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European Union provides € 15,3 million to assist Cross-border Cooperation projects in the Romania-Serbia border regions

The Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism from Romania in partnership with the European Integration Office from the Republic of Serbia is launching on the 25 of March 2011 the Second Call for proposals to be financed out of the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds, under the framework of the Romania- Republic of Serbia IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme. The deadline for the submission of applications is 27 of June 2011. The allocated amount for this call is 15,3 million € EU funds.

Potential beneficiaries can apply for financing under *Economic and social development*, *Environment and emergency preparedness* (thematic call for European Union Strategy for Danube Region) and *Promoting "people to people" exchanges* and must be non-profit making bodies/ organizations, non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators or local/regional authorities. Applicants should meet the criteria laid down in the Applicants' Guides and the projects must demonstrate a clear cross-border impact.

The amount of individual grants will range from a minimum of 30,000 € to a maximum of 2,000,000 €, with a maximum EU contribution of 85% of eligible expenditure. Lead Beneficiaries, Romanian or Serbian, shall receive an advance payment from the IPA funds in an amount of maximum 15% from the value of the contract.

Details about this call for proposals, including the Applicant's package as well as the Application Form and all necessary documents, can be accessed on the website of the Romania- Republic of Serbia IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme www.romania-serbia.net, on the website of the Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism www.mdrt.ro, on the website of the Regional Office for Cross-border Cooperation Timisoara www.brct-timisoara.ro.

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