

Inputs from the partner countries to the Scoping Report:

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Romania (Romanian Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests)	
<p>Having regard to the Chapter 3 Main objective of the Programme, please consider the aspect relating to surface waters on the potential activities: "monitoring of the transboundary groundwater bodies and <u>surface waters</u>". Also, to the mentioned chapter, please include thematic fields such as: <u>climate change</u>, as well as <u>soils</u>.</p>	<p><i>During the elaboration of the programme, the target system described in Chapter 3 of the Scoping Report was reduced to three programme priorities. However, the types of activities affected by the remaining priorities include the mentioned thematic fields and potential activities.</i></p>
<p>Regarding the chapter 4 Cohesion and consistency of documents, subchapter 4.1. Relationship with other relevant plans, programmes, please include the following Romanian strategic national document: Sustainable development operational program (SDOP) 2021-2027; General Transport Master Plan (GTMP) 2014-2030; Territorial Development Strategy of Romania (TDSR) polycentric Romania 2035- territorial cohesion and competitiveness, development and equal chances for people; National Strategy for Romanian' s Durable Development Horizons 2010-2020-2030; Large Infrastructure Operational Program 2014-2020; National Plan in the Field of Energy and Climate Change (NIPFECC) 2021-2023; Energetic Strategy of Romania (ESR) for the period 2020-2030 with a perspective on year 2050; National Action Plan for Energetic efficiency (NAPEE); National Strategy and action plan for the preservation of Biodiversity 2014-2020; Culture and National Heritage Strategy 2016-2022; National Territory Management Plan (NTMP); National Tourism Development Strategy 2019-2030.</p>	<p><i>The list of documents has been supplemented by the requested strategies. The document entitled 'National Territory Management Plan' is not available online.</i></p>
<p>To the Chapter 5. Environmental characteristics of the CBC landscape, should be reformulated in order to include aspects concerning the human health: "The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment, <u>including health</u>, and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the Programme, with special regard to the cross-border landscape and environmental systems, including their advantages, disadvantages given by their cross- border location according to the SEA Directive". This chapter has to be carried out taken into consideration the aspect referring to: health as well as reports on the environmental condition. In the same manner, the sub chapter 5.1 has to be completed also with human health aspects.</p>	<p><i>Human health was principally analyzed in subchapter 5.1. ("The socio-economic characteristics of the areas which are likely to be affected by the programme objectives). The given subchapter was not included in the theme. The subchapter no. 5.1 át has been renumbered to 5.2. Subchapter 5.2 describes the environmental characteristics of the CBC region, therefore human health was not particularly examined.</i></p>
<p>The subchapter 5.3 should be reworded, such as: "The environmental protection, <u>including health</u>, objective established at international, Community or Member State level, relevant to the Programme and the way those objectives and environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation".</p>	<p><i>The subchapter has been given a new number of 5.4. Due to the nature of the document, in this subchapter environmental objectives were examined in particular.</i></p>
<p>At the chapter 6 Potential environmental effects of programme implementation, please add <u>landscape and natural site</u> (to build environment, settlement surrounding, and cultural heritage), the systems which refers to material assets as well as the interaction among all factors.</p>	<p><i>According to our interpretation, „settlement surrounding” includes the natural environment surrounding the municipalities and the landscape.</i></p>

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<p>With respect to the section 7 - Protective measures, it would be appropriate to be included the mitigate measures: " If there are any measures envisaged to prevent, reduce <u>or mitigate</u> and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse, unfavourable effects on the environment of implementing the Programme, those shall be listed here".</p>	<p><i>Among the measures taken to avoid adverse effects, proposals made to reduce and mitigate them are also included in Chapter 7.</i></p>
<p>Furthermore, we should consider a new chapter that covers the likely/potential significant transboundary environmental, including health, effects.</p>	<p><i>Transboundary environmental impacts are discussed in Chapter 6, detailed by environmental systems. We will not highlight them in a separate chapter.</i></p>
<p>Slovakia (Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic)</p>	
<p>Chapter 3 Main objectives of the programme, TO6-P1 Environment, Potential activities, Joint environmental actions. The HUSKROUA INTERREG NEXT Programme should complement the already existing long-term international co-operation in the field of water protection and management (bilateral cooperations on transboundary waters, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River – ICPDR, EU Strategy for the Danube Region). We propose that the proposals for co-operation are subject to consultations with members of the working groups of the bilateral transboundary commissions, as well as ICPDR Secretariat expert within the preparation of the Environmental report.</p>	<p><i>We were not able to involve experts from all organizations in the screening of the Scoping Report. We promote the involvement of relevant organizations in the subsequent screening procedure.</i></p>
<p>Chapter 3 Main objectives of the programme, TO6-P1 Environment, Thematic fields We propose to include following thematic fields relevant to the context of the environmental impacts in the trans-regional scale: Renewable energy sources (with respect to different types of renewable energy sources in terms of their effectivity and variable character of positive and negative impacts on the environment), potential overview of relevant national strategies on renewable energy strategies; Cumulative and synergistic impacts on the environment in the context of sustainable development including regional and trans-regional point of view.</p>	<p><i>During the elaboration of the programme, the target system described in Chapter 3 of the Scoping Report was reduced to three programme priorities. However, the types of activities affected by the remaining priorities include the mentioned thematic fields.</i></p>
<p>Chapter 4 Cohesion and consistency of documents, EU Level strategies EU Strategy for the Danube Region should be listed among EU Level strategies.</p>	<p><i>The requested strategy was added to the list of documents.</i></p>
<p>Ukraine (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine)</p>	
<p>The Ukrainian Party has no additional comments or questions on the scope and the level of detail of the assessment.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>After this the Ukrainian Party is interested in participating in the second round of transboundary consultations with the relevant environmental authorities and the public concerned on the environmental report.</p>	<p><i>The Ukrainian authorities will be involved in the subsequent procedural steps.</i></p>