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CITIZEN'S SUMMARY 2018

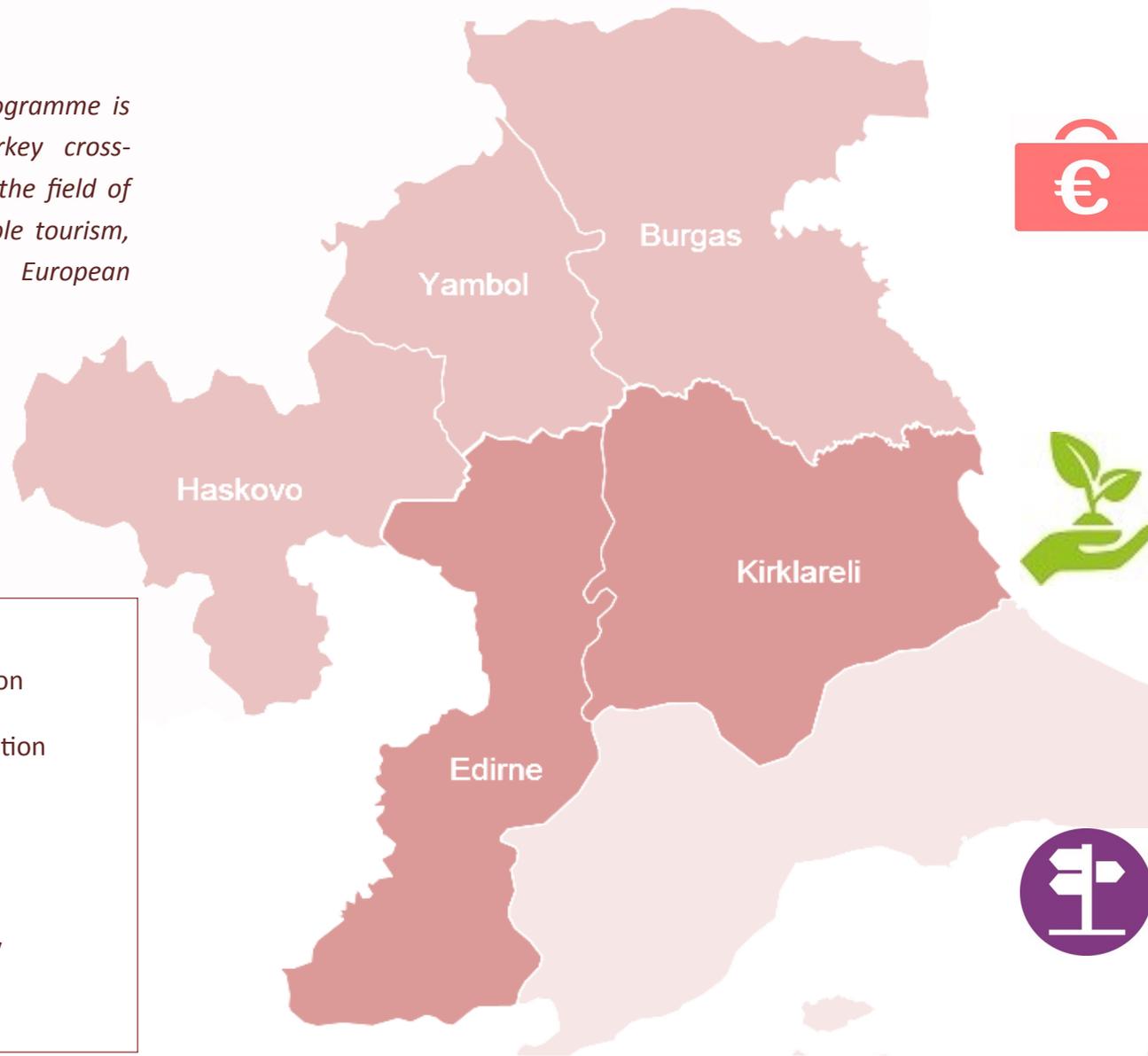




The Summary aims to describe in a concise and informal language the main achievements of the Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria-Turkey Programme 2014 – 2020 in year 2018

Programme goal

The overall objective of the Programme is strengthening the Bulgaria-Turkey cross-border cooperation capacity in the field of nature protection and sustainable tourism, leading to enhancement of European territorial cohesion.



