

# IPA ADRION 1st Call for Proposals Information Event

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Project content and budget requirements

Joint Secretariat



Eligible **financing project partners** shall either be, according to their **legal status**:

- 1. Public authorities at national, regional and local public bodies, and associations formed by one or several of such public bodies;
- 2. Bodies governed by public law, and associations constituted by one or several bodies governed by public law, as defined in Article 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement;
- **3. EGTC**, in accordance with art. 23.6 of Interreg Regulation. Eligible EGTC must be governed by the law of one of the IPA ADRION participating countries where the EGTC has its registered office. An EGTC cannot be a sole partner of an IPA ADRION project proposal;
- 4. Private bodies, including private companies, having legal personality;
- **5. International organisations** under the national law of one of the IPA ADRION participating countries.





- 1. Established under the national law of one of the participating countries of the Programme;
- 2. Have their legal seat and their seat of operations in a participating country/part of a participating country included in the Programme area;
- 3. Be endowed with legal personality.



#### **Financing partners** <u>must ensure that</u>:

- They have adequate human and technical resources to ensure a sound project implementation and management;
- Their administrative involvement in the project does not undermine their daily activities;
- Their financial commitment within the project is adequate to their size and capacity;
- They have the financial capacity of advancing payments for the implementation of project activities.



#### **LEAD PARTNER**

The following organizations <u>located in ERDF and IPA participating</u> <u>countries</u> shall be considered as **eligible LPs**:

- Public bodies, including their association;
- Bodies governed by public law and their associations, including EGTCs, governed by public law;
- International organizations ruled by national law;
- Assimilated partners\*



#### **ASSIMILATED PARTNERS**

- those Italian public authorities at national level which are <u>competent in their scope of action</u> for certain parts of the eligible area but located outside of it (e.g.: Ministries), are considered as Assimilated partners;
- assimilated partners <u>have equal rights and obligations</u> of applicants located within the Programme geographical area;
- the attribution of the characteristic of Assimilated Partner to an Italian institution located outside the Programme area shall be duly justified in the project application and <u>further assessed with the support of the Italian NCP</u>.



#### **ASSOCIATED PARTNERS**

- bodies willing to be involved in a project with an <u>observer or</u> <u>associated status</u> without financially contributing to the project;
- do not act as service providers;
- must be located in the European Union or in the IPA countries of the IPA ADRION programme area;
- their participation must be strategic to the project;
- expenditure incurred shall be limited to reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs related to their participation in project meetings;
- they do not count for the fulfilment of the partnership minimum requirements.



#### Partners from San Marino

- they may be involved either as Project or Associated Partners;
- their participation shall not count for the fulfilment of the minimum eligible partnership size requirement;
- they will not benefit from Interreg funds; their engagement shall be ensured by their own funds;
- they must ensure their contribution to the achievement of project outputs and results.

### Partnership requirements



**ERDF countries:** Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia

 At least 3 partners from 3 different ERDF participating countries

IPA countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia At least 3 partners from 3 different IPA participating countries

+ SAN MARINO (partner or associated partner)

- Eligible project proposals must involve partners located in the programme geographical area.
- Eligible partnership is composed of at least **6 financing partners** from 6 different participating countries of the Programme area.

It is recommended that **eligible partnership** does not involve more than **12 financing project partners**.





**LIMITATIONS** 

The partnership can include <u>up to a maximum of 2</u> <u>financing Project Partners</u> from the same participating country.

The same organization cannot be:

- Lead Partner in <u>more than 2 project proposals</u> in two different Priority Axis;
- Involved in more than 3 project proposals per call.





**EXCEPTION** 

Public institutions/private non-commercial entities can be considered as "PER DEPARTMENT":

Ministries;

Regional bodies (regions/counties/autonomous provinces);

Universities/research institutions;

Chambers of Commerce and Industry (with its sectoral associations/chambers/regional networks).



across borders



**Result Indicators Outputs Output Indicators** RCO 83 - Strategies and actions plans RCR 79 - Joint strategies and action jointly developed plans taken up by organisations **Policy Instruments** RCO 117 - Solutions for legal or RCR 82 - Legal or administrative administrative obstacles across obstacles across borders alleviated borders identified or resolved RCO 84 - Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects **Pilot Actions &** RCR 104 - Solutions taken up or upscaled by organisations **Joint Solutions** RCO 116 - Jointly developed solutions **RCR 84 - Organisations cooperating RCO 87 - Organisations cooperating** Cooperation

across borders after project

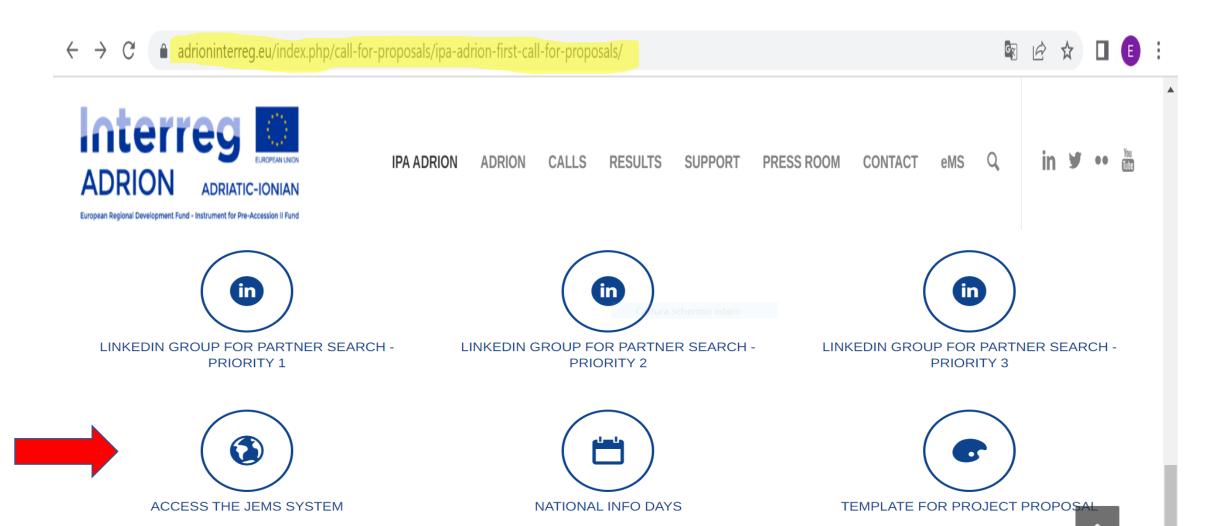
completion

 Each project must contribute to at least two programme output and result indicators. ROC 87 – Organization cooperating across borders to be intended as Compulsory for each project proposal

- For each S.O there is a predefined menu of output and result indicators (ref. to Application Manual)
- Strategies, action plans and pilot actions must be developed in a transnational context and must be adopted within the project lifetime ore three months afterwards at the latest.
- 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.

#### Access to JEMS

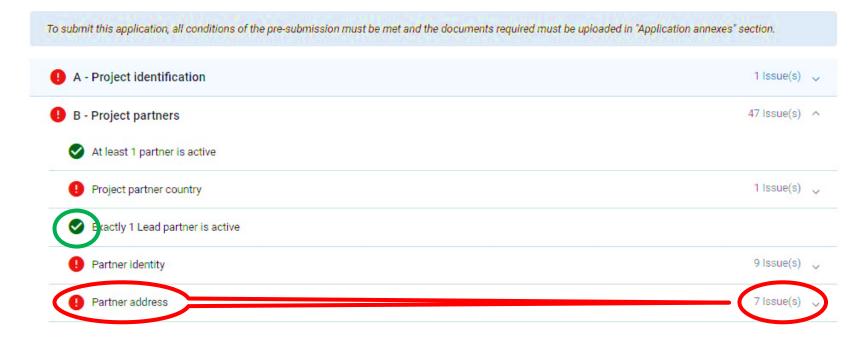






#### Benefits for the user

Checks and blocks customized per call will help respecting the eligibility criteria **BEFORE** the submission of the application form, reducing mistakes that may affect and neutralize the proposal

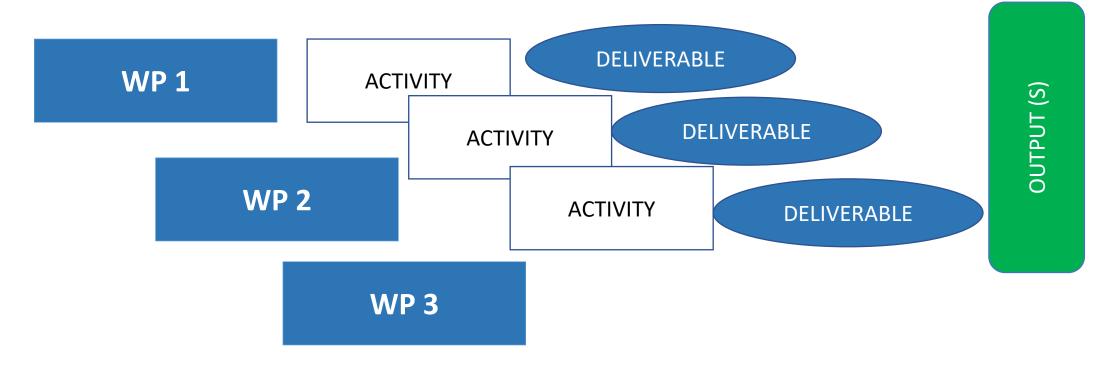


#### **CUSTOMIZED PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKS**



#### Project structure

Project proposal structured in Thematic Work Packages (WP)



NO specific WP Project management and WP Communication.



#### **BUDGET**

FROM THE ACTIVITIES TOWARD EFFECTIVE BUDGET





## Sound financial management

Source: Reg.(EU) 2018/1046

- Economy it requires that the resources used by the beneficiary in the pursuit of its activities shall be made available in due time, in appropriate quantity and quality and at the best price.
  - Efficiency it concerns the best relationship between the resources employed, the activities undertaken and the achievement of objectives.
    - Effectiveness it concerns the extent to which the objectives pursued are achieved through the activities undertaken.



**OUTPUTS** 

**RESULTS** 

## Hierarchy of rules on eligibility of expenditure



#### **EU LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

#### **PROGRAMME RULES**

- Established jointly by the programme participating countries;
- Apply to the programme as a whole;
- Without prejudice to the rules on EU level.

#### **NATIONAL RULES**

For any other matters not covered by EU rules and programme rules.

Stricter rules in areas prescribed by EU rules.







- 1. Staff costs;
- 2. Office and administrative expenditure;
- 3. Travel and accommodation costs;
- 4. External expertise and services costs;
- 5. Equipment expenditure.

Programme strongly recommends use of Simplified costs options (SCOs).

## Available simplified costs options (SCOs)



Staff costs

Flat rate of 20% of the direct costs other than staff

Office and administrative costs

Flat rate of 15% of eligible staff costs

Flat rate calculation for the following budget lines: Office and administrative, Travel and Accommodation, External expertise and services and Equipment

• Flat rate of 40% of direct staff costs



- Preparation costs
  - LUMP SUM = 14.200 EUR at project level
- **Travel and accommodation** available 2 different rates for ERDF partners and IPA partners:
  - 10% FLAT RATE of staff costs for ERDF partners
  - 15% FLAT RATE of staff costs for IPA partners

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## Budgeting options — PARTNER BUDGET



BUDGET LINES	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
1. Staff costs	REAL COSTS	20% FLAT RATE of other DIRECT costs	REAL COSTS	REAL COSTS
2. Office and	<b>40% FLAT RATE</b> of	15% FLAT RATE of Staff	15% FLAT RATE of Staff	15% FLAT RATE of Staff
administrative costs	Staff costs	costs	costs	costs
		<b>15% FLAT RATE</b> of Staff	REAL COSTS	15% FLAT RATE of Staff
3. Travel and		costs (IPA) OR		costs (IPA) OR
accommodation costs		<b>10% FLAT RATE</b> of Staff		10% FLAT RATE of Staff
		costs (ERDF)		costs (ERDF)
4. External expertise		REAL COSTS	REAL COSTS	REAL COSTS
and services costs		REAL COSTS	REAL COSTS	REAL COSTS
5. Equipment costs				

## Budgeting options – partner budget examples



BUDGET LINES	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
1.Staff costs	215.000 EUR	<b>48.000 EUR (20% FLAT</b> of other direct costs)	150.000 EUR	100.000 EUR
2.Office and administrative costs	86.000 EUR (FLAT RATE 40% of	7.200 EUR (15% FLAT of Staff costs)	22.500 EUR (15% FLAT of Staff costs)	15.000 EUR (15% FLAT of Staff costs)
3.Travel and accommodation costs	Staff costs)	<b>4.800 EUR (10% FLAT</b> of Staff costs)	10.500 EUR	15.000 EUR (15% FLAT of Staff costs)
4.External expertise and services costs 5.Equipment costs		100.000 EUR 140.000 EUR	50.000 EUR 67.000 EUR	100.000 EUR 70.000 EUR
TOTAL BUDGET	301.000 EUR	300.000 EUR	300.000 EUR	300.000 EUR



## Application package

- INTERREG VI-B IPA Adriatic-Ionian Cooperation Programme adopted by the European Commission with Decision C(2022)8953;
- Application Manual first call for proposals;
- Off-line Application Form;
- Lead Partner and Project Partner's Declaration templates;
- Associated Partners' Declaration of interest template;
- Joint Electronic Monitoring System (JEMS) guidance;
- Subsidy Contract Template;
- Partnership Agreement Template.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Call for proposals LINK:

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

## Thank you.



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