

CITIZEN'S SUMMARY 2021



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Bulgaria - Turkey



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ABOUT THE SUMMARY

The summary aims to describe in a concise and informal language the main achievements of the Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria-Turkey Programme 2014 – 2020 in year 2021

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THE PROGRAMME

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The overall objective of the Programme is strengthening the Bulgaria-Turkey cross-border cooperation capacity in the field of nature protection and sustainable tourism, leading to enhancement of European territorial cohesion .



EUR 29 642 896 total budget

7% overcontracting **PA 1**

6% overcontracting **PA 2**

101 projects funded



Priority Axis 1
Environment

Preventing the consequences of natural and man-made disasters, improving the capacity for nature protection and sustainable use of common natural resources



Priority Axis 2
Sustainable Tourism

Increasing touristic attractiveness, tourism potential and networking for development of sustainable tourism

December:

Launch of consultations on Environmental Assessment Report

January-December:

36 projects successfully have finished under the Second Call

November:

Launch of a campaign for collecting project ideas that build the list of operations under the Territorial Strategy

February:

Approved Revised Programme's Intervention Logic

YEAR 2021**April:**

Public Consultations on Draft Integrated territorial strategy

September:

Approved First draft of the INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria – Turkey Programme 2021-2027

May:

Annual Implementation report for 2020 submitted to the EC

September:

EC Day 2021 event on occasion of the 10th anniversary of the EC Day – “Music will Cure Us, Let's Socialize Again”

MILESTONES 2021

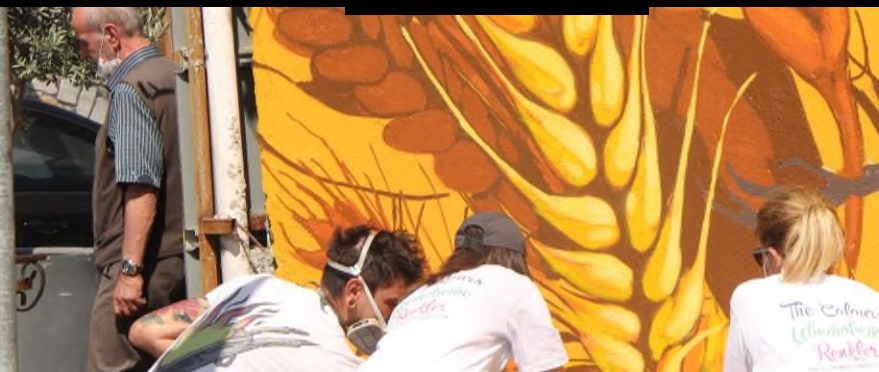


COVID-19

The guidelines in relation to the emergency measures related to COVID-19 were actualized in April 2021. Preserving the health of all involved and help in the fight against the pandemic, the MA is temporarily introducing an alternative option for verification - Virtual (online) verification replaced on-the-spot visits and verification for “soft” projects.



Second call



By the end of 2021 a total of **46** projects, financed under the 2nd Call for proposals were finalized, **36** of them completed their implementation during 2021. Under implementation by the end of the year were **12** projects.



PA2. Sustainable Tourism

11 projects - **10** investments and **1** soft
4 361 370,05 €



PA 1. Environment
1 investment project
337 136,85 €



- **€ 15 485 398**- total amount of the contracted projects of 2nd CALL
- **€ 9 648 378** - paid amount by December 2021
- **62,31%** - % paid out of the contracted amount.

Third call

Project: Cross-border Regions Collaborate for BLUE GROWTH (BLUE GROWTH COLLABs)

PREPARED:

- first draft of scientific reports on methodology

DEVELOPED:

- common list of indicators for monitoring and assessment of aquatic ecosystems
- 3 common methodologies for monitoring of aquatic ecosystems are developed
- methodology for monitoring water pollution from diffuse resources is under preparation

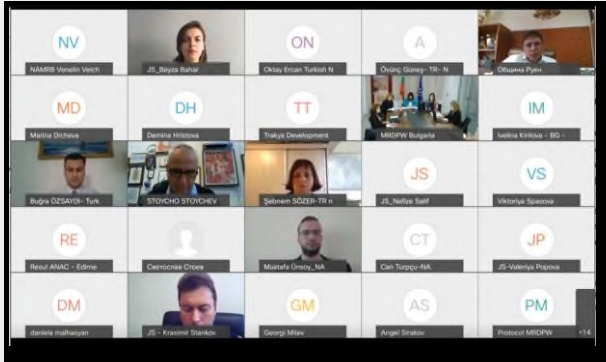
IN IMPLEMENTATION:

- the pilot aquatic ecosystem study in Burgas and in Edirne regions

IN PREPARATION

- activities for regional capacity in Burgas and Edirne regions
- Virtual classroom labs in Burgas and Edirne
- activities related to the purchase of laboratory equipment and assets for BLUE GROWTH Research Centres and for refurbishment of laboratory premises in Burgas and Edirne.

Total amount after modification:
€ 3 342 273,39



The **8th Joint Monitoring Committee meeting** was held online on 16th of November 2021. The members of the committee and the guests were introduced to the progress of the implementation of the programme for the period 2014-2020 in 2021, amendment of the Eligibility of Expenditures of the Technical assistance for 2020-2023 as well as the progress in the programming of the next programming period 2021-2027.



European Cooperation Day 2021

This year the family of INTERREG programmes was celebrating the 10th anniversary of European cooperation. Under the motto “Music will Cure Us, Let’s Socialize Again” our programme realized an open air concert in Inece Municipality performing national folklore music from both countries. All participants were invited to a guided tour to the Aşağı Pınar Excavation Site to visit the new attraction demonstrating the prehistorically period in the Strandzha Mountain constructed under the project “Living Ancient Towns - Asagipinar and Rusokastro”. The project activities in Rusokastro Fortress were presented by a short movie.

The video was broadcast via YouTube on 21st September 2021.

You can watch the whole event on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtD_VkYkaKE



EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY

Sharing borders, growing closer



NEW PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2021-2027

The **4th Joint Working Group meeting** was held online on 14th of September 2021. The objective of the meeting was to review and approval of the first draft of the INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria – Turkey Programme 2021-2027 (sections related with programme strategy - territorial needs and potentials, objectives and priorities of the programme, indicative actions, communication measures).



Public consultations on a draft Integrated Territorial Strategy

The Managing Authority, on 14 April 2021, launched public consultations on the draft of programme's Integrated Territorial Strategy.

Consultations on a draft of the EA Scoping report

On 15 July 2021 the Managing Authority of the launched consultations in Bulgaria on the Environmental Assessment (EA) Scoping report of the Programme and the Integrated Territorial Strategy.

Consultations on a draft of the Environmental Assessment report

On 14th of December public consultations on the draft of the Environmental Assessment Report of the Programme and the Integrated Territorial Strategy was launched.

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Webinars under campaign for collecting projects that build the list of operations under the Territorial Strategy for Integrated Measures

Four webinars for organizations from the cross-border region Bulgaria - Turkey were held during the campaign for collecting project ideas that build the list of operations under the Territorial Strategy for the period 2021-2027.

Over 80 participants from the Bulgarian side, representatives of municipalities, branch associations and non-profit organizations, participated in the online meetings held on November 30 and December 1, 2021. On Turkish side the on-line meetings were held on 9 and 10 of December with 44 participants.

The objectives and measures of the Strategy were presented at the meetings and clarifications were made to questions asked by local organizations.

