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Three hundred participants expected at the joint Hungarian-Croatian Cross-border Conference in Čakovec on 10 September 2015

The Hungary-Croatia Cross-border Co-operation Programme celebrates the fourth edition of European Co-operation Day (<http://www.ecday.eu>) with a large Programme Conference in Čakovec on the 10th of September 2015. More than 49 million Euro of the EU contribution have been allocated to 169 joint Hungarian-Croatian projects from the Cross-border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013, equally on both sides of the border. Additionally, the 2014-2020 financial perspective opens up new cross-border possibilities as the new Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Co-operation Programme is currently awaiting approval by the European Commission.

With the Hungary-Croatia CBC Programme 2007-2013 entering its final phase, it is time to examine how far it has come in the past few years, focusing on presenting the results and achievements with the participation of 169 supported projects (and their Lead Beneficiaries) at the Čakovec conference (<http://conference-2015.huhr-cbc.com>). The event, expected to host up to 300 participants, will be an opportunity to present also the perspectives in the 2014-20 Interreg V-A period with new priority axes and with new funding opportunities.

Croatia will be represented by **Ms Helga Bubanović Devčić**, Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds; Hungary by **Mr Zsigmond Perényi**, Deputy State Secretary and the Head of the Managing Authority in the Prime Minister's Office. Ambassadors of both Hungary to the Republic of Croatia and Republic of Croatia to Hungary, **Mr József Magyar** and **Mr Gordan Grlić Radman**, will also address the participants with their welcome notes. The European Commission will be represented by **Ms Lena Andersson Pench**, Director in the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy. Last but not least, the local level will be present through the hosting county and the hosting town: Međimurska County through County Prefect **Mr Matija Posavec** and Čakovec through the Mayor, **Mr Stjepan Kovač**.

European Co-operation Day, an initiative of INTERACT that is supported by the European Commission, will be celebrated all across the European Union for the fourth time on the 21st of September 2015 and in the surrounding weeks. More and more cross-border, transnational and interregional co-operation programmes have announced their events (including the Hungary-Croatia CBC Programme) on the initiative's official website, www.ecday.eu, willing to present their achievements. This year is quite special because **25 years of Interreg** (European territorial co-operation) **will be celebrated all around Europe**.

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