

## AN INTERREG PROJECT FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND SAFE PLANT PROTECTION IN THE EU

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The aim of this project is to develop regional, post-gradual plant protection courses and connecting extension services (databases) in the areas of Hajdú-Bihar county (Hungary) and Bihor county (Romania) with locations of Debrecen and Oradea (mirror projects). The programme provides special post-gradual courses in the field of plant protection for farmers in the region (25-25 persons in Debrecen and in Oradea) and can act as models for further developments. In these projects EU-related curriculum as well as handbooks, power point presentations (in Hungarian and Romanian languages) planned to be developed in close collaboration. Professional training books and CD-ROMs will be purchased to develop the educational infrastructure. The results of the projects and continuous professional education are not only more precise pesticide application or less pesticide use in the agricultural sector but more healthy (and human safe) agricultural products and positive impact on environmental-pollution parameters. The information will be provided via fax, bulletins and special WEB-pages for the target groups. At the end of the projects final evaluation conferences (in Hungary and in Romania) will be held for the end-users.

*The number of the project:* INTERREG III/A HU-RO-SCG-1/329

*The duration of the project:* 28.02.2006-31.03.2007.

*Areas of the project activity is covered:*

- Human resource development with special courses for Hungarian and Romanian agricultural producers.
- Economical development in agricultural production systems based on post-gradual courses and extension services.
- Protection of the environment and consumers by up-to-date knowledge based, more precise or reduced pesticide application.
- Development of institutional cooperation in creating special up-to-date WEB sites, databases between the partners.

*Project Locations:* Hungary, Hajdú-Bihar county, Debrecen Romania, Bihor county, Oradea

*Amount requested from the Contracting Authority:*

Total eligible cost of the action	Amount requested from the Contracting Authority in this proposal	% of total cost of action
12.512.600 HUF	11.883.216 HUF	94.97%