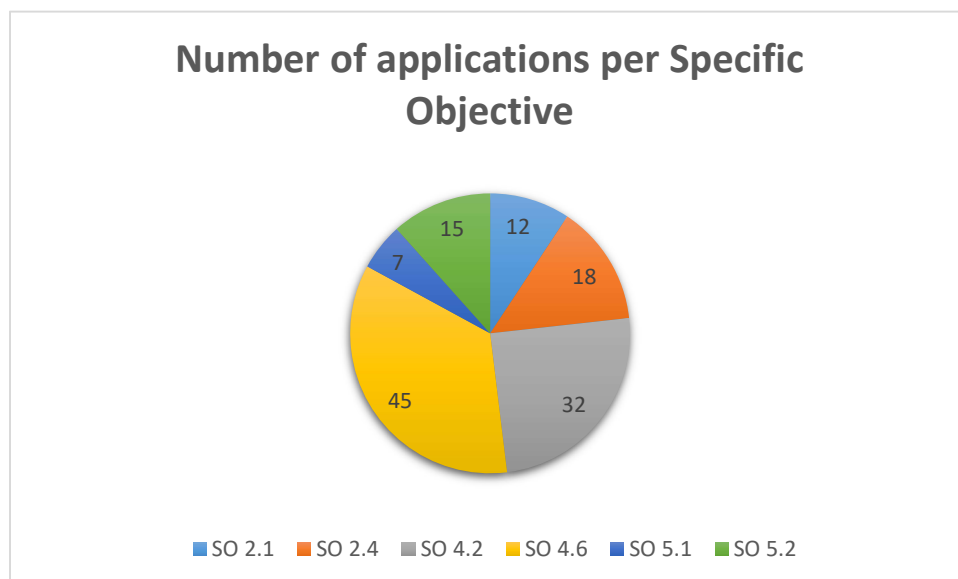


**Applications received for 72 million EUR of ERDF
from applicants of the 1st Open Call for Proposals
of the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Croatia Programme 2021-2027**

Altogether 129 joint Hungarian-Croatian applications planning investments into **energy efficiency and climate change mitigation, sustainable tourism and education, furthermore efficient public administration and intensified people-to-people cooperation** were submitted to the first Call for Proposals of the new financial perspective.

The Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia, acting as the Managing Authority of the Programme and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, acting as the National Authority **launched the Call for Proposals on 2 September 2024**, with the submission deadline of 29 November. The project partnerships organised around 65 Hungarian and 64 Croatian Lead Partner organisations applied for a total amount of slightly more than 72 million EUR, which is **more than two and a half times the available amount of 26.324.825 Euros of EU funding**.

1. The division of applications between the thematic areas of the Programme is displayed in the following chart:

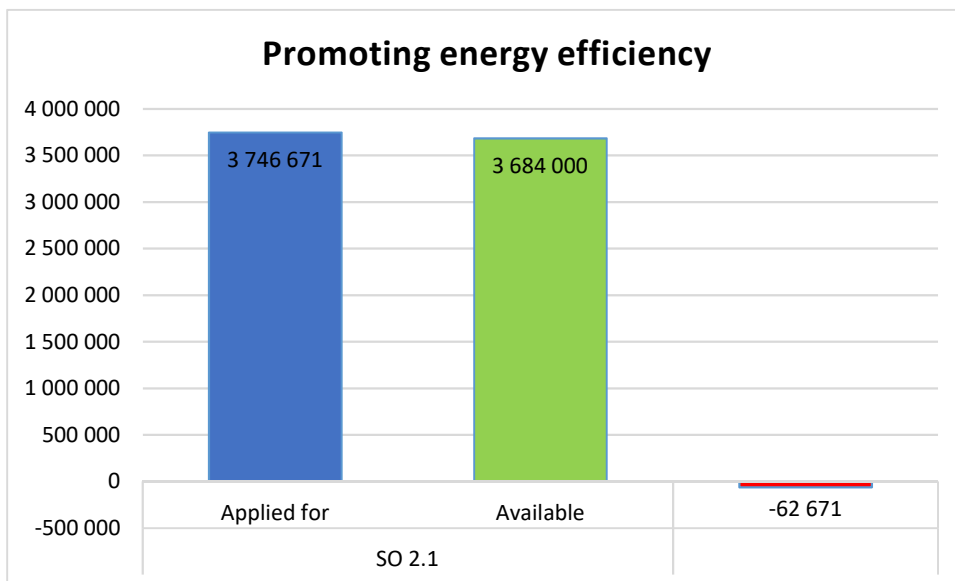


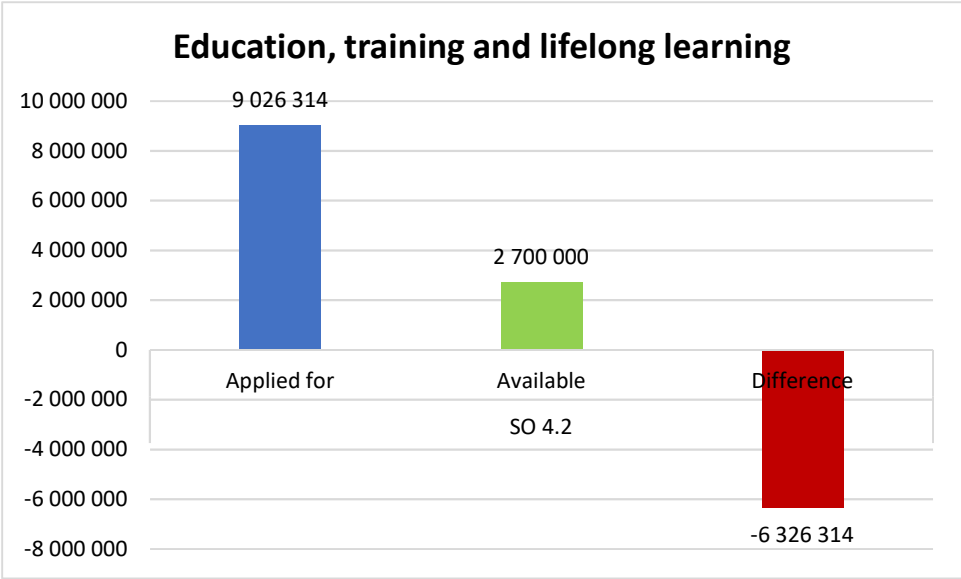
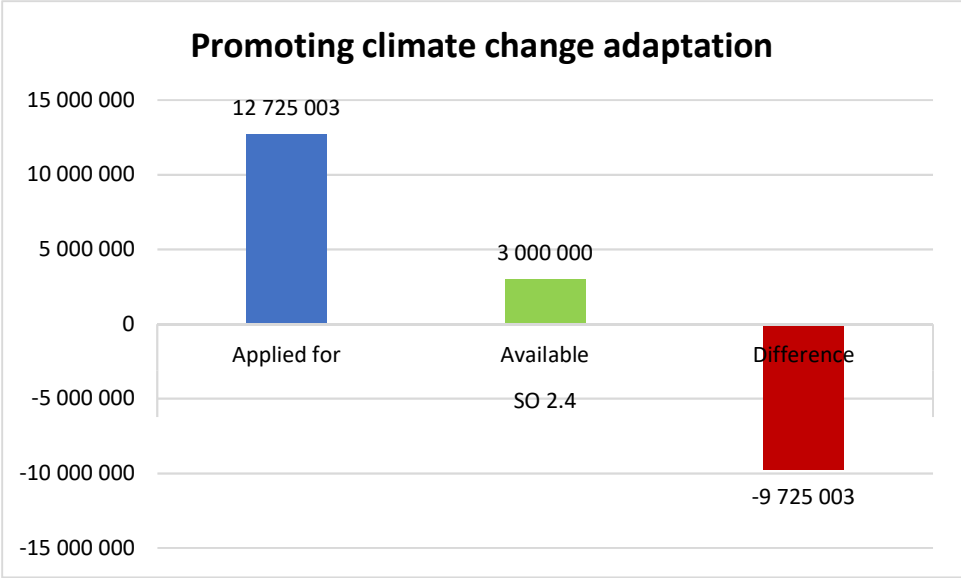
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- SO 2.1** – Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- SO 2.4** – Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention
- SO 4.2** – Improving access to inclusive and quality services in education
- SO 4.6** – Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development
- SO 5.1** – Enhance efficient public administration
- SO 5.2** – Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