29 642 896



PA 1: Environment

Preventing the consequences of natural and man-made disasters, improving the capacity for nature protection and sustainable use of common natural resources



PA 2. Sustainable Tourism

Increasing touristic attractiveness, tourism potential and networking for development of sustainable tourism

Summary's topics

- Brief Programme description
- The First Call - Implementation
- Launch of the Second call
- Main events in 2018
- European Cooperation Day
- Publicity



FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS - IMPLEMENTATION



Budget of contracts

9 992 285

Financed projects | 43



Investment | 16

Soft | 27

completed | 27

active | 16

Partners



From Bulgaria | 45
(31 LPs)

From Turkey | 31
(12 LPs)



PA 1. Environment

16 projects

5 437 525 €

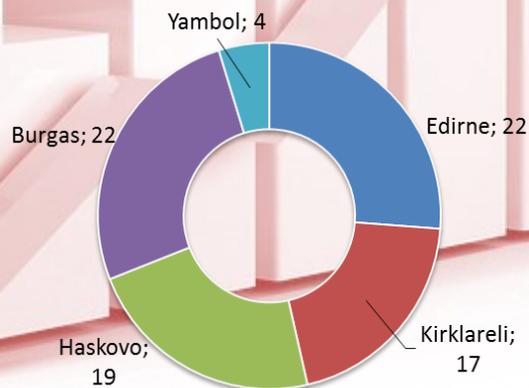


PA2. Sustainable Tourism

27 projects

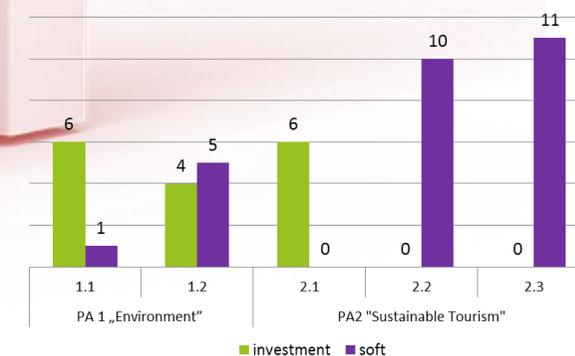
4 554 760 €

By districts/provinces



By municipalities

Turkey		Bulgaria	
Demirkoy	2	Aytos	2
Edirne	11	Bolyarovo	1
Enez	2	Burgas	13
Kesan	2	Dimitrovgrad	3
Kirklareli	11	Harmanli	2
Kofchaz	1	Haskovo	6
Merich	2	Ivaylovgrad	1
Luleburgaz	1	Madzharovo	1
Pinarhisar	1	Malko Tarnovo	1
Suloglu	2	Nesebar	1
Uzunkopru	3	Pomorie	1
Vize	1	Primorsko	1
		Svilengrad	2
		Sredetz	1
		Sungurlare	1
		Tzarevo	1
		Topolovgrad	4
		Tundzha	1
		Yambol	2





LAUNCH OF THE SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Scope

The Call was open to project proposals under all 5 specific objectives under the 2 priority axes.

Promotional activities

The Call was promoted in the regional newspapers in both countries, as well as on radio, numerous websites, through social media, and at 5 public events known as "Info days" and the very popular "Partner Search Forum".

The Administrative Compliance and Eligibility Check of all 130 submitted project proposals was performed during the period 24 April - 20 June 2018. In total 86 project proposals passed successfully to the next stage.

The Technical and Quality Check was performed during the period 5 September - 31 October 2018. 71 project proposals received at least 65 points on the quality assessment.

The contracts are expected to be signed until the middle of 2019. The list of all projects approved for financing is uploaded on the Programme's website.



