

- **The Programme**

Total Budget: 130.262.836,00 €

85% European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

15% National Contribution

Eligible Area

Total Surface ≈ 40 thousand km²

Population Coverage ≈ 2.7 million



Благоевград (Blagoevgrad)
Хасково (Haskovo)
Смолян (Smolyan)
Кърджали (Kardzhali)
Έβρος (Evros)
Ξάνθη (Xanthi)
Ροδόπη (Rodopi)
Δράμα (Drama)
Καβάλα (Kavala)
Θεσσαλονίκη (Thessaloniki)
Σέρρες (Serres)

4 Priority Axes



Competitiveness of SMEs : 65 Projects



Environment, Cultural and Natural Heritage : 41 Projects



Sustainable Transport : 1 Strategic Project



Social Inclusion: 24 Projects

● 2022 in Brief

As the Programming Period approaches to its end, the focus of the Programming Bodies was on the effective and efficient finalization of a substantial number of projects that ended during the year as well as on accelerating the implementation of the remaining on-going projects to ensure the timely closure of the Programme.

- **Closure of Projects:** Eleven (11) projects were finalized during 2022 while twenty-eight (28) were finalized at an earlier year.
- **Additional Activities:** An extra amount of 3.389.871,40 € was contracted to nine (9) already on-going projects of Priority Axis 4 with the aim to further improve the health and social infrastructures of the cross-border area.
- **EC DAY:** The European Cooperation Day for 2022 was celebrated at the Municipality of Orestiada, Greece on 7-8/10/2022. The celebration events included a bilateral conference on the “conservation and promotion of the natural and cultural heritage of the cross border area”, the organization of a bilateral Amateur Theater Festival and the organization of a common hiking event on a trail along the borderline in the area of Pentalofos.
- **New Programming Period:** The new INTERREG VI-A Greece Bulgaria Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 was approved by the European Commission on 13/09/2022. Accordingly, the first Calls for proposals of the Programme are expected to be launched within 2023.

● Financial Implementation

Seven (7) Payment Claims took place within 2022 and the total certified expenditures reached 21.060.854,15€. The cumulative total expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority until 31/12/2022 was 95,505,223.28 € covering 73,31 % of the Programme's total budget.

[For further information](#)

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