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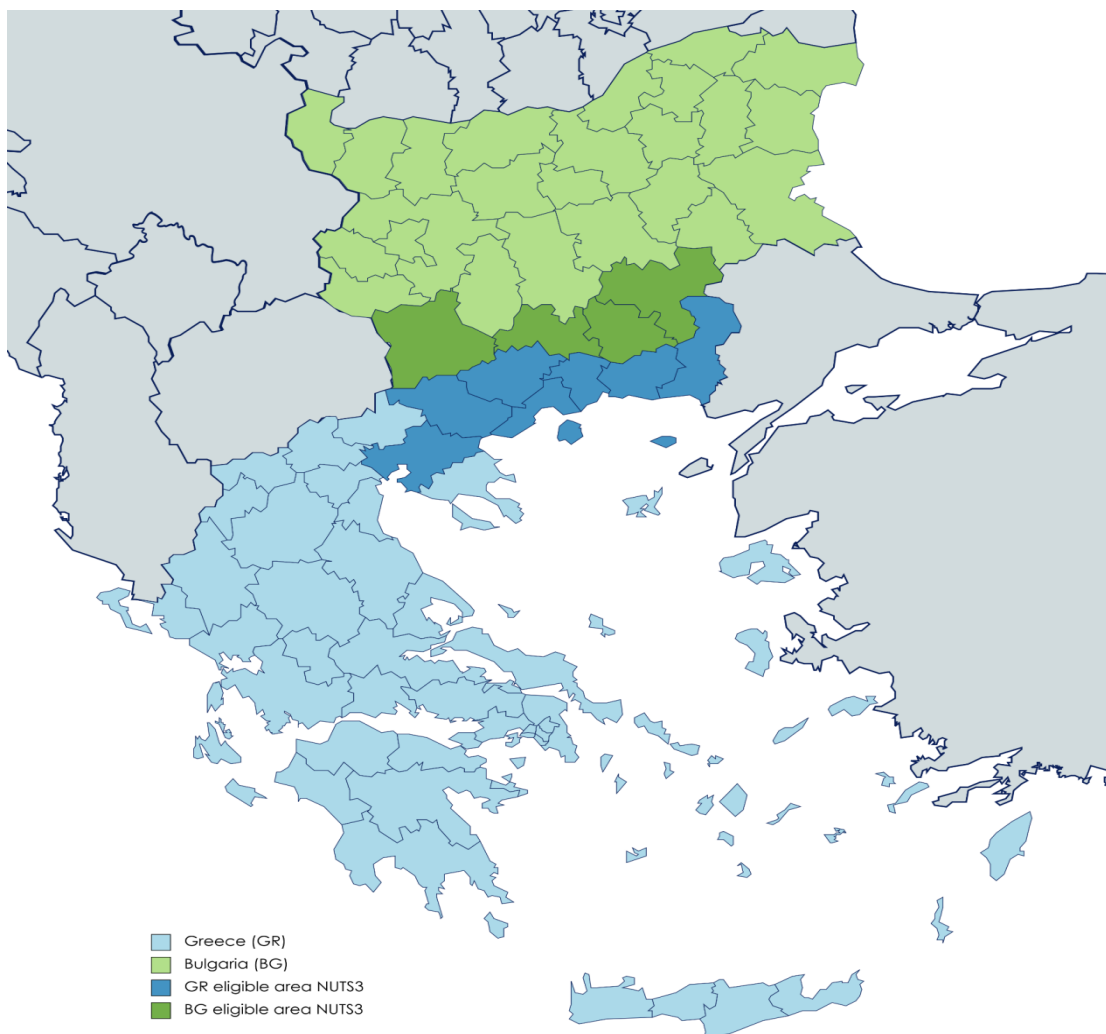
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Greece – Bulgaria

**GREECE – BULGARIA 2021-2027
Interreg VI-A CBC Programme**

Info days on 1st Call for Project Proposals – Common Projects
February 2024

**Interreg VI-A CBC ‘Greece-Bulgaria 2021-2027’ Programme
CCI: 2021TC16RFCB021
C (2022) 6635 – 13.02.2022**



ELIGIBLE AREA

- EL511 - Evros
- EL512 - Xanthi
- EL513 - Rodopi
- EL514 - Drama
- EL515 - Kavala, Thassos
- EL522 - Thessaloniki
- EL526 - Serres
- BG413 - Blagoevgrad
- BG422 - Haskovo
- BG424 - Smolyan
- BG425 - Kardzhali