10 January 2018

11 April 2018



Total amount of the call

15 650 351

Submitted project proposal

130



Proposed for financing

42

Soft 18

24 Investment

PA 1. Environment

26 projects

6 700 544 €



PA2. Sustainable Tourism

16 projects

6 139 121 €



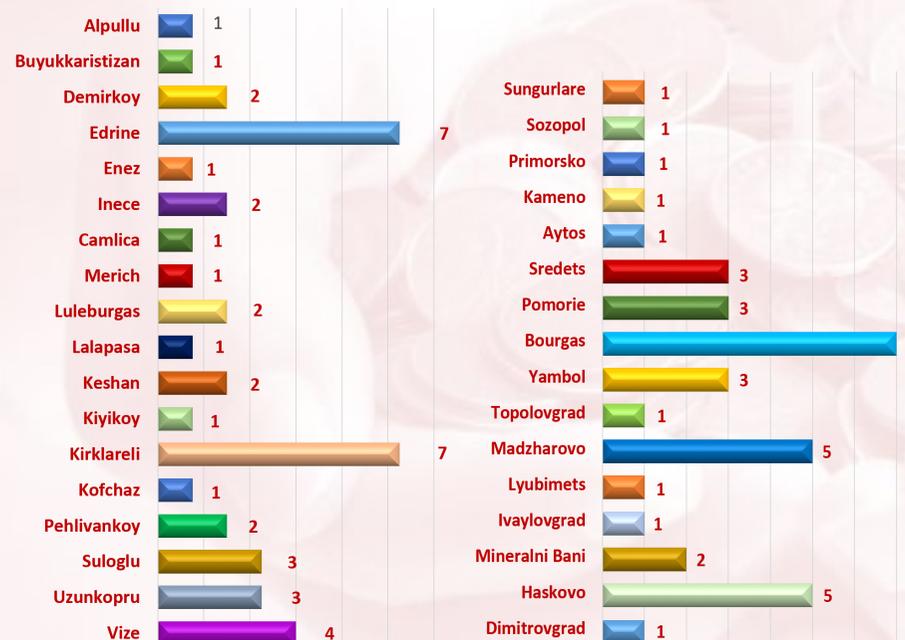
Partners

From Bulgaria
(29 LPs)

40

From Turkey
(13 LPs)

42



EVENTS ORGANISED IN 2018

Joint Monitoring Committee meetings

During the 4th JMC meeting on January 9th, 2018 in Edirne was presented the actual implementation of the Programme, as well as the progress of the closure of IPA the period 2007-2013. The members of the Committee discussed and approved the Guidelines for Applicants and the Assessment Rules of the Second Call for project proposals under the Programme 2014-2020.



During the 5th JMC meeting on December 13th 2018 in Pomorie, Bulgaria the evaluation results of the Second Call for Proposals were presented. The members of the Joint Monitoring Committee approved the list of projects proposed for funding under the Call.

Campaign for information and support of applicants

Four informational days and seminars under the Second call were held in February 2018 in **Haskovo, Yambol, Burgas, Kirklareli**.

The topics presented were general overview of the Second Call, partnership and cooperation, preparation of project proposal, application and electronic submission.



280 participants from various organizations and institutions from the cross-border region (representatives of regional and local administration, branch organizations, educational, cultural and health institutions, nature parks, NGOs and other) participated in the **Partner Search Forum** held on the on 22 February 2018 in Edirne, Republic of Turkey.



EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY 2018



The European Cooperation Day celebrated this year its 7th edition under the slogan of the present edition reads, "Painting our future together".



Two events with a video connection between the two kindergartens was carried out. Musical greetings presented by the young singers and dancers from Burgas and Edirne merged the two festivals into one and demonstrated that there are no borders for the friendship.



This year the celebration took place in Kindergarten № 6 "Valshebstvo", Burgas, Bulgaria and Kindergarten Nilufer Hatun, Edirne, Turkey on the 21st September.



INTERREG e-book "Connecting Cultures, Connected Citizens"

Inspiring examples of INTERREG cultural heritage projects in the framework of the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage

Connecting Cultures, Connected Citizens

OUR HERITAGE: WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE

INTERACT | European Commission | THE EUROPEAN UNION

Two of our cultural heritage projects are presented in INTERREG e-book "Connecting Cultures, Connected Citizens", prepared by European Commission and Interact Programme

Project CB005.1.22.046 "Development and promotion of gourmet and wine tourism in the cross-border region of Bulgaria and Turkey" - **TransGourmeTour**

Project CB005.1.21.139 "Common cultural and historical heritage beyond the borders" - **TOGETHER**



Experience traditions, meet new people, and share cultural heritage!

TransGourmeTour

The TransGourmeTour is promoting gourmet and wine tourism in both Bulgaria and Turkey to enhance cultural and economic development. Activities include the creation of a database of top gourmet and wine destinations in the Haskovo district in Bulgaria and Edirne province in Turkey. In addition, two culinary exhibitions have already taken place, featuring local hotels, restaurants, wine cellar, dairies, bakeries, food markets, and farms. A website and mobile application are also being developed under the project.

- € 0.07 million
- €U 0.06 million
- 3 partners
- 01.08.2017 - 31.07.2018

Yambol (Bulgaria) | Burgas (Bulgaria) | Haskovo (Bulgaria) | Kırklareli (Turkey) | Edirne (Turkey)

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The booklet presents some of the most interesting and exciting Interreg projects that have received the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 label.

Some of the initiatives financed from the European Regional Development Fund, including the Interreg programmes, constitute some of the prime examples of how the European Union can help to better protect, safeguard, reuse, enhance, valorise and promote our cultural heritage.

The project is special as it has given us the chance to preserve and promote two historic monuments through traditional and digital means. It also promotes the region as a tourist destination and improves access to cultural and historical landmarks.

TOGETHER

Two cultural institutions on both sides of the Bulgarian-Turkish border have teamed up to position their most valuable cultural historical sites - Late Antiquity Fortress Aquae Calidae and Medsaval Rock Monastery St. Nicholas - as viable tourism products. Activities include conserving and restoring archaeological remains at Aquae Calidae and building a road to the Rock Monastery. The project is also digitizing cultural treasures, while at the same time making them physically accessible, avoiding any further threats to their preservation.

