

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and
Informatization of the Slovak Republic as the Managing
Authority of the Programme
Interreg Slovakia-Austria 2021-2027

launches **Call for proposals**

Call information	
Call title	Call for proposals no. INTERREG SK-AT/2023/3_social
Call code	INTERREG SK-AT/2023/3_social
Priority	3. A more social SK-AT border region
Specific objective	<p>3.1 Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training</p> <p>3.2 Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care</p> <p>3.3 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation</p>
Amount of funds to be absorbed in the Call (EU source)	21 161 592,- €
State aid scheme / De minimis aid scheme (if applicable)	N/A

Brief objective of the Call

Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training through:

- ❖ developing joint strategies and implementing joint solutions including small-scale investments to foster cooperation in the field of education;
- ❖ know-how exchange and training of relevant stakeholders actively involved in educational process.

Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care through:

- ❖ developing and implementing cross-border strategies and action plans to strengthen cooperation of health care and social services providers;
- ❖ implementing solutions including small-scale investments to facilitate cross-border cooperation in provision of health care and social services.

Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation through:

- ❖ developing and implementing cross-border strategies and action plans for sustainable tourism development;
- ❖ implementing joint solutions including small-scale investments in natural and cultural heritage sites and joint tourism services;
- ❖ investments in infrastructure to enhance accessibility of cross-border regions and sites to citizens and tourists.

Eligible applicants are legal persons of any legal form, with the exception of political parties and political movements.

Timeframe of the Call

Type of the Call	open
Date of launch of the Call	30.06.2023
Deadline for the submission of project applications within current assessment round	30.09.2023

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Closure date of the Call or other fact based on which the Call will be closed	until the financial allocation is absorbed ¹
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Project's financing																																				
Co-financing rate (aid intensity)	<p>Maximum 80% co-financing per EU source.</p> <p>Grant from national budget/national sources: For project partners from the Slovak Republic - the maximum rate of co-financing from the state budget is set by the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST and ENRAF Financing Strategy for the programming period 2021-2027 Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (mfsr.sk)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" rowspan="2">Source of financing \ Category of recipient</th> <th>selected government entities</th> <th>other entities outside state aid and de minimis aid schemes</th> <th>entities receiving State aid (block exemptions)²</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>EU source</td> <td>ERDF</td> <td>80,00 %</td> <td>80,00 %</td> <td>EU source</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">National source</td> <td>State budget</td> <td>20,00 %</td> <td>12,00 %</td> <td>National source</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recipient</td> <td>0,00 %</td> <td>8,00 %</td> <td>20,00 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total eligible expenditure</td> <td>Total</td> <td>100,00 %</td> <td>100,00 %</td> <td>Total eligible expenditure</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For project partners from Austria - the rate of co-financing from national sources is not generally pre-defined</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Applicant</th> <th>ERDF grant</th> <th>National co-financing grant</th> <th>Co-financing from the beneficiary's resources</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Public institutions and organisations</td> <td>max 80 %</td> <td colspan="2">min. 20 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Applicant's/project partner's resources: The minimum amount of co-financing from the applicant's resources is determined by the difference between the total project expenditure and the EU and state budget/national resources.</p>				Source of financing \ Category of recipient		selected government entities	other entities outside state aid and de minimis aid schemes	entities receiving State aid (block exemptions) ²	EU source	ERDF	80,00 %	80,00 %	EU source	National source	State budget	20,00 %	12,00 %	National source	Recipient	0,00 %	8,00 %	20,00 %	Total eligible expenditure	Total	100,00 %	100,00 %	Total eligible expenditure	Applicant	ERDF grant	National co-financing grant	Co-financing from the beneficiary's resources	Public institutions and organisations	max 80 %	min. 20 %	
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¹ The Managing Authority (hereinafter referred to as "MA") shall indicate the available amount of funds on the Programme's website within 60 calendar days after the Monitoring Committee meeting for the previous round. If the MA plans to close the Call due to the forthcoming absorption of the allocation, this information shall be published on the Programme's website. The closure of the Call will be published at the latest one month before the expected closure of the Call.

² Applicable for project partners from both Slovakia and Austria.

Eligibility criteria and additional information on ERDF grant

Eligibility criteria and additional information on ERDF grant are stated in the tables 1 and 2 of the *part VI of the Project Implementation Manual – Assessment and selection* (annex 2 of this Call).

Submission of the project application

Method of submission	Electronically via ITMS2014+ It is necessary to follow the instructions in Annex V.1 - Guidance for submission of project application in ITMS2014+ , which is an annex to the <i>part V of the Project Implementation Manual – Application and project submission</i> .
Place of submission	https://www.itms2014.sk and also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in case of Lead partner from Slovakia, via the electronic mailbox (slovensko.sk) - in case of Lead partner from Austria, signed scan is sent through the public part of ITMS2014+ via the function "Outgoing Communication"

Estimated timeframe for issuing the decision on the project application

Further details on the Monitoring Committee meeting will be published on the Programme's website in due time.

The Monitoring Committee meeting, at which decisions on the project applications submitted within the **1st assessment round** will be taken, is scheduled to be held on **5th-6th December 2023**.

The indicative deadline for the submission of project applications within **2nd assessment round** is **31st January 2024**.

All important dates and deadlines will be published and regularly updated on the Programme's website.

Other specifications with regard to Call

Within this Call for proposals, the following specification applies:

- If the project partner opts to calculate staff costs as an hourly rate (see chapter 3.2.3.b of *Part III of the Project Implementation Manual – Eligibility of expenditure*), the calculated hourly rates will be subject to indexation in accordance with the rules set out by the Programme and published on Programme's website.

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Information on the preparation of the project application	
Contact details and method of communication	<p>All information on the Call can be found on the Programme's website: https://www.sk-at.eu/.</p> <p>Communication with the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat in Bratislava about the Call is possible via e-mail: sk-at@mirri.gov.sk.</p> <p>Communication for Austrian partners with the Joint Secretariat in Vienna is possible via e-mail: office@sk-at.eu.</p> <p>Information activities (seminars, consultations, etc.) for potential applicants on the Call will take place continuously during the Call.</p> <p>The specific date and venue of the information activity will be published well in advance on the Programme's website.</p>

Information about the synergic and complementary effects of the Call	
Synergic and complementary effects	<p>Synergic and complementary effects are identified in the annex 1 of this Call.</p>

Amendment and cancellation of the Call	
Amendment and cancellation	<p>The Managing Authority will inform about any amendment or cancellation of the Call via the Programme's website. Applicants are obliged to follow the most up-to-date version of the Project Implementation Manual, therefore the Managing Authority recommends that applicants follow the Programme's website for any changes concerning the Call.</p>

Annexes to the Call	
1. Information about the synergic and complementary effects	
2. PIM - Project Implementation Manual (parts I - VI) with annexes	