



The importance of #ACCESS project on the road to cross-border legal accessibility

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EASIER LIFE ALONG THE BORDER

Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives

watching the video

Stages on the legal accessibility journey

- **EU Background**

- Cross-Border Review project (2015)
- Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions (2017)
- B-Solutions (2018-)
- European Cross-Border Convention (**ECBC**) > draft regulation on a European Cross-Border Mechanism (**ECBM**) (2018)> proposal on Facilitating Cross-Border Solutions (**FCBS**) (2024)
- Interreg Specific Objective 1 (2020)
- Legal accessibility projects of CESCO (2016-2021)
- Legal accessibility among the V4 countries (2018-2019)

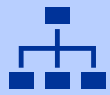
- **Regional background**

- Territorial Analysis of the Hungary-Slovakia Interreg CBC programme > several cross-border functional urban areas (FUA) which induce cross-border mobility of different intensity

Available tools of cross-border integration developed so far



Funding
(projects)



Governance
(EGTC)



Expert capacity
(b-solutions)



Proposed mechanism
(ECBM - FCBS)

Methods tested and developed over last decade

- **Territorial dialogue**
(to identify the problems and discuss possible solutions)
- **Studies**
(e.g. to better understand border obstacles and processes)
- **Expertise**
(to understand cross-border issues in detail)
- **Pilot projects**
(to test possible solutions)
- **Exchange of experience**
(to transfer solutions and increase their impact)
- **Training, peer reviews and staff exchanges**
(to enhance institutional capacity)
- **Data collection**
- **People-to-people projects**
(to promote citizens' cooperation)
- **Urban development plans**

Success factors for legal accessibility

- Willingness to cooperate between authorities
- Quality of bilateral relations
- Adequate time frame for implementation
- Institutionalised cooperation (Euroregions, EGTCs) – with a long standing past and sectoral experiences
- Eager and willing to apply for local stakeholders
- Experiences in number and diversity of developments
- Multidisciplinary approach - diversity of programmes used (INTERREG SKHU, CENTRAL, I3, Horizon, etc.)
- Tested methodologies
- Broad stakeholder cooperation (citizens, local governments, authorities, governmental connections)

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Priority Axis PA3
Institutional cooperation

Specific objective S03.1
Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation

Action Action 3.1.1
Eliminating border obstacles

Total budget 1 752 297,46 EUR




ERDF contribution 1 401 837,96 EUR



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May 2023 – April 2029

Time schedule of the project

| | | 1 st year | | | 2 nd year | | | 3 rd year | | | 4 th year | | | 5 th year | | | 6 th year | | |
|---|---|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|------|------|----------------------|------|------|----------------------|------|------|
| | | 12 months | | | 24 months | | | 36 months | | | 48 months | | | 60 months | | | 72 months | | |
| | | RP1 | RP2 | RP3 | RP4 | RP5 | RP6 | RP7 | RP8 | RP9 | RP10 | RP11 | RP12 | RP13 | RP14 | RP15 | RP16 | RP17 | RP18 |
|  11. Obstacle Monitoring | 1-1 Stakeholder consultation | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1-2 Legal analyses | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
|  12. Obstacle management | 2-1 Expert groups | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | X | | | X | | |
| | 2-2 Best practice compilation | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2-3 Solution development | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
|  Promotion | Promotion of the project | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Marketing of the information and dissemination help desk | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Sensitisation campaign targeting the authorities | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |

Intervention logic

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| General objective | To intensify cross-border mobility and interactions along the Slovak-Hungarian border |
| Specific objective | To create the conditions for better management of legal obstacles in order to intensify cross-border mobility and interactions |
| Intervention | Systematic management of cross-border legal and administrative obstacles |

I1. OBSTACLE MONITORING

Stakeholder consultations
to identify obstacles

Legal analyses
to clarify the background of obstacles

I2. OBSTACLE MANAGEMENT

Expert groups
to facilitate legal harmonisation

Best practice compilation
to easily find solutions

Solution development
to ease the border citizens' lives

PROMOTION

Promotion
of the **project**

Marketing of the **information and dissemination help desk**

Sensitisation campaign **targeting the authorities**

I1. Obstacle monitoring

Stakeholder consultations
to identify
obstacles

Surveys

Sectorial interviews

Agglomeration Reference Groups

Information and dissemination help desk

- Labour
- Education
- Shopping
- CBRM
- Projects

- Static content
- Help desk

Legal analyses
to clarify the
background
of obstacles

Expert interviews

Desk research

Compilation of the analyses

Survey [Online access]



PROJEKT

NOVINKY A UDALOSTI

POVEDZTE SVOJ NÁZOR!

PORTÁL RIEŠENÍ



SLOVENČINA



#ACCESS: DOTAZNÍK

Cieľom dotazníka je identifikovať všetky prekážky, ktoré bránia cezhraničnej interakcii medzi Maďarskom a Slovenskom.

V rámci projektu #ACCESS chceme identifikovať a riešiť každodenné problémy ľudí žijúcich a pracujúcich na maďarsko-slovenskej hranici. **Vyplňte náš dotazník a povedzte nám, s akými prekážkami sa stretávate pri svojich cezhraničných aktivitách medzi Maďarskom a Slovenskom! Ak sa na vás vzťahujú viaceré témy, neváhajte vyplniť viacero dotazníkov!** Vyplnením formulára môžete ľuďom žijúcim na hraniciach dlhodobo uľahčiť ich každodenný život.

DOTAZNÍKY



Práca

Ak chodíš pracovať na druhú stranu hranice, vyplň prosím tento dotazník!



Vzdelávanie

Ak tvoje dieťa navštevuje školu na druhej strane hranice, alebo ty sám navštevuješ univerzitu, vyplň



Život

Ak žiješ v Maďarsku ako slovenský občan, vyplň prosím tento dotazník!



Nakupovanie

Ak často nakupuješ na druhej strane hranice, vyplň prosím tento dotazník!

Survey [Field work]



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Survey findings



Language barriers



Lack of public transport



Lack of health services (ambulance not crossing borders)



Difficulty in dealing with official procedures

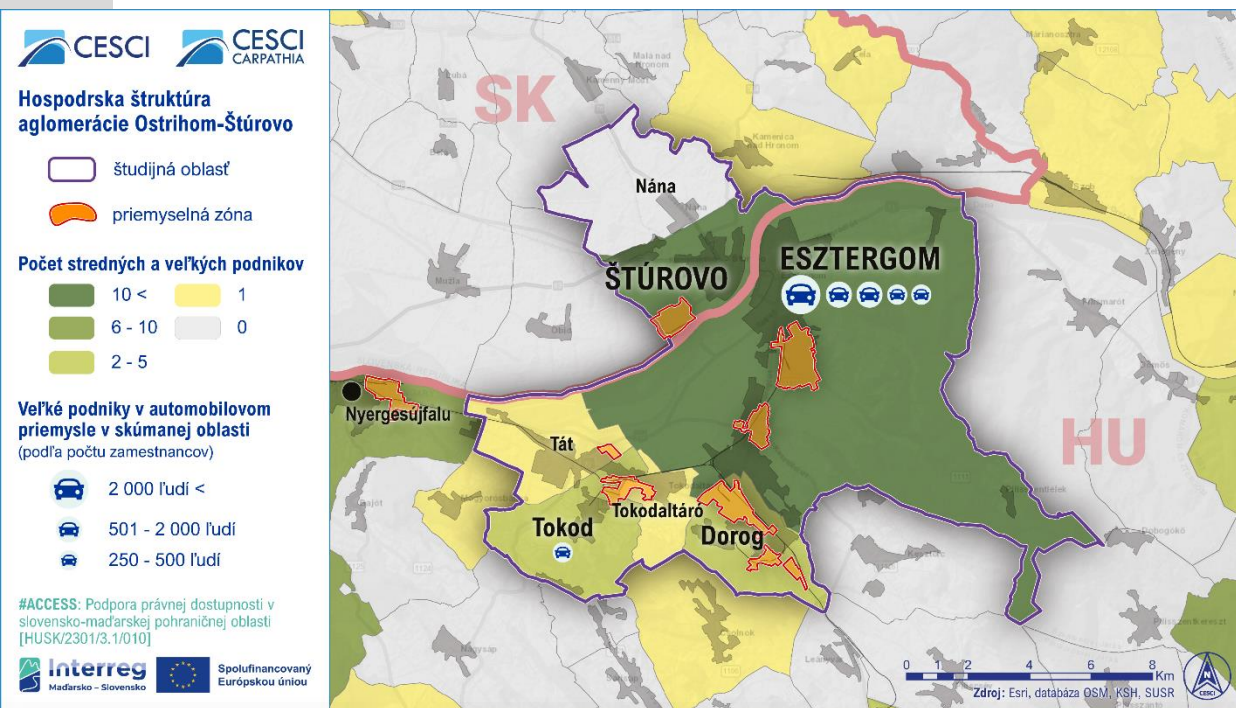


Difficulties with shopping

Interview findings

- Obstacles perceived by law enforcers are rarely noticed by legislators
- Better cooperation in bilateral or strategic agreements
- Comprehensive solutions are needed in all sectors (e.g. common terminology, localisation)
- Typical bottlenecks (different structures, complexity of procedures, lack of interoperability of databases, availability of registers)

Reference group meetings with local representatives



KOMÁROMI REFERENCIACSGOPORT

HÁTTÉRANYAG

2024. február 28.

interreg Az Európai Unió társfinanszírozásával

REFERENČNÁ SKUPINA ESZTERGOM

PODKLADOVÝ MATERIÁL

2. februára 2024.

interreg Az Európai Unió társfinanszírozásával

GYŐRI REFERENCIACSGOPORT

HÁTTÉRANYAG

2024. január 25.

interreg Az Európai Unió társfinanszírozásával

Az Ipolytény-Balassagyarmat tengely funkcionális viszonyai

- vizsgálati térség
- Reilly-képlet alapján meghatározott elméleti vonzáskörzetek

Funkciók száma

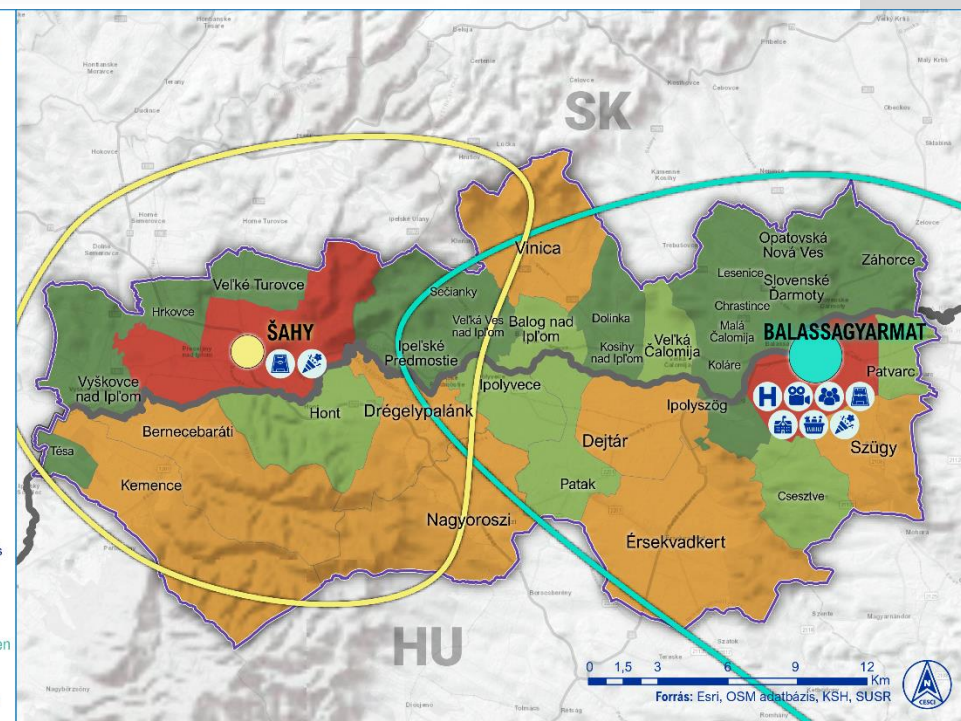
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Ipolytény és Balassagyarmat határon átnyúló funkciói

- kórház
- középiskola
- mozi
- hiper-/szupermarket
- művelődési ház/központ
- nagyobb kulturális fesztivál
- sportlétesítmény

#ACCESS: A jogi akadálymentesítés előmozdítása a szlovák-magyar határtérségben [HUSK/2301/3.1/010]

interreg Magyarország - Szlovákia Az Európai Unió társfinanszírozásával



Outcomes of reference group meetings

- The majority of **municipal leaders are open to stronger integration**
- Most of the obstacles to development are not legal
- **There are differences between the barriers and break-out points in each functional area**
- The workshops have also identified **very specific development needs**, which require resources to be implemented
- **Comprehensive solutions** (specialised dictionaries, focus groups, bilingualism)

Background

| Type of intervention → Character of the obstacle ↓ | A Systematic | B Situational |
|---|---|--|
| 1 Need for legal amendment | A1 Systematic obstacles necessitating amendments in legislation | B1 Ad-hoc obstacles requiring legal amendments |
| 2 Legal amendment is not necessary | A2 Systematic obstacles solvable within the confines of existing legislations | B2 Ad-hoc obstacles solvable within the confines of existing legislation |

II. Management of obstacles

Different types of barriers require different responses

1. Differences in **sectoral administrative, structural and legal practices**
 - Health
 - Tourism
 - Transport
 - Forestry
 - Biodiversity
2. **Single Market Barriers** - Buying a SIM card in another country - subject to permanent address –
3. **Different professional practices** - bacterial diseases of the bees - one side closed, fenced, destroyed, after a few kilometres less severe rules –
Common PROTOCOLS
4. **Institutionalisation of urban agglomerations**: strengthening communication, setting up joint bodies

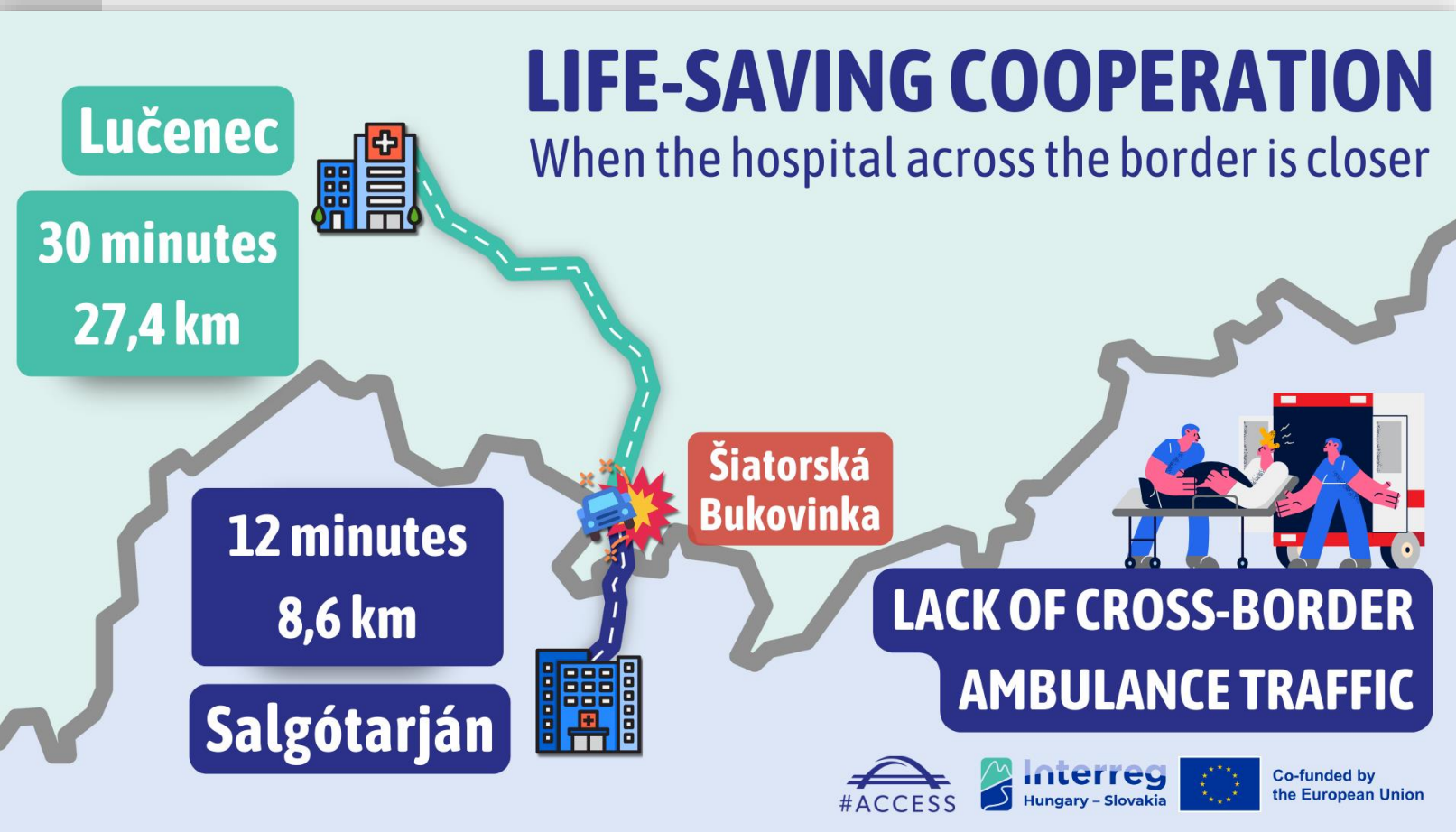
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

**INVOLVEMENT of National
Communications and Media
AUTHORITY**

Common PROTOCOLS

Joint BODIES

Cooperation of Ambulance Services



Bilateral framework on

- the legal rights of the persons carrying out the rescue
- special rules for crossing the border (exemption from the requirement to present a travel document)
- the special situation of the rescue vehicles (lights, sound signals)
- equipment
- protection of personal data
- liability for damages

Market discrepancies

How much does the border matter in **PACKAGE DELIVERY?**



ESZTERGOM

How much does it cost to deliver a package...

... within the country? (2 480 Ft)

... to the other side of the border? (6 150 Ft)

The prices shown are the average of the five most commonly used package delivery services in Hungary for sending parcels of 15cm x 15 cm x 15cm in size, weighing 1 kg.



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Obstacle inventory on 24 topics

| Sector | Topic |
|----------------------------|--|
| Transport | Kosice public transport |
| Helth | Emergency care |
| Disaster Management | Joint preparations, Forest fire management regulations |
| Tourism | Geopark institutionalising |
| Education | Diagnostics of children with special needs |
| Water management | Different regulations, sectors |
| Employment | Atypical work patterns |
| Forestry | CB Invasive species |
| Forestry | Information for forest visitors |
| Employment | recognition of archaeological experience |
| Tourism | Data harmonisation |
| Language barriers | Common glossaries, etc. |

| Sector | Topic |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Spatial Planning | Bratislava area |
| Health | Patient care |
| Local products | CB sale |
| Tourism | Water tour guide trainings |
| Social services | Family and children welfare |
| Biodiversity | Fish species protection |
| Forestry | EUTR/EUDR harmonisation |
| Forestry | Bacterial diseases of bees |
| Water supply | CB service |
| Energy communities | CB service |
| Education | Recognition of qualifiations |
| Information gaps | Leaflets |

Indicators to be undertaken

- **20** specific case studies
- **10** comprehensive barrier analyses and their **10** solutions
- **4** legal barrier removal
- **5** project preparation

Results and outcomes until now

| Activities | Outcomes |
|--|--|
| Survey | 1,648 completed |
| Help desk | 41 cases answered so far (continuous) |
| Reference groups in cross-border urban areas | 10 meetings (8 more) |
| Best practices | 23 collected (continuous) |
| Interviews | 45 in 15 sectors |
| Bilateral expert group meetings started | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health working group• Forestry meeting• Tourism cooperations |



Why CB networks are inevitable?

Experience of previous sectoral cooperation

- cooperation between emergency services at other borders
- disaster management cooperation (project)
- CB sales of local products (b-solutions)

Experience of EGTCs

(connections between local/regional and national level)

- Tourism
- Local products
- Biodiversity (b-solutions)

EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT

Promotion

Promotion
of the **project**

Marketing of the **information
and dissemination help desk**

Sensitization campaign
targeting the authorities

Events

Publications

Billboards

Leaflets

Media campaigns

Brochures

Project website

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NEWS AND EVENTS

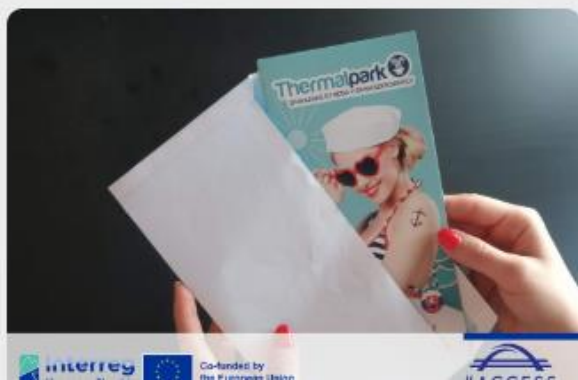
NEWS



The series of the first reference group launched in Győr

2024-02-06

As part of the #ACCESS project, a series of reference group workshops are being organised in order to channel the experiences of the urban centres located close to the border ...



#ACCESS project concludes survey phase with second lottery draw

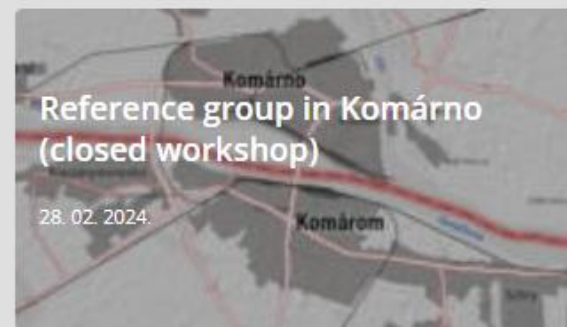
2024-02-06

The survey activity of the #ACCESS project targeting the legal and administrative obstacles at the Slovak-Hungarian border has ended. In order to attract as many answers as possible, the project ...

EVENTS

Upcoming

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Thank you for your kind attention!

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