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Subject: Degree of absorption of funding for cross-border projects between the Republic of Moldova and Romania and between Romania and Ukraine

Cross-border cooperation is a key element of the EU's policy towards its neighbours. Cross-border programmes support sustainable development along the EU's external borders, help reduce differences in living standards and address common challenges across these borders. The Republic of Moldova and Ukraine have recently been granted EU candidate status, making cross-border cooperation between them and Romania even more important. Ukraine could also use monies from cross-border projects to rebuild places destroyed following the Russian invasion.

What was the degree of absorption of funding for cross-border projects between the Republic of Moldova and Romania and between Romania and Ukraine for the multiannual financial period 2014-2020? What is the state of play in the negotiations on new cross-border activities for the financial period 2021-2027?