



# **Smart Practices in Cross-border Cooperation with Tourism, Agri -food and Development Foot Print for the Citizens of the Balkans**

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# Introduction- CBC

- EU's territorial and cross-border cooperation programmes : significant policy instruments targetting border areas of the EU member states, the candidate countries and the countries within the neighbourhood policy.
- Contribute significantly to the regional development of border areas, always with a focus of sustainable development.
- A common challenge addressed jointly → more sustainable outcome, more efficiency and impact.
- Projects so far → impact on regional development in several fields such as culture, tourism and environment.

# Introduction- CBC

- Objective: not only development at the border regions.
- People on both (all) sides of the border come together for a specific purpose while developing friendships across the border.
- Very precious in overcoming social and historic prejudice among societies and bring them closer together.
- A need for such a cooperation for sustainable development, reversing the negative effects of climate change and recovery in post-Covid era.

# Turkey and CBC

- ✓ BG-TR CBC 2003-2006
- ✓ BG-TR CBC 2007-2013
- ✓ ENI BSB CBC 2007-2013
- ✓ BG-TR 2014-2020
- ✓ ENI BSB CBC 2014-2020

# Turkey and CBC

- ✓ stronger and sustainable social and economic development,
- ✓ improvement of quality of life,
- ✓ development of sustainable tourism,
- ✓ promotion of business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors,
- ✓ promotion of common cultural heritage,
- ✓ increasing cross-border trade opportunities,
- ✓ modernisation in the agricultural and connected sectors,
- ✓ raising awareness in environment,
- ✓ improve joint environmental monitoring,
- ✓ promote common awareness-raising and joint actions to reduce river and marine litter.

# CBC 2021-2027



PO 2: A greener, low-carbon Europe

PO 5: A Europe closer to citizens

ISO 2: A safer and more secure Europe



PO 1: A more competitive and smarter Europe

PO 2: A greener, low-carbon Europe



PO 1: A more competitive and smarter Europe

PO 2: A greener, low-carbon Europe

PO 4: A more social and inclusive Europe (and its Neighbourhood)  
implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

ISO 1: Interreg-specific objective of a better cooperation governance

# Sample projects

Interreg - IPA CBC  
Bulgaria - Turkey

PARTNERSHIP



## Promoting Tea as the Engine of Growth for the Black Sea Basin Area (TeaWay)



## Sample projects

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PARTNERSHIP



### Increase Trading and Modernization of the Beekeeping and Connected Sectors in the Black Sea Basin (ITM BEE-BSB)

The first vending machine for honey appeared in Varna



# Sample projects

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## Sustainable Agricultural Trade Network in Black Sea Basin (AGRITRADENET)



# Sample projects

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Bulgaria - Turkey

PARTNERSHIP



## Harman - The Tourist Station for Culture and History of the Nations



# Sample projects

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Bulgaria - Turkey

PARTNERSHIP



## Strandja/Yıldız -the Mountain of Festivals (STRANDJA-FEST)



# Sample projects

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PARTNERSHIP



## Economic Development Through Creation of Social Infrastructure for Education

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# Conclusion

- exemplary cooperation and good friendship among project beneficiaries- outstanding joint work and friendship at programme level among MA's and NA's,
- valuable contributions from all friends and colleagues from our CBC Programmes, our Greek partners from the BSB Programme and my colleagues in Turkey,
- wish more sustainable results in 2021-2027 period, especially in the policy objectives much crucial for the well-being of the border population, our world and sustainability for all our societies.

*Thank you*

*Teşekkür ederim*

*Ευχαριστώ πολύ*

*Şebnem Sözer*

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