The Greece – Bulgaria Programme in a nutshell

Programme budget and co-financing rate

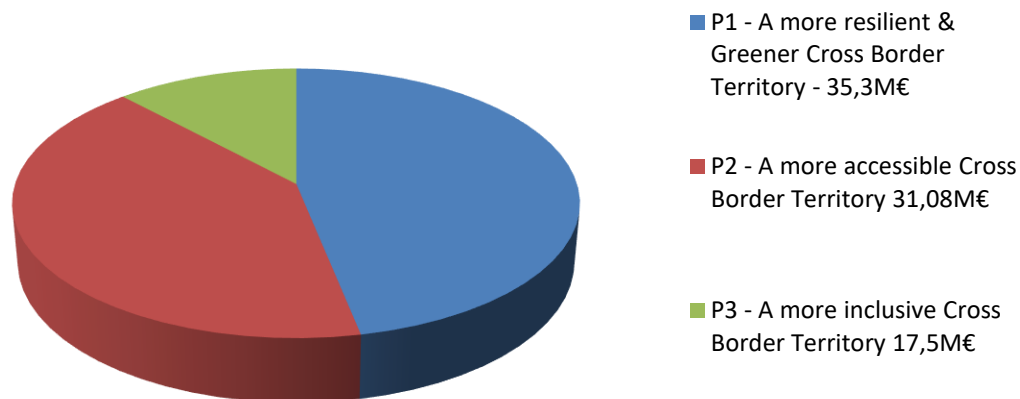
Greece-Bulgaria budget incl. national contribution:
€ 83.953.682,00

Available **EU funds**: **€ 67.162.945,00**

Available **NATIONAL funds**: **€ 16.790.737,00**

Available **Technical Assistance funds**:
7% of Total Budget

EU co-financing rate: **80%**



Management of GR-BG Programme

MA/JS: Thessaloniki, Greece

Information Office:
 Sofia, Bulgaria

National Authorities:
 Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Sofia
 Special Secretariat of ERDF & CF Programmes, Athens

CA, AA/ GoA: Athens, Greece

Programme language

The **official language** of the Programme:
English



PRIORITY 1

A more Resilient
& Greener GR-
BG
Cross Border
Territory



PRIORITY 2

A more
Accessible GR-
BG
Cross Border
Territory



PRIORITY 3

A more
Inclusive
GR-BG Cross
Border
Territory

Budget per Priority €



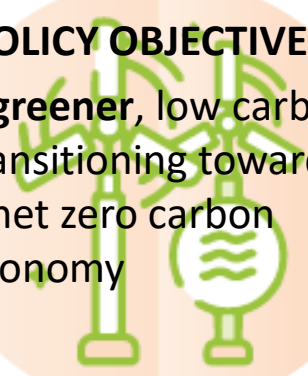
- P1 - A more Resilient & Greener Cross Border Territory
- P2 - A more accessible Cross Border Territory
- P3 - A more Inclusive Cross Border Territory



Priority 1 – A more Resilient & Greener Greece- Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory

€ 35,3M.

POLICY OBJECTIVE 02
a greener, low carbon
transitioning towards
a net zero carbon
economy



PRIORITY 1
**A more Resilient
& Greener
Greece- Bulgaria
Cross-Border
Territory**



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

RSO2.4.

Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches

SO2.6.

Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

SO2.7.

Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution



Priority 1 – A more Resilient & Greener Greece- Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory (see pages 26, 38 & 49 of OP)

Indicative actions (non exhaustive list)

S.O. 2.4

- Two (2) Targeted Calls are included:
Capitalization of Projects
FLOOD GUARD: Increasing the capacity to respond to disasters and emergencies in the cross-border region of Bulgaria and Greece and
FLOOD PROTECTION: Installation of detection and early warning system for leaks in the embankments of rivers basin.