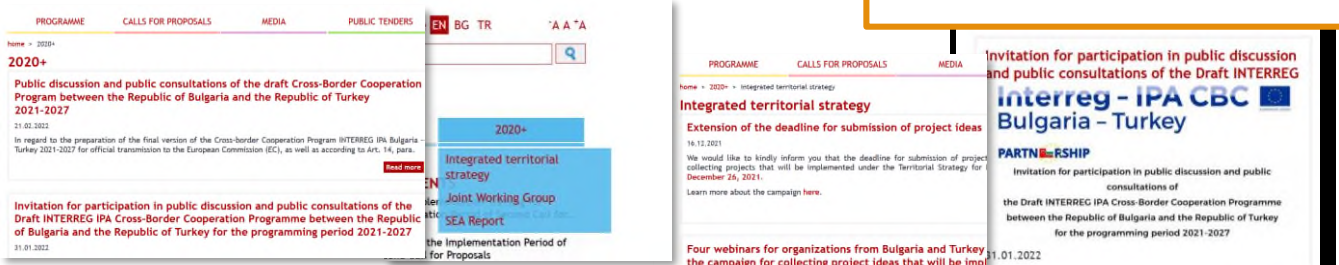
Programme web site

<http://www.ipacbc-bgtr.eu/>

PROGRAMME CALLS FOR PROPOSALS MEDIA PUBLIC TENDERS

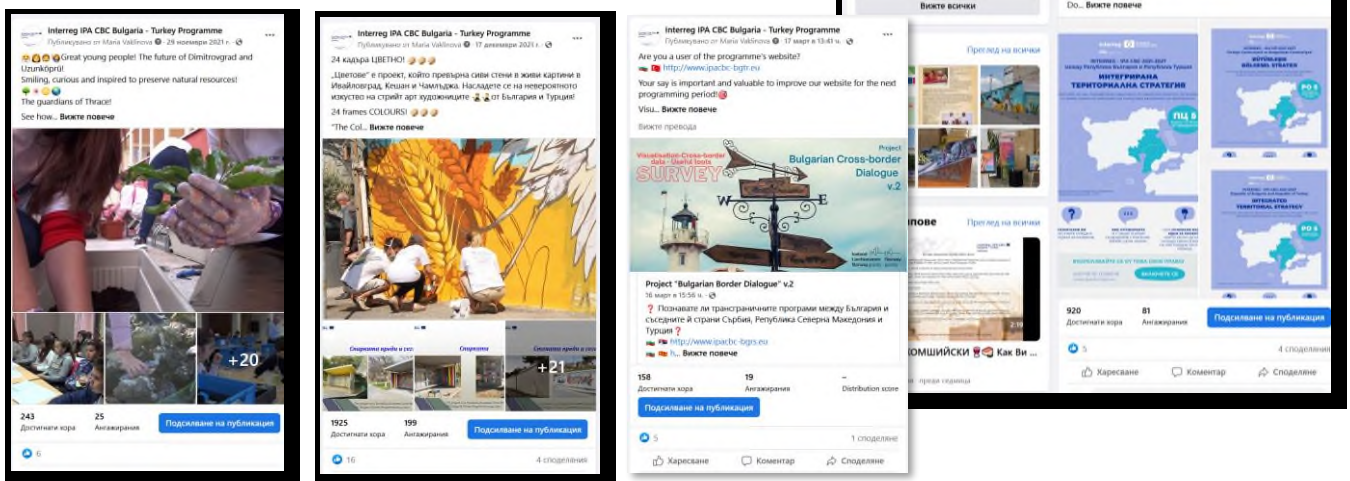


During 2021 the official website of the Programme was one of the main publicity tools to promote the Programme and to disseminate the relevant information in a user-friendly interface. The new section 2020+ collect publications for the steps of the programming process. During the 2021 the Programme website was visited **54 071** times.



FACEBOOK

Programme related information has been published on the Facebook Programme profiles. By the end of 2021 540 members follow us in the social media. The Facebook page provide links to the Programme official website and websites of the project beneficiaries, as well as photos from events, implemented projects and the cross-border region as whole.

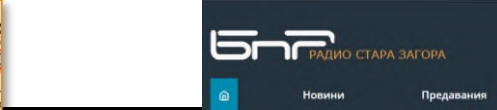


MEDIA COVERAGE 2021

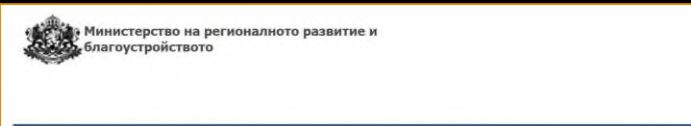
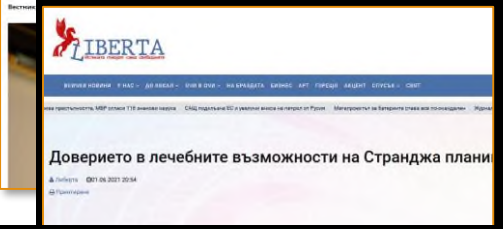
Over 100 different publications on program activities, the results of the project's implementation, and activities related to the new programming period 2021-2027 were distributed to the general public through electronic and print media (web news portals, local, regional and national newspapers and radio stations). The press releases were disseminated to national, regional and local media before and after the events and initiatives of the Programme.



