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### The joint Hungarian-Croatian cross-border conference

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The Hungarian-Croatian Cross-border Co-operation (CBC) Programme celebrated the fourth edition of European Co-operation Day (<http://www.ecday.eu>) with a large Programme Conference in Čakovec on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2015.

This year's main Hungarian-Croatian CBC event had a double function. It was the Closing Event of the 2007-2013 Programme and the Opening Event of the 2014-2020 CBC Programme. More than 49 million Euro of the EU contribution have been allocated to 169 joint Hungarian-Croatian projects from the CBC Programme 2007-2013, equally on both sides of the border. The event, successfully hosting more than 300 participants, was an opportunity to present also the perspectives in the 2014-2020 Interreg V-A period with new priority axes and with new funding opportunities approved by the European Commission on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2015.

The Secretariat of the Danube Commission was represented by Mr Petar MARGIĆ, Director-General. Croatia was 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, addressed as well the participants with their welcome notes. The European Commission was represented by Ms Lena ANDERSSON PENCH, Director in the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, having a stress on a positive experience with the implementation of Hungarian-Croatian CBC Programme 2007-2013.



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 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2015 and in the surrounding weeks. This year is quite special because 25 years of Interreg (European territorial co-operation) will be celebrated all around Europe.