

Interregional cooperation
2004-2018 between Centru Region – Romania
South Transdanubian Region – Hungary

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**Regional development in Hungary: from
region to count(r)y**

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SHORT HISTORY

Brief history of cooperation between RDA Centru and South-Transdanubian RDA:

2005 – First Cooperation Agreement concluded between RDA Centru and South Transdanubian RDA; during 2005, RDA Centru was invited to take part into a study visit to STRDA in order to have an exchange of good practices for institutional point of view, during 2006, STRDA participated in a study visit in Alba Iulia

Exploration of common topics in interregional cooperation, RDA Centru and STRDA participated in common proposals as: VINETOUR SEE, Health Nutrition

Interregional exchange of good practices during international conference „**Regional Operational Programme, Territorial cooperation programs of the European Union and the role of the Centru region Office in Bruxelles in facilitating the access to these programs**” *in Alba Iulia*



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2012 – Interregional cooperation during the I4Food project financed by Interregional Cooperation Programme INTERREG IVC

Topic: The i4FOOD project dealt with the issues at stake for the food industry and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in particular. Implemented under the INTERREG IVC interregional cooperation programme, funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Recent developments: Tolna County Development Agency submitted INTERREG Europe proposal „FRiDGE”, a follow-up proposal partnering with Hargita County Council, exploring food industry SME competitiveness

WHAT HAPPENED TO STRDA AND THE OTHER RDAS?

Firstly the Regional Development Boards were abolished on the 1st of January, 2012

The National Development Agency and all the regional development agencies have been abolished as a result of a process starting from 2014, and the responsibilities of the NDA was assigned to the Prime Minister's Office

Regional OPs were discontinued in the 2014-2020 programming period and were replaced by one OP, the Territorial and Settlement Development OP managed by the Ministry of Finance (formerly: Ministry for National Economy)



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WHAT HAPPENED TO STRDA AND THE OTHER RDAS?

There are no tasks related to the current Territorial and Settlement Development OP at TCDA, because the County Council is responsible for preparatory works, TCDA gives professional advice and undertakes related supplementary tasks

It is undecided what will be the exact role of the successors, it will most likely differ between each county since there are no centralized governance structure over the successors

Intellectual outputs of the RDAs still remain

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF TCDA?

TCDA is currently handling ETC projects for the County Council and assists in writing proposals for ETC programmes, Europe for Citizens, ERASMUS+, etc.

TCDA currently participates in two ETC projects: SET-Up (INTERREG Europe) and BOOSTEE-CE (INTERREG CE)

TCDA owns the majority of South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency however, enabling the Tolna County Council to develop international relationships based on differentiated professional basis



SET-UP (INTERREG EUROPE)

The overall goal of the SET-UP project is to improve energy performance of the 6 partner regions thanks to **enhanced policies on smart grids**. On a medium to long term, better energy demand management achieved thanks to SET-UP will lead to reduced energy consumption and greater energy security, with connected socio-environmental and economic benefits.

TCDA budget: 182 888 €



BOOSTEE-CE (INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE)

Central Europe has a high potential for deploying local and regional energy systems based on renewable energy generation and energy conservation but it is important to trigger bottom up initiatives improving energy efficiency approaches. Attention is being paid to the improvement of energy efficiency of existing buildings as they are accountable for large electric power consumption with an annual growth rate of around 4 percent. It is one of the major challenges for public authorities to reduce energy in existing public buildings without significant construction works.

TCDA budget: 192 212 €



FUTURE OUTLOOK

4 projects under evaluation, accounting for a total of 995 862 € (2 Central Europe and 2 Interreg Europe proposals of which are two LP applications)

The main tasks of the County Councils are related to regional development and planning, since authority functions were reorganized in a centralized way to offer uniformity and the same standards; these processes are reflected in the tasks of TCDA

Local government elections will be held next year, additional tasks and responsibilities will depend on expectable structural changes



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THANK YOU

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