

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and
Informatization of the Slovak Republic as the Managing
Authority of the Programme
Interreg Slovakia-Austria 2021-2027

launches **Call for proposals**

Call information	
Call title	Call for proposals no. INTERREG SK-AT/2023/2_green
Call code	INTERREG SK-AT/2023/2_green
Priority	2. A greener SK-AT border region
Specific objective	2.1 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches 2.2 Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution
Amount of funds to be absorbed in the Call (EU source)	16 089 840,- €
State aid scheme / De minimis aid scheme (if applicable)	N/A

Brief objective of the Call
<p>Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ data collection and analysis, know-how exchange and strategy development; ❖ implementing joint (pilot) actions including small-scale investments; ❖ awareness raising activities and capacity building. <p>Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution through:</p>

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- ❖ data collection and analysis, know-how exchange and interdisciplinary strategy development;
- ❖ implementing joint (pilot) actions including small-scale investments;
- ❖ awareness raising and capacity building activities.

Eligible applicants are legal persons of any legal form, with the exception of political parties and political movements.

Timeframe of the Call	
Type of the Call	open
Date of launch of the Call	30.06.2023
Deadline for the submission of project applications within current assessment round	31.10.2024
Closure date of the Call or other fact based on which the Call will be closed	until the financial allocation is absorbed¹

¹ The Managing Authority (hereinafter referred to as "MA") shall indicate the available amount of funds on the Programme's website within 60 calendar days after the Monitoring Committee meeting for the previous round. If the MA plans to close the Call due to the forthcoming absorption of the allocation, this information shall be published on the Programme's website. The closure of the Call will be published at the latest one month before the expected closure of the Call.

Project's financing																																	
Co-financing rate (aid intensity)	<p>Maximum 80% co-financing per EU source.</p> <p>Grant from national budget/national sources: For project partners from the Slovak Republic - the maximum rate of co-financing from the state budget is set by the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST and ENRAF Financing Strategy for the programming period 2021-2027 Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (mfsr.sk)</p>																																
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Eligibility criteria and additional information on ERDF grant
Eligibility criteria and additional information on ERDF grant are stated in the tables 1 and 2 of the part of VI the Project Implementation Manual – Assessment and selection (annex 2 of this Call).

² Applicable for project partners from both Slovakia and Austria.

Submission of the project application	
Method of submission	<p>Electronically via ITMS21+</p> <p>It is necessary to follow the instructions in <u>Annex V.1 - Guidance for submission of project application in ITMS21+</u>, which is an annex to the part V of the Project Implementation Manual – Application and project submission.</p>
Place of submission	<p>https://www.itms21.sk and also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in case of Lead partner from Slovakia, via the electronic mailbox (slovensko.sk) - in case of Lead partner from Austria, signed .pdf form is sent through the public part of ITMS21+ via the function "Outgoing Communication"

Estimated timeframe for issuing the decision on the project application
<p>The Monitoring Committee meeting, at which decisions on the project applications submitted within the 3rd assessment round will be taken, is scheduled to be held on 12th-13th February 2025. Further details on the Monitoring Committee meeting will be published on the Programme's website in due time.</p> <p>The indicative timeframe for issuing the decision is 90 days from the Monitoring Committee meeting.</p> <p>All important dates and deadlines will be published and regularly updated on the Programme's website.</p>

Other specifications with regard to Call
<p>Within this Call for proposals, the following specification applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the project partner opts to calculate staff costs as an hourly rate (see chapter 3.2.3.b of <i>Part III of the Project Implementation Manual – Eligibility of expenditure</i>), the calculated hourly rates will be subject to indexation in accordance with the rules set out by the Programme and published on Programme's website.

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Information on the preparation of the project application	
Contact details and method of communication	<p>All information on the Call can be found on the Programme's website: https://www.sk-at.eu/.</p> <p>Communication with the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat in Bratislava about the Call is possible via e-mail: sk-at@mirri.gov.sk.</p> <p>Communication for Austrian partners with the Joint Secretariat in Vienna is possible via e-mail: office@sk-at.eu.</p> <p>Information activities (seminars, consultations, etc.) for potential applicants on the Call will take place continuously during the Call.</p> <p>The specific date and venue of the information activity will be published well in advance on the Programme's website.</p>

Information about the synergic and complementary effects of the Call	
Synergic and complementary effects	<p>Synergic and complementary effects are identified in the annex 1 of this Call.</p>

Amendment and cancellation of the Call	
Amendment and cancellation	<p>The Managing Authority will inform about any amendment or cancellation of the Call via the Programme's website. Applicants are obliged to follow the most up-to-date version of the Project Implementation Manual, therefore the Managing Authority recommends that applicants follow the Programme's website for any changes concerning the Call.</p>

Annexes to the Call	
1. Information about the synergic and complementary effects	
2. PIM - Project Implementation Manual (parts I - VI) with annexes	