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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

The focus of the year 2020 was to continue the rapid implementation of the programme. Two meetings of the Monitoring Committee were held, in which a total of 13 new projects with a financial volume of € 5.529.886,96 were approved. This meant a total commitment of 94 % ERDF funds at 81 projects (thereof 8 projects of TA) at the end of 2020.

As of December 31, 2020, there were 25 completed projects split across all PAs of the programme. Thereof 4 projects were closed administratively, which means their closure was performed also in the eMS.

Output indicators:

Those 13 newly selected projects belong to all IPs. Through their approval, an important contribution to the achievement of programme indicators could be made. It is necessary to note that tangible outputs can be monitored only after finalisation of these projects.

In concrete terms the contribution for 2020 breaks down as follows:

IP 1a: OP1: 0 mechanisms selected and 0 reported; OP2: 0 organisations selected and 0 reported.

IP 1b: OP3: 0 services selected and 1 reported; OP4: 0 enterprises selected and 20 reported.

IP 6c: OP5: 0 elements selected, 2 reported; OP6: 1 mechanism selected and 0 reported; OP7: 1 element selected and 1 reported; CO14: 0 new kilometres selected, 0.06 reported.

IP 6d: OP8: 0 elements selected, 1 reported; OP9: 0 mechanisms selected, 0 reported.

IP 6f: OP10: 1 eco-innovation selected, 1 reported; OP11: 0 mechanisms selected, 1 reported.

IP 10a: OP12: 0 mechanisms selected, 3 reported; CO46: 0 persons selected and 1869 reported.

IP11a: OP13: 33 project partners selected, 188 reported.

Taking into account all projects selected so far the output indicators of the IP 1a and IP 1b, IP 6d, 6f, IP 10a, IP 11a have been allocated fully.

Allocation of the ERDF funds:

The financial allocation of the projects approved so far amounts to 92.087.826,67. Compared to the previous

years all IPs are well on schedule.

In the year of 2020, total of € 27.685.918,85 ERDF resources were paid to the beneficiaries.

Meetings and seminars:

In 2020, two Task Forces (meetings of the programme partners) were organized. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, these meetings were held virtually which proved to be a good way of information exchange and communication. In 2020, no bilateral meeting of controllers was held. On national level, one meeting of the Austrian Controllers was organized. The Czech Controllers met regularly within an organization's internal meetings. All in all, there was a constant exchange between the Managing Authority (MA), the Joint Secretariat (JS) and the respective Controller points via e-mail and telephone.

In order to inform the potential applicants and to present to them the program, there was an ongoing information exchange via website, mailings and telephone. An equally important group regularly addressed by the Program Authorities are the project partners. Two seminars were organized for project partners and carried out in the programme area. The seminars dealt with administrative issues after approval of the projects by the Monitoring Committee, reporting in the eMS, eligibility of expenditures and public procurement. Other points were the publicity database iBox and publicity requirements.

Publicity:

A comprehensive media campaign was implemented in 2020. The campaign was realised in cooperation with two media agencies from the member states.

Goals of the campaign were among others derived from the accompanying programme evaluation:

- to raise awareness for Interreg AT-CZ, particularly in Austria, and to further strengthen the project in the Czech Republic
- to raise awareness of economic and social cohesion in the EU
- to make the inhabitants of the border regions aware of the advantages of the programme

The results of the campaign:

- Broad media coverage in regional and national media in AT and CZ, including TV and radio
- 137 clippings
- 4 advertorials
- more than 100 Mio. media reach
- 4 videos shot

- Approx. 52.000 – 78.500 views on youtube
- Press conference on the project ATCZ125 with the results: 10 journalists on spot, Media coverage more than 22 Mio.
- 60 project partners joined a workshop on the theme "Communication with the public"
- Facebook: increase of followers from 157 to to approx. 1.750

- LinkedIn: increase of followers from 22 to approx. 260
- Twitter: increase of followers from 104 to approx. 150

We had to react to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic and so instead of the planned second press conference in Brno, we started a cooperation with the online magazine peak where 4 more projects were presented:

- 2 articles on projects and the programme
- 4 advertorials
- 4 newsletters branded with the programme logo
- one month home page branding

Also the EC-Day 2020 had to be organized according to the pandemic situation. We created a new section on our website, where - referring to the jubilee 30 years Interreg - the 30 most beautiful projects of our program were presented. We invited the broad public via Newsletter and information on the website to visit the 30 projects and to send pictures and texts of the trips, that we would publish on the website. People who sent material got a goody-package.

Programming 2021+

In 2020, several meetings dedicated to the new programming period 2021+ were held. There was also a kick-off meeting on setting up the future small project fund.

Simplification both on programme as well as on project level constitutes a key objective. The negotiations on simplified cost options in the new programming period mainly focused on the issue of staff costs. Representatives of the member states and border regions agreed on a number of preliminary program priorities and specific objectives, which they summarized in the draft program strategy for the period 2021+.In December 2020, a stakeholder consultation was launched on the program website in which the program authorities invited the program stakeholders to give their feedback on the draft concept of the program strategy.

Furthermore, it was confirmed that the Managing Authority of the program will be based again in the Office of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria and that the Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic will assume again the role of the National Authority in the period 2021+.

Miscellaneous:

In 2020, among others, the existing manual for applicants and the manual for project partners were updated. A new iBOX manual and a new version of the communication strategy were released.

Furthermore, the accompanying programme evaluation was finalized. The final report on the evaluation of the Working Packages 4-7, dedicated to the assessment of Specific Objectives of the thematic priority axes, was completed. Moreover, a Summary Report was generated as a final product of the evaluation. More details to be found under Chapter 4.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the MA's recommendations on possible restrictions on the

implementation of actions-related projects and a summary of frequently asked questions on this topic were published on the program website.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Strengthening research, technological development and innovation	0 new projects were approved in 2020, no significant problems were identified
2	Environment and Resources	3 new projects were approved in 2020, no significant problems were identified
3	Human resources development	0 new projects were approved in 2020, no significant problems were identified
4	Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation	9 new projects were approved in 2020, no significant problems were identified
5	Technical assistance	1 new project was approved in 2020, no significant problems were identified

3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	Mechanisms	5.00	1.50	0 mechanism in 2020, 0.50 mechanism in 2019 (ATCZ15 report 4.1), 1 mechanism in 2018 (ATCZ14, report 2.1), 0 in 2017 and 0 in 2016 --> in sum 1.5 mechanism have been delivered by operations so far.
S	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	Mechanisms	5.00	8.00	0 mechanisms in 2020, 3 mechanisms in 2019, 0 in 2018, 3 mechanisms in 2017, 2 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 8 mechanisms have been selected so far.
F	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	15.00	22.00	0 organisations in 2020, 5 organisations in 2019 (ATCZ40 report 4.1), 8 organisations in 2018 (ATCZ38 report 2.1, ATCZ52 report 1.1., ATCZ21 report 1.1., ATCZ15 report 2.1), 6 organisations in 2017 (ATCZ133 report 1.1), 3 organisations in 2016 (ATCZ14 report 1.1) --> in sum 22 organisations/ research institutions were reported as output indicator for the end of 2020; this indicator is seen as delivered once the research institutions start to cooperate (mostly reported already in reports 1.1)
S	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	15.00	30.00	0 organisations in 2020, 8 organisations in 2019, 0 organisations in 2018, 10 organisations in 2017, 12 organisations in 2016 --> in sum 30 organisations have been selected as an indicator so far.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	1.50	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	8.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	22.00	17.00	9.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	30.00	22.00	22.00	12.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest
Specific objective	1a - Improved and extended research and innovation capacities

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1a.1a

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
RI 1	Research quota - share of R&I on the GDP	%	2.70	2011	3.00	2.76		Austria's R&I spending is steadily increasing. Accordingly, in the AT part of the progr. area, the research quota (RQ) amounted to 3,07%, in 2017 (Data AT for 2018 not available (29.3.2021)), and thus slighlty above the value of 2,95% in 2011. In the Czech part of the programme area, the RQ amounted to 2,08% in 2018, and thus slightly above the value of 1,96% in 2011. Hence, positive developments can be detected as regards the whole progr. area, raising the RQ to a level of 2,76% in 2017. European structural funds are still deemed being drivers for growth. (Methodological note: data for 2018 is available for some regions in the progr. area only; hence data for 2017 constitutes the most recent complete dataset and was thus considered for this AIR.)

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
RI 1	Research quota - share of R&I on the GDP	2.76		3.00		3.00		3.00	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 1	Research quota - share of R&I on the GDP	2.70		0.00	

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1b

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	8.00	1.00	1 service in 2020 (ATCZ16 report 3.1), 0 services in the previous years --> in sum 1 service has been reported so far.
S	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	8.00	8.00	0 services in 2020, 3 services in 2019, 3 services in 2018, 1 service in 2017, 1 service in 2016 --> in sum 8 services have been selected as an indicator so far.
F	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Enterprises	6.00	20.00	20 enterprises in 2020 (ATCZ16 report 3.1), 0 enterprises in the previous years --> in sum 20 enterprises have been reported so far.
S	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Enterprises	6.00	35.00	0 enterprises in 2020, 6 enterprises in 2019, 7 enterprises in 2018, 2 enterprises in 2017, 20 enterprises in 2016 --> in sum 35 enterprises have been selected so far.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	35.00	29.00	22.00	20.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services
Specific objective	1b - Fostering the involvement of enterprises (primarily SMEs) in the innovation system

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1b.1b

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
RI 2	R&I expenditure in the business sector in % of GDP	%	1.80	2011	2.20	1.82		The R&I expenditure in the business sector showed a rather positive development in the Austrian part of the programme area and amounted to 2.05% in 2017 (1.91% in 2011). In comparison, in the Czech part of the programme area, the development showed slightly growing tendencies (1.29% in 2018; 1.08% in 2011). Hence, the level of R&I expenditure in the programme area is generally at a stable, satisfying level. (Methodological note: data for 2018 is available for some regions in the programme area only; hence data for 2017 constitutes the most recent complete dataset and was thus considered for this AIR).

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
RI 2	R&I expenditure in the business sector in % of GDP	1.82		1.93		1.93		1.93	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 2	R&I expenditure in the business sector in % of GDP	1.80		0.00	

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6c

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	10.00	0.06	0.06 kilometres in 2020 (ATCZ179, report 2.1), 0 kilometres in the previous years --> in sum 0.06 kilometres of reconstructed or upgraded roads have been reported so far
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	10.00	9.30	0 kilometres in 2020, 0 kilometres in 2019, 9.3 kilometres in 2018 --> in sum 9.3 kilometres of reconstructed or upgraded roads were selected so far.
F	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	8.00	2.00	1 element in 2020 (ATCZ181, report 3.1), 1 element in 2019 (ATCZ143, report 2.1), no elements in 2018 in 2017 or 2016 --> in sum 2 cultural/natural heritage element with improved attractiveness have been reported so far
S	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	8.00	20.00	0 elements in 2020, 2 elements in 2019, 8 elements in 2018, 10 elements in 2017 --> in sum 20 elements with improved attractiveness have been selected so far.
F	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	Mechanisms	12.00	0.00	0 mechanisms in 2020, 0 mechanisms in the previous years --> in sum 0 cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage have been reported so far.
S	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	Mechanisms	12.00	15.00	1 mechanism in 2020, 1 mechanism in 2019, 3 mechanisms in 2018, 9 mechanisms in 2017, 1 mechanism in 2016 --> in sum 15 mechanisms have been selected so far.
F	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	Elements	5.00	1.00	1 element in 2020 (ATCZ181, report 3.1), no elements in the previous years --> in sum 1 newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure has been reported so far
S	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	Elements	5.00	10.00	1 element in 2020, 2 elements in 2019, 3 elements in 2018, 4 in 2017 --> in sum 10 elements of newly built/improved public touristic infrastructure have been selected so far.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	9.30	9.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	20.00	18.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	13.00	13.00	9.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	9.00	7.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	2a - Valorisation of the cultural and natural heritage of the common region in a sustainable way

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6c.2a

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
RI 3	Number of overnight stays in the region	Number	28,028,000.00	2013	31,500,000.00	26,198,929.00		The tourism sector is of important significance for Austria's and the Czech Republic's economies. In Austria, it was the capital Vienna which recorded the highest share of overnight stays in 2019 (8,651,472). In 2020, the overnigt stays declined to (6.983.113) which is justified by the measures during the Covid19 crisis. In the Czech Rep., out of Vysočina, Jihomoravský and Jihočeský kraj, it was the latter, which registered the highest number of overnight stays in 2019 (3.390.178). Also in the Czech Rep. a decline of the overn. stays compared to 2019 could be noticed this year. Furthermore, the guests who stayed overnight in all of the three Czech regions, came directly from the same region. This can be definitely attributed to the measures taken during the pandemic, where people were not allowed or unwilling to go on vacation accross the borders of their region.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
RI 3	Number of overnight stays in the region	33,689,934.00		31,861,315.00		31,861,315.00		31,861,315.00	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 3	Number of overnight stays in the region	2,802,800,000.00		0.00	

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6d

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	Elements	4.00	1.00	1 element in 2020 (ATCZ7 report 3.1), 0 elements in 2019 --> in sum 1 element of green infrastructure realized has been reported so far.
S	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	Elements	4.00	6.00	0 elements in 2020, 0 elements in 2019, 0 elements in 2018, 4 elements in 2017, 2 elements in 2016 --> in sum 6 elements have been selected so far. (Due to modifications of the projects the total sum of the selected elements decreased from 8 to 6).
F	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	10.00	0.00	0 mechanisms in 2020, 0 mechanisms in the previous years --> in sum 0 cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management have been reported so far.
S	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	10.00	15.00	0 mechanisms in 2020, 0 mechanisms in 2019, 0 mechanisms in 2018, 7 mechanisms in 2017 (due to modifications of the projects the sum decreased from 12 to 7), 8 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 15 mechanisms have been selected so far.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	6.00	6.00	8.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	15.00	20.00	20.00	8.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure
Specific objective	2b - Increase of ecological stability and improvement of ecosystem services

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6d.2b

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
RI4	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the quality of environment and ecosystem services	%	38.40		45.00	35.83		The survey was submitted to 333 experts in German and Czech version. Target group were national and regional experts from the fields of environment, nature and landscape protection, climate change, disaster control, civil protection, energy, and waste and water sector. A decrease of measuring the quality of environment and ecosystem services from 38.99 % (in 2016) to 35.83 % (in 2020) could be noted. One possible reason for this decrease could be the fact that this result indicator is - by its definition - not closely related only to the programm or the projects. It rather reflects the overall political trend in Europe, where confidence in the neighboring country has not increased. In addition, the Covid19 pandemic, in which a very strong national approach was chosen, lead to a decline in confidence too.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
RI4	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the quality of environment and ecosystem services	38.99		38.99		38.99		38.99	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI4	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the quality of environment and ecosystem services	38.40		0.00	

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Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6f

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	Eco-innovations	3.00	1.00	1 eco-innovation in 2020 (ATCZ42 report 6.1), 0 eco-innovation in the previous years --> in sum 1 eco-innovation has been reported so far
S	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	Eco-innovations	3.00	3.00	1 eco-innovation in 2020, 1 eco-innovation in 2019, 0 eco-innovation in 2018, 0 eco-innovation in 2017, 1 eco-innovation in 2016 --> in sum 3 eco-innovations have been selected so far.
F	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	Mechanisms	3.00	1.00	1 mechanism in 2020 (ATCZ42 report 6.1), 0 mechanism in the previous years --> in sum 1 mechanism has been reported so far
S	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	Mechanisms	3.00	4.00	0 mechanisms in 2020, 1 mechanism in 2019, 2 mechanisms in 2018, 0 mechanism in 2017, 1 mechanism in 2016 --> in sum 4 mechanisms have been selected so far.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	4.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution
Specific objective	2c - Fostering the utilisation of eco-innovative potential of the region

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6f.2c

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
RI5	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the level of eco-innovation activities	%	62.40	2015	75.00	65.90		The survey (in German and Czech version) was submitted to 333 national and regional experts from the fields of environment, nature and landscape protection, climate change, disaster control, civil protection, energy, and waste and water sector. A slight increase of measuring the level of eco-innovation activities from 63,90 % (in 2016) to 65,90 % (in 2020) could be noted. This is due to a number of successful cross-border projects that have already been implemented or are in the process of being implemented under this specific objective.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
RI5	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the level of eco-innovation activities	63.90		63.90		63.90		63.90	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI5	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the level of eco-innovation activities	62.40		0.00	

Priority axis	3 - Human resources development
Investment priority	10a - Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.10a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	700.00	1,869.00	2020: 692 participants (ATCZ35 report 5.1 (159) ; ATCZ62 report 3.1 (25) ; ATCZ5 report 4.1 (2) ; ATCZ23 report 2.1 (234) ; ATCZ23 report 3.1 (140) ; ATCZ200 report 1.1 (132)) 2019: 518 participants (ATCZ5 report 3.1 (33); ATCZ62 report 2.1 (27); ATCZ65 report 4.1 (438) and report 5.1 (20)); 2018: 641 participants (ATCZ5 reports 1.1 (13) and report 2.1 (50); ATCZ35 reports 1.1 (303) and 2.1 (117); ATCZ62 report 1.1 (23); ATCZ65 report 2.1 (3) and report 3.1 (132)); 2017: 18 participants (ATCZ65 report 1.1); 2016: 0 participants --> in sum 1869 participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders have been reported so far.
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	700.00	2,053.00	0 persons in 2020, 848 persons in 2019, 752 persons in 2018, 0 persons in 2017, 453 persons in 2016 --> 2053 persons have been selected as an indicator so far.
F	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	6.00	5.00	3 mechanism in 2020 (ATCZ62 report 3.1 (1) ; ATCZ65 report 6.1 (1) ; ATCZ200 report 1.1 (1)), 2 mechanisms in 2019 (ATCZ35 report 4.1), no mechanisms in 2018, no mechanisms in 2017, no mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 5 mechanisms have been reported so far
S	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	6.00	10.00	0 mechanisms in 2020, 4 mechanisms in 2019, 1 mechanism in 2018, 0 mechanisms in 2017, 5 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 10 mechanisms have been selected so far.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	1,177.00	656.00	334.00	13.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	2,053.00	1,205.00	453.00	453.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	10.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	3 - Human resources development
Investment priority	10a - Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure
Specific objective	3a - Extension of common supply of education and qualification activities in order to utilize human resources potential in cross-border region

Table 1: Result indicators - 3.10a.3a

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
RI6	Joint education activities and qualification supply	number	75.00	2015	100.00	148.00		In the year 2020, only 15 joint educational activities and qualification supplies could be reported. This rather low number can be attributed to the cause of the Covid19 pandemic which has affected educational systems in both Austria and the Czech Republic, leading to the near-total closures of schools, universities and colleges.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
RI6	Joint education activities and qualification supply	133.00		133.00		133.00		104.00	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI6	Joint education activities and qualification supply	75.00		0.00	

Priority axis	4 - Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation
Investment priority	11a - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.11a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	320.00	885.00	2020: 188 partners (ATCZ49 report 5.1 (63), report 6.1 (32), report 7.1 (91); ATCZ206 report 1.1 (2)) 2019: 483 partners in 2019 (ATCZ68 report 2.1 (1), ATCZ100 report 4.1 (2); ATCZ49 report 3.1 (251) und report 4.1 (229)) 2018: 203 partners (ATCZ68 report 1.1 (1); ATCZ125 report 1.1 (2); ATCZ249 report 1.1 (5) and report 2.1 (155)) 2017: 2 partners (ATCZ100 report 1.1 (2)); 2016: 9 partners (ATCZ1 report 2.1 (6); ATCZ22 report 1.1 (3) -> in sum 885 project partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities were reported so far.
S	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	320.00	564.00	33 partners in 2020, 9 partners in 2019, 0 partners in 2018, 513 partners in 2017 (due to modifications in projects the sum for the yeare 2017 changed from 313 to 513), 9 partners in 2016 --> in sum 564 project partners have been selected as an indicator so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	697.00	265.00	16.00	14.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	531.00	322.00	322.00	9.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	4 - Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation
Investment priority	11a - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration
Specific objective	4a - Fostering cross-border cooperation of communities and institutions in joint regions

Table 1: Result indicators - 4.11a.4a

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
RI 7	Share of weighings for categories 4 (above average) and 5 (intensive) measuring the level of cooperation/ integration	%	22.00	2014	30.00	21.29		This value was generated by a survey, which was sent to 840 experts from fields of public admin., municip., enterprises, research, schools, cult., tourism and others. A slight increase of measuring the level of cooperation/ integration from 20.77 % (2016) to 21.29 % (2020) could be observed. Nevertheless, a slight decrease from the 2014 baseline (22%) must be noted. As the survey was conducted in times of the pandemic and the return rate of the questionnaires was just 13,8 %, a clouded picture of the cross-border cooper. is to be expected. Nevertheless this result indicator is - by its definition - not closely related only to the programm or the projects. It rather reflects the overall situation in Europe and of course the Covid19 pandemic, in which a very strong national approach was chosen, which led to a decline in confidence to the neighb. countries.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
RI 7	Share of weighings for categories 4 (above average) and 5 (intensive) measuring the level of cooperation/ integration	20.77		20.77		20.77		20.77	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 7	Share of weighings for categories 4 (above average) and 5 (intensive) measuring the level of cooperation/ integration	22.00		0.00	

Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	5 - Technical assistance

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 5.Technical assistance

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	Number	12.00	7.00	0 events in 2020, 1 event in 2019, 2 events in 2018, 4 in 2017-> in sum 7 events have been reported so far
S	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	Number	12.00	12.00	0 events in 2020, 0 events in 2019, 0 events in 2018, 0 events in 2017, 12 in 2016 --> in sum 12 events have been selected as an indicator so far
F	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	Number	200.00	3.00	2 projects (ATCZ14 and ATCZ62) were closed in 2020, 1 project (ATCZ68) was closed in 2019, no projects were closed either in 2018, 2017 or 2016. For this indicator only an administrative project closure is relevant, meaning only if the project was finalised in the eMS, then it is numbered among this indicator.
S	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	Number	200.00	200.00	0 projects in 2020, 0 projects in 2019, 0 projects in 2018, 0 projects in 2017, 200 projects in 2016 --> in sum 200 committed and successfully closed projects have been selected as an indicator so far.
F	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	Numbers	2.00	3.00	0 event in 2020, 1 event in 2019, 0 in 2018, 1 event in 2016 and 1 in 2017 --> in sum 3 events were reported so far
S	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	Numbers	2.00	2.00	0 events in 2020, 0 events in 2019, 0 events in 2018, 0 events in 2017, 2 events in 2016 --> 2 major publicity events have been selected as an output indicator so far
F	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	Full time equivalents	15.00	12.93	2020: 0,09 (ATCZ69 report 6.1); 2019: 0,50 (ATCZ103 report 3.1) 2018: 12,34 (ATCZ69 report 1.1 (6,09); ATCZ104 report 1.1 (2); ATCZ103 report 2.1 (4,25)) 2017: 0 FTE --> In sum 12,93 FTE have been reported so far.
S	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	Full time equivalents	15.00	12.25	0 in 2020, 0 in 2019, 0 in 2018, 0 in 2017, 12.25 in 2016 --> so far 12.25 full time equivalents have been selected.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	7.00	6.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	12.84	12.25	12.25	12.25	0.00	0.00
S	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2020	Observations
1	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	1791939	14,685,062.00	7,040,988.79	
1	O	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	2	15.00	22.00	
1	O	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	1	8.00	1.00	
2	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	2	10.00	0.06	
2	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	6 520 356	53,434,764.00	14,482,905.87	
2	O	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	1	8.00	2.00	
2	O	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	2	10.00	0.00	
3	O	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	100	700.00	1,869.00	
3	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	1 963 177	16,088,368.00	4,640,737.13	
3	O	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	1	6.00	5.00	
4	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	2,924,151	23,963,618.00	5,387,135.05	
4	O	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	40	320.00	885.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
1	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	5,150,334.50	2,382,713.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	O	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	22.00	17.00	9.00	3.00	0.00
1	O	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	3,903,636.52	807,782.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	O	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	1,177.00	656.00	334.00	13.00	0.00
3	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	2,381,301.82	1,315,037.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	O	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	2,397,730.91	734,819.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	O	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	697.00	265.00	16.00	14.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2014
1	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00
1	O	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	0.00
1	O	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	0.00
2	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	0.00
2	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00
2	O	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	0.00
2	O	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	0.00
3	O	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	0.00
3	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00
3	O	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	0.00
4	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00
4	O	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	0.00

