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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AA – Audit Authority

AIR – Annual Implementation Report

BTM – Bilateral Technical Meetings

CA – Certifying Authority

ERDF – European Regional Development Fund

EU – European Union

GODC – Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Regional Development and European Cohesion

EC – European Commission

MA – Managing Authority

JMC – Joint Monitoring Committee

JTS – Joint Technical Secretariat

MAP – Module for Data Analyses (informational system ISARR)

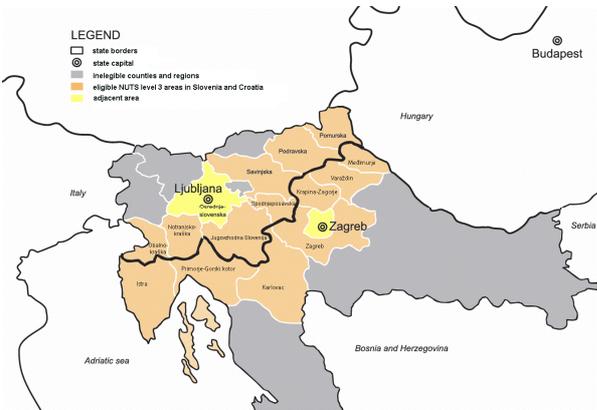
MEDT – Ministry of the Economic Development and Technology

NCU – National Control Unit

NA – National Authority

TA – Technical Assistance

OP SI-HR – Operational Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2007-2013

<p style="text-align: center;">OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME</p> 	<p>Objective concerned</p> <p>EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Eligible area concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> core programme area in Slovenia: Pomurska, Podravska, Savinjska, Spodnje-posavska, Jugovzhodna Slovenija, Notranjsko-kraška, Obalno-kraška core programme area in Croatia: Međimurska, Varaždinska, Krapinsko-zagorska, Zagrebačka, Karlovačka, Primorsko-goranska, Istarska extended programme area in Slovenia (20%): Osrednjeslovenska extended programme area in Croatia (20%): Grad Zagreb
	<p>Programming period</p> <p>2007-2013</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Programme number (CCI No)</p> <p>2013 CB 163 PO 001</p>
	<p>Programme title</p> <p>OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME SLOVENIA-CROATIA 2007-2013</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reporting year</p> <p>2015</p>
	<p>Date of approval of the annual report by the Joint Monitoring Committee</p> <p>28.6.2016</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

This is the Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Operational Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2007-2013 (OP SI-HR) for the year 2015. The aim of the AIR is to provide a comprehensive overview of the implementation of the OP. The Report complies with Article 67 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006 which requires the Managing Authority (MA) to submit the AIR within six months of the end of each calendar year and has been compiled in accordance with the format specified in Annex XVIII of Commission Regulation (EC) 1828/2006.

The Report relates to the period 1st of January 2015 to 31st December 2015 and was prepared by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, European Territorial Cooperation and Financial Mechanism Office (in the year 2014 the areas of work connected to the European Cohesion Policy were taken over by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, while staff working on the OP Slovenia – Croatia programme remained mostly the same), in co-operation with the programme partners. The Report provides a description of the general progress made in the programme implementation during the calendar year 2015 and therewith-related activities on the programme level and level of the selected projects and was approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) on 28 June 2016.

In the respective year one Subsidy Contract of the initially approved projects within the 3rd Call for Proposals has been signed in January 2015 (operation with the acronym EE CULTURE), while also 12 Subsidy Contracts for the operations on the reserve list within the 3rd Call for Proposals have been signed in spring 2015 after face to face interviews with Lead Partners have been carried out and conditions set by the JMC have been checked by the JTS. While providing support to the altogether 50 (38 initially approved projects + 12 projects from the reserve list) implementing projects from the 3rd Call and checking their first reports, JTS has also been checking three final reports from the projects co-financed within the 1st and the 2nd Call for Proposals and Claims for Reimbursement in the amount of 7.081.616,04 EUR (out of this 910.652,19 for TA projects) were submitted to CA.

Within the programme over 40 million EUR of EU funding are available for project activities and till the end of 2015 14.152.158 funds have been available within the 1st Call, 11.900.115 within the 2nd Call and 10.817.946 within the 3rd Call as well as 3.808.000 additional ERDF funds due to Croatia's accession to the European Union. Combined with national funding, this means that over 47 million EUR are available to assist in development and sustainable growth of the border regions, consequently also the institutions and people living in the programme area. By the end of 2015 95 projects (21 from the 1st Call, 24 from the 3rd Call and 50 from the 3rd Call) have received programme funds in the amount of 39.474.950,61¹ EUR EU funds. The funded activities provide new opportunities for tourism, natural and cultural heritage, businesses, cultural and social inclusion etc.

¹ Absorption of funds from projects from the 1st and the 2nd Call (22.427.852,53 EUR) + contracted amounts of the 50 projects from the 3rd Call (17.047.098,08 EUR)

The results of the work done on the programme/project level were also shown within the annual event organised by Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy "EU PROJECT – MY PROJECT" which has been organised within the entire Slovenia area on 19 September 2015 and within the Kick-off event of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for the programme period 2014-2020, which was organised on 9 December 2015 in Celje.

In compliance with the Audit strategy of the Audit Authority (Budget Supervision Office of the Republic of Slovenia) for the Operational Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2007-2013 and on the basis of the sampling performed by the Audit Authority on expenditure certified in the year 2014, audits of the following 3 operations were performed during the year 2015: "Wellness Istra", "Brodarji idej ob Muri" and "Varčuj" in the total amount of 431.882,51 € of certified expenditure. During the audits of operations the AA and AB detected the ineligible amount of 10.380,52 € (error rate corresponds to 1,94% of the amount of certified expenditure for the year 2014). The irregularities detected are in major part referred to the external experts cost, category of personnel costs and non-compliance with the public procurement procedures. The ACR and the annual audit opinion submitted have been accepted by the EC (February 2016).

In parallel with the implementation of the current financial period, the activities and on-going discussions for the next programming period 2014-2020 were being carried out. The programming process was managed and steered by the Task Force (TF), which had the mandate to elaborate the programme documents for submission to the European Commission. The TF was composed of representatives of NA of both Member States, the MA, the JTS and observers. The programming process was launched with the first meeting of the TF on 10.10.2012 and till the end of 2015 fifteen Task Force meetings for the programming of the Slovenia-Croatia programme 2014-2020 were held. Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for the programme period 2014-2020 and SEA/Ex-ante were prepared and submitted to the European Commission in summer 2015. On 9 December 2015 the Kick-off event was organised in Celje (Slovenia) to present the Cooperation programme to the broader public and to announce the Open Call.

2. CONTENT OF THE REPORT

The Annual Implementation Report of the Operational Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2007-2013 outlines the general progress made on the process during the calendar year 2015, detailed progress made in implementing the programme and therewith related activities for the selection of projects to be funded by the programme and for the achievement of programme aims.

In order to give a clear overview of the implementation and present progress made in the year 2015 all the necessary points in accordance with Art. 67(1) of the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006 are

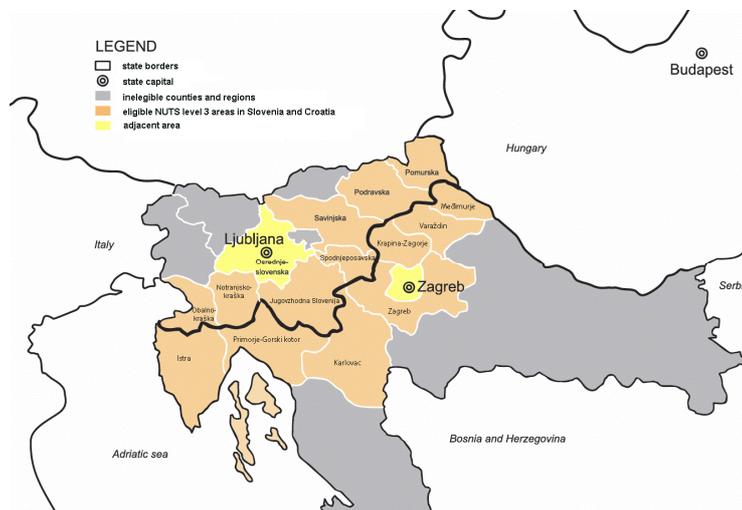
included:

- Information on progress made in implementing the OP SI-HR 2007-2013
- Financial implementation of the OP SI-HR 2007-2013
- Indicative breakdown of the allocation of funds by categories
- Steps of the MA and/or JMC to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the implementation
- Technical Assistance
- Information and Publicity measures
- Information on significant problems relating to compliance with EU Law

3. ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

3.1 THE PROGRAMME AREA

The core programme area includes the Slovenian regions of **Pomurska, Podravska, Savinjska, Spodnjeposavska, Jugovzhodna Slovenija, Notranjsko-kraška, Obalno-kraška** and the Croatian counties **Međimurska, Varaždinska, Krapinsko-zagorska, Zagrebačka, Karlovačka, Primorsko-goranska and Istarska**. The areas of **Osrednjeslovenska region** in Slovenia and **City of Zagreb** in Croatia may take part in projects as an adjacent area, i.e. receiving a maximum 20% of the EU funding allocated to the Programme. The listed regions are NUTS III regions.



Picture 1: The programme area

3.2 THE PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE AND OVERVIEW OF PRIORITIES

The strategic objective of the programme is to support and promote sustainable development of the whole cross-border area between Slovenia and Croatia. The implementation of this basic programme strategy is carried out within the three strategic priorities and the five measures:

1st Priority: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	2nd Priority: SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TOURISM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SOCIAL INTEGRATION	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRESERVATION OF PROTECTED AREAS
3rd Priority: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	

Table 1: Priorities and measures

The **Economic and Social Development** focuses on the support to entrepreneurship, as well as on the improvement of tourism, rural development, and cultural and social exchanges. The **Sustainable Management of Natural Resources** focuses on supporting cooperation in the field of environment, natural resources protection and sustainable development, in particular protection of the environment and preservation and revitalization of natural assets of the cross-border area. **Technical Assistance** aims at supporting prompt and smooth implementation of the Programme.

Both content priorities include actions to promote the human resource development and information society as horizontal themes. Horizontal themes are to be integrated to a reasonable degree into every type of operation, if appropriate. These two horizontal themes had to be presented in the project application upon its submission.

3.3 THE PROGRAMME FINANCING PLAN

The Operational Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2007-2013 has in its implementation been combining funding coming from the European Regional Development Fund, which was available to Slovenia as an EU Member State, and IPA funds available to Croatia as an EU Candidate Country, joined in a single IPA programme allocation while as of 1 July 2013 with Croatia's accession to EU the OP has been co-financed entirely from European Regional Development Fund.

The amount of the financial allocation for the period 2007-2013 is 44.774.910 € EU funding and this is

matched by 7.901.475 € of national co-financing from Slovenia and Croatia (Technical Assistance funds included). Within the programme 40.702.338 EUR of EU funding are available for project activities. Combined with national funding, this means 47.885.123 EUR, which provide new opportunities for cooperation, businesses, tourism, cultural and social inclusion etc.

	EU funding	National public funding	Total funding	Co-financing rate
1. Priority: Economic and Social Development	21.798.518	3.846.798	25.645.316	85%
2. Priority: Sustainable management of natural resources	18.903.820	3.335.987	22.239.807	85%
3. Priority: Technical assistance	4.072.572	718.690	4.791.262	85%
Total	44.774.910	7.901.475	52.676.385	85%

Table 2: Financing plan

By the end of 2015 the programme funds were committed to 97 operations (including 2 TA projects) among those 83 (projects from the 1st and 2nd Call and initially approved projects from the 3rd Call) have already finished with their project activities. Within the three Calls for Proposals 521 applications have been received and 95 Subsidy Contracts have been signed by the end of 2015. Claims for Reimbursement (Final Reports from the 1st and the 2nd Call as well as Intermediate reports from the 3rd Call and TA reports) in the amount of 28.851.572,01 EUR were submitted to CA by the end of 2015 (out of that 7.081.616,04 EUR in the year 2015).

In the frame of the 3rd Call Subsidy Contract for the initially approved project EE CULTURE in the amount of 679.791,82 EUR EU funds has been signed in January 2015 (due to changes in the location of the planned investments within the project which required JMC approval), while Subsidy Contracts for the 12 projects from the reserve list (approved by the JMC on 18 December 2013) in the amount of 4.182.489,05 EUR EU funds have been signed in Spring 2015 (included were also the remaining funds from the 1st and the 2nd Call).

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME IN THE YEAR 2015

4.1. PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES MADE IN 2015

In order to ensure the quality and effectiveness of implementation of the Operational programme the Managing Authority in collaboration with the programme partners met regularly to monitor the programme implementation and draft the required documents for programme implementation.

In the reported year a JMC meeting and eight written procedures were launched, three Bilateral Technical Meetings and five Task Force Meetings for the period 2014 - 2020 have been organised by MA/JTS.

Some guidelines and instructions were adopted, like Reporting Guidelines (version 7), Irregularities Guidelines (version 3), Guidance Note on Risk Analysis (version 2) and Guidelines for using TA funds (version 5).

Audit Authority of the OP preformed based on the sampling, audits of the certified expenditures of three operations (WELLNESS ISTRAN, BRODARJI IDEJI OB MURI and VARČUJ).

Programme results and operations co-financed within the programme (GREEN4 GREY, PARENZANA, VIRI ŽIVLJENJA and ZAŠČITA IN REŠEVANJE) have been presented in the frame of the annual event "EU PROJECT – MY PROJECT" organised on 19 September 2015 by Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy and on the Kick-off event of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for the programme period 2014-2020 organised on 9 December 2015.

The following table gives an overview on information regarding the programme implementation activities held in 2015:

ACTIVITY	DATE / PLACE	TOPICS
WRITTEN PROCEDURES		
36 th Written procedure	March 2015	Information regarding the 6 th Annual Control Report for Slovenia – Croatia 2007-2013 programme and approval of project changes of the operations with the acronym MALA ŠOLA PODJETNIKOV, OSIPPPIT, ROJSTVO EVROPE and NAPREDAK approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
37 th Written procedure	April 2015	Approval of project changes of the operations with the acronym DOBRA VODA ZA VSE, IMBY, HISTUR, approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals and conditionally approved project from the reserve list of the 3rd Call for Proposals with the acronym DE-PARK.

38 th 8 Written procedure	May 2015	Approval of project changes of the conditionally approved project from the reserve list of the 3rd Call for Proposals with the acronym RURAL DESIGN and approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms ŠKOCJAN RISNJAK and OŽIVLJEN KRAS approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
39 th Written procedure	June 2015	Approval of Annual Implementation Report 2014, approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms PUT-UP ISTRE, REVITAS II, pHisCulture, CLAUSTRA, GREEN4GREY, HINT-LAB, KAMEN-MOST and BIOHEATLOCAL approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
40 th Written procedure	July 2015	Approval of changes to the Technical Assistance 1 project sheet, approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms LOL, REVITAS II and EE Culture approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
41 st Written procedure	August 2015	Approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms PARENZANA MAGIC, IMBY and MALA BARKA approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
42 nd Written procedure	September 2015	Information on the amended Annual Implementation Report 2014 and approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms PARENZANA MAGIC and MALA BARKA, approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals, and conditionally approved project from the reserve list of the 3rd Call for Proposals with the acronym CLOUD.
43 rd Written procedure	November 2015	Information regarding operation with the acronym CLOUD, conditionally approved under the 3rd Call for proposal, and approval of project changes of the operation with the acronym REVITAS II, approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
JMC MEETINGS		
10 th JMC Meeting	30th November 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Information on the programme implementation, absorption of ERDF funds, state of play of projects from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call for Proposals and on the rejection of the project REUSE. Information on the implementation of the co-financed project with acronyms PORETEKS, EE Culture, RIDE&BIKE, and on the New Financial Perspective 2014-2020.
BILATERAL TECHNICAL MEETINGS		
26 th Bilateral Technical Meeting (BTM)	9th June 2015 Ljubljana, Slovenia	Information on the programme implementation – information on fund's absorption and review of the reports. Information on monitoring the submitted PP reports with both NAs and NCs and about the priority list of projects in regard to the FLC verification. Decision on both NAs contacting those PP which have not yet submitted their 1s PP Reports (deadline). Reallocation of funds for TA1 between budget lines and from PP2-MRD FEU to LP-GODC.

27th Bilateral Technical Meeting (BTM)	15th July 2015 in Zagreb, Croatia	Information on the programme implementation – information on fund's absorption, priority list of the projects in regard to the FLC verification.
28th Bilateral Technical Meeting (BTM)	13th October 2015 Ljubljana, Slovenia	Information on the programme implementation – information on fund's absorption, priority list of the projects in regard to the FLC verification and human resource issues. Information on the organization of the JMC meeting and annual event.
TASK FORCE MEETINGS		
The programming for the period 2014-2020 started in 2012 with the nomination of the Slovenian and Croatian members of the Task Force and organization of the 1st Task Force Meeting.		
11th Task Force Meeting	2nd February 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Discussion on modifications and improvements of Draft 4 CP, about section 5 and TA budget. Confirmation of the time frame of actions in February and March 2015.
12th Task Force Meeting	25th March 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Presentation of comments received in the public consultations, draft 6 of CP and draft Ex-ante Evaluation and further steps in the process of the submission of the CP in March 2015.
13th Task Force Meeting	9 th June 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Discussion on the Open Call (timetable, selection process and selection criteria), discussion on the eligibility of expenditure including for strategic projects, guidelines for establishing of the Monitoring Committee for INTERREG V-A SI-HR 2014-2020 and open issues regarding strategic projects within Priority Axis 1.
14th Task Force Meeting	14 th and 15 th July 2015 in Zagreb, Croatia	Presentation and discussion on responses to European Commission (EC) observations on CP SI-HR 2014-2020, discussion on the eligibility of expenditure and on the Open Call (timetable, selection process and selection criteria), open issues regarding strategic projects within Priority Axis 1, rules of Procedure of Monitoring Committee (MC) and decision regarding the timetable of employment of Joint Secretariat (JS).
15th Task Force Meeting	12 th and 13 th October 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Discussion on the Open Call (Call, Manual, Application Form with Annexes), selection process and selection criteria for strategic projects within Priority Axis 1, Complaint Procedure, Programme logo and Communication Strategy, Guidelines on State Aid, Rules of Procedure of Monitoring Committee and Timetable of employment of JS.
GROUP OF AUDITORS MEETING		
Group of Auditors meeting	29 th January 2015 in Ljubljana	Presentation of the sample of audit of operations in the year 2015 and the Annual plan for 2015.
Group of Auditors meeting	1 st September 2015 in Ljubljana	Open questions regarding the audit activities to be implemented in the PP 2014-2020 (designation audit, audit strategy, TA) and presentation of the findings and irregularities detected during the audit of operations. .

ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH THE COMMUNICATION PLAN		
Promotional materials	September - November 2015	The public procurement procedure for purchasing promotional materials was successfully carried out.
Annual event of the programme "EU PROJECT – MY PROJECT"	19 th September 2015, entire area of Slovenia	Presentation of the programme and the results of the project GREEN4GREY.
Kick - off event in the frame of Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia	9 th December in Celje, Slovenia	Presentation of the projects Parenzana, Viri življenja and Zaščita in reševanje.
PROGRAMME DOCUMENTS		
AIR 2013 submission	June 2015	The Annual Implementation Report 2015 was approved by the EC on 20 August 2015.
Reporting Guidelines	April 2015	Changes of the Reporting Guidelines (version 7)
Irregularities Guidelines	April 2015	Changes of the Irregularities Guidelines (version 3)
Guidance Note on Risk Analysis	April 2015	Changes of Guidance Note on Risk Analysis (version 2)
Guidelines for using TA	April 2015	Changes of Guidelines for using TA (version 5)

Table 3: Activities on the programme level

4.2 ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROJECTS IN 2015

Even though projects from the 1st and the 2nd Call have already finished with the implementation of the project activities, three Lead partners have submitted their Final Report with Applications for Reimbursement in the year 2015 (DIVA, EDUPRENEUR and FIDES).

In the respective year 38 initially approved projects within the 3rd Call for Proposals have finished with their activities, while for the 12 projects on the reserve list Subsidy Contracts have been signed in Spring 2015 after face to face interviews with Lead Partners have been carried out and conditions set by the JMC have been checked by the JTS. While providing support to the implementing projects from the 3rd Call, JTS has also been checking reports from the projects co-financed within the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd Call for Proposals and Claims for Reimbursement (including TA reports) in the amount of 28.851.572,01 EUR were submitted to CA by the end of 2015 (out of that 7.081.616,04 EUR in the year 2015).

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OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROJECTS		
Annual event of the programme "EU PROJECT – MY PROJECT"	19 th September 2015, entire area of Slovenia	Presentation of the programme and the results of the project GREEN4GREY.
(Kick - off event)	9 th December 2015, Celje, Slovenia	Presentation of the projects Parenzana, Viri življenja and Zaščita in Reševanje.

10th JMC Meeting	30 th November 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Information on the programme implementation, absorption of ERDF funds, state of play of projects from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call for Proposals and on the rejection of the project REUSE. Presentation of the co-financed project with acronym PORETEKS, EE Culture, RIDE&BIKE.
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Table 4: Activities on project level

4.3 ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGETS AND ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS BASED ON THE INDICATORS ON PROGRAMME LEVEL

The information on the physical progress of the programme is measured by indicators for measuring and monitoring the progress on programme level. The pre-defined indicators on programme level and the “achieved” (achieved targets within the projects approved in the 1st and the 2nd which have already finished with their activities and planned targets within the projects approved in the 3rd Call for Proposals) targets by the end of 2015 are presented in the two tables below. The effectiveness of the operations and their actual contribution to the programme/priority indicators and set targets will be evaluated at the end of the programme.

The table presents data on projects approved in the frame of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call for Proposals

Level	Code	Indicator	Baseline	Target value in the OP	Achieved targets within the 1 st and 2 nd Call	Planned targets within the 3 rd Call	Achieved ² till the end of 2015
Programme level	INDICATORS REFLECTING THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION						
	42	Number of projects respecting two of the following criteria: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, joint financing	0	70	0	1	1
	43	Number of projects respecting three of the following criteria: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, joint financing	0	55	3	1	4
	44	Number of projects respecting four of the following criteria: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing,	0	40	42	48	90

² Achieved targets within the projects approved in the 1st and 2nd Call which have already finished with their activities and planned targets within the projects approved in the 3rd Call for Proposals.

	joint financing					
INDICATORS REFLECTING CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION						
46	Number of projects developing joint use of infrastructure	0	5	18	5	23
47	Number of projects developing collaboration in the field of public services	0	20	35	34	69
48	Number of projects reducing isolation through improved access to transport, ICT networks and services	0	15	17	10	27
49	Number of projects encouraging and improving the joint protection and management of the environment	0	40	25	19	44
50	Number of people participating in joint education or training activities	0	200	17.460	10.264	27.724
	- Female	0	At least 50%	47,65%	52,44%	49,43%
	Number of projects with bilingual products	0	65	45	50	95
	Number of projects actively involving women and disadvantaged groups of people	0	105	33	18	51
	Gross jobs created	0	50	69	80,75	149,75
	Female	0	At least 50%	68,84%	55,42%	61,60%

Table 5: Programme indicators

From the presented data on degree of cooperation it can be concluded that the operations show high degree of cross-border cooperation criteria, as there is only one project that only respect the minimum number of cross-border criteria. The highest number of projects (90 projects) includes all four criteria. According to the target value set for the projects respecting all four of criteria the set target has exceeded which means that partners in the projects do work together actively in all phases of the project life-cycle from development of the project idea to producing the planned project outputs and achieving their planned use.

From the indicators reflecting cross-border cooperation it is expected that most of the set targets will be achieved as planned. Projects stimulate co-operation among different institutions and the indicator “Number of projects developing collaboration in the field of public services” is expected to exceed the set target values almost 3,5 times. In general it is expected that most of the target values set in the

Operational programme will be exceeded like “Number of people participating in joint education and training activities” (138,6 times), “Number of projects developing joint use of infrastructure” (almost 4,6 times), “Gross jobs created” (almost 3 times), “Number of projects reducing isolation through improved access to transport, ICT networks and services” (1,8 times), “Number of projects with bilingual products” (1,4 times) and “Number of projects encouraging and improving the joint protection and management of the environment” (1,1 times). One indicator “Number of projects actively involving women and disadvantaged groups of people” is expected not to be reached.

4.4 ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGETS AND ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS BASED ON THE INDICATORS ON PRIORITY LEVEL

This chapter presents the pre-defined indicators on priority level and the “achieved” (achieved targets within the projects approved in the 1st and 2nd Call which have already finished with their activities and planned targets within the projects approved in the 3rd Call for Proposals).

The assessment is made on the assumption that operations of the 3rd Call will be implemented in accordance with applications and that indicators marked in the applications correspond to actual activities/outcomes of operations.

It can be expected that operations approved under Priority 1 will to a certain degree contribute to all priority indicators. Potential achievement of some indicators is already highly exceeding the planned targets, e.g. “Number of CB tourist services” by 13,8 times, “Number of regional initiatives or cross border partnerships for joint management of natural resources, green purchasing, eco-efficiency, eco-labelling, sustainable transport, cross-border public transport etc.” by 12 times, “Number of new natural and cultural assets integrated in sustainable tourism offer” by almost 6,5 times, “Number of cultural events” by 5,58 times, “Number of projects for eco-efficiency, energy efficiency, use of renewable resources” by 4 times, “Number of gross jobs created” by 3,76 times and “Number of projects increasing cooperation between civil society associations” by 2,6 times.

For operations approved under Priority 2 it is also expected that they will contribute to all indicators, whereby some of the indicators are also highly exceeding the planned targets, e.g. “Number of waste disposal sites rehabilitated” by 18,6 times, “Number of natural/cultural resources units revitalized” by 12,1 times, “Number of organizations included in awareness raising actions” by 3,5 times, “Number of joint plans” by 3.7 times, “Gross jobs created” by 2 times.

Two priority indicators connected to the number of projects will not be reached (“Number of projects in the field of tourism and rural development” under Priority 1 and “Number of projects in the field of environment protection” under Priority 2).

Level	Name	Indicator	Baseline	Target value in the OP	Achieved targets within the 1 st and 2 nd Call	Planned targets within the 3 rd Call	Achieved ³ till the end of 2015
Priority 1	Economic and social development	Number of new cross-border tourist services	0	10	99	39	138
		Number of new cross-border tourist destinations	0	25	22	1	23
		Number of new natural and cultural assets integrated into sustainable tourist offer	0	25	144	17	161
		Number of projects in the field of tourism and rural development	0	40	15	13	28
		Number of projects supporting cooperation between SMEs and R&D organisations	0	25	17	17	34
		Number of projects affecting the increase of cross-border trade	0	20	13	12	25
		Number of joint cultural events supported by the programme	0	25	103	39	142
		Number of projects increasing cooperation between civil society associations	0	15	21	18	39
		Gross jobs created	0	25	44,5	49,5	94
		Female	0	At least 50%	66,29%	57,58%	61,70%
		Number of projects for eco-efficiency, energy efficiency, use of renewable resources	0	3	6	6	12
		Number of regional initiatives or cross border partnerships for joint management of natural	0	3	35	1	36

³ Achieved targets within the projects approved in the 1st and 2nd Call which have already finished with their activities and planned targets within the projects approved in the 3rd Call for Proposals.

		resources, green purchasing, eco-efficiency, eco-labelling, sustainable transport, cross-border public transport etc.					
Priority 2	Sustainable and balanced development	Number of organizations included in awareness raising actions	0	105	191	181	372
		Number of joint plans	0	15	28	28	56
		Number of joint management of water sources	0	10	5	5	10
		Number of waste disposal sites rehabilitated	0	5	93	0	93
		Number of natural/cultural resources units revitalized	0	15	120	62	182
		Number of projects increasing cooperation between local and regional actors with their cross-border counterparts for joint spatial planning	0	10	7	10	17
		Number of projects in the field of environment protection	0	50	14	15	29
		Number of projects preserving and revitalizing natural/cultural resources	0	20	13	13	26
		Gross jobs created	0	25	24,5	27,5	52
		Female	0	At least 50%	57,14%	52,72%	55,02%

Table 6: Indicators for the 1st and 2nd Priority

Level	Name	Indicator	Baseline	Target value in the OP	Achieved till the end of 2015
Priority 3	TA	Number of projects approved and monitored	0	165	95
		Number of promotional events	0	25	26

Table 7: Indicators for 3rd Priority (TA)

Equality of opportunity

According to Article 86 of Regulation (EC) 718/2007, the Member States participating in the Programme and the Commission ensure that equality between men and women and the integration of the gender perspective is promoted during the various stages of implementation of the Funds. The Commission and the Member States take appropriate steps to prevent any discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation during the various stages of implementation of the Funds and, in particular, in the access to them. In particular, accessibility for disabled persons is one of the criteria to be observed in defining operations co-financed by the Funds and to be taken into account during the various stages of implementation. Equal opportunities were respected throughout the programme, in the process of development and implementation of the projects by project partners, as well as in the project selection process and through monitoring of the implementation of the approved projects. MA/JTS respected equal opportunities during the project selection and after during the monitoring of the approved operations. The respect of equal status of men and women can also be seen under indicator "Gross jobs created", where you can see that percentagewise there is almost equal number of men and women.

Steps taken to promote equal opportunities and prevent discrimination during the various stages of the implementation of the OP include also the follow up and the provision of relevant information to the JMC and the Commission through the annual reports in respect of the measures taken in support of creating equal opportunities under the OP, their effectiveness and corrective actions required to ensure non-discrimination.

4.5 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The majority of operations from the 1st Call for Proposals started with the implementation of project activities by the end of 2009 and finished till March 2012, operations from the 2nd Call for Proposals started with the implementation in April 2011 and finished till March 2013 and the majority of the operation from the 3rd Call (initially approved operations) started in autumn 2014, while the approved operations on the reserve list started with the implementation in spring 2015. Table 7 shows data of the projects from all three Calls for Proposals and the Technical Assistance projects.

The Certifying Authority submitted three Applications for Payment to the European Commission (EC) for the expenditures incurred under Technical Assistance and also for expenditures incurred by the projects from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call for Proposals. The first AfP was submitted in May 2015 in the amount of 1.802.512,01 EUR of ERDF funds, the second AfP in October in the amount of 2.316.441,96 EUR of ERDF funds and the last AfP in December in the amount of 2.844.194,31 of ERDF funds. The total amount of all three Applications for Payment sent to the EC in the year 2015 was 6.963.148,28 EUR of ERDF funds.

The amount of payments received from the EC in 2015 was 4.367.025,19 EUR of ERDF funds covering the third AfP of the year 2014 in the amount of 248.071,22 EUR, which was sent to the EC in December 2014, and the first two AfP of the year 2015. The third AfP of 2015 was sent to the EC in December 2015 and the payment was received in March 2016. Detailed data on received payments in 2015 is shown in the table below:

	EU funds paid out by the final beneficiaries included in payment claims sent to MA in 2015	Corresponding public contribution	EU funds paid by the Certifying Authority to the final beneficiaries	EU funds received from the Commission
1. Priority: Economic and Social Development	1.962.196,20	346.335,10	3.321.401,09	2.731.268,71
2. Priority: Sustainable management of natural resources	1.246.158,62	220.342,03	2.052.992,44	1.436.714,71
3. Priority: Technical assistance	599.755,08	105.839,19	393.170,50	199.041,77
Total	3.808.109,90	672.516,32	5.767.564,03	4.367.025,19

Table 8: Data on received payments in 2015

4.6 INFORMATION ON SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH COMMUNITY LAW

Within this sub chapter details of any problems encountered whilst implementing the Operational programme would be provided. The compliance with the European law is a necessity to bring some structure and stability in the common procedures. No information on significant problems relating to compliance with Community Law is to be reported in 2015. Also in 2015, the Managing Authority paid special attention to ensuring that reference to the applicable Community Law was made when performing its responsibilities.

In the year 2015 there were some minor problems during the implementation and checking of the projects. The administrative burden of reporting and checking process, prolongs the funds reimbursement. Since on the programme level there is no pre-financing of ERDF funds, this affects the financial liquidity of the Beneficiaries. Another problem is also the late submission of the Project Partner and thus the Lead Partner reports. For these reason MA/JTS has carefully watched over the projects

submission and validation process in order to meet the set n+3 goal. In order to accelerate the absorption of funds in the last year of the implementation while also managing the challenges of the new Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia programme 4 new people have been employed within the JTS, while one person was also employed as the substitution of programme manager who is on a maternity leave.

4.7. COMPLIANCE OF THE OP SI-HR 2007-2013 WITH THE MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES

While Slovenia and Croatia actively cooperated on preparation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, the programme is not actively and directly involved in Danube Strategy process. There is compliance between measures defined in OP SI-HR 2007-2013 and Priority Areas defined in EU Strategy for the Danube Region. Inside Pillar 1 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region two Priority Areas *To encourage more sustainable energy* and *To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts* are partially covered by measures 2.1 *Environmental protection*, 1.1 *Tourism and rural development* and 1.3 *Social integration of the Operational programme*. Inside Pillar 2 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region two Priority Areas *To restore and maintain the quality of waters* and *To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils* are partially covered by measures 2.1 *Environmental protection* and 2.2 *Preservation of protected areas* of the OP SI-HR 2007-2013.

Slovenia and Croatia are also covered by the EU strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region. There is compliance between measures defined in OP SI-HR 2007-2013 and Priority Areas defined in EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region. Inside Pillar 3 of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region one topic *Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity* is partially covered by measure 2.2 *Preservation of protected areas* of the Operational programme. Inside Pillar 4 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region two topics *Diversified tourism offer (products and services)* and *Sustainable and responsible Tourism management (innovation and quality)* are partially covered by measure 1.1 *Tourism and rural development* of the Operational programme.

4.8 CONSISTENCY AND COMPLEMENTARITIES WITH OTHER INSTRUMENTS

In the frame of the on-going evaluation performed in 2011 the consistency and complementarity of OP SI-HR 2007-2013 was checked with the Slovenian OP for Strengthening Regional Development Potential for the period 2007-2013, the Slovenian Rural Development Programme for the period 2007-2013 and the Croatian OP Regional Competitiveness 2007-2009.

The OP SI-HR 2007-2013 complements the infrastructural projects of the OP SRDP 2007-2013 by mainly supporting soft and supply projects in many similar areas of financing ('Environmental Protection', activities related to 'Development of Entrepreneurship', "Tourism Development"). Projects under OP SI-HR 2007-2013 are mainly investments into infrastructure (such as construction of wastewater treatment plants, sewerage systems, reconstruction of tourist homes, construction of bicycle paths, etc.), which is also allowed under different Priorities of the OP SRDP (Development of Regions - Development of

Border Areas with Croatia, Integration of Natural and Cultural Potential). Double financing is prevented by checking projects proposed under OP SI-HR 2007-2013 with those supported under Regional Development Programmes already during the A&B Check. When projects are under implementation, invoices are entered into the ISARR monitoring system that supports both programmes. Invoices are checked within the system, while in addition original invoices are stamped by National Controllers.

The Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Slovenia 2007-2013 (RDP) which is being implemented in the entire territory of Slovenia is divided into 24 Measures that are (except LEADER) mainly developed at the level of activity for a specific target group (e.g. promotion, training, early retirement) while the OP SI-HR 2007-2013 is meant for more advanced projects which can include soft and investment components. Under RDP Axis 1 Measure 133-Supporting producer groups for information and promotion activities for products under food and quality schemes potential beneficiaries and the funding support may overlap with OP SI-HR 2007-2013. Under RDP Axis 2 programmes complement each other as they both aim at preservation of biodiversity and landscape diversity, conservation of cultural landscape and maintenance of protected areas but the beneficiaries are not the same. Measures supported under RDP Axis 3 aim at improving quality of life in the countryside and diversification of rural economy what is also supported under OP SI-HR 2007-2013 while areas of complementarity and overlapping are as it follows:

- Under Measure 311-Diversification into non-agricultural activities and 312-Support for creation and development of micro enterprises, overlapping is possible for non-profit beneficiaries as Priority 1 of the OP SI-HR 2007-2013 enables small businesses in the countryside joint promotion, networking, innovation support, cross-border cooperation, etc. Implemented actions for small businesses would be subject to 'de minimis'.
- Under Measure 322-Village renewal and development, municipal investments in development of areas with common usage and needs of rural areas, development of villages centres, investment in sewage systems, road infrastructure, water supply, wastewater treatment plants, development of cycling paths, parking places, public lighting, reconstructing and constructing of multipurpose buildings of common importance for inter-generational meeting, cultural and art, sports and other leisure activities of the local population. In principle, all these activities can be eligible also under OP SI-HR 2007-2013.
- Under Measure 323-Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage, investment in cultural heritage is supported for legal and natural persons (owners, co-owner, etc.) and municipalities. In principle, the type of support for non-profit legal persons is also eligible under both Priorities of OP SI-HR 2007-2013 so once again, this Measure can be complemented by OP SI-HR 2007-2013.

Under LEADER, similar projects can be funded as those in the OP SI-HR 2007-2013, ranging from development of tourist products, joint promotion and marketing of rural products. Projects however are implemented at the local level and are on a smaller scale. Complementarity with OP SI-HR 2007-2013 is possible, while themes can also overlap.

The possibility of double funding is mainly checked during the application process. Applications received

to OP SI-HR 2007-2013 are sent out to the relevant ministries to give an opinion on compliance with national strategies and possible double funding. The Ministry of Agriculture was mainly consulted for projects supporting rural diversification or biodiversity, such as joint promotion of processed food, activities linked to promotion of agricultural products, preservation of native breeds, etc. Specific attention was given to State aid issues where it was checked that cross-border projects did not include activities including producers of agricultural products as defined in Annex 1 of the Treaty, as they are subject to specific State aid scheme that is not registered for the OP SI-HR 2007-2013. During implementation, possibilities for checking of double funding are limited to stamping of original invoices. Beneficiaries supported under the RDP have their own information system within their paying agency, which is not linked to ISARR.

The Component III of the IPA programme supports infrastructure projects in the environmental protection and transport sectors and programmes which promote competitiveness and regional development. The allocation of funds within this Component is based on multi-annual programming documents, amongst them the Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme, IPA III C component. According to sectoral priorities set out in the framework of the Operational Programmes, the Regional Competitiveness OP, is aimed at financing measures for strengthening economic competitiveness and promoting the development and growth of entrepreneurship, by creating a better business climate and providing support to small and medium-size enterprises. The Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme is made up of three priority axes: 'Improving development potential of lagging behind regions' (Measure 1.1. Business-related infrastructure); 'enhancing the competitiveness of the Croatian economy' (Measure 2.1. improvement of business climate, Measure 2.2. technology transfer and support services for knowledge-based start-ups) and technical assistance (Measure 3.1. operational programme management and capacity building, Measure 3.2. development of sector studies, preparation of future programming documents and accompanying project pipelines). Projects funded under OP Regional Competitiveness aim to improve conditions for business undertakings in regions lagging behind in development; create conditions for attracting foreign investment; develop clusters; and help SMEs through non-repayable grants, free counselling and workshops. Beneficiaries to most of the funded projects are Croatian ministries, however there are some exceptions: e-business competitiveness improvement programme, with the aim of supplying ICT equipment and perform training for 10 selected business support centres in order to increase the level of utilisation, and participation in e-commerce and e-business activities by enterprises, through selected business support centres. Some of selected business support centres are located in the programming area of OP SI-HR 2007-2013: IDA in Istarska County, Porin in Primorsko-goranska County, REDEA in Međimurska County and TPZ in the City of Zagreb. Projects within the Science and Innovation Investment Fund as well as BioCenter (activities within the Measure 2.2. of Priority Axis 2) which are considered as big projects with a value of over 10 M€, have to pass an inter-project application, which means that the degree of their readiness is being assessed and there is a strong possibility that they would not be ready to be financed before the introduction of Structural Funds. Since the measures financing economic infrastructure in the Slovenia-Croatia cross-border area are not eligible for financing through the Regional Development OP, there is no overlapping of financing in that area. There are only few projects within the OP SI-HR 2007-

2013 programme dealing with economic development and they are mostly focused on supply of equipment, though there might be potential double financing regarding supply of ICT equipment. During the A&B Check, the National Authority in Croatia also provides an opinion on possible double financing.

4.9 MONITORING OF THE OP SI-HR 2007-2013

All approved operations are monitored through the Central Information System ISARR (mentioned and described also in previous Annual Reports), which is designed as an internet based programme. The ISARR system is an informational support for planning and reporting on the Programme implementation, ranging from the level of operational programmes, priority axes to the level of units. The ISARR coordinators within the JTS provide access and daily information support for all users. To enable a smooth operation by all users, manuals for different modules of the ISARR were issued.

All approved operations are being put into the ISARR system by the JTS using the Reference System Module with planning segment. When reporting, the Beneficiaries in both countries use the Data Entry Module - a user module for implementing operations that covers the operation's entire implementation process from contract signature to complete financing of the operation and monitoring.

ISARR like each information system has its deficiencies, but the eventual problems are being tackled as the system is developing and improving.

In addition to ISARR MA/JTS ensures additional monitoring on programme and project level. Information on fund's absorption and progress made is presented to programme partners at Bilateral Technical Meetings as well as to the members of the JMC at the JMC meetings.

Due to efficient double monitoring the programme has never faced the risk of de-commitment.

4.10 OPERATIONS WITH THE ACTIVITIES FINISHED TILL THE END OF 2015

83 operations from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call (51 from Priority 1 and 32 from Priority 2) have finished with the implementation of their project activities. Those operations are presented in the following table:

	1st Call	2nd Call	3 rd Call
1. Priority: Economic and Social Development	BERI, CURS COLAPIS, EKOMUZEJ MURA, HERITAGE LIVE, MARIJINA ROMARSKA POT, MURA-DRAVA.BIKE, PARENZANA II, POT MEDIČARSTVA IN LECTARSTVA, REVITAS, ROKIC DROM, WELLNESS ISTRA, WELLNESS 3 PLUS,	BRODARJI IDEJ OB MURI, CITY VOLUNTEERS, EDU-PRENEUR, FIDES, INTERINO, IR OVE, MLADIEKAIN, NEW MEDIA CROSS-BORDER, OMNPM/DMNPG, PEDO TUR, POM, PTO, SLOHRA GLOBALNET, SPRINT, SOCPD, 365 DNI RIVIERE	HISTUR, CREATIVE START UP, MARATON, IRIS, BIOREGIO, SPIRIT, ZELENO PODEŽELJE, MALVASIA TOURISTRA, MEDGEN BORZA, 3M MURA- MEDIA-MINORITY, PHISCULTURE, MALA ŠOLA PODJETNIKOV SI-HR, HINT – LAB, REVITAS II, ENTERYOUTH, NAPREDAK, IGRAJ SE!, SPOZNAVAJMO IN UŽIVAJMO, OSIPPIT, BIOHEATLOCAL, INOVALOCA, PARENZANA MAGIC, CROSSBENCH
2. Priority: Sustainable management of natural resources	KUP, 48 UR, OD VIJEGLAVKE DO SOKA, OHS-OKP, ONS, PIJEMO ISTO VODO, VIRI ŽIVLJENJA, Z GLAVO ZA NARAVO, ZOOB	APRO, DIVA, KULT PRO, PREBUJENA KULTURNA DEDIŠČINA, REMEDISANUS, SOŽITJE, STOPCO2, VARČUJ	RAST ISTRE, GREEN4GREY, ISTRA-HIDRO, ŠKOCJAN- RISNJAK, EUPER, ŽIVO!, CLAUSTRA, IMBY, DOBRA VODA ZA VSE, EE CULTURE, ROJSTVO EVROPE, LOL, OŽIVLJEN KRAS, PORETEKS, KAMEN-MOST
Total	21	24	38

Even if these operations have finished with the implementation of the project activities, the majority of the progress reports will be received in the year 2016.

4.11 DESCRIPTION OF ONE ALREADY FINISHED PROJECT UNDER EACH PRIORITY

In order to present the nature of the operations selected and implemented within the OP SI-HR and to highlight the results of the operations, the following section provides a short description of one operation from each priority that has already finished with the implementation of project activities.

Operation **Malvasia TourIstra** from priority 1 and operation **CLAUSTRA** from priority 2 are introduced below:

ACRONYM: Malvasia TourIstra	PRIORITY: 1
	PROJECT TITLE: PATHS OF ISTRIAN MALVASIA
	PROJECT WEBSITE: http://www.malvasia-touristra.eu/
THE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP:	
LP – INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM	
PP: INSTITUT OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM, AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OF SLOVENIA, FACULTY OF TOURISM STUDIES – TURISTICA, ASSOCIATION OF WINEGROWERS AND WINEMAKERS OF ISTRIA, ASSOCIATION OF WINEGROWERS OF SLOVENIAN ISTRIA, CONSORTIUM OF ISTRIAN WINE.	
EU FUNDS COMMITTED: 393.073,14 EUR	DURATION: 17 months
OBJECTIVES OF THE OPERATION:	
<p>Specific cross-border objective of the project was the integration of Istrian Malvasia wine into a common cross-border tourism product “Following the trails of Istrian Malvasia”, with the aim to contribute to the already initiated promotion strategies of Istria as a common cross-border tourist destination. This has been accomplished through the characterization and evaluation of Malvasia wines (different styles, physicochemical properties, and diversity), optimization and standardization of production and investigation of the effects of Malvasia wine on human health. Istrian Malvasia is firmly included in the cross-border tourism product based on the analysis of existing eno-gastronomic offer with an emphasis on the well established valorization obtained by knowledge transfer from research institutions.</p>	
ADDED VALUE OF THE CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION:	
<p>The project has contributed to the economic and social development, as well as to the development of tourism and rural area of Istria because it implied and supported the exploitation of its natural resources through the development of new common integrated products and services, as well as their common marketing and promotion, and encouraged the sustainable development of (rural) tourism based on the identity of the cross-border region of Istria. The project aimed to improve the recognisability of Istria, to strengthen the impact of tourism in less frequented parts of the cross-border area (increasing employment opportunities, economic growth and diversity of tourism services), it promoted cross-border business cooperation by strengthening the cooperation between research organizations and common knowledge transfer, and established a network of cross-border cooperation at multiple levels (Malvasia wine producers, associations of different manufacturers, holders of tourism offer, research organizations), and it contributed to the establishment of a uniform and balanced development of the singular area of Istria, as well as to its common promotion on the EU market.</p> <p>Specific studies and analyses that were conducted are useful for implementation by the institutions that influence the development and policy in the region (Ministries of Environment,</p>	

Agriculture, Health, etc.). Tourist organizations and municipalities have received a new starting point for the promotion and marketing of Istria, while tourism service providers have benefited from a unique presentation, lower costs and better functioning of the supply chain.

OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT:

- Five analyses performed (analysis of physics-chemical and sensory characteristics of Istrian Malvasia wines, analysis of the effect of the consumption of Istrian Malvasia wine on human health, analysis of possible negative effects of viticulture-oenological production on the environment and human health, analysis of the current tourist offer in Croatian and Slovenian Istria, analysis of the examples of good practice of wine routes in relevant EU member states).
- Clear guidelines developed for the processing and production of different types of Istrian Malvasia wine, as well as for the optimisation of technology.
- A tourist package designed including 3-5 different itineraries.
- 4 professional seminars, 4 workshops and 2 round tables performed.
- Created logo of the project.
- A common brochure (five languages) created.
- Leaflets in 3 languages (Croatian, Slovenian, Italian) designed and produced.
- A common study in electronic form (CD) produced.
- Web site of the project in 5 languages developed (a database - browser for manufacturers and styles of Malvasia wine and wine itineraries).
- 2 promotional tours on wine routes on both sides of the border performed.
- Promotional film of the project produced.
- 3 manifestations performed.
- Two visits to the examples of good practice performed.
- A common marketing strategy for Istrian Malvasia wine elaborated.

TIMETABLE: 15.01.2014 - 17.06.2015

ACRONYM: CLAUSTR	PRIORITY: 2
	PROJECT TITLE: STONE FRONTIERS OF ROMAN EMPIRE
	PROJECT WEBSITE: http://www.claustra.org/
THE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP:	
LP – INSTITUT FOR THE PROTECTION OD CULTURAL HERITAGE OF SLOVENIA	
PP: CROATIAN CONSERVATION INSTITUTE, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SLOVENIA, INSTITUT IVAN MICHLER, ASSOCIATION ŽMERGO, PRIMORJE-GORSKI KOTAR COUNTY	
EU FUNDS COMMITTED: 508.129,33	DURATION: 20,5 months
OBJECTIVES OF THE OPERATION:	
The project was based on three main goals:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to develop a management plan what is the domain of European legislation and is the main tool for long term preservation and sustainable development of the cultural heritage and its 	

protection.

- to develop recognition and the potential of Claustra and to increase awareness of opportunities for conservation and sustainable use of this heritage resource for the local economy and cohesiveness.
- to develop more intensive and concrete collaboration between cultural institutions in both countries with exchange of good practice and unification of conservation principles and approaches.

ADDED VALUE OF THE CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION:

The project was dealing with an important monument of international importance which lies in both countries. Concerning the international conventions and regulations it could be protected and display only with common efforts and collaboration of both countries. The Claustra monument, spreaded in both countries, is a monument which can be compared with similar Roman defence systems and could be added on the UNESCO World Heritage List as „Frontiers of Roman Empire“. The Claustra long term nomination for Unesco WHL is significant not only for better promotion and popularisation, but also has an important marketing meaning in socio-economic development of the wider region and both countries.

OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT:

The indirect outputs were seen during the different stages of implementation of the project and also after the project end - the project was sustainably designed so that effects would be visible also in the future. The indirect outputs are:

- establishment of a common methodology of cultural heritage management (management and conservation plan),
- implementation of digital data base and an internet application of Claustra,
- implementation of public discussions and workshops,
- a publication and a promotion film in three languages.

TIMETABLE: 1.1.2014 – 17.9.2015

4.12 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In the year 2015, the following major activities were implemented concerning the Technical assistance:

- organisation of Bilateral Technical Meetings for ensuring the efficient implementation of the programme
- organisation of Joint Monitoring Committee meeting,
- organisation of Task Force Meetings for the programming period 2014 – 2020 Cooperation programme Slovenia-Croatia
- organisation of kick – off event
- purchase of promotional materials in the frame of the OP SI-HR 2007-2013,

Activities of the Managing Authority/Joint Technical Secretariat (TA1): MA/JTS has organised face to face interviews for the conditionally approved projects of the reserve list within the 3rd Call, checked the fulfilling of the conditions set by the JMC and signed 12 Subsidy Contracts by spring 2015. JTS has also assisted project partners with the implementation of the operations from the 3rd Call, while also checking 3 final reports of the projects approved within the 1st and the 2nd Call and progress reports of the 3rd Call. MA/JTS has throughout the whole year been working in cooperation with other programme partners on the programme implementation as well as on the financial perspective 2014 - 2020. All necessary documents and activities for the BTM/JMC/TFM meetings were prepared, including the overview of finances, achievements and activities in 2015 on programme level ect. Throughout the year, the MA/JTS organized 3 Bilateral Technical Meetings, 1 Joint Monitoring Committee meeting and 5 Task Force Meetings. The MA/JTS purchased promotional materials, which were used at the Kick-off event in Celje to present the Cooperation programme to the broader public and to announce the Open Call. MA/JTS also updated reporting Guidelines, Irregularities Guidelines, Guidance Note on Risk Analysis and Guidelines for using TA.

Activities of the National Controllers in Slovenia and Croatia (TA1): NC in 2015 continued with the checks of the partners` applications for reimbursement – validation of expenditures. They continuously provided information to the project partners about the eligibility of costs, cost statements, national legislation and other reporting requirements and attended meetings of the BTM/TF when topics related to the first level control were put on the agenda. NC also made corrections of irregularities detected during audit of operations.

The Croatian National Controllers attended the following training seminars / trainings:

- CRO FLC: Public procurement - PRAG
- CRO FLC: Public procurement – National law
- CRO FLC: Programming process with focus on Operational programme competitiveness and cohesion 2014-2020
- CRO FLC: FLC tailored training on following topics:
 - VAT
 - Travel orders
 - Fee based Vs Service contracts
 - Accounting principles

The Slovenian National Controllers attended the following training seminars / trainings:

- State aid
- Public-private partnership

The National Authorities in Slovenia and Croatia provided support to the project partners concerning the implementation of approved projects, supported projects partners in case changes occurred during the implementation of the projects, participated at the BTM meetings as well as the JMC meeting and were actively involved in the activities of the period 2014 - 2020.

Both National Authorities were very active in the preparation of the Cooperation Programme, in particular by analysing and identifying the needs of the programme area, defining the priorities and related specific objectives and allocation of the available ERDF funds. National Authorities have also participated at workshops with stakeholders which were held from the 20th till 23rd of January in Krapina, Pivka, Celje and Bale and attended by more than 270 participants. Feedback was gathered from stakeholders on the appropriateness of proposed indicative actions for the challenges and needs of the programme area. In March 2015 the draft Cooperation Programme was published on the programme website and further inputs from stakeholders were received in the course of online public consultation. Besides the Cooperation programme also the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia and Ex-ante evaluation of the Cooperation Programme V-A Slovenia-Croatia have been prepared by external experts.

The European Commission has approved the Cooperation programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia on 30 September 2015. The approval was the legal basis for preparing both the Strategic and Open Call for Proposals, which were planned for early 2016. On 9 December 2015 the Kick-off event was organised in Celje to present the Cooperation programme to the broader public and to announce the Open Call.

Activities of the Certifying Authority (TA 2): CA sent three Applications for Payment to the EC in 2015. Representatives of Certifying Authority took part at the Bilateral Technical Meetings, Joint Monitoring Committee meetings and Task Force Meetings. The employees attended the seminar Spring Course on Financial Instruments in Brussels, seminar CA networking in Rome, Management Verifications in Malta, seminar Risk management in Paris, seminar Financial Corrections, Payment Applications and Annual Accounts of ESI Funds 2014-2020 in Berlin and seminar Verification: the tools for making control simple and secure and eMS Network Meeting in Vienna.

In year 2015 expenditure in total amount of 492.849,50 EUR of EU funds incurred under the Technical assistance for activities within TA1 and TA2 as detailed above. For personnel costs 305.127,28 EUR EU funds were spent, under the budget line External service costs 166.316,32 EUR EU funds, for Investment costs 18.422,41 EUR and for administrative costs 2.983,49 EUR were spent in the year 2015. By the end of 2015 2.842.731,42 of EU funds were spent, which represent 69,80% of the planned EU budget for Technical assistance and 6,34% of the EU programme's budget. The expected percentage of absorption for Technical assistance till the end of 2016 (according to the planned activities) is around 90%.

5. INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY MEASURES

In line with Communication plan on information and publicity as defined in Regulation (EC) 1828/2006, Article 4(2)(a) several activities were carried out in 2015:

- The results of the work done on the programme/project level were also shown within the annual event organised by Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy "EU

PROJECT – MY PROJECT” which has been organised within the entire Slovenia area on 19 September 2015 and within the Kick-off event of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for the programme period 2014-2020, which was organised on 9 December 2015 in Celje.

- joint programme website www.si-hr.eu and programme intranet for programme partners were updated continuously,
- promotional products (such as USB sticks, T-shirts, eco shopping bags, cups),
- the mailing list was updated,
- direct e-mail messaging,
- Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) call centre: applicants and beneficiaries were continuously provided with information by phone or e-mail by head of JTS and contract managers,
- press releases were published on the programme’s website.

In line with Regulation (EC) 1828/2006, Article 4(2)(a) and Article 7(2)(d) the list of beneficiaries, the name of the operations and the amount of public funding allocated to the operations are published at the programme’s website www.si-hr.eu.

Indicators for the evaluation of the Communication plan implementation, which shall be used to evaluate the efficiency of the implementation of the Communication plan, are presented in table below.

Indicator	Indicator Type	Unit of Measurement	Initial Value	Value 2015	Total value till the end of 2015 (2008 - 2015)	Target value at the end of programme period
Number of visitors to the website	Indicator of result	visits	0	9.521	67.754	60,000
Number of events performed	Indicator of result	events	0	2	26	8
Number of publications	Indicator of output	editions ⁴	0	0	1 in 1,000 copies	2 in 1,000 copies
Number of mailing list members	Indicator of result	addressee	0	/	797	180
Number of submitted electronic messages with informative contents	Indicator of result	messages	0	6	57	50
Studies	Indicator of result	editions	0	0	1	2

Table 8: Indicators for evaluation of implementing the Communication plan for 2015

⁴ In the communication plan approved by the JMC the term issues is used.

Activities in line with the Communication plan will contribute to all indicators, whereby 4 indicators have already exceeded the programme targets (visitors to the website, events performed, mailing list members and submitted electronic messages). The remaining two indicators will be achieved in 2016 (evaluation will be prepared by external experts and a compendium where all the co-financed projects within the programme will be presented.)

Participation within the event “EU PROJECT – MY PROJECT” organised by Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy on 19 September 2015 on the entire area of Slovenia and the kick-off event of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia organised on 9 December 2015 in Celje also contributed to the following main objectives of the communication plan:

- presentation of the programme and its participants from the viewpoint of their contribution to the development of border regions
- encouraging integration of potential beneficiaries in Croatia and Slovenia to drawing of EU resources from cross-border cooperation
- strengthening awareness on the advantages and good effects from benefiting from EU resources for cross-border cooperation



Photo 1: Presentation of project GREEN4GREY in the frame of the event “EU project – my project”



Photo 2: Kick – off event

6. THE SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE BEGINNING TILL NOW

The European territorial cooperation objective of the 2007-2013 programming period mainly focuses its assistance on the development of cross-border economic, social and environmental activities through joint strategies for sustainable territorial development and reinforcing the effectiveness of regional policies. In the phase of the programming of the respective period, the programme partners have perceived the importance of bilateral projects for regional development and territorial cohesion in the border regions.

Till the end of 2015 83 projects finished with their activities. The results of the implementation of the projects are visible all over the project area.

The 1st priority “Economic and Social Development” focuses on the support to entrepreneurship (20 projects), as well as on the improvement of tourism, rural development (18 projects) and social integration (13 projects). Within this priority 51 projects within the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call are co-financed. The most recognizable programme results are in the field of tourism development linked to entrepreneurship and revitalisation of cultural and natural heritage.

In the cross-border Istria (coastal area with its hinterland, where opportunities rest in tourism) achievements in implementing projects like REVITAS, WELLNESS ISTRA, HERITAGE LIVE, PARENZANA II 365 DNI RIVIERE, MALVASIA TOURISTRA, REVITAS II and PARENZANA MAGIC, demonstrate progress in the field of cross-border tourism destination management as well as revitalising the hinterland of Istria, which has been known as a depopulated area in the past. With the development of new tourist products linked to the existing tourist offer the additional value is provided in the development of joint cross-border tourist offer which includes not only the coastal area but also its hinterland. Local sources were activated, new opportunities provided and local entrepreneurship stimulated. With the aim of revitalising the hinterland of Istria tourist info points have been established on both sides of the border. Traditional tourist events and revitalised cultural heritage will also contribute to a more diverse tourist offer of the area.

All of the mentioned projects will contribute to the establishment of the cross-border rural destination and development of cross border tourist products while also providing visibility for Istria notwithstanding state borders. With sustainable tourism the living conditions for the local population are improved and new opportunities for work are provided.

The 2nd priority “Sustainable management” is supported through activities in the field of environmental protection (17 projects) and activities in the field of preservation of the protected areas (15 projects). Within this priority 32 projects within the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call are co-financed. The main results are visible in the field of environmental protection and preservation of natural and cultural assets. Projects like REMEDISANUS, KUP, DIVA and IMBY have tackled the problems waste disposal and established an efficient monitoring systems, which could also be used as a model examples in other regions. At the

same time public awareness actions relating to waste disposal have been performed which leads to sustainability of project activities.

The programme area demonstrates a high level of biodiversity and landscape variety, which is also reflected through the results of projects like APRO, SOŽITJE, OD VIJEGLAVKE DO SOKA and ZOOB whose main objectives were preservation of biodiversity as well as indigenous vegetal and animal breeds. Projects like ISTRHA HIDRO and ŠKOCJAN RISNJAK have set their main objectives to sustainable trans boundary groundwater resources management while the objectives in project like CLAUSTRA, ROJSTVO EVROPE, EE CULTURE are preservation and sustainable development of the cultural heritage.

In sum, the main achievements of those projects/partnerships are the cooperation, the joint implementation of activities, the exchange of knowledge and experience, all of which might be recorded by: a significant growth in the professional skills of the partners involved in the projects through the refinement and broadening of knowledge and through networking with other professionals and beneficiaries, a growth in the awareness level of possible solutions to regional and local problems and the implementation of those in the programme area.

Last but not least, the main added value of cross-border cooperation which takes up much more time than the establishment of project partnerships or the implementation of investments is the fact that the borders in the minds of the people living in the border area are disappearing. This added value is the hardest to measure but the most valuable of all.