- € 0.49 million
- €U 0.41 million
- 2 partners
- 21.03.2017 - 20.03.2019

Burgas (Bulgaria) | Kırklareli (Turkey)

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PUBLICITY

<http://www.ipacbc-bgtr.eu>

visits

50 042 times

28 309 visitors

28 036 new visitors



116 video materials



435 subscribers



159 connections



112 followers



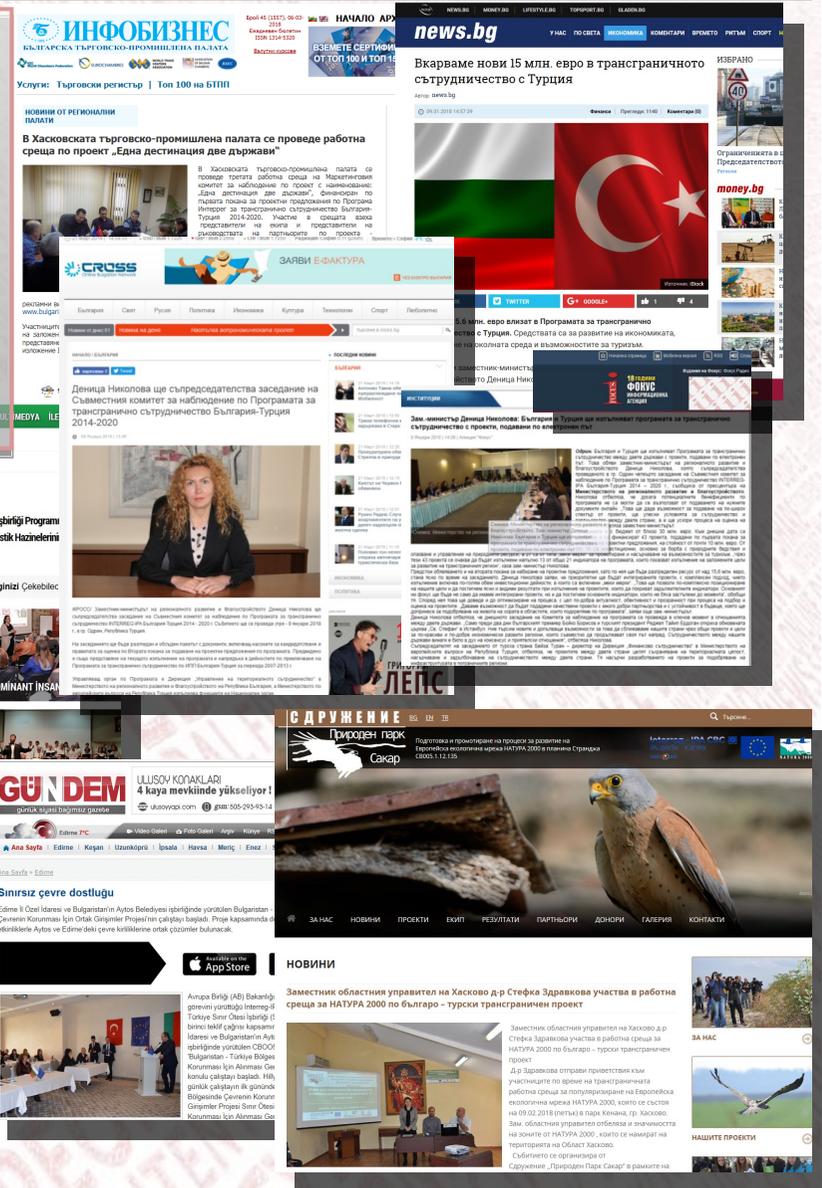
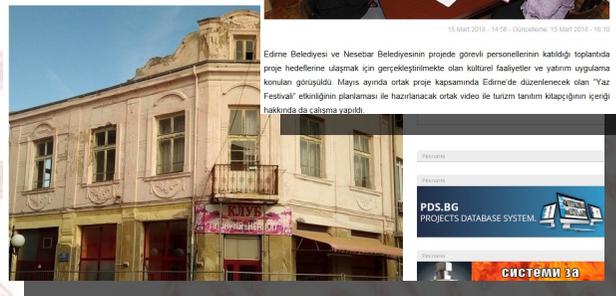
Beneficiary Portal



electronic submission of project proposal under the Second Call

Press releases were distributed to national, regional and local media before and after the programme events and initiatives.

During the Second Call for Proposals, one audio spot was broadcasted on radio stations aiming to promote the Programme and to inform the general public and potential beneficiaries about the possibility for submission of projects proposals under the Second call.





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