

Interreg - IPA CBC
Romania - Serbia



in the context of
Romania-Serbia Interreg IPA CBC Programme

Why is Capitalization important?

- ❖ Increase the **visibility** of your projects, your programme and EU funds **impact** (Interreg) in the border region;
- ❖ **Help future projects:** generate project ideas, give them the already available studies and documents that can help them in designing their project idea and ensure a successful implementation. Projects can built on other projects knowledge and experience;
- ❖ **Better networking** by **sharing** specific expertise, **transfer** targeted results and relevant knowledge on thematic fields to a large number of stakeholders;
- ❖ **Projects** can increase their **quality, sustainability and durability** of their results;

Embedding capitalization into programming

The programming process was launched in October 2018 by gathering statistical data at the level of the programme area and by the identification of the relevant local and regional strategies to be addressed in the next programming period.

The programming process continued by *developing the instruments needed for capitalization at the level of the programme* (database with the outputs and results of the financed projects in 2007-2013 and 2014-2020, aggregation of all studies and strategies financed in the previous programming periods on which further investments could be realized and outstanding projects' results which could be replicated and further built in the border area).

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- **2019** was dedicated to drafting the territorial analysis and stakeholders meetings and surveys.
- Even though the programme used capitalization tools to a certain extent for the 2014-2020 projects, **in January 2019 the JMC approved the use of capitalisation as a programme management instrument**, based on the fact that the programme should start capitalising so that future projects would have access to successful results, knowledge and expertise. From this perspective, the Programme is able also to promote achievements and demonstrate the added-value of cooperation.
- **A team of MA, NA and JS representatives was formed in order to deal with capitalization, with clear tasks and deadlines.**

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In **January 2020**, the Joint Working Group validated the results of the surveys and the Policy objectives and the specific objectives to be included in the Programme were selected.

In **July 2020**, the Joint Working Group for Programming approved the **first draft version of the Programme**, which was afterwards published on the programme website for public consultation **until 1st of September 2020**.

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In **October 2020**, after publishing the **second version of the draft OP**, a series of **online thematic events - clusters** (tourism, culture, health, environment and emergency situations) were organized.

These 4 thematic online workshops were aimed at **establishing new partnerships, generate project ideas and disseminate outputs and results from the projects already financed** by the Interreg - IPA Cross-border Cooperation Romania-Serbia Programme.

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Before the event, participants were encouraged to read the draft Programme available on the programme website, in preparation for dynamic discussions to have a starting point for their project ideas.

During the event presentations of past success stories were delivered and the participants had the opportunity to ask questions on specific programme implementation or regarding the future programming period.

Capitalization tools

❖ On the programme website, under the **Programming section**, a new sub-section **“Capitalization”**

http://www.romania-serbia.net/?page_id=3890, from where the results of projects **financed in the current programming period** can be downloaded (studies, training materials, etc.);

❖ On the programme website, under the **Projects section** http://www.romania-serbia.net/?page_id=218, the projects financed in both programming periods 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 have a fiche where the following information is available: project partners and contact details, project budget and activities, results achieved.

Embedding capitalization into projects

AWARENESS: make sure your projects understand the **need and benefits** of capitalization. They don't provide only "input" for the process but are also beneficiaries.

BENEFITS:

- generate **knowledge, results and outputs** that should be promoted and re-used;
- demonstrate the **added-value** of cross-border cooperation;
- more **visibility** of their actions, hence increased **impact** in the border area of their project;

Embedding capitalization into projects

Application Form 2014-2020 - special section for *“Durability of project outputs and results”*:

- ❖ How will the project ensure that project outputs and results have a lasting effect beyond project duration?
- ❖ Please describe concrete measures (including institutional structures, financial resources etc.) taken during and after project implementation to ensure and/or strengthen the durability of the project outputs and results.
- ❖ If relevant, explain who will be responsible and/or who will be the owner of results and outputs.

Make sure that projects results are not only transferred but also re-used.

Embedding capitalization into projects

Application Form 2014-2020 - special section for **“Transferability of project outputs and results”**:

- ❖ How will the project ensure that project outputs and results are applicable and replicable by other organisations/ regions/ countries outside of the current partnership?
- ❖ Please describe to what extent it will be possible to transfer the outputs and results to other organisations/ regions/ countries outside of the current partnership.

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Embedding capitalization into projects

- **Project assessment 2014-2020** (questions in the assessment grid): *Is the project planning to have synergies (complementarities) with implemented/ongoing projects (if relevant) carried out under this programme (or other EU-funded programmes)?*
- **Monitoring** procedures - tailored in such a way to enable reflecting the durability and transferability, during the implementation and sustainability period of the project.
- In the **sustainability report** information regarding: durability of project outputs and results and measures taken and problems which have affected the project sustainability



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