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INTRODUCTION

One of the key elements of the SI-HU PRO project was to create a bilateral coordination network supporting communication among the different future cooperation projects, and the utilization of the created synergies, providing a strategic basis for sustaining and further developing the results achieved during the completion of the project. The network is coordinated by the two project partners, and its founding members are the organisations that were involved in the cross-border factfinding survey carried out as part of the SI-HU PRO project , including primarily the partner organisations participating in the individual projects implemented under the priority axis Attractive



Region of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Hungary, joined by projects owners involved in other cross-border programmes.

The main framework conditions and the mission of the bilateral network cooperation were determined based on the results of the cross-border fact-finding survey, including findings and development recommendations. The main forum/platform of pursuing these aims in the course of a permanent cooperation is the bilateral coordination working group. It is necessary to underline it already here that this is not a cooperation arrangement with closed, limited membership. Other organisations active in the Slovenian-Hungarian border region are also welcome to join and become members.



The conditions of the long-term operation of the network are elaborated at the members' meetings. In addition to discussing future cooperation opportunities and identifying strategic directions, these meetings provide an opportunity also to elaborate the action plan including the specific measures of the network. A common, internal data sharing platform with continuously updated and expanded project contents has been put in place to facilitate the work of the working group. The member organisations conclude a strategic cooperation agreement, including the above common action plan, in order to institutionalise future







The aims set by the SI-HU PRO bilateral coordination working group can be classified into two distinctively separate groups, based on the timing of the aims compared against the life cycle of the project.

The first group includes aims regarding the implementation period of the project, focusing on research, creating the knowledge base and disseminating, sharing the experience gained:

 fact-finding analysis of tourism developments that received a grant, creating a knowledge and information base including the results of the projects, collecting them in a common platform,



- analysis of the results involved in the survey from a sustainability point of view, investigating the synergies among them,
- outlining the future, strategic development directions of the border region, based on the identified synergies, and the capitalisation of the project results (use, adaptation, further development and re-use),
- strategic cooperation in creating a platform network to manage the knowledge base of collected data, surveys and professional project documents, and
- enabling wide access to the knowledge and information network until the closure of the project.

The second group includes the aims of the working group focusing on sustaining the results achieved after the completion of the project:

- · ensuring the continuity of members' meetings,
- continuously managing and updating the database created,
- welcoming additional members, if possible, keeping the possibility of joining open on a continuous basis,
- harmonising development initiatives/project ideas, if members have any, with the strategic directions identified together, and
- periodically reviewing, adapting, updating the jointly elaborated action plan.



ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP

The main fora of the SI-HU PRO bilateral coordination working group are the meetings of the member organisations. The organisation and the agenda of these meetings evolved during the completion of the project. The topics on the agenda were connected mostly to the implementation of the project activities and the assessment of the partial results achieved.

In addition to reviewing and discussing the then current activities of the SI-HU PRO project, on-going at the time, all of these meetings also focused on presenting already completed projects together with a detailed explanation of their results.



The working was also monitoring the fact-finding survey that served as the basis for the project, determining every further step, and discussed its partial results. During the in-depth interviews that were the backbones of the fact-finding survey, the partner organisations of the tourism projects investigated and interviewed as part of the project told us what critical factors they considered to have had the greatest impact on the success of the respective projects. The interviews included also questions regarding their future plans: the selection of project partners, and the topical issues that



could potentially be worth a project to build on. In addition to their development needs the respondents explained what plans, strategies and studies aimed at developing tourism in the border region over the coming 5-10 years were prepared in their projects. This information is of immense importance to harmonise future developments, and to set common strategic paths.

The project documents prepared for strategic and development purposes, referred to during the fact-finding survey, were made available to the members of the working group in the above-mentioned platform, facilitating cooperation among the institutions. This online platform became the go-to knowledge base of the members, and the



forum of exchanging experience gained during the implementation of their projects. The fact-finding documents, and analyses thereof, prepared during the completion of the SI-HU PRO project are also available at this platform, as well as well as the information materials of professional and communication workshops held as part of the project.

The topics, the schedule and the method of organising of these trainings was also determined by the working group. An online training series were organised on e-communication, which is becoming increasingly important for project expert in charge of communication in the programme area, providing information, and an

insight into the good practices in the region in the four following topics:

- · Rudiments of marketing
- Generating issues in printed press
- Social media
- What has the COVID-19 pandemic brought us?
 How can we use this in our border region?



The training series organised in the project included the following four modules.

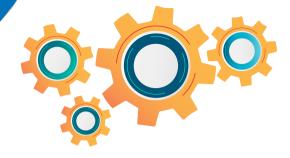
- Creating a common brand, connecting microdestinations
- Building common sales chains for the tourism packages prepared; adjustment to post-COVID-19 structural changes
- Improving cooperation among service providers, capacity upgrade
- Project management in the context of INTER-REG grants

The tasks of the working group included the elaboration of the methods of coordinated project communication, and the testing of these methods. Common appearance at different thematic events and fairs would have been a good litmus test of this, which however, was overruled by the COVID-19 pandemic. The originally planned presence at fairs was, consequently, replaced by coordinated online awareness raising campaigns, which, considering the current situation and the trends in tourism, can be even more effective tools to present the results of different projects online, in a coordinated manner, and to position the Slovenian-Hungarian border region as a common destination.



MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP AT PRESENT

- 1. Municipal Government of Vas County
- ITC Inovacijsko tehnološki grozd Murska Sobota
- 3. Raziskovalno izobraževalno središče Dvorec Rekičan
- 4. Municipal Government of Nagyrécse
- 5. Municipal Government of Zala County
- 6. Pannon Helyi Termék Nonprofit Kft.
- 7. Nyugat Pannon Nonprofit Kft.
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- 20. Municipal Government of Szentgotthárd
- 21. Hévízi Turisztikai Nonprofit Kft.

JOINING THE WORKING GROUP AS A MEMBER

The SI-HU PRO bilateral coordination working group is an open cooperation group, which looks forward to welcoming additional organisations that can identify with the aims and the activities of the working group, can actively contribute to achieving and implementing them. Additional organisations can apply for membership in the coordination network by submitting the letter of intent available in this guideline. The completed document should be sent to the Municipal Government of Vas County (VMÖH), or alternatively to the Innovation and Technology Cluster Murska Sobota (ITC).



In order to avoid language difficulties, and to receive information in one's mother tongue, we suggest that Hungarian and Slovenian organisations contact VMÖH and ITC, respectively, if they wish to join the group or have questions.

You can download the letter of intent to join the group by clicking on the following link:





Tagszervezeti szándéknyilatkozat bilaterális koordinációs munkacsoporthoz történő csatlakozásról

Jelen csatlakozási szándéknyilatkozat aláírásával ezúton nyilatkozom, hogy szervezetünk csatlakozási szándékát fejezi ki a SI-HU PRO rövid című, SIHUZ32 számú projekt keretén belül megalakuló munkacsoporthoz.

A munkacsoport tagjai a projekt alábbi célkítűzéseivel egyet értenek, szakmai tapasztalatukkal teljes felelőségükkel támogatják ezek megvalósítását:

- INTERREG V-A SI-HU Együttműködési Programban, a 2014-2020-as időszakban nyertes fejlesztések tényfeltáró felmérése, átfogó tudásbázis megteremtése a projektek eredményeinek összegyűjítésével,
- a projekteredmények fenntarthatósági vizsgálatának elemzése, az egyes eredmények közötti szinergiák fenntarthatósági szempontú vizsgálata,
- a szinergiákon és közös kapitalizáción alapuló stratégiai tervezés végrehajtása, a határtérség jövőbeli stratégiai irányainak meghatározása,
- közös platformhálózat kialakítása a mélyinterjúk és egyéb adatgyűjtések, illetve a projektek szakmai dokumentumai alapján, az együttműködés stratégiai szintre történő emelése,
- az együttműködés végére a cél egy kiemelkedő tudás- és információs-hálózathoz való hozzáférés lehetőségének megteremtése, mely segíti a partnereket a jövőbeli célkitűzéseik széleskörű partnerségben történő megyalósílásához.

Szervezetem részt kíván venni a projekt keretében létrehozandó koordinációs hálózat és közös, belső platform kialakításában.

Delso pietrorii kolandussosa. Erúton hozzájárulok, hogy az általam képviselt szervezet adatalt, információit, valamint azokat a Si-HU PRO projekttel ősszefűggésben kezeljék, adott esetben a rögzített adatokat a projekt céljainak megvalósításá erdekében publikáliák.







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Izjava o nameri članske organizacije za pridružitev k bilateralni usklajevalni delovni skupini

S podpisom te izjave o nameri izjavljam, da se želi naša organizacija pridružiti delovni skupini, ustanovljeni v okviru projekta s skraišanim nazivom SI-HU PRO. Stevilka projekta SIHU232.

Člani delovne skupine se strinjajo z naslednjimi cilji projekta ter njihovo izvajanje podpirajo s svojimi strokovnimi izkušnjami ter polno odgovornostjo:

- ugotavljanje dejstev v razvojnih projektih, izbranih v čezmejnem programu sodelovanja INTERREG V-A SI-HU v obdobju 2014-2020, oblikovanje celovite baze podatkov z zbiranjem projektnih rezultatov.
- analiza študije o trajnosti projektnih rezultatov, preučitev sinergij z vidika trajnosti med posameznimi rezultati,
- izvajanje strateškega načrtovanja, ki temelji na sinergijah in skupni kapitalizaciji, določitev bodočih strateških usmeritev obmejne regije,
- vzpostavitev skupne mreže platform na podlagi poglobljenih intervjujev in drugih zbranih podatkov oziroma strokovnih dokumentih projektov, dvig sodelovanja na strateško raven,
- o do konca sodelovanje je cilj zagotovitev možnosti dostopa do izjemne mreže znanja in informacij, ki bo partnerjem pomagala pri doseganju njihovih prihodnjih ciljev v okviru obsežnega partnerstva.

Moja organizacija želi sodelovati pri oblikovanju usklajevalnega omrežja in skupne notranje platforme, ki bosta vzpostavljeni v okviru projekta.

Soglašam, da se podatki in informacije organizacije, ki jo zastopam, obdelujejo v povezavi s projektom SI-HU PRO oziroma da se lahko zabeleženi podatki, z namenom doseganja ciljev projekta, po potrebi tudi objavijo.









LITERATURE

- Application form of the project SI-HU PRO, identification number SIHU232
- Minutes of the online bilateral coordination working group meeting (8 June 2021) as part of SI-HU PRO (SIHU232) project under the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Hungary
- Minutes of the online bilateral coordination working group meeting (14 September 2021) as part of SI-HU PRO (SIHU232) project under the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Hungary
- Minutes of the online bilateral coordination working group meeting (22 November 2021) as part of SI-HU PRO (SIHU232) project under the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Hungary
- Letters of intent by the member organisations on joining the bilateral coordination working group
- Draft strategic cooperation agreement including the action plan prepared as part of the SI-HU PRO (SIHU232) project

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