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Eligible counties from Romania:

- Suceava
- Botoşani
- Satu-Mare
- Maramureş
- Tulcea

Eligible oblasts from Ukraine:

- Zakarpattia
- Ivano-Frankivsk
- Odesa
- Chernivtsi

Out of the 3 priorities of the Programme, only Priority 2 will be open under this call for the submission of regular projects:

**Priority 2 - Social Development Across Borders**

**SO 2.1:** 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;

**SO 2.2:** Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community- based care.

This call allows for participation of **partners registered outside the Programme area** only if the following conditions are met cumulatively:

- The project addresses Priority 2, **Specific Objective 2.1**;
- The activities to be performed by the partner located outside the programme area are implemented directly or with the support of their **offices/ branches in the Programme area** or for the benefit of the Programme area.

## INTERREG ROMÂNIA-UCRAINA

### RO-UA

The present call addresses only **regular projects**, with an investment component of minimum 500,000 EUR per project.

**No limitations** are set for an organization to participate in several projects submitted under the present call for proposals.

### Budget

EU contribution that may be requested:

1,000,000 - 1,400,000 EURO (regardless of the specific objective)

Co-finance: at least 10%

### Deadline & Call for proposals

04.12.2023 (16:00, Romanian time)

<https://ro-ua.net/ro/2021-2027>

<https://ro-ua.net/en/funding/calls-for-proposals>

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### Eligible counties from Romania:

- Satu Mare
- Bihor
- Arad
- Timiș

### Eligible counties from Hungary:

- Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg
- Hajdú-Bihar
- Békés
- Csongrád-Csanád

### Priorities and specific objectives:

#### 1. Cooperation for a green and more resilient cross-border area between Romania and Hungary

- Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive;
- Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience considering eco-system-based approaches;
- Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution.

#### 2. Cooperation for a more social and cohesive PA between Romania and Hungary

- 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;
- Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation.

#### 3. A more sustainable, community-based, and effective cross-border cooperation

- Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions.

## INTERREG ROMÂNIA-UNGARIA

RO-HU

At least one Project Applicant on each side of the border.

One applicant can submit an unlimited number of project proposals, but can only be selected for funding in **max. 5 projects (leader/partner)**.

### Budget

Priority 1, Priority 2: 250,000 – 2,000,000 EUR  
(for each specific objective)

Priority 3: 50,000 – 200,000 EUR

Co-finance: 2% (partner's own contribution)

### Deadline & Call for proposals

SOFT projects (not including infrastructure):  
27.09.2023 (24:00 EET)

HARD projects (including infrastructure):  
27.12.2023 (24:00 EET)

<https://interreg-rohu.eu/en/apply-en/>

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This call for proposals supports activities that help to foster democracy, inclusion and democratic participation in the EU. These are activities that include, for example:

- (i) promoting societal engagement through debates, campaigns, awarenessraising, conferences, workshops etc. on the themes relevant to call priorities and providing a link to the European political agenda and policy making process;
- (ii) gathering the opinions of individuals through a bottom-up approach (including use of social networks, webinars etc.) and media literacy;
- (iii) promoting exchanges between EU citizens on EU-related topics to foster a better understanding of different perspectives; and
- (iv) identifying possible solutions and recommendations to be submitted to the relevant local political authorities and decision makers.

**Project duration: 12-24 months**

## Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

### CERV-2023-CITIZENS-CIV

Projects must be transnational.

The application must involve at least two applicants from two different eligible countries.

### Budget

~ 25.400.000 EUR

The EU grant applied for cannot be lower than 75.000 EUR.

Maximum grant amount: No limit.

Lump sum grants.

### Deadline & Call for proposals

5 September 2023 (17:00 Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/4phxrp3n>

<https://tinyurl.com/nhj7uvd3>

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### LIFE-2023-PLP-NAT-ENV

#### Activities

1. Facilitating knowledge sharing & good implementation practices for implementation of the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free products – 36 months, funding rate 90% (max. EU contribution: 0.9 million EUR)
2. An EU system to assess management effectiveness of Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas (EU-PAME)
3. Training for a better management of Natura 2000 sites and restoration of nature
4. Overcoming the coordination barriers to implement nature-based water retention options
5. Developing guidance on crop-specific rules for pest management (research institutions) - 18 months, funding rate 90% (max. EU contribution: 2 million EUR)
6. Designing closed loop recycling cycles for tyres for mitigating the impacts of the restriction for the use of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in rubber in-fill materials (technological universities, research bodies) - 18-24 months
7. Validating New Approach Test Methods for replacing animals in testing and science
8. Promoting and monitoring the Safe and Sustainable by Design framework uptake (research institutes, universities) - 18 months, funding rate: 90% (max. EU contribution: 1 million EUR)
9. Implementation of the Mediterranean Emission Control Areas for sulphur oxides and to support a similar process starting in the Atlantic

**Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)**

**LIFE-2023-PLP**

A maximum of 1 grant is expected to be awarded per specific project.

**Budget**

~ 10.100.000 EUR (9 projects)

Activity 1 – EU contribution: 0.9 million EUR  
Activity 5 – EU contribution: 2 million EUR  
Activity 6 – EU contribution: 1 million EUR  
Activity 8 – EU contribution: 1 million EUR  
Funding rate: 90%

**Deadline & Call for proposals**

7 September 2023 (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/2s3wvm9w>

<https://tinyurl.com/5bzwvjec>

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### **LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-CCM - Climate Change Mitigation**

#### Areas of intervention

- Actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the sectors not covered by the EU Emissions Trading System<sup>6</sup>, including the reduction of use of fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone-depleting substances
- Actions which enhance the functioning of the existing EU Emissions Trading System and which have an impact on energy and greenhouse gas intensive industrial production
- Increase the generation and use of renewable energy and improvement of energy efficiency

### **LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-CCA - Climate Change Adaptation**

#### Areas of intervention

- Adaptation policy development, and adaptation strategies and plans
- Adapting cities and regions to climate change
- Climate-proofing and resilience of infrastructure and buildings
- Adaptation solutions for farmers, forest managers, Natura 2000 managers and other land managers
- Financial instruments, innovative solutions and public private collaboration on insurance and loss data

### **LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-GOV - Climate Governance and Information**

#### Areas of intervention

- Awareness-raising activities addressing adaptation and mitigation needs
- Greenhouse gas emission monitoring and reporting
- Implementation/further development of national 2030 climate and energy strategies and plans and/or long-term strategies
- Development and implementation of greenhouse gas accounting and climate change mitigation in the land use sector
- Climate policy monitoring, assessment and ex-post evaluation

## Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)

### LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Standard Action Projects (SAP)

### Budget

**LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-CCM**- 30.000.000 EUR (14 projects)

**LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-CCA**- 30.000.000 EUR (14 projects)

**LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-GOV**- 6.350.000 EUR (5 projects)

Funding rate: max. 60%

### Deadline & Call for proposals

21 September 2023 (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/2uz7spfs>

<https://tinyurl.com/mtxu6hw4>

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## **LIFE-2023-SAP-NAT-GOV**

Activities that can be funded:

- Promoting good practices, supporting implementation, organising trainings, educational, academic programmes, etc. to ensure effective compliance assurance, public participation and access to justice in nature and biodiversity policy and legislation-related matters amongst the public

## **LIFE-2023-SAP-NAT-NATURE**

Projects should fall under at least one of the two areas of intervention:

- Intervention area: "Space for Nature"
- Intervention area: "Safeguarding our species"

### **Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)**

#### **LIFE-2023-SAP-NAT**

#### **Budget**

**LIFE-2023-SAP-NAT-GOV:**  
3.400.000 EUR (2 projects)

**LIFE-2023-SAP-NAT-NATURE:**  
145.000.000 EUR (30 projects)

Funding rate – 60%

67% for 'projects targeting priority and non-priority habitats/species'

75% for 'projects targeting exclusively priority habitats/species'

#### **Deadline & Call for proposals**

6 Septemebr (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/4wycmxh9>

<https://tinyurl.com/59hkmvw8>

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### LIFE-2023-SAP-ENV-GOV

The specific objective is to cover one or more of the following topics (the description is further detailed in the sections afterwards):

1. Activities in support of public administrations' decision-making and voluntary approaches
2. Environmental compliance assurance and access to justice
3. Behavioral change and awareness-raising initiatives

### LIFE-2023-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT

The specific objective is to cover one or more of the following topics (the description is further detailed in the sections afterwards):

1. Circular Economy and Waste
2. Air
3. Water
4. Soil
5. Noise
6. Chemicals
7. A new European Bauhaus

**Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)**

**LIFE-2023-SAP-ENV**

**Budget**

LIFE-2023-SAP-ENV-GOV: 7.000.000 EUR (7 projects)

LIFE-2023-SAP-ENV- ENVIRONMENT:  
74.000.000 EUR (31 projects)

Funding rate: 60%

**Deadline & Call for proposals**

6 September 2023 (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/4nsr5rce>

<https://tinyurl.com/mvazdbdd>

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### **LIFE-2023-STRAT-ENVSIP-two-stage - Strategic Integrated Projects - Environment (60-120 months)**

Applicants should target the implementation of one of the following plans/strategies:

- 1) Circular Economy: National or Regional Circular Economy Action Plans, Strategies, Roadmaps etc.
- 2) Waste: National and regional Waste Management Plans (WMPs) pursuant to Article 28 of the Waste Framework Directive and/or Waste Prevention Programmes (WPPs) as requested by Article 29 of the Waste Framework Directive.
- 3) Water: River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) pursuant to Annex VII to the Water Framework Directive, Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) pursuant to the Floods Directive etc.
- 4) Air: Air Quality Plans pursuant to the Air Quality Directive or National Air Pollution Control Programmes (NAPCP) pursuant to the National Emission Ceilings Directive.

### **LIFE-2023-STRAT-CLIMA-SIP-two-stage - Strategic Integrated Projects - Climate Action (60-120 months)**

Applicants should target the implementation of one or more of the following plans/strategies: National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP) Regulation on the governance of the energy union and climate action (EU)2018/1999, National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAP), National or regional adaptation strategies or action plans, National, regional or industry-/sector-specific greenhouse gas mitigation strategies or low carbon economy roadmaps etc.

### **Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)**

#### **LIFE-2023-STRAT-two-stage**

#### **Budget**

LIFE-2023-STRAT-ENVSIP-two-stage - Strategic Integrated Projects - Environment: 52.800.000 EUR (3-4 projects)

LIFE-2023- STRAT-CLIMA-SIP-two-stage - Strategic Integrated Projects - Climate Action: 30.000.000 EUR (2-3 projects)

Funding rate: 60%

#### **Deadline & Call for proposals**

5 September 2023 (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/2cnwfaps>

<https://tinyurl.com/mtjdvnhht>



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## **LIFE-2023-CET-LOCAL**

Proposals should address one or both of the following areas/aspects:

1. Actions should provide technical support to LRAs (Local and regional authorities) and build their capacities to deliver ambitious short and medium-term CET plans and strategies for 2030.
2. Actions should aim at creating/reinforcing appropriate organisational structures to support and coordinate the implementation and monitoring of integrated CET (clean energy transition) plans and strategies within and beyond the administrations.

## **LIFE-2023-CET-POLICY**

Actions under this topic are expected to:

- Support the monitoring and evaluation of policy implementation.
- Develop and apply methodologies to more accurately measure, calculate and account for contributions made under the specific policy measures and programmes. etc.

## **LIFE-2023-CET-EPREL**

The proposed action should cover one or more of the following areas:

1. Systematically checking and improving EPREL data, and reporting issues identified, including via the EPREL's (European Product Registry for Energy Labelling) missing or erroneous model reporting features.
2. Promoting further EPREL's use as well as its innovative utilisation for new applications.
3. Crowd-sourced compliance control of the publicly available data, with input from consumers and economic operators, to boost compliance, completeness and reliability of the data.

Proposals must be submitted by at least 3 applicants from 3 different eligible countries.

**Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)**

**LIFE-2023-CET**

Building a national, regional and local policy framework supporting the clean energy transition

**Budget**

LIFE-2023-CET-LOCAL: 8.000.000 EUR

LIFE-2023-CET-POLICY: 8.000.000 EUR

Funding rate for: Other Action Grants (OAGs) - 95%

**Deadline & Call for proposals**

11 November 2023 (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/mrywbz2r>

<https://tinyurl.com/8bejrrvy>

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**Supporting the development of local and regional investment projects**

### **LIFE-2023-CET-OSS**

Scope C: Integrated services for clean energy transition in public buildings – should target legal entities operating under public law

Proposals may be submitted by a single applicant from a single eligible country.

**Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)**

**LIFE-2023-CET**

**Budget**

LIFE-2023-CET-OSS - 15.000.000 EUR

Funding rate – 95%

**Deadline & Call for proposals**

11 November 2023 (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/mrywbz2r>

<https://tinyurl.com/29ufhe46>

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## Priority 1 - e-Justice

Priority given to projects aiming at joining or enhancing existing or on-going e-Justice projects:

Projects facilitating electronic cross-border interaction and communication between judicial authorities, as well as with citizens, businesses and practitioners in judicial proceedings

Priority given to the development of concrete cases on the use of artificial intelligence and distributed ledger technology in the justice area

Activities that can be funded:

- analytical, conceptual, design and elaboration work, IT software development, quality assurance and related auxiliary measures necessary for the establishment of new IT systems, as well as the expansion and adaptation of existing national and transnational solutions towards addressing the objectives of the call.

## Priority 2 - Victims' rights and procedural rights

Activities that can be funded:

- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, development of working and learning methods which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- capacity building for professionals, including training in victim-sensitive communication;
- analytical activities, such as data collection and creation of data bases, surveys, research etc.

**Project duration: 12-24 months**

## Justice Programme (JUST)

### JUST-2023-JACC-EJUSTICE

Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects in the fields of e-Justice, victims' rights and procedural rights

### Budget

e-Justice - 4.100.000 EUR

Min. amount 100.000 EUR, Max. amount 800.000 EUR/project

Victims' rights and procedural rights  
- 6.000.000 EUR

Min. amount 100.000 EUR. There is no upper limit

Funding rate: 90%

### Deadline & Call for proposals

4 October 2023 (17:00, Brussels time)

<https://tinyurl.com/bdffctxh>

<https://tinyurl.com/ykfprr9y>