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# CALL FOR COMMON PROJECT PROPOSALS

# TERMS OF REFERENCE 1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS OF COMMON PROJECTS INTERREG VI-A GREECE-ITALY 2021-2027 PROGRAMME

## FOR SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

## AT THE PROGRAMME

#### (Interreg VI-A) Greece-Italy

## The Special Secretary for ERDF & CF Programmes

Taking into consideration:

1. The Article 90 of the Code of Legislation for the Government and governmental bodies, which was ratified by the first article of the Presidential Decree 63/2005 "Codification of legislation for the Government and government bodies" (Government Gazette 98/A/22.4.2005), which was kept in force by par. 22 of article 119 of Law 4622/2019 (A'133);

2. The Law 4914/2022 "Management, control and implementation of development interventions for the Programming Period 2021-2027, establishment of a Public Company "National Register of Young Enterprises S.A." and other provisions" (A' 61) and in particular articles 11 par. 9 and 63 par. 29 thereof;

3. The Presidential Decree 77/2023 "Establishment of Ministry and renaming of Ministries - Establishment, abolition and renaming of General and Special Secretariats - Transfer of responsibilities, service units, staff positions and supervised entities" (Government Gazette 130/A'/27.06.2023), as amended with PD 82/2023 (Government Gazette 139/A'/01.08.2023);

4. The Presidential Decree 79/2023 "Appointment of Ministers and Deputy Ministers" (Government Gazette 131/A'/27.06.2023);

5. The Presidential Decree 63/2020 "Establishment of General and Special Secretariats, transfer of responsibilities between General Secretariats" (A' 156);

6. The Joint Decision No. 86593/2020 (Government Gazette 628/Y.O.D.D/13-08-2020) of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Development and Investments "Appointment of Special Secretary for the Management of Programs of the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund of the Ministry of Development and Investments";

7. The Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion





Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (hereinafter "Common Provisions Regulation – CPR");

8. The Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments (hereinafter "ETC Regulation");

9. The Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund;

10. The Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 of 7 January 2014 on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds;

11. The Ministerial Decision 3411/16-01-2023 (Government Gazette B' 183/18-01-2023) for the "Purpose, tasks and internal structure of the "Managing Authority Interreg 2021-2027" of Article 9 and paragraph 8 of Article 65 of Law 4914/2022 and of the Joint Secretariats of Interreg Programmes of Article 11 of the same law;

12. The Joint Ministerial Decision 45820/17-05-2023 (Government Gazette B' 3281/17-05-2023) concerning "Expenditure eligibility rules, public procurement, complaints objections of the beneficiaries of the INTERREG Programs 2021-2027";

13. The Interreg VI-A 'Greece – Italy 2021 – 2027' Cooperation Programme, as approved by the European Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 6578 final, dated 08/09/2022 for the approval of the support of the Cooperation Programme "(Interreg VI-A) Greece-Italy" from the European Regional Development Fund under the objective of European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg) in Greece;

14. The decision of the Monitoring Committee meeting of the "Interreg VI-A Greece -Italy 2021-2027" Programme, on 28-3-2023, by which the methodology and selection criteria of project proposals, as described and specified in document attached to the Call were approved and

15. The decision of the Monitoring Committee meeting of the "Interreg VI-A Greece -Italy 2021-2027" Programme, on 25-9-2023, by which the Terms of Reference of the present call, the Programme and Project Implementation Manual and the Applicant's Package were approved.

## INVITES

a) national, regional or local public bodies

b) **bodies governed by public law** (as defined in Article 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU)

c) **bodies governed by private law**, non-profit organisations founded according to private law

d) international organisations registered under the national law of the Member States of the Programme

e) European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)

to submit a **Concept Note** as outlined in the present Terms of Reference and apply specifically to the present Call for Project Proposals, to be included and financed in the context of:

- Cooperation Programme: Interreg (VI-A) Greece-Italy
- European Fund: ERDF

## Preamble

This document outlines the terms and conditions that apply specifically to the 1st Call for Project Proposals launched by the Interreg VI-A Greece-Italy (GR-IT) Programme. It is part of the 'Application Package for the 1st Call for Project Proposals', which is available at the programme website.

The application package consists of:

- 'Terms of Reference (hereinafter ToR)' for the Call (the present document);
- 'Concept Note';





More general information on rules and requirements to be observed when applying for present Call are laid down in:

- 'Programme and Project Implementation Manual' (hereinafter PPIM);
- Project Selection Methodology;
- 'Project Selection Criteria Stage A: Concept Note';
- 'Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide' (hereinafter PORIG);
- 'Guidelines for applying in MIS 2021-2027';
- 'Technical guidance for Beneficiary User Registration and Account Management';
- 'Technical guidance of MIS 2021 2027'.

The knowledge of the above documents is essential for developing and submitting a project proposal. Therefore, all applicants are invited to carefully study and consult all main reference documents before submitting any project proposal. For reference information, please visit the official websites of the Greece-Italy Managing Authority and of the Responsible Authorities in the Member States (see §10 of ToR).

## 1. CONTEXT OF THE CALL

The present Call concerns Stage A – Submission by the beneficiaries of a summary of their proposal with specific implementation data (Concept Note). The potential Lead Beneficiaries submit a short paper (Concept Note) in which they briefly present i) the main idea of the proposal, ii) the partnership, iii) the proposed activities and the appropriate indicators iv) an indicative budget of activities, and v) information regarding the eligibility of the beneficiaries participating in the partnership vi) Cross Border Cooperation Added Value vii) Relevance with specific objectives of the Call (for more details on the procedure see §9 of ToR).

The 1st Call for Project Proposals intends to select high quality cross-border projects, in which relevant institutions cooperate to make border regions more resilient to common challenges, find shared solutions in fields such as environment, research, education, transport, sustainable energy, tourism, health and more, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas, while enhancing the cooperation process for the purposes of the overall harmonious development of the Union.

Within the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals, proposals can be submitted under the three programme priorities (P1, P2 and P3) and eight specific objectives (as listed in §2 of ToR). The description of programme priorities and objectives, together with exemplary actions, is provided for in chapter 2 of the Interreg Programme (IP) available at the programme website, which defines the programme strategy and intervention logic for Interreg VI-A Greece-Italy Programme 2021-2027 as adopted by the European Commission.

Project applicants are invited to submit their Concept Note under one of the specific objectives of the Programme listed in §2 of ToR. The project objectives and the proposed activities shall be clear and in-line with the Programme priorities, contribute to the achievement of Programme indicators and both shall have an impact on the Greece-Italy area.

## 2. OBJECTIVES AND FOCUS OF THE CALL

Project applicants are invited to submit their project application under one of the specific objectives of the Programme listed above.





Nr	Code	Title				
1	RS01.1	Enhancing research and innovation				
2	RSO1.2	Reaping the benefits of digitisation				
3	RSO2.4	Climate change adaptation				
4	RSO2.6	Circular economy				
5	RSO2.7	Nature protection and biodiversity				
6	RSO4.2	Education and training infrastructure				
7	RSO4.5	Access to health care				
8	RSO4.6	Culture and sustainable tourism				

# The Specific Objectives

## The Intervention Categories

Nr	Code	Title
1	012	Research and innovation activities in public research centres, higher education and centres of competence including networking (industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies)
2	018	IT services and applications for digital skills and digital inclusion
3	023	Skills development for smart specialisation, industrial transition, entrepreneurship and adaptability of enterprises to change
4	024	Advanced support services for SMEs and groups of SMEs (including management, marketing and design services)
5	025	Incubation, support to spin offs and spin outs and start ups
6	026	Support for innovation clusters including between businesses, research organisations and public authorities and business networks primarily benefiting SMEs
7	028	Technology transfer and cooperation between enterprises, research centres and higher education sector
8	058	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: floods and landslides (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)
9	059	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: fires (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)
10	060	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: others, e.g. storms and drought (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)
11	061	Risk prevention and management of non-climate related natural risks (for example earthquakes) and risks linked to human activities (for example technological accidents), including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches
12	064	Water management and water resource conservation (including river basin





		management, specific climate change adaptation measures, reuse, leakage						
		reduction)						
13	065	Waste water collection and treatment						
14	067	Household waste management: prevention, minimisation, sorting, reuse, recycling measures						
15	069	Commercial, industrial waste management: prevention, minimisation, sorting, reuse, recycling measures						
16	071	Promoting the use of recycled materials as raw materials						
17	075	Support to environmentally-friendly production processes and resource efficiency in SMEs						
18	077	Air quality and noise reduction measures						
19	078	Protection, restoration and sustainable use of Natura 2000 sites						
20	079	Nature and biodiversity protection, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure						
21	131	Digitalisation in health care						
22	134	Measures to improve access to employment						
23	135	Measures to promote access to employment of long-term unemployed						
24	136	Specific support for youth employment and socio-economic integration of young people						
25	137	Support for self-employment and business start-ups						
26	142	Measures to promote women's labour market participation and reduce gender-based segregation in the labour market						
27	160	Measures to improve the accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems (excluding infrastructure)						
28	165	Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets and tourism services						
29	166	Protection, development and promotion of cultural heritage and cultural services						

## The Geographical areas

Nr	Code	Geographical area(s)
1	EL632	Achaia
2	ITF65	Reggio di Calabria
3	EL621	Zakynthos
4	ITF48	Barletta-Andria-Trani
5	EL631	Aitoloakarnania
6	EL543	Ioannina
7	EL542	Thesprotia
8	ITF45	Lecce
9	ITF61	Cosenza
10	ITF52	Matera
11	ITF62	Crotone





12	EL623	Kefallinia			
13	ITF47	Bari			
14	EL541	Preveza			
15	EL541	Arta			
16	EL622	Kerkyra			
17	ITF63	Catanzaro			
18	EL624	Lefkada			
19	ITF43	Taranto			
20	ITF46	Foggia			
21	ITF44	Brindisi			
22	EL633	lleia			

#### Financing Activities located outside the programme area

The Programme area covers geographical areas in the two participating countries as above. In principle, all activities of a project should take place within the Programme area. If a project plans to finance activities or events outside the programme area, this is possible in the context of cooperation Programmes. Exceptions to this principle may be granted for EU partners from outside the Programme area and for Assimilated Partners in duly justified cases.

If activities (including travel and accommodation) and/ or events are planned outside the programme area, the following conditions need to be satisfied:

- a) the activity and/ or event are for the benefit of the Programme area;
- b) the activity and/ or event are essential for the implementation of the project;
- c) the implementation and/ or the relevance of the activity and/ or the event have been approved by the Programme beforehand (foreseen in the Application Form or, if not, have been previously authorised by the MA/JS).

Infrastructure located outside the Programme area, even if it is directly related to the project either for the development or for implementation, shall not be eligible.

CODE	Description of Indicator	Measurement Unit	Target
RC0116	Jointly developed solutions	Number	38
RCO77	Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	Number	9
RCO82	Participations in joint actions promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion	Number	1500
RCO83	Strategies and action plans jointly developed	Number	88
RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number	145
RCR104	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	Number	46

#### The Output and Result Indicators





RCR72	Annual users of new or modernised e-health care services	Users per year	200
RCR77	Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported	Annual number of Visits	20000

Beneficiaries may only use the indicators listed in the present Call for Project Proposals. (see also PORIG)

More detailed information about the Programme, Priorities, Specific Objectives, Region Categories, