



IPA ADRION 2021-2027 1st Call for Proposals Overview

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IPA ADRION PROGRAMME

Geographical area





New projects cross-cutting elements



- **□** Environmentally-sustainable
- **□**Innovative
- **□**Resilient
- Outcomes with **medium-long effects** by sawing the seeds of **long-term cooperation**
- □ Capacity building



Basic Principles

- Efforts in intercepting new potential beneficiaries
- Simplification in reporting to the possible maximum extent
- Mitigation measures in place to minimize risks deriving from delayed/non-performing projects



1st call for proposals – key features



- · Open from 4 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 at 13:00 (CEST/Rome time)
- Interreg allocation: MEUR ca. 65,7
- EU co-financing rate: 85%
- Addressed to 6 Specific Objectives and to pre-identified indicative actions
- Application package available on:

https://www.adrioninterreg.eu/index.php/call-for-proposals/ipa-adrion-first-call-for-proposals/

1st call for proposals Priority Axes, Specific Objectives and EU allocated resources







Ref. to Specific Objectives

Strengthening innovation capacities

MEUR 16,7

MEUR 14,01 MEUR 5,03 MEUR 14,49 MEUR 8,72

- Enhancing resilience to climate change, natural and man-made disaster
- Supporting circular economy
- Supporting environmental preservation and protection
- Supporting sustainable multimodal urban mobility







Priority 3

Strengthening a carbon neutral smart mobility

MEUR 6,71

Specific objectives and indicative actions (1)



- A project proposal must focus on 1 Specific Objective only.
- In principle, only one indicative action must be chosen; coherence between chosen indicative action and the Specific Objective must be ensured.
- Chosen Specific Objective and Indicative Action must be reported in the summary of the project proposal.

Specific objectives and indicative actions (2)



- Updated territorial analysis and embedded EUSAIR flagships have led the identification and selection of Specific Objectives and indicative actions.
- Project proposals should answer the question "what should happen and where".
- Visionary approach linked with the building of a solid partnership able to further implement what proposed.
- Lack of reference to outcomes and achievements of previous granted projects (starting point of proposed projects) will not be positively assessed.

Expected outcomes



- Granted projects shall support the implementation of soft measures:
 - Policy instruments (strategies and action plans);
 - o Pilot actions and joint solutions;
 - Training schemes;
 - Cooperation frameworks/dimension.

- Applications must give <u>evidence</u> of output and result indicators that are envisaged to be reached.
- Achievements must be duly documented by the end of the projects or three months after the project closure at the latest (depending on the chosen indicators).

Indicators



- Each project must contribute to at least two programme output and result indicators.
- Projects not showing a clear link to a programme specific objective and the territorial needs and challenges, and/or not contributing to the respective expected programme results will not be supported by the IPA ADRION programme.

Considering the importance of the "cooperation" dimension for the programme, the output indicator RCO 87 - Organisations cooperating across borders and RCR 84-Organisations cooperating across borders after project lifetime are **mandatory for all projects.**

1st call for proposals – key technical features

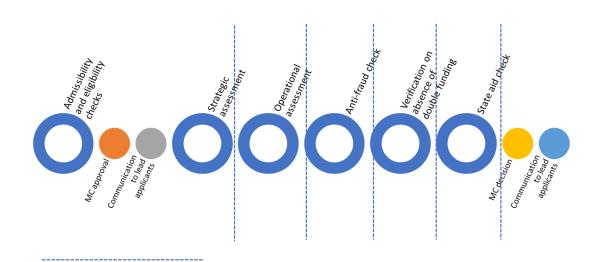


- Potential beneficiaries located in the programme area.
- Lead beneficiaries may be public organizations located in ERDF and IPA participating countries.
- Effective commitment ensured through limitation in participation to project proposals.
- Recommended that eligible partnerships do not involve more than 12 financing project partners.
- Evidence of three compulsory cooperation criteria within the partnership:
 - Joint development
 - Joint implementation
 - Joint financing
- Maximum project duration: 36 months.
- Max EU project budget: MEUR 1,5.
- Recommended use of simplified cost options.

Proposals assessment

- Assessment of received project proposals aimed at covering all possible aspects aimed at ensuring a sound and early project start (e.g.: anti-fraud check, avoidance of double funding or state aid); quality assessment performed according to strategic and operational criteria.
- Depending on the number of received applications, overall assessment expected to be finalized by end of 2023.
- Partnerships can check their obligations through the template of subsidy contract and partnership agreements part of the application package.
- Future granted projects expected to start as soon as possible.





If the proposal does not pass this step, it will not progress with the assessment

Performance and midterm review



- Each granted project shall be subject to a midterm review aimed at measuring interim achievements:
 - Respect of work plan implementation and delivery of planned outputs;
 - Achievement of set quantified goals (output indicators);
 - o Financial absorption in relation to the approved work plan.
- Maximum acceptable Interreg budget underspending after three reporting periods (i.e.: after 18 months' implementation): 20% of the spending forecast.
- An underspending rate higher than the threshold above, may bring to the project Interreg budget reduction for the exceeding percentage. Budget reduction shall be approved by the MC.
- In case the programme suffers from decommitment, further budget revision could be envisaged.

Proposed artificial budget (i.e.: low spending in the first three reporting periods and inconsistent with planned activities shall not be positively assessment)

Support offered to applicants



At programme level:

- Regular updated FAQs on programme web site.
- Short videotutorials
- Recorded events
- LinkedIn pages for partner search
- Email service
- Online meetings with the JS previous provision of project idea (project idea template available on programme web site)

At national level:

First hand information provided by National Contact Points
Info-days at national level hosted by National Contact Points (calendar also available on programme web site)





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