ANNEX 1:**PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES IN 2015**

ACTIVITY	DATE / PLACE	TOPICS
WRITTEN PROCEDURES		
Group of Auditors meeting	29 th January 2015 in Ljubljana	Presentation of the sample of audit of operations in the year 2015 and Annual plan for 2015.
11 th Task Force Meeting	2nd February 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Discussion on modifications and improvements of Draft 4 CP, about section 5 and TA budget. Confirmation of the time frame of actions in February and March 2015.
36 th Written procedure	March 2015	Information regarding the 6 th Annual Control Report for Slovenia – Croatia 2007-2013 programme and approval of project changes of the operations with the acronym MALA ŠOLA PODJETNIKOV, OSIPPPIT, ROJSTVO EVROPE and NAPREDAK approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
12 th Task Force Meeting	25th March 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Presentation of comments received in the public consultations, draft 6 of CP and draft Ex-ante Evaluation and further steps in the process of the submission of the CP in March 2015.
37 th Written procedure	April 2015	Approval of project changes of the operations with the acronym DOBRA VODA ZA VSE, IMBY, HISTUR, approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals and conditionally approved project from the reserve list of the 3rd Call for Proposals with the acronym DE-PARK.
38 th 8 Written procedure	May 2015	Approval of project changes of the conditionally approved project from the reserve list of the 3rd Call for Proposals with the acronym RURAL DESIGN and approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms ŠKOCJAN RISNJAK and OŽIVLJEN KRAS approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
39 th Written procedure	June 2015	Approval of Annual Implementation Report 2014, approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms PUT-UP ISTRE, REVITAS II, pHisCulture, CLAUSTRA, GREEN4GREY, HINT-LAB, KAMEN-MOST and BIOHEATLOCAL approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
26 th Bilateral Technical Meeting (BTM)	9th June 2015 Ljubljana, Slovenia	Information on the programme implementation – information on fund's absorption and review of the reports. Information on monitoring the submitted PP reports with both NAs and NCs and about the priority list of projects in regard to the FLC verification. Decision on both NAs contacting those PP which have not yet submitted their 1s PP Reports (deadline). Reallocation of funds for TA1 between budget lines and from PP2-

		MRDFEU to LP-GODC.
13th Task Force Meeting	9 th June 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Discussion on the Open Call (timetable, selection process and selection criteria), discussion on the eligibility of expenditure including for strategic projects, guidelines for establishing of the Monitoring Committee for INTERREG V-A SI-HR 2014-2020 and open issues regarding strategic projects within Priority Axis 1.
40th Written procedure	July 2015	Approval of changes to the Technical Assistance 1 project sheet, approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms LOL, REVITAS II and EE Culture approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
27th Bilateral Technical Meeting (BTM)	15 th July 2015 in Zagreb, Croatia	Information on the programme implementation – information on fund’s absorption, priority list of the projects in regard to the FLC verification.
14th Task Force Meeting	14 th and 15 th July 2015 in Zagreb, Croatia	Presentation and discussion on responses to European Commission (EC) observations on CP SI-HR 2014-2020, discussion on the eligibility of expenditure and on the Open Call (timetable, selection process and selection criteria), open issues regarding strategic projects within Priority Axis 1, rules of Procedure of Monitoring Committee (MC) and decision regarding the timetable of employment of Joint Secretariat (JS).
41st Written procedure	August 2015	Approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms PARENZANA MAGIC, IMBY and MALA BARKA approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
42nd Written procedure	September 2015	Information on the amended Annual Implementation Report 2014 and approval of project changes of the operations with the acronyms PARENZANA MAGIC and MALA BARKA, approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals, and conditionally approved project from the reserve list of the 3rd Call for Proposals with the acronym CLOUD.
Group of Auditors (GoA) meeting	1 st September 2015 in Ljubljana	Open questions regarding the audit activities in the PP 2014 -2020 and the presentation of the findings and irregularities detected during the audit of operations in the year 2015.
Annual event of the programme “EU PROJECT – MY PROJECT”	19 th September 2015, entire area of Slovenia	Presentation of the programme and the results of the project GREEN4GREY.
15th Task Force Meeting	12 th and 13 th October 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Discussion on the Open Call (Call, Manual, Application Form with Annexes), selection process and selection criteria for strategic projects within Priority Axis 1, Complaint Procedure, Programme logo and Communication Strategy, Guidelines on State Aid, Rules of Procedure of Monitoring Committee and Timetable of employment of JS.

28th Bilateral Technical Meeting (BTM)	13th October 2015 Ljubljana, Slovenia	Information on the programme implementation – information on fund’s absorption, priority list of the projects in regard to the FLC verification and human resource issues. Information on the organization of the JMC meeting and annual event.
43rd Written procedure	November 2015	Information regarding operation with the acronym CLOUD, conditionally approved under the 3rd Call for proposal, and approval of project changes of the operation with the acronym REVITAS II, approved under the 3rd Call for Proposals.
10th JMC Meeting	30th November 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia	Information on the programme implementation, absorption of ERDF funds, state of play of projects from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call for Proposals and on the rejection of the project REUSE. Information on the implementation of the co-financed project with acronyms PORETEKS, EE Culture, RIDE&BIKE, and on the New Financial Perspective 2014-2020.
Kick - off event in the frame of Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia	9 th December in Celje, Slovenia	Presentation of the projects Parenzana, Viri življenja and Zaščita in reševanje.

ANNEX 2: CATEGORISATION OF FUNDS FOR THE 1st, 2nd AND THE 3rd CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Dim. Cod.	Dimension title	Estimation of total Community Amount in OP		Allocated Community amounts ⁵ – committed funds		Allocated projects
		EUR	%	EUR	%	
01	R&TD activities in research centres	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
03	Technology transfer and improvement of cooperation networks ...	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
04	Assistance to R&TD, particularly in SMEs (including access to R&TD services in research centres)	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
06	Assistance to SMEs for the promotion of environmentally-friendly products and production processes (...)	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
09	Other measures to stimulate research and innovation and entrepreneurship in SMEs	1,865.621	4,17%	3.821.121,09	8,53%	SPRINT, FIDES, INTERINO, IROVE, POM, CREATIVE START UP, SPIRIT, EnterYOUTH, MARATON,
11	Information and communication technologies	1,865.621	4,17%	229.646,47	0,51%	EDU-PRENEUR,
13	Services and applications for citizens (e-health, e-government, e-learning, e-inclusion, etc.)	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
14	Services and applications for SMEs (e-commerce, education and training, networking, etc.)	1,865.621	4,17%	2.592.071,10	5,79%	SLOHRA GLOBALNET, SOCPD, MLADIEKOIN, BIOREGIO, CrossBench, OSIPPIT, MALA ŠOLA PODJETNIKOV SI-HR, INOVALOCA, SLOHRASOCIONET
15	Other measures for improving access to and efficient use of ICT by SMEs	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
24	Cycle tracks	1,865.621	4,17%	2.785.381,73	6,22%	PARENZANA II, MURA – DRAVA.BIKE, PARENZANA MAGIC, RIDE&BIKE
39	Renewable energy: wind	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
40	Renewable energy: solar	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/

⁵ Contracted amounts of the projects from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Call

42	Renewable energy: hydroelectric, geothermal and other	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
43	Energy efficiency, co-generation, energy management	1,865.621	4,17%	2.296.854,05	5,13%	VARČUJ, STOPCO2, EupeR, BIOHEATLOCAL, EE CULTURE
46	Water treatment (waste water)	1,865.621	4,17%	1.903.011,17	4,25%	48 UR, OHS – OKP, PIJMO ISTO VODO,
47	Air quality	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
48	Integrated prevention and pollution control	1,865.621	4,17%	2.709.214,01	6,05%	ONS, DIVA, IMBY,
51	Promotion of biodiversity and nature protection (including Natura 2000)	1,865.621	4,17%	1.834.643,54	4,10%	OD VIJEGLAVKE DO SOKA, ZOOB, SOŽITJE, LOL, LOKNA
54	Other measures to preserve the environment and prevent risks	1,865.621	4,17%	4.808.003,35	10,74%	Z GLAVO ZA NARAVO, KUP, VIRI ŽIVLJENJA, REMEDISANUS, DOBRA VODA ZA VSE, ISTRA-HIDRO ŽIVO!, Škocjan-Risnjak,
56	Protection and development of natural heritage	1,865.621	4,17%	4.233.050,73,	9,45%	WELLNESS 3 Plus, ROKIC DROM, POT MEDIČARSTVA IN LECTARSTVA, HERITAGE LIVE, MARIJINA ROMARSKA POT, WELLNESS ISTRA, BRODARJI IDEJ OB MURI, KULT PRO, OŽIVLJEN KRAS, RAST ISTRE, HISTUR, SPOZNAJMO IN UŽIVAJMO,
61	Integrated projects for urban and rural regeneration	1,865.621	4,17%	11.848.189,03	26,46%	CURS COLAPIS, REVITAS, EKOMUZEJ MURA, PEDOTUR, 365 DNI RIVIERE, APRO, PREBUJENA KULTURNA DEDIŠČINA, REVITAS II, ZELENO PODEŽELJE, NAPREDAK, KAMEN-MOST, Malvasia Touristra, HINT-LAB, ROJSTVO EVROPE, GREEN4GREY, CLAUSTRA, pHisCulture, DE-PARK, MALA BARKA, PUT-UP ISTRE, RURAL DESIGN, ŠPORT AKT
62	Development of life-long learning systems and strategies in firms; training and services for employees ...	1,865.621	4,17%	755.553,96	1,69%	BERI, IGRAJ SE!, PORETEKS, IRIS,
80	Promoting the partnerships, pacts and initiatives through the networking of relevant stakeholders	1,865.621	4,17%	3.273.001,45	7,31%	PTO, NEW MEDIA CROSS BORDER, CITY VOLUNTEERS, OMNPM/DMNPG, 3M Mura – Media –

						Minority, MEDGEN BORZA, INKUB, CLOUD, ZAŠČITA IN REŠEVANJE, ROK4
86	Evaluation and studies; information and communication	1,865.621	4,17%	/	/	/
	TOTAL	44.774.910	100%	43.089.741,68	96,24%	