

Interreg Europe "ACROSS" project was launched for the improvement of local development policies by establishing long-term cooperation between economic actors and local authorities

Alba Iulia Municipality as the Lead Partner implements the project "Aligning public and CoRpOrate Sustainability goals - ACROSS" alongside seven partners: EDC Debrecen Urban and Economic Development Center (HU); BURST Nonprofit Limited Liability Company (HU); Kekava Municipality Local Government (LV); North Development Agency (HR); Municipality of Milano (IT); City of Hannut (BE); University of Liège (BE); Discovery Partner: City Hall of Chisinau Municipality (MD).

The project is approved under the second call of the Interreg Europe Programme 2021-2027, co-funded by the European Union, Policy objective 5 – Europe closer to citizens, Specific objective – Integrated urban development.

The European Green Deal has set a target of achieving climate neutrality by 2050. To this end, a collaborative effort involving various actors, such as cities and enterprises, is necessary to attain sustainability targets at the EU level. Furthermore, regulatory incentives, including the taxonomy regulation, Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), and Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), will require designated companies to publish non-financial reports on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) to demonstrate their commitment to sustainability.

In light of these challenges, the ACROSS project **aims** to align public and corporate sustainability goals by establishing long-term cooperation between economic actors and local authorities. The project seeks to enhance local development policies to mitigate the effects of climate change, promote responsible use of natural resources, and achieve the EU's carbon neutrality goals by 2050. To achieve this objective, the project is establishing a comprehensive interregional learning process that incorporates study visits and knowledge exchange sessions.

Total budget project: 1,710,524.00 Euro

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Amount of funding allocated to EDC Debrecen Urban and Economic Development Center:
201,971.00 Euro

Implementation period: 01 April 2024 – 30 June 2028

More information about the project is available on the website: www.interregeurope.eu/across

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