

Timetable of planned calls for proposals for 2024

Bulgaria-Serbia 2021-2027 Programme

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Priority 1: Competitive border region															
1.	Competitive border region	RSO 1.3. Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments	Open call for proposals	No	5 634 599	MSMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint development and implementation of technological solutions that address regional socio-economic challenges, leading to financial and/or non-financial results obtained through cooperation; - Technological and/or organizational investments aimed at reducing the cost of production/service delivery and any other investment leading to joint solutions for increasing enterprise competitiveness including but not limited to purchase of specialized equipment and technologies (incl. related upskilling), monitoring systems; purchase of IT equipment, training and know-how transfer part of which may consist of digital components such as virtual business centres, e-commerce solutions, possibilities for electronic payments, etc.; Joint solutions aimed at increasing productive capacity; Digitalisation can only be a minor supporting part of a broader project proposal of enterprises whose productions enjoy high export potential; - Investments aimed at improving product/service quality, including but not limited to improvements in the design of product/service features, improvements in customer after-sales service, improvements in product guarantee, total quality management systems, and any other aspect that defines overall product/service quality level; - Joint actions aimed at fostering networking and business collaboration across the border, as well as accessing new markets or market segments including but not limited to marketing studies, distance spanning technologies, organizational cooperation and joint business schemes with other enterprises, integration into regional value chains, etc.; - Joint marketing and promotion actions, participation in international fairs, exhibitions and other promotional events, consultation and information services, including e-marketing, communication with clients, etc. 	According to Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, Articles 37 to 44: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff costs; - Office and administrative costs; - Travel and accommodation costs; - External expert and services costs; - Equipment costs; - Costs for infrastructure and works. 	100%	1 st quarter of 2024	90 days from the date of the call for proposals	No	Yes	200 000	400 000

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Priority 2: Integrated development of the border region															
2.	Integrated development of border region	RSO 5.2. Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas	Targeted call for proposals based on list of operations identified under the Territorial Strategy	Yes	8 529 412	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local/ regional bodies, and authorities (incl. regional structures of central public authorities and statutory bodies); - Regional and sectoral development agencies, and business support structures; - NGOs and other socio-economic partners; - Academic, research, training, education, social and cultural institutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions aimed at streamlining the utilization of the CBC region’s tourist resources, incl. ensuring faster, equitable and environmentally friendly access to and conditions for networking of cultural heritage and tourist sites in the CBC region. - Building of new or rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, regardless of its property rights, must comply with the environmental legislation of the respective country before implementation stage. - Support to integrated territorial development, the solutions and outcomes of the implemented interventions could contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the economic development, tourism, environment and institutional capacity strands of EUSDR and EUAIRS. 	According to Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, Articles 37 to 44: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff costs; - Office and administrative costs; - Travel and accommodation costs; - External expert and services costs; - Equipment costs; - Costs for infrastructure and works. 	100%	1 st quarter of 2024	90 days from the date of the call for tenders	No	Yes	500 000	1 000 000
3.	Integrated development of border region	RSO 5.2. Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas	Targeted call for proposals	Yes	4 294 118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency (BSMEPA); - Regional Development Agency Leskovac, Serbia; - Regional Development Agency “South”, Serbia; - Regional Development Agency Eastern Serbia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and provision of framework support to local businesses to grow, expand and perform better in a greener and smarter competitive global market; - Support to integrated territorial development, the solutions and outcomes of the implemented interventions could contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the economic development, tourism, environment and institutional capacity strands of EUSDR and EUAIRS. 	According to Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, Articles 37 to 44: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff costs; - Office and administrative costs; - Travel and accommodation costs; - External expert and services costs; - Equipment costs; - Costs for infrastructure and works. 	100%	2 nd quarter of 2024	90 days from the date of the call for tenders	No	Yes	-	4 294 118