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In the middle of Europe and in the heart of Central-Europe, at the intersection of migrating nations and cultures lays the Ister-Granum Euroregion. This picturesque land where three rivers, the Danube, the Garam and the Ipoly meet is one of Kings, scholars and artists. Nature and history created a uniquely fascinating land of civilisation along these rivers. This land of culture, now whole and complete following the inauguration of the Mária Valéria Bridge on 11th October 2001, once again offers its sights to visitors.

The Ister-Granum Euroregion is situated on the Hungarian-Slovak border. Its territory exceeds 2,000 km² with a population of 200,000 people. The region, the heart of which is the Mária Valéria Bridge connecting Esztergom (Hungary) and Štúrovo (Slovakia), forms a natural geographical unit.

When choosing a name for the regional co-operation giving consideration to the geopolitical and geographical conditions and also to the potential nationality sensitivities, we tried to choose a neutral name. Ister is the Latin name from Roman times for the Danube (of eastern origin), Granua is of Garam, another significant river in the area. Since 2008 the municipalities of this region have been working together within the frame of an EGTC, the third one in the EU.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

REGIONAL TOURIST DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

The objective of the RTDMO is to promote and sale the territory of the EGTC as an independent and unified tourist destination. The development required to start the joint PR activities, to ensure the supporting infrastructure, to create the organization as well as the joint packages has already started within the framework of a CBC project of half million euros.

COMMON ENERGY AGENCY

The project aims to establish own energy agency with two development offices on both sides of the border (in Gbelce in Slovakia and in Máriahalom in Hungary). The task of the energy agency is to help the municipalities and institutions operating on the territory of the EGTC to switch their energy consumption to renewable energy resources by the means of services such as planning, project development and project management. The licensed plans of the two offices which will be established within the framework of the project are prepared.

ISTER-GRANUM ENTERPRISE-LOGISTICS ZONE

The reasoning of the planned zone is based on the complementarities between the two sides of the border: the large majority of companies responsible for the industrial production of the EGTC are concentrated in the Esztergom-Dorog-Lábattlan triangle (HU), but transport and logistics endowments of the region are very unfavorable. On the contrary, the second largest freight railway station of Slovakia is situated in Štúrovo. Moreover, the paper factory of Štúrovo has also a cargo port. Our goal is to create a cross-border enterprise-logistics zone by exploiting these features and the commercial use of the airport of Esztergom. The feasibility study of the zone and a new freight bridge are prepared.

INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

We initiated the development of a cross-border integrated public transport system which means as the first step to carry out the cross-border coordination of the timetables of different service providers. The second stage is the development of a regional tariff system and launch of new lines as well as the establishment of a transport alliance similar to the one of the capital city which allows people to commute across the border. We want to solve the question of financing with introduction of own electronic money, the examination of which is in progress.

CROSS-BORDER SERVICE PROVIDING SYSTEM TO THE NGOS

In 2008 we started to build up a cross-border service providing system to the NGOs located in the euroregion. Now the network consists of 6 offices helping the local NGOs in legal, financial, professional questions and taxation.

INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEMS

Since the beginning of 2005 the hospital of Esztergom has been able to receive patients from Slovakia in accordance to an agreement concluded with a Slovak insurance company. The two border institutions developed a joint project in order to create a more rational, cross-border outpatient care system.

ISTER-GRANUM EXPO. BUSINESS SUPPORT SYSTEM

The project aims to establish two permanent exhibition sites, one in Želiezovce in Slovakia and one in Piliscsaba in Hungary. In addition to this we are going to create an information-providing office network to support the SMEs' operation and setting up beyond the border, to generate partnerships and supplier networks as well as to facilitate the flow of labour force across the border.

ISTER-GRANUM NEWS AGENCY

Those communication tools aimed to develop within the framework of a joint news agency will play a crucial role in the socialization of the issue of the EGTC and Europe without borders. The news agency will have an own bilingual on-line radio transmission, bilingual television and weekly newspaper. Moreover it will administrate on-line facilities, as well.

REGIONAL SOLIDARITY-DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are trying to create a new tool of joint development, the solidarity and development fund. The member municipalities will be asked to support the fund with real estates of smaller value. We intend to ask the bigger companies located in the region as well to support the fund with a small amount every year. By our expectances this fund might provide guarantee to our projects realised from bank credit. Later the fund may provide financial support to small projects as well.

