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Accession Conference Vukovar 2013 Presentation of the results of joint Hungarian-Croatian programme/ 140 projects and more than 47 million euro of EU contribution to joint projects

Hungary-Croatia (IPA) CBC Programme celebrated second edition of European Cooperation Day (ECD) with the large Programme conference in Vukovar on Friday, 20 September 2013. More than 47 million euro of the EU contribution was allocated to joint Hungary-Croatian projects, equally on the both sides of the common border. This year is the special in the life of the Programme as of Croatian accession to the European Union on 1 July 2013, thus Vukovar Conference has been connected to both- ECD and the role and achievements of the Programme had on Croatian EU way.

Republic of Croatia was at the Conference in Vukovar, with the participation of 200 guests, represented by **Ms. Helga Bubanović Devčić**, assistant minister in the Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds; Hungary by **Mr. Ferenc Márkus**, Programme director and responsible person for setting up the CBC structures in Hungary, from Széchenyi Programme Office; European Commission (EC) by **Ms. Agnès Monfret**, Head of Unit in DG Regional and Urban Policy. Guests were also greeted by **Mr. Božo Galić**, County Prefect of Vukovarsko-srijemska County as the hosting county of the event. It was an opportunity to hear presentations and information on the Structural and Investment Funds in the New EU Budgetary Period 2014-20, as well as Hungarian expectations and the changes and benefits related to the EU funding and Cross-border co-operation (CBC) after the accession of Croatia to the European Union. The results of the current period were also shown with the participation of 140 supported projects (and their Lead Beneficiaries) at the Vukovar Conference.

The European Co-operation Day (www.ecday.eu), an initiative of INTERACT supported by the European Commission, was celebrated all across the European Union for the second time on the 21 September 2013 and the surrounding days.

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<http://www.hu-hr-ipa.com/en/conference2013>

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