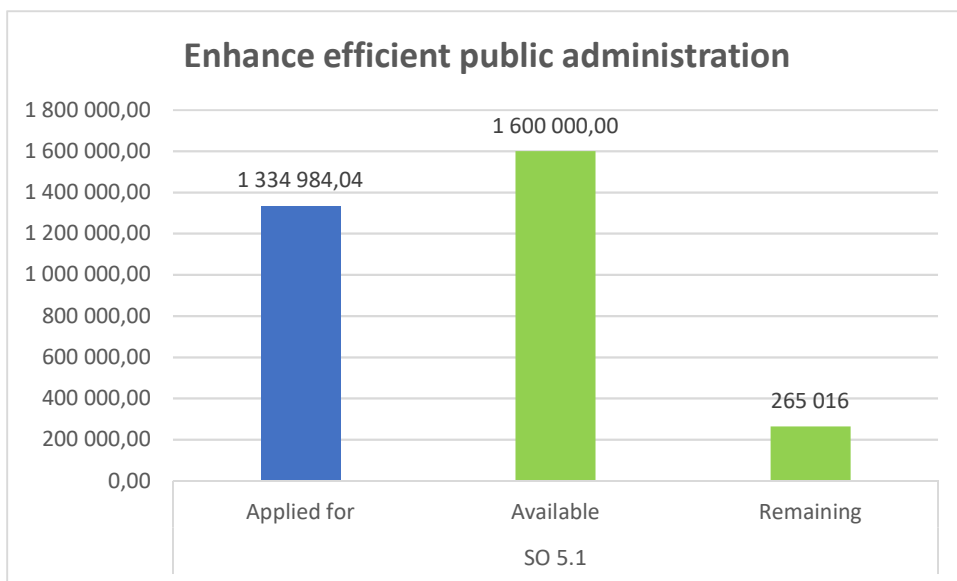
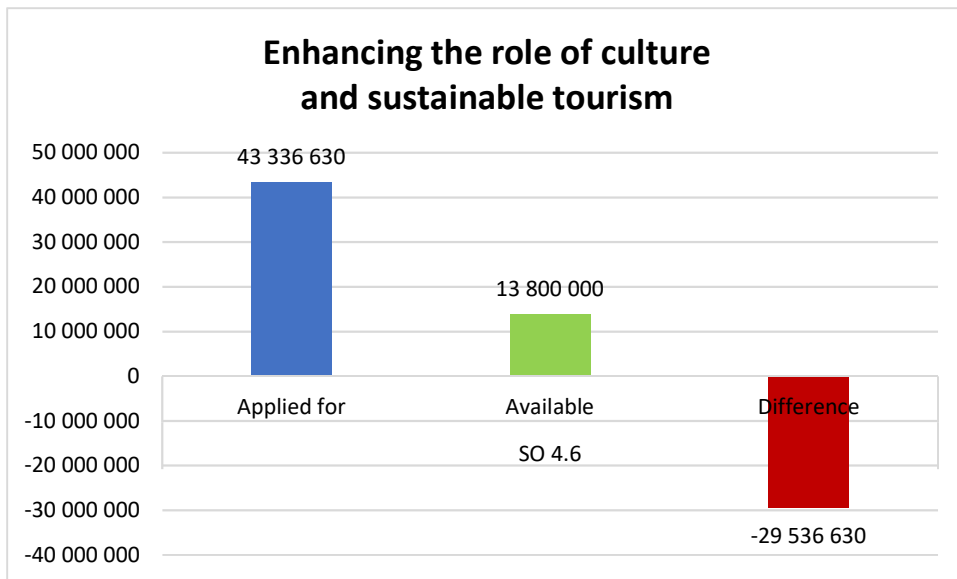
As visible from the chart, projects applying for support within Specific Objective 4.6 (**Culture and sustainable tourism**) face the fiercest competition, with a total of **45 applications** going for the available funding, followed by SO-s 4.2 (Education, training and lifelong learning) and 2.4 (**Climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention**), with **32 and 18** project proposals.

What this interest means in terms of requested and available EU funding per Specific Objective, please consult the following charts, where the requested amounts per SO are always in **blue**, the available allocations are coloured **green** – and the missing amounts (i.e. the extent of over-applying to funds) are displayed in **red**. Figures are **in EUR** and refer to the ERDF content of the planned projects.





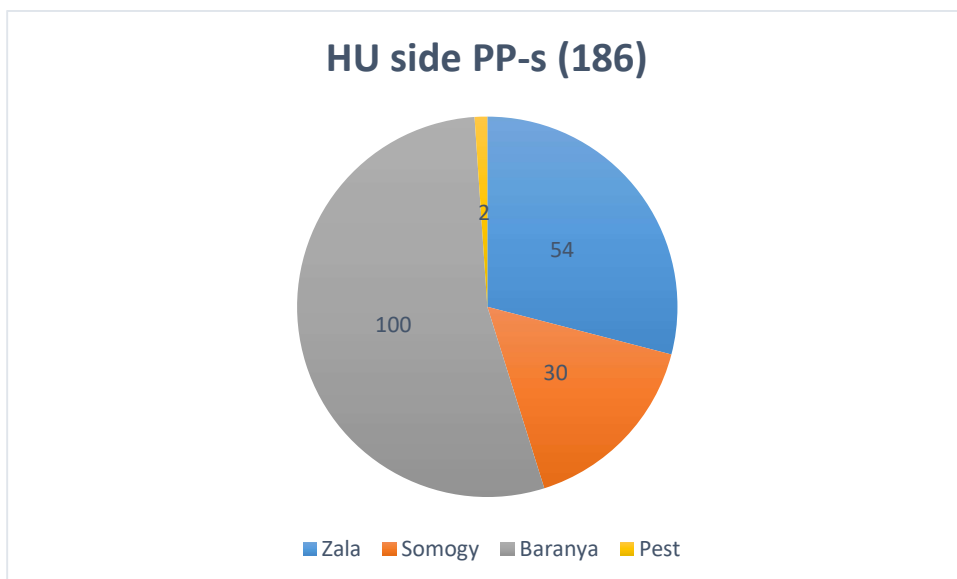
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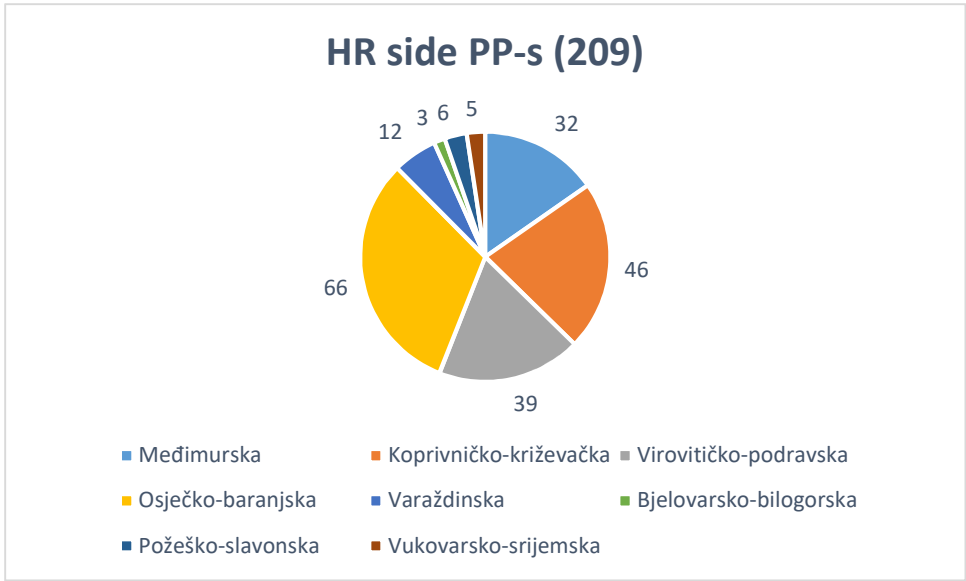
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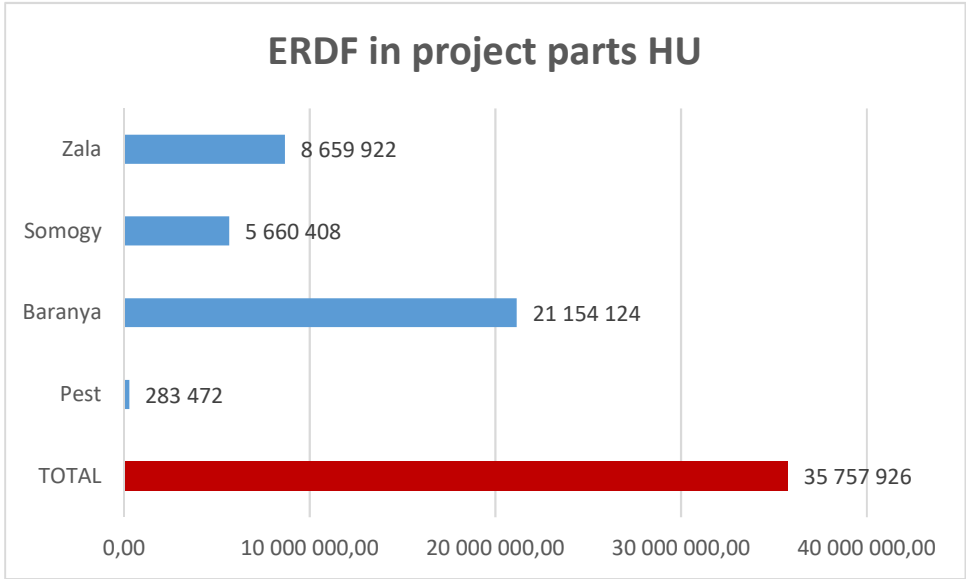
2. For the division between the 395 potential project partner organisations between the counties of the two sides please check the following charts:



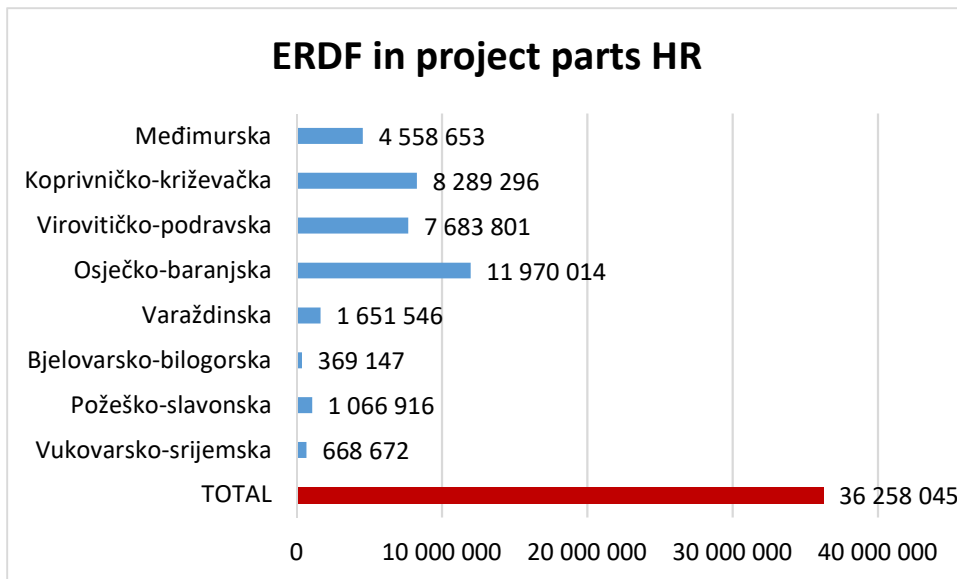
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3. The requested ERDF funding per county is displayed in the charts below:



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All submitted applications will in December 2024 **enter the formal- and eligibility assessment phase**, about the outcome of which the contact persons at the Lead Partner organisations will be informed in due time. The formal- and eligibility assessment (including completion round) **will be followed by quality assessment, while the projects to be supported will finally be selected by the bilateral Monitoring Committee**, consisting of regional and national stakeholders from both Member States.

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