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3.4. Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	Total	15,928,190.00	85.00	16,511,172.31	103.66%	16,223,936.26	7,044,030.88	44.22%	17
2	ERDF	Total	53,434,764.00	85.00	48,009,986.61	89.85%	47,496,311.02	14,617,206.10	27.36%	24
3	ERDF	Total	16,088,368.00	85.00	15,925,743.15	98.99%	15,804,608.28	4,835,277.97	30.05%	9
4	ERDF	Total	22,720,490.00	85.00	17,662,622.47	77.74%	17,559,957.99	5,894,713.90	25.94%	13
5	ERDF	Total	6,904,584.00	85.00	6,346,068.78	91.91%	6,346,068.78	1,379,337.58	19.98%	7
Total	**ERDF**		**115,076,396.00**	**85.00**	**104,455,593.32**	**90.77%**	**103,430,882.33**	**33,770,566.43**	**29.35%**	**70**
Grand total			**115,076,396.00**	**85.00**	**104,455,593.32**	**90.77%**	**103,430,882.33**	**33,770,566.43**	**29.35%**	**70**

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

Not applicable

Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	058	01	01	07	01		20	CZ031	1,253,423.40	1,253,423.40	1,079,025.34	1
1	ERDF	058	01	01	07	01		24	AT126	489,384.40	489,384.40	0.00	1
1	ERDF	058	01	02	07	01		20	AT312	1,581,850.87	1,581,850.87	1,443,118.36	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		08	CZ064	1,012,218.21	1,012,218.21	319,456.79	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		20	AT124	1,773,774.62	1,761,405.26	644,248.25	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		20	AT130	1,494,782.97	1,367,444.81	1,329,021.64	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		20	AT311	827,290.49	827,290.49	0.00	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		20	CZ031	781,448.97	781,448.97	5,000.00	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		24	CZ064	513,468.91	513,468.91	114,474.41	1
1	ERDF	060	01	02	07	01		22	AT312	869,488.23	869,488.23	591,913.63	1
1	ERDF	060	01	02	07	01		24	AT312	622,303.67	622,303.67	466,579.44	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		08	AT130	700,643.88	700,643.88	327,135.46	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		13	AT130	653,123.71	653,123.71	356,719.06	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		13	CZ064	939,942.28	939,942.28	5,000.00	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		24	CZ031	1,142,953.62	1,142,953.62	5,000.00	1
1	ERDF	062	01	02	07	01		11	AT124	1,195,659.09	1,100,617.12	5,000.00	1
1	ERDF	063	01	01	07	01		24	AT314	659,414.99	606,928.43	352,338.50	1
3	ERDF	118	01	01	07	10		19	AT123	4,629,936.51	4,629,936.51	5,000.00	1
3	ERDF	118	01	01	07	10		19	AT130	1,503,566.60	1,503,566.60	5,000.00	1
3	ERDF	118	01	01	07	10		19	CZ031	1,154,987.50	1,154,987.50	926,490.44	2
3	ERDF	118	01	02	07	10		19	AT123	4,547,031.16	4,461,991.03	2,273,915.05	1
3	ERDF	118	01	02	07	10		19	AT124	451,388.27	451,388.27	135,594.68	1
3	ERDF	118	01	02	07	10		19	CZ031	368,941.00	368,941.00	5,000.00	1
3	ERDF	118	01	03	07	10		19	AT124	1,820,174.20	1,820,174.20	309,145.48	1
3	ERDF	118	01	03	07	10		19	CZ063	1,449,717.91	1,413,623.17	1,175,132.32	1
4	ERDF	119	01	01	07	11		19	CZ063	264,896.39	264,896.39	5,000.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	01	07	11		22	AT130	1,067,508.81	1,043,361.52	5,000.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	01	07	11		23	CZ031	585,773.05	585,773.05	151,153.35	1
4	ERDF	119	01	01	07	11		23	CZ064	620,483.25	549,752.06	5,000.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	01	07	11		24	AT314	215,736.86	215,736.86	5,000.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		20	AT123	1,362,002.89	1,362,002.89	361,229.96	2
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		21	AT313	197,820.15	190,034.15	135,639.08	1
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		24	CZ063	1,563,726.77	1,563,726.77	673,025.58	1
4	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11		24	CZ064	379,558.20	379,558.20	5,000.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		11	AT123	598,283.19	598,283.19	5,000.00	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		21	CZ063	228,799.87	228,799.87	95,720.55	1
4	ERDF	119	01	03	07	11		24	CZ031	10,578,033.04	10,578,033.04	4,447,945.38	1
2	ERDF	013	01	03	07	06		10	CZ064	1,162,862.00	1,162,862.00	415,740.39	1
2	ERDF	017	01	01	07	06		11	AT312	919,475.74	848,432.39	384,964.69	1
2	ERDF	017	01	01	07	06		11	CZ031	798,403.02	798,403.02	5,000.00	1
2	ERDF	017	01	01	07	06		11	CZ063	1,910,869.80	1,850,064.40	1,014,476.61	2
2	ERDF	034	01	03	07	06		23	CZ031	7,297,444.00	7,297,444.00	3,370,060.22	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		21	AT125	2,171,069.09	2,171,069.09	503,761.70	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	CZ031	1,663,826.96	1,663,826.96	1,090,156.97	1
2	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		22	CZ064	1,756,833.78	1,756,833.78	721,385.89	1
2	ERDF	086	01	03	07	06		22	CZ031	1,259,694.94	1,259,694.94	47,275.00	1
2	ERDF	087	01	01	07	06		22	AT130	5,883,953.55	5,883,953.55	1,046,343.70	1
2	ERDF	087	01	03	07	06		22	AT123	1,002,493.48	1,002,493.48	454,788.71	1
2	ERDF	090	01	03	07	06		23	CZ064	1,373,096.81	1,373,096.81	613,563.13	1
2	ERDF	091	01	03	07	06		22	CZ031	3,667,240.68	3,667,240.68	188,809.64	1
2	ERDF	091	01	03	07	06		23	AT125	1,870,030.05	1,870,030.05	341,013.70	1
2	ERDF	091	01	03	07	06		23	AT313	1,000,210.45	960,146.74	126,779.53	1

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
2	ERDF	091	01	03	07	06		23	CZ064	498,328.73	498,328.73	212,854.17	1
2	ERDF	092	01	02	07	06		08	CZ064	3,292,347.64	3,262,730.79	705,498.45	1
2	ERDF	092	01	02	07	06		23	CZ031	2,553,344.44	2,455,092.40	441,750.55	1
2	ERDF	092	01	03	07	06		23	AT313	2,349,223.39	2,135,329.15	747,435.13	1
2	ERDF	092	01	03	07	06		23	CZ063	3,297,794.59	3,297,794.59	1,029,457.00	2
2	ERDF	093	01	01	07	06		23	AT130	1,156,082.64	1,156,082.64	534,798.88	1
2	ERDF	093	01	03	07	06		23	CZ031	1,125,360.83	1,125,360.83	621,292.04	1
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			18	AT123	4,214,314.00	4,214,314.00	522,258.01	2
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			18	CZ010	2,061,164.78	2,061,164.78	835,091.84	2
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			18	CZ031	23,530.00	23,530.00	7,225.42	1
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			18	CZ063	23,530.00	23,530.00	7,302.03	1
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			18	CZ064	23,530.00	23,530.00	7,460.28	1

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)

(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.
(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

In 2020, the accompanying programme evaluation was finalized. The final report on the evaluation of the Working Packages 4-7, dedicated to the assessment of Specific Objectives of the thematic priority axes, was completed in 02/20. In methodological terms, this part of the evaluation was based on a document analysis, an analysis of monitoring data, an online survey and case studies – carried out between 04/19 and 01/20. It primarily aimed at examining the program implementation, the results achieved, the impact of the projects supported and the value added of the programme. The following recommendations were derived:

Recommendations of the WP 4-7 report (Assessment of Specific Objectives of PA 1-4)

Recommendations for Priority 1 – Strengthening research, technological development and innovation

1. Maintain a priority for RTI-development, but simplify the intervention logic

From the perspective of the evaluation team, it is recommended to pursue the priority to strengthening research, technological development and innovation also in the future, focusing on joint capacity building and the creation of structural effects by strengthening informal ties between R&I-institutions, also in combination with the establishment of enabling infrastructures.

In future programmes, attention should be paid to the specific added value (structural effects) in combination with scientific fields of high relevance in the cross-border area (e.g. based on common foci in the regional smart specialisation strategies, the current programme shows high potential e.g. in life sciences, biotechnologies).

The intervention logic should be simplified and more focused on the specific added value of the programme and the CBC-approach: structural effects by joint capacity building, initiating and strengthening cross-border cooperation of RTI-institutions with complementary competences. Too demanding aspirations in the intervention logic should be omitted: e.g. expected result in SO1a: Realisation of economies of scale; Adaptation of SO1b: Strengthening capacities of research institutions for transfer to the business sector; initiating and strengthening links between R&I-institutions and enterprises.

It can be considered to merge the two investment priorities, as for SO1b the positive effects regarding the programme objective result mainly from increased competences of the RTI-institutions for knowledge transfer.

Priority 1 is currently the smallest priority in the programme. Due to the positive effects achieved and the high potential for absorption in the programme area more resources should be allocated for this priority in

future programmes.

2. Focus on projects with structural effects

Projects to be supported should have a clear profile and implement respective activities that show strong prospects for joint capacity building and sustainable cooperation. This is achieved by strengthening links between research institutions with complementary competences and establishing support structures that facilitate continuous cooperation (e.g. joint infrastructures, cooperation agreements, virtual umbrella associations).

Projects aiming for general support activities especially for enterprises can only be legitimized if they show a specific added value of a cross-border approach (e.g. support of targeted cross-border networks/value chains). The development of tools without its application should not be funded in the future.

Recommendations for Priority 2 – Environment and Resources

3. Maintain the thematic focus in the next funding period

Especially the projects targeting cross-border ecological systems have high added value. It is highly recommended to keep the thematic focus in the next funding period.

4. Withdrawal of a separate specific objective for eco-innovations

The thematic focus of SO2c is formulated too narrow in the programme (waste management and energy efficiency) to attract enough projects.

For the next programming period, it is recommended to not pursue the thematic focus of eco-innovations as an individual IP. Possibly relevant projects could also be promoted under another thematic focus (e.g. research projects for eco-innovations could be comprised by a priority for RTI). High potential for cross-border cooperation exists in the context of public utility services (e.g. water, energy, waste) and respective endeavours could be integrated also in other priorities (e.g. PA4).

Alternatively, the thematic focus of the IP should be widened to include all eco-innovations, not only waste management and energy efficiency and cross-border mechanisms in relevant fields of public interest (public utility services) should be addressed.

5. Avoid individual tourism projects without shared strategic approaches

According to the draft EU legal framework (General Regulation, Article 23), the development of tourism and the promotion of cultural heritage in Political Objective 5 can only take place on the basis of

integrated territorial strategies with the involvement of the relevant implementation partners (and no longer merely on a project-by-project basis as before). This requires a focus of the limited programme resources on existing cross-border tourism offers, which are jointly developed strategically.

The weak cross-border public transport connections have been criticised by several interviewees. The question of border-crossing public transport poses considerable political, legal, administrative and financial challenges. It is proposed to make dealing with questions of transport connections an obligatory element of tourism projects.

Recommendations for Priority 3 – Human resources development

6. Maintain a priority to support the human resource development, but simplify the intervention logic

From the perspective of the evaluation team, it is recommended to pursue a priority to support the human resource development also in the future, focusing on the specific added value of the CBC-approach in dismantling barriers (e.g. language) and increasing cross-border linkages of the education/qualification systems.

The intervention logic should be simplified and more focused on the CBC-approach and on the main effects triggered by the interventions (improving the education system by strengthening cross-border links, contributing to a higher mobility of human resources in the programme area, improving exchange and coordinated actions between education institutions and the economic sector). Too demanding aspirations (e.g. increased integration of SMEs in the qualification system) in the intervention logic should be omitted.

7. Focus on integrative projects with sustainable effects

In future programmes, if similar objectives are pursued, attention should be paid to the specific added value of the CBC-approach in dismantling barriers (e.g. language) and increasing cross-border linkages of the education systems. By having a strong focus on target group involvement (e.g. schools, students in the cross-border area), such projects contribute also to awareness raising for a common area among the population. Promising project profiles can be identified by activities that draw on cooperation of actors from both sides of the border (e.g. partnerships), embeddedness in regional policies, synergies with other initiatives, project partners with respective scope of work, partners with well-established position in the education system and good access to the target groups, a mixture of (especially cross-border) activities addressing and involving different actors in the education systems.

Because of restrained forecasts for economic development, it can be expected that demand for qualification services will also increase in the cross-border area. Addressing this need would also require the acquisition of suitable cross-border projects (e.g. qualification networks) and new beneficiaries and target groups (e.g. job centres, vocational/qualification services providers).

8. More ambitious target values

Target values of the output indicator CO46[1] "Number of participants in joint education and training schemes" can be set more ambitiously, contributing to better reflect and even extend the broad impact of the programme.

Recommendations for Priority 4– Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation

9. Identify key cooperation areas for the next programming period

Health sector projects have strong impact and clearly generate added value and have also high policy relevance given rising cost of the health systems and the effects of an aging population. They, however, do not fit well into the thematic focus of PA4. It should be considered to include health topics as a dedicated topic into the programme. Since the number of potential applicants in health is quite limited the thematically open approach under PA 4 seems to be a sound and pragmatic approach in order to provide room for cooperation approaches in quite specific intervention areas. A stock-taking of key cooperation areas which are yet untapped but would deserve particular attention in the forthcoming programming period, might be useful.

10. Avoid projects without benefits for both sides of the border

During project selection, scope and distribution of the benefits and results generated need to be assessed more thoroughly taking a very pragmatic approach. Projects without tangible results and significant and measurable impact on the institutional setting in the border region beyond mere cooperation effects within the project partnership (that usually has a long history of joint projects) should be avoided.

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A **Summary Report** was generated as a final product of the evaluation, illustrating key findings of the eight work packages (WP1: assessment of publicity, WP2: assessment of the needs of the needs of the area and the intervention logic, WP3: assessment of administrative burden and WP4-7: assessment of the specific objectives of the priority axes 1, 2, 3 and 4). The Summary Report was made publicly available via the programme website.

[1]   Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders.

Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings

5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Satisfying progress was achieved as regards the general performance regarding the fulfilment of the performance framework – nonetheless, delays due to the late start of the programme (in 2016 only) can still be perceived.

In 2020, the Covid19 pandemic caused macroeconomic, societal and political challenges in the region, having also direct and indirect influence on the programme and the projects.

To mitigate the negative effects on the projects, the MA elaborated recommendations for project implementers and proposed several measures for adapting project activities and for keeping the planned time frame. For instance, cross border obstacles like restrictions for travelling and meeting project partners should be replaced by virtual meetings, whenever possible. The following measures were suggested to be applied:

- Activities like partner meetings, conferences, workshops should take place virtually.
- For activities that cannot be implemented virtually an application for project prolongation could be submitted.
- Costs for cancelled events could be made eligible in case of appropriate documentation.

As regards the audit level, the Audit Authority carried out SLC checks in 2020 – embracing audits of 6 Czech partner institutions and 3 Austrian partner institutions. No system audit was carried out. The assurance package was successfully submitted in time. In the previous Czech system audit No. AT-CZ/2019/S/001, a total of 5 findings were identified and 7 recommendations were proposed. An action plan setting out corrective measures to ensure the settlement of individual findings was adopted. When verifying compliance with corrective measures, the Czech Audit Authority verified in 2020 (pre-follow-up) that all measures had been fulfilled.

As regards progress in financial terms, the programme was generally able to reach its payment goals. Nonetheless, despite the level of committed funds is rather high, the level of spending at project level still leaves some room for improvement. Thus, the programme bodies regularly encourage the Lead Partners to submit their progress reports on project level, without waiting for finalized partner reports plus control certificated for all partners. This mainly aims at avoiding cumulative retardations, resulting from (regionally) different paces of project implementation and control.

Generally, MA /JS strive towards enhancing communication and cooperation with the programme actors and control bodies, particularly for accelerating spending at project level and programme level. For achieving this, as quality assurance measures, meetings with controllers were were/ will be pursued on a regular basis and a major emphasis was / will be put on seminars for Lead partners / project partners.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

General assessment of the current programme performance:

By the end of 2020, the programme had a level of committed funds of 94%, which constitutes a satisfactory level. The programme is hence "on track".

The programme will be able to achieve the output indicators as defined in of the performance framework. Most indicators will already be achieved by the projects, which were approved until the end of 2020.

6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

8.1. Major projects

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations

(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

not applicable

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

not applicable

8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

not applicable

Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

not applicable

9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources

Priority axis	3 - Human resources development

Priority axis	4 - Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation

Priority axis	5 - Technical assistance

9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

9.3. Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority axis	Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)	Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)
2	10,338,529.29	22.76%
Total	**10,338,529.29**	**10.57%**

9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)

10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme

11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

The Interreg programme AT-CZ addresses selected objectives of the EUSDR. The programme implementation shows valuable contributions to the respective priority areas and respective EUSDR actions. Specifically, the territorial cross-border approach sets the programme apart from other funding sources that support interventions that are aligned with the EUSDR.

The programme addresses one priority area ("*To promote culture and tourism, people-to-people contacts*") of the EUSDR-pillar "**Connecting the Danube region**" with one Investment Priority (6c).

The respective specific objective (SO2a) aims for sustainable valorisation of the region's cultural and natural heritage. With a total share of 33% of the programme ERDF-funds, the programme puts an emphasis on this issue. In sum, 17 projects with € 27.112.949 as committed ERDF funds were approved by the end of 2020. Besides projects within the identified IP 6c, also projects of other priorities contribute to the EUSDR target of facilitating people-to-people contacts. Especially projects with a strong target group combined with a cross-border orientation facilitate encounters and exchange of target groups across borders.

The programme addresses three priority areas of the pillar "**Protecting the environment in the Danube region**" with one Investment Priority (6d). These areas are: *To restore and maintain the quality of the water, To manage environmental risks, To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soil.* The respective specific objective (SO2b) aims at increasing ecological stability and improving the ecosystem services. 8% of the available ERDF-funds are allocated to this specific objective. By the end of 2020, 5 projects supporting the specific objective 2b were submitted and approved. With a commitment rate of 119 % (€ 8.864.522,-) more than the originally allocated funds are committed. The cross-border approach shows positive structural effects by supporting long-term partnerships (e.g. national parks) which implement coordinated actions for common interests. Project results are included in national and institutional strategies.

The programme addresses two priority areas of the pillar "**Building prosperity in the Danube region**" with three Investment Priorities: two IPs within priority 1 (1a and 1b) and one IP within priority 3 (10a). The respective specific objectives aim for (i) improving and extending research and innovation capacities (SO1a), fostering the involvement of enterprises (primarily SMEs) in the innovation system (SO1b) and extending the common supply of education and qualification activities in order to utilize human resources potential in cross-border region (SO3a). In total, 27% of the available ERDF-funds are allocated to these specific objectives.

By the end of 2020, 26 projects have been approved that support this EUDRS pillar (10 within IP 1a, 7 within IP 1b and 9 within IP10a). Commitment rates of the available ERDF-funds vary between 97 % and 123 %.

The priority areas of this pillar are: *To develop the knowledge society through research education and information technologies and To invest in people and skills*.

☐ EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
☑ EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
☐ EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

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☐ EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
☐ Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

EUSDR

The pillar(s) and priority area(s) that the programme is relevant to:

	Pillar	Priority area
☐	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.1 - Mobility - waterways
☐	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.2 - Mobility - rail, road & air
☐	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.3 - Energy
☑	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.4 - Culture and tourism
☐	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.1 - Water quality
☑	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.2 - Environmental risks
☑	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.3 - Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality
☑	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.1 - Knowledge society
☑	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.2 - Competitiveness
☑	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.3 - People & skills
☑	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.1 - Institutional capacity & cooperation
☐	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.2 - Security

Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSDR

A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators or Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?

Yes ☑   No ☐

Name and function

Roland Hanak, coordinator of PA9

B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSDR?

Yes ☐   No ☑

C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSDR?

Yes ☐   No ☑

Does your programme plan to invest in the EUSDR in the future? Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSDR (n.a. for 2016)

See above

E. Does the programme contribute to the targets as validated by the national coordinators and priority area coordinators in 2016 (uploaded on the EUSDR website)? (Please specify the target(s))

See above

11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

DOCUMENTS

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LATEST VALIDATION RESULTS

Severity	Code	Message
Info		Implementation report version has been validated
Warning	2.43	In Section 'Macro-regional and sea basin strategies' when the answer to question C is No, the field 'Does your programme plan to invest...' should not be empty for strategy EUSDR
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, specific objective: 1a, indicator: RI 1, year: 2014 (0.00 < 2.70). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, specific objective: 1b, indicator: RI 2, year: 2014 (0.00 < 1.80). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2014 (0.00 < 28,028,000.00). Please check.
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Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2015 (2,802,800,000.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2016 (31,861,315.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2017 (31,861,315.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2018 (31,861,315.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2019 (33,689,934.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2016 (104.00 > 100.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2017 (133.00 > 100.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2018 (133.00 > 100.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2019 (133.00 > 100.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2020 (148.00 > 100.00). Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 100.63% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 100.63% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 108.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 6, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 108.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 6, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 125.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 5, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 125.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 6, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 133.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6f, indicator: OP 11, year: 2019. Please check.

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Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 133.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6f, indicator: OP 11, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 140.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 7, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 146.67% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 146.67% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 150.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 8, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 150.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 8, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 150.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 8, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 150.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 9, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 150.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 9, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 160.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 1, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 160.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 1, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 165.94% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 166.67% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, indicator: OP 12, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 166.67% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, indicator: OP 12, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 172.14% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, indicator: CO46, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 176.25% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 180.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 7, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 7, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 8, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 9, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 9, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 225.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 5, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 250.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 5, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 250.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 5, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 293.29% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, indicator: CO46, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 293.29% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, indicator: CO46, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 333.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2016. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 366.67% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 483.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 583.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 583.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 113.33% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 146.67% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2019. Please check.

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Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 146.67% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 150.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: OP 16, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 150.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: OP 16, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 168.14% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, indicator: CO46, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 217.81% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 267.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, indicator: CO46, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 276.56% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.53.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 333.33% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 104.82% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: OP 18, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 105.55% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: OP 18, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 131.26% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 150.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: OP 16, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 150.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: OP 16, year: 2020. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 155.56% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2016. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 156.91% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2020. Please check.