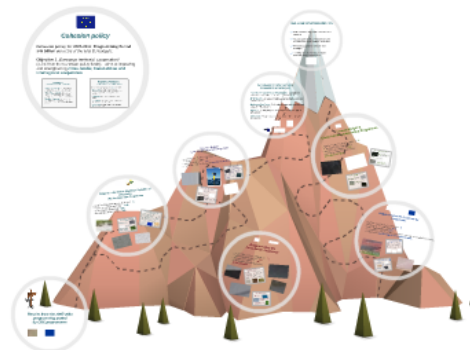


What we have achieved in the area of European Territorial Cooperation during 2007-2013?





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Cohesion policy for 2007-2013 Programming Period
348 billion euro (1/3 of the total EU budget);

Objective 3 „European territorial cooperation”
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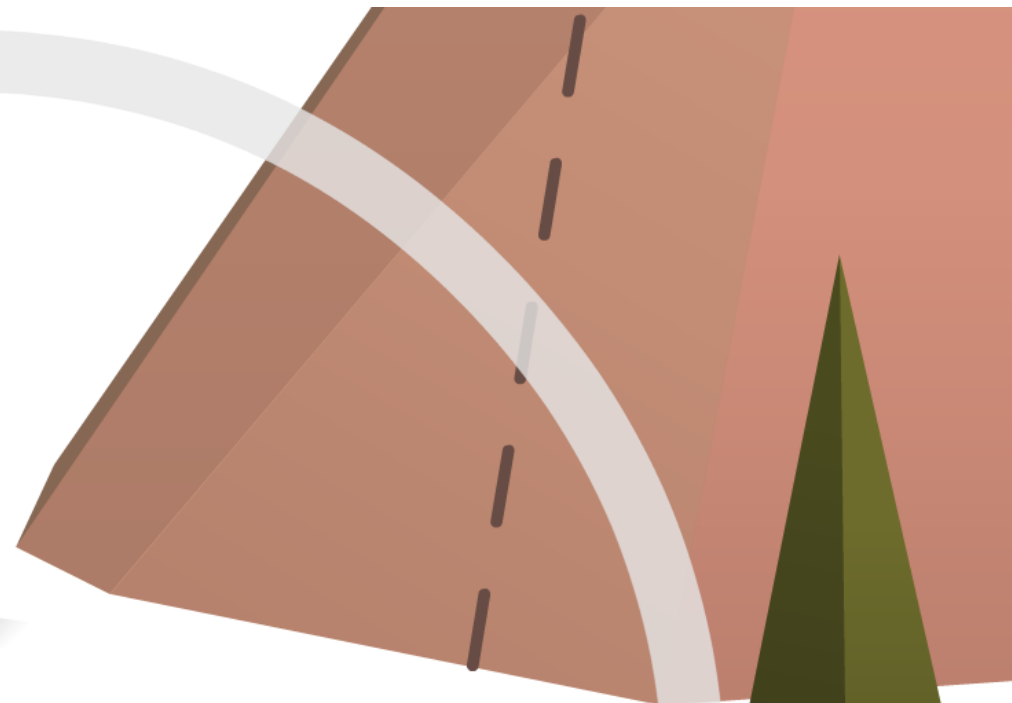
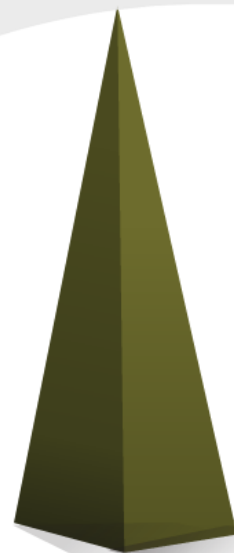
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Results from the 2007-2013 programming period by CBC programmes



Greece - Bulgaria 2007-2013



Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia IPA Cross-border Programme

- Calls for Project Proposals launched - **3**;
- Project proposals submitted - **320**;
- Joint projects supported - **100**;
- Beneficiary organisations - **221**.





What did the Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia IPA Cross-border Programme initially aim to achieve?



To foster the sustainable economic growth in the cross-border region;



To promote social cohesion and cross-border co-operation;

To further develop the attractiveness and quality of life in the cross-border area through environment protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources.





What has changed in the programme area and for the people living there?



- **Increased cross-border interaction and mobility:** 29 new training places, 90 joint cultural events, 96 awareness campaigns reaching 1630 people (406 from vulnerable groups);
- **Better preserved natural resources and biodiversity:** 12 permanent environment protection networks, 8 joint environmental management plans;
- **Enhanced sustainable economic development and increased competitiveness of SMEs:** 7033 SMEs reached, 104 new jobs created (35 for young people), 43 training courses;
- **Strengthened potential for tourism development:** 66 tourist destinations, 56 new tourist services, 48 cultural spots improved, 19 joint eco-itineraries;
- **Development of Early Warning Systems for natural disasters:** 14 new partnerships.





Bulgaria-Turkey IPA Cross-border Programme

- Calls for Project Proposals launched - **3**;
- Project proposals received - **370**;
- Joint projects supported - **130**;
- Total value of projects contracted:
30,259,206 EUR





What did the Bulgaria – Turkey IPA Cross-border Programme initially aim to achieve?



- To boost sustainable economic development in the cross border area;



- To improve the overall social development and promote social cohesion among people and communities;



- To improve the quality of life by efficient use of common natural resources as well as protection of natural, cultural and historical heritage.





What has changed in the programme area and for the people living there?



- **Increased number of social and cohesion links** - **16** new training places, **51** joint cultural events, **78** awareness-raising campaigns, **1328** participants in training events (**231** from vulnerable groups);
- **Better preserved natural resources and biodiversity** as well as decreased level of pollution: **20** networks for environment protection, **23** joint environmental management plans developed;
- **Enhanced sustainable economic development** of the border region and increased competitiveness of SME's - **253** business and educational linkages, **905 SMEs** involved / addressed in the projects, **74** new jobs created, **16** management and job-related training courses carried out;
- **Increased attractiveness of the region** based on preservation of historical and cultural heritage: **25** tourist destinations developed, **17** tourist services created, **10** surrounding areas of cultural sites improved, **14** joint eco-itineraries created.





Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-border Programme

- Calls for Project Proposals launched - **2**;
- Project proposals submitted - **373**;
- Joint projects supported - **155**;
- The projects contribute to the achievement of IPA objectives and they correlate to the pillars of **EU Strategy for the Danube Region**.





What did the Bulgaria – Serbia IPA Cross-border Programme initially aim to achieve?



To improve the infrastructure enabling social and economic development and protection of the environment on both sides of the border;



To increase the economic synergy in the region and to improve regional and local capacity to jointly use common potentials;

To promote the principles of sustainable development of the cross-border region through developing successful models of cooperation.





What has changed in the programme area and for the people living there?



- **Improved physical and information infrastructure:** 89 infrastructure projects;
- **Increased joint actions for tackling common challenges and opportunities:** 300 institutions reached; 788 people to people initiatives; 52 joint events; 156 awareness campaigns;
- **Enhanced environment for sustainable economic development:** 392 business linkages; 400 partnerships, 252 action plans, strategies and research documents; 63 common marketing initiatives; 700 institutions involved; 99 training courses for over 3000 people; 137 new jobs created.
- **Strengthened potential for tourism development:** 84 joint tourist products; 81 tourist destinations; 250 tourist events; more than 70 know-how exchange projects.





Romania - Bulgaria Cross-border cooperation Programme

- Calls for Project Proposals launched - **4**:
2 "strategic" and 2 "open" Calls;
- Joint projects supported - **179**;
- Total value of projects contracted: **326,316,547.20 EUR**





What did the Romania - Bulgaria CBC Programme initially aim to achieve?



To improve the access to transport infrastructure within the cross-border region, thus facilitating the movement of people and goods;

Sustainable use and effective protection of the region's natural resources by prudent exploitation and effective protection of the environment;

To improve the availability and dissemination of information on joint opportunities within the cross-border region;

To foster the sustainable economic development of the cross-border region;

To strengthen the social and cultural cohesion by encouraging cooperative actions between people and the communities of the cross-border region.





What has changed in the programme area and for the people living there?



- **168.76 km** of roads newly built / modernised

- **4** joint management systems for environmental protection;
- **70%** of Danube covered by joint early warning activities against flooding;



- **37** integrated tourism products;
- **167,756** people informed on employment opportunities;
- **71** partnerships between universities, research institutes and businesses;
- **46,146** people participated in people to people actions.



Greece - Bulgaria 2007-2013

Greece-Bulgaria Cross-border cooperation Programme

- Calls for Project Proposals launched - **4**;
- 2 "strategic" and 2 "open" Calls;
- Joint projects supported - **108**;
- Total value of contracted projects:
170,605,574.95 EUR





What did the Greece - Bulgaria CBC Programme initially aim to achieve?



To strengthen the attractiveness of the cross-border region by upgrading the quality of life and improving accessibility structures;



To enhance the competitiveness by promoting entrepreneurship, establishing networks of cooperation and investing in human resources.





What has changed in the programme area and for the people living there?



Greece - Bulgaria 2007-2013



Water monitoring sensors have been established on the main rivers of the CBC area; **Laboratories and centres** for monitoring and **testing of water**, and waste water systems improved;

- **Preventive medical examinations** to **3000** children carried out;



Developed eco-touristic infrastructure at natural sites;
Renovated and promoted cultural sites;
Development of “green” tourist packages;
Rehabilitation of 83,6 km of regional / local roads.

Participation in other territorial cooperation programmes

- **Transnational Programme South East Europe** – 139 Bulgarian partners participated with total budget of 18 453 330 EUR;
- **INTERREG IVC** - 86 Bulgarian partners participated with total budget of 8 416 394 EUR;
- **Black sea OP 2007-2013** - 50 Bulgarian partners participated with total budget of 4 781 325 EUR;
- **URBACT II** – 11 Bulgarian partners participated with total budget of 427 538 EUR;
- **ESPON 2013** - 5 Bulgarian partners participated with total budget of 174 510 EUR.



WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO:

- ✓ Better connectivity of the cross-border regions;
- ✓ Preservation of the environment and effective use of the natural resources;
- ✓ Promoting cultural and historical heritage;
- ✓ Creating and developing contacts between people and regions.



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