

## CBC Romania-Bulgaria Program 2007 - 2013

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Key partners in the program for cross-border cooperation are the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Housing of Romania and the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works in Bulgaria.

As a program beneficiary the National Road Infrastructure Agency commissioned the Transport Research Institute to carry out all necessary consulting services for the preparation of project application forms for two districts - Pleven and Dobrich.

The purpose of the assignment was to produce a rationale and feasibility study on the possibilities for rehabilitation of a number of road infrastructure projects.

The program is funded through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) - a structural fund, created in support of bridging the gaps between EU regions.

The scope of consultancy services consists of the following basic tasks:

1. Preliminary investigation, involving target definition, possible alternatives and evaluation, study of traffic and costing.

2. Financial and cost-benefit analysis, which includes project budgeting, financial sustainability and funding sources, as well as evaluation of the environmental impact.

The data used in the study are provided by the road administrations of Pleven and Dobrich.

Studies and application forms analysis have been prepared for the following projects:

- Rehabilitation of Road III-3004, Trastenik - Orehovitsa - Road III-137, road length 16.35 km;
- Rehabilitation of Road III-3402, Slavyanovo - Pordim, road length 10.65 km;
- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of road III-293, section Koriten - Svernyak - border with Romania, road length 6 km.

The program will encourage the border areas to develop their business, to exchange information and provide access to the border.

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