







Press Release

Launching the public consultation on the draft Applicant's Guide for Interreg-IPA CBC Romania - Serbia Programme

The Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, acting as Managing Authority for Interreg-IPA CBC Romania - Serbia Programme launches for public consultation on the draft Applicant's Guide for the first call for proposals of the Interreg-IPA CBC Romania - Serbia Programme.

In this context, stakeholders are invited to engage in the consultation process and express their views and contributions for improving the Guide until **July 30, 2015** on e-mail: ipacbc@brct-timisoara.ro.

Visualisation of documents can be done by accessing section of Interreg-IPA CBC Romania - Serbia Programme from the site www.mdrap.ro or section 2014-2020 from the site www.romania-serbia.net.

Interreg-IPA CBC Romania - Serbia Programme continues the financing of cross-border cooperation in the Romanian-Serbian border area through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II), with the support of the European Union and the governments of both states.

The eligible area of the future programme comprises Timis, Caraș Severin and Mehedinți counties (from Romania) and Severno Banatski, Srednje Banatski, Južno Banatski, Braničevski, Borski, Podunavski districts (from Republic of Serbia).

The total budget of programme will be **88.124.999 euro**, out of which **74.906.248 euro** EU funds. During 2014-2020 period, the programme will finance projects on 4 priority axes, in the fields of promoting employment and services for inclusive growth - 18 million euro, environmental protection and risk management - 21 million euro, sustainable mobility and accessibility - 21 million euro and attractiveness for sustainable tourism - 18 million euro.

Romania is acting as Managing Authority (the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration), National Authority being established within the European Integration Office - Government of Republic of Serbia and the Joint Secretariat is organized in Timişoara, within CBC Regional Office -Timişoara, supported by a JTS Antenna set in Vršac, Serbia. The audit of the Programme will be conducted by the Audit Authority within the Romanian Court of Accounts and certification tasks will be performed by the Managing Authority.

The first call for proposals will be launched in the second half of 2015.