Проведе се 8 заседание на Съвместния комитет за наблюдение на Програмата за трансгранично сътрудничество България - Турция 2014-2020

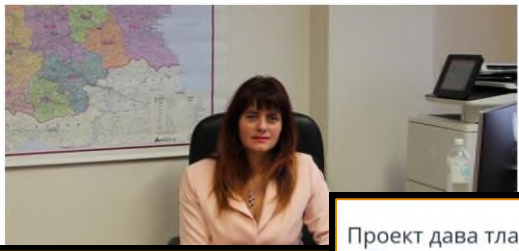


Представят проучени туристически обекти и маршрути в Хасково и Къркларели



Министерство на регионалното развитие и благоустройството

Над половин милион евро са платени от МРРБ към бенефициенти на проекти по програмата за трансгранично сътрудничество в последните 10 дни



Проекти на Община Созопол ни връщат към традициите и обичаите

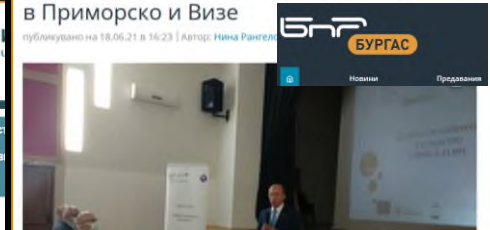


Ново оборудване за поддържане на зелените площи в Айтос

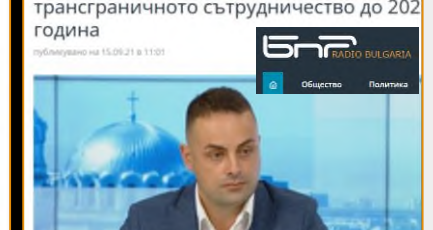
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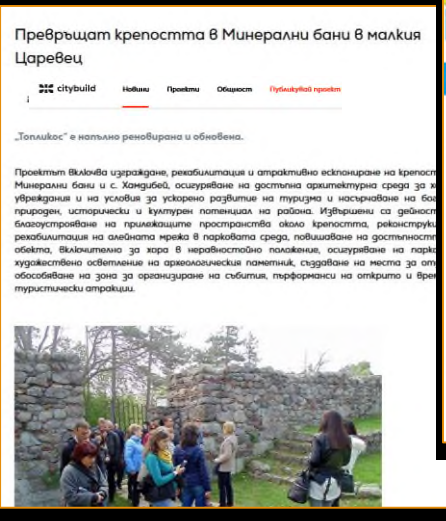
Регионалната библиотека в Хасково - с грижа за хората и укреждания



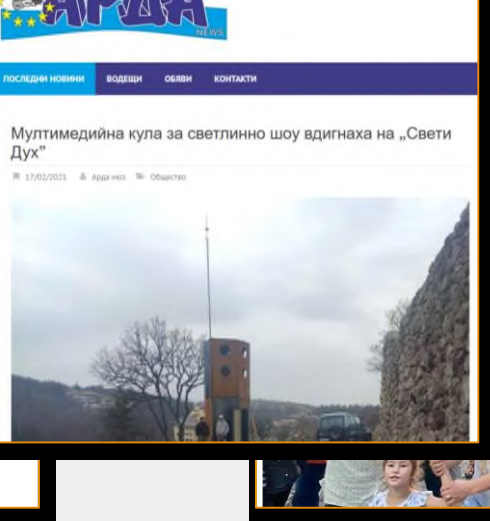
Проект дава тласък на културния туризъм в Приморско и Визе



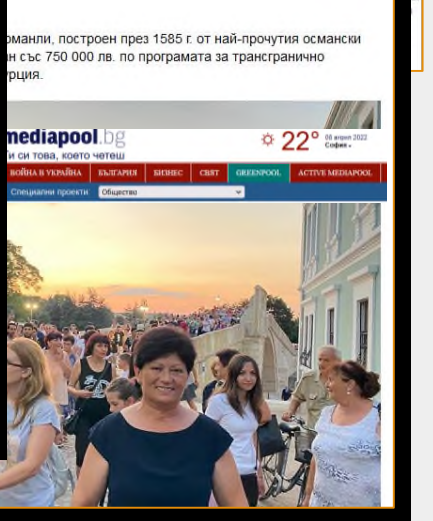
България и Турция обсъждат трансграничното сътрудничество до 2021 година



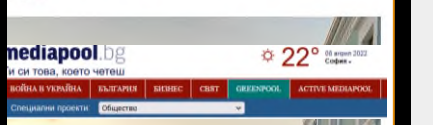
Превръщат крепостта в Минерални бани в малкия Царевец



Мултимедийна кула за светлинно шоу вдигнаха на „Свети Дух“



Мост на близо 5 века на прочутия архитект Синан в Харманли е реставриран



Харманли, построен през 1585 г. от най-прочутия османски архитект Синан, реставриран с общо 750 000 лв. по програмата за трансгранично сътрудничество.