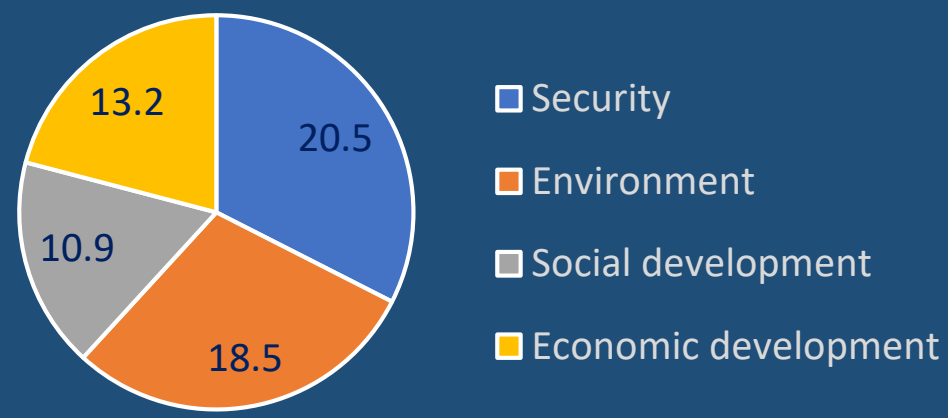


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Case Study: HU-SK-RO-UA - *Projects per themes and sectors and timeline*

Themes of intervention (million euro)



Average duration of call for proposals per programme (in months)

- Launch to award: 12 months
- Award to last contract: 21 months

Security
Border management
Prevention of and fight against organised crime

Economic development
Entrepreneurship and SME development
Governance
IT and connectivity
Rural livelihoods and agriculture
Tourism
<u>Transport and energy infrastructure</u>

Environment
Awareness raising, education and capacity building
Disaster and risk management
Energy efficiency
Nature preservation and promotion
Solid waste management
Water management

Social development
Children and youth
Civil society development
Culture exchange
Education and training
Employment promotion
Healthcare
Social inclusion

Source: JMA project data, April 2017

2007-2013 Hungary–Slovakia–Romania–Ukraine (HU-SK-RO-UA) ENPI CBC

Total budget: EUR 29 849 361.15

Maximum: EUR 7 590 000.00

Minimum: EUR 29 632.00

Infrastructure: 3 (4% of all projects)

Logistics and freight transport: 1 (1% of all projects)

Improving transport connections: 1 (1% of all projects)

Transport and mobility: 1 (1% of all projects)



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2007-2013 Hungary–Slovakia–Romania–Ukraine (HU-SK-RO-UA) ENPI CBC

Infrastructure: 3

1. **Efficient and secure border between Hungary and Ukraine**
(07.12.2013-06.12.2017) – EUR 6 831 000/7 590 000
2. **Elaboration of documents for Cross-Border Industrial Park Creation with the Elements of Logistics – “Bereg-Karpaty”**
(15.07.2010-14.02.2013) – EUR 340 339.80/378 175.96
3. **Introduction of selective waste collection and recycling in the area of Beregovo** (01.02.2013-30.12.2015) – EUR 876 171.42/973 523.80

30% of the total budget

Logistics and freight transport: 1

Efficient and secure border between Hungary and Ukraine (07.12.2013-06.12.2017)

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23% of the total budget

Improving transport connections: 1

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Transport and mobility: 1

Integrated network of bicycle touring routes along the Ukrainian-Hungarian border (06.01.2012-06.30.2013)

EUR 417 158.1/463 509

1.4% of the total budget

Efficient and secure border between Hungary and Ukraine

- development of Beregsurány – Luzhanka road border crossing point in order to establish similar infrastructure, capacity on both Hungarian and Ukrainian sides
- establishment of Záhony CCP (*the coordination and control center aims to help Hungarian and Ukrainian authorities to work together more closely to help prevent illegal migration, smuggling, and terrorism*), improvement of technical, IT equipments on the established border crossing points
- well and equally trained professional staff of both Hungarian and Ukrainian staff of border guard and customs
- establishment of temporary waterway border crossing point at Vylok



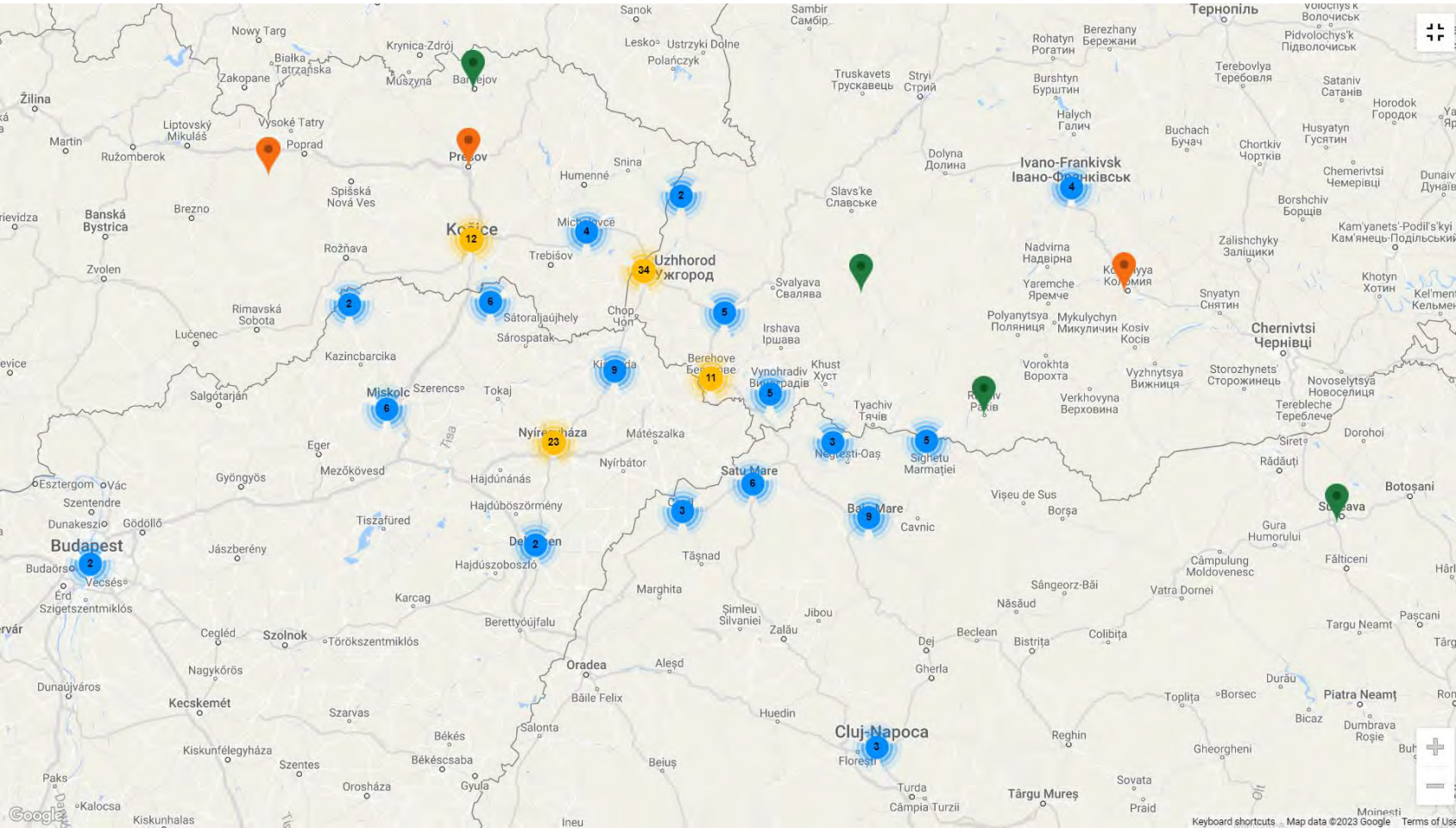


1. Improvement of knowledge and acquisition of European experience on creation and development of cross-border industrial park
2. Improving of cooperation and strengthening of ties between cross-border regions
3. Economic justification of industrial park creation
4. Engineering justification of the park construction

Elaboration of documents for Cross-Border Industrial Park Creation with the Elements of Logistics – “Bereg-Karpaty”



2014-2020 Hungary–Slovakia–Romania–Ukraine (HU-SK-RO-UA) ENI CBC



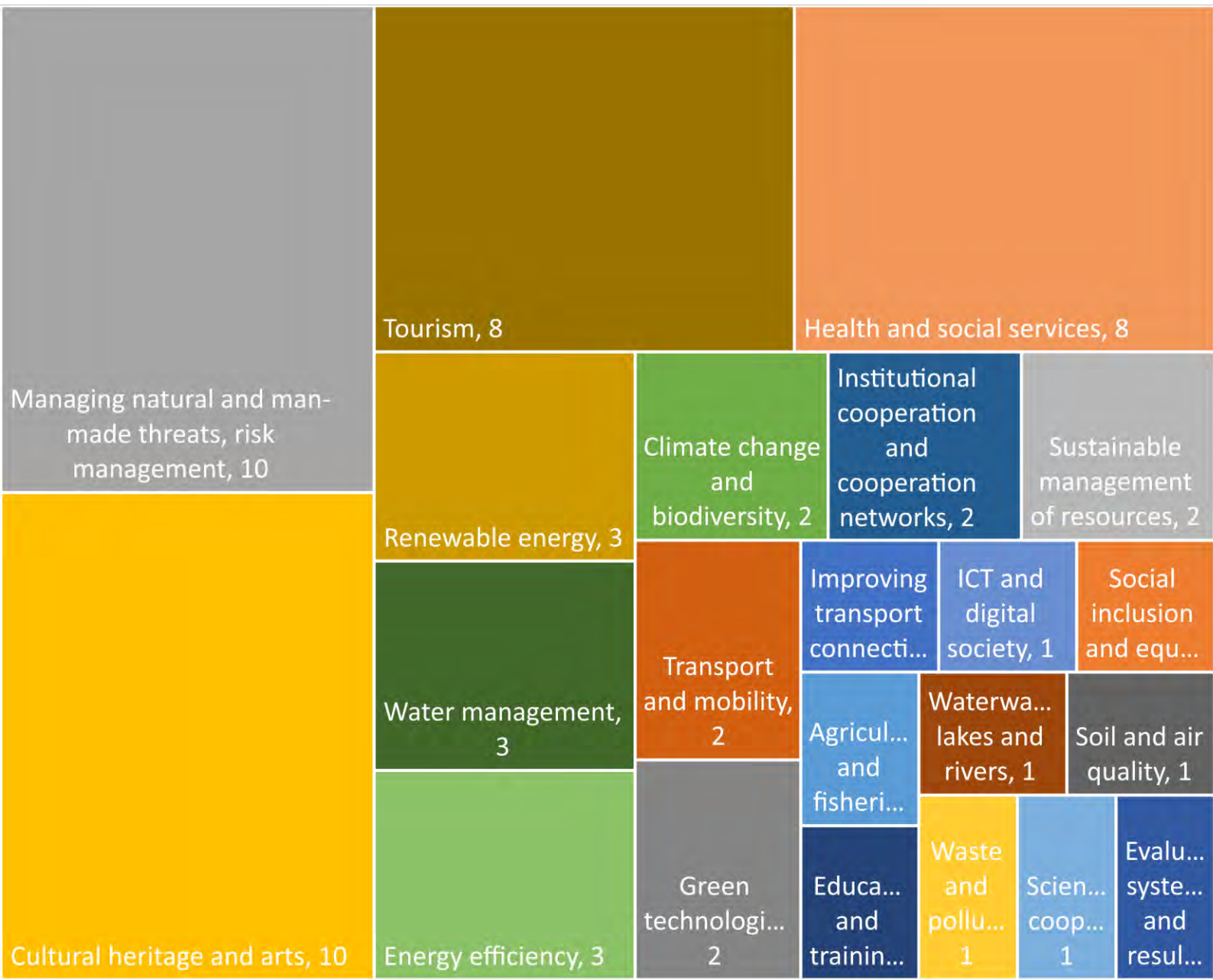
- Overall **78** projects in the programme (268 partnerships)
- **43** projects with Hungarian and Ukrainian participants (**131** partners and **164** partnerships)



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2014-2020 Hungary–Slovakia–Romania–Ukraine (HU-SK-RO-UA) ENI CBC



Total budget: EUR 42 074 561.31

Maximum: EUR 5 500 000.00

Minimum: EUR 280 805.49

Transport and mobility: 2

GREENWHEELS: ecotransport of the future – today (08.01.2020-07.31.2022)

EUR 843453.16 /937170.18

Modern border infrastructure – succesful Carpathian Region (03.01.2020-01.31.2023)

EUR 946782.00 /1051980.00

Improving transport connections: 1

Overcoming barriers: improving the mobility of residents of the border region of Transcarpathia, Maramures and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg (09.01.2019-08.31.2021)

EUR 1332309.83 /1480344.27

2021-2027 Hungary–Slovakia–Romania–Ukraine (HU-SK-RO-UA) NDICI

Priority areas:

1. A resilient, sustainable and integrated economy (EUR 224 million)
2. Accountable institutions, the rule of law and security (EUR 128 million)
3. Environmental and climate resilience (EUR 96 million)
4. A resilient digital transformation (EUR 64 million)
5. A resilient, gender-equal, fair and inclusive society (96 million)



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Flagship Initiatives for Ukraine

(Joint Staff Working Document: Recovery, resilience and reform: post 2020 Eastern Partnership priorities)

Flagship 1. Supporting a sustainable, innovative, green and competitive economy – direct support to 100 000 SMEs

Flagship 2. Economic transition for rural areas – assistance to over 10 000 small farms

Flagship 3. Improving connectivity by upgrading border crossing points

Flagship 4. Boosting the digital transformation – modernising public IT infrastructure

Flagship 5. Increasing energy efficiency support for renewable hydrogen



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Conclusions

“Enlargement is a vital policy for the European Union. Completing our Union is the call of history, the natural horizon of our Union. Completing our Union, also has a strong economic and geopolitical logic. Past enlargements have shown the enormous benefits both for the accession countries and the EU. We all win.”

(Ursula **von der Leyen**, European Commission President)



- **transport** – only a few but large-scale projects
- increasing activity between Hungary and Ukraine:
 - 2000-2006: 13%
 - 2007-2013: 51%
 - 2014-2020: 55%
- increasing number of partners and partnerships per projects with Hungarian and Ukrainian partners:
 - more than 4 partners in 30% of the projects
- the projects are in compliance with the accession criteria and assist to meet the requirements as set in the 35 Chapters

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Thank you for your attention

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