S.O. 2.6

- Initiatives that support infrastructure for the development of industrial symbiosis, reduction of waste, improved management of waste and promote resource efficiency (reform, reduce, recycle).
- Integrated territorial monitoring of waste management and pollution sources.
- Direct support to SME's capacities to transit to Green and Circular business models, implemented as **Small Projects Fund**

S.O. 2.7

- Green and infrastructure in urban and peri-urban areas (in line with New European Bauhaus principal) that promotes the ecosystem services.
- Monitoring systems for the environmental conditions in urban areas and associated pollution prevention and control management plans.
- Sustainable management practices towards greener approaches in various fields, bilaterally agreed.

>>> **Priority 2 – A more Accessible Greece-Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory**

€ 31,08M.

POLICY OBJECTIVE 03
a more **connected**
Europe by
enhancing mobility



PRIORITY 2

- A more Accessible Greece-Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



S.O. 3.2. Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

Priority 2 – A more Accessible Greece-Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory (see page 62 of OP)

Indicative actions

S.O. 3.2

Two (2) Strategic Projects are included:

- A. **Improvement of mobility and travel safety on the CB area:** Functional upgrade/modernization of CB Connections: A1. Completion of the Main Road Communication of the town of Smolyan, A2. Upgrade of remaining parts in the Road Axis Xanthi - Echinós (- Melivia –Echinós); Digitalization, interconnection, infrastructure and equipment for Border control systems and security MIS.
- B. **Enhancing Train Mobility in the CB Area:** B1 Technical design of the Modernization of the railway line Radomir – Kulata, B2 installation of an Intelligent dynamic system for detecting incidents and monitoring of the railway network in real time- A Resilient Plan for Interregional rail trips in the Cross-Border area and installation of an IT based communication system.

>>> **Priority 3 – A more Inclusive Greece-Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory**

€ 17,5M.



POLICY OBJECTIVE 04
a more **social** and
inclusive Europe

PRIORITY 3
**A more Inclusive
Greece-Bulgaria
Cross-Border
Territory**



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

SO4.2.

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

SO4.6.

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

Priority 3 – A more Inclusive Greece-Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory (see page 74 & 86 of OP)

Indicative actions

S.O. 4.2

- Joint Training programmes, courses in topics of common interest
- Development and pilot implementation of tools focusing on upskilling and reskilling of targeted groups; focusing on digitalisation and greening of economy.
- Special educational/ training programmes, including for disabled

S.O. 4.6

- Implementation of Joint Strategic Sustainable Tourism Development plans for inclusive and silver tourism, including the upgrade of attractions and sites.
- Technological and digital platforms and tools for cooperative tourist development and promotion, strengthening digital governance of tourist destinations cooperation for joint touristic utilization.
- Networking and highlight of historical and cultural border Heritage (including fortifications, historic war sites, etc.)
- Improvement of Climate Resilience of Tourist destinations / Infrastructure.
- Promotion of thematic routes in areas such as geo-tourism etc.
- Direct Support to MSMEs and Social Cooperative Enterprises of Solidarity Economy, in culture and tourism value chain . The support could be applied through **Small Projects Fund instrument**



1 Open Call for Common Projects

P1 /RSO 2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy.	9.149.532,71 € (Total without TA)
P1/ RSO 2.7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution.	9.345.794,39 € (Total without TA)
P3/ RSO 4.2- 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	4.205.607,48 € (Total without TA)
P3/ RSO 4.6 - Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	3.715.908,75 € (Total without TA)

Launched / February 2024





2 Targeted Calls

TARGETED CALLS	P1/ RSO 2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem based approaches Project: FLOOD GUARD	5.781.405,96€ (Total without TA)
	P1/ RSO 2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem based approaches Project: FLOOD PROTECTION	5.781.405,96€ (Total without TA)

Estimated Date of Launch

1st Semester 2024



2 Targeted Calls for Strategic Projects



STRATEGIC PROJECTS	P2/ RSO 3.2. Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility	16.898.572,43€ (Total without TA)
	IMPROVEMENT OF MOBILITY AND TRAVEL SAFETY in the CB area	
	P2/ RSO 3.2. Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility	12.149.532,71€ (Total without TA)
	ENHANCING TRAIN MOBILITY in the CB Area	

Estimated Date of Launch

1st Semester 2024

1 Open Call for Small Scale Projects



SMALL SCALE PROJECTS/ UNDER A SMALL PROJECT FUND instrument	P1/ RSO2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy.	3.000.000,00€ (Total without TA)
	P3/ RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	2.800.000,00 € (Total without TA)

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1st Semester 2024

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Thank you for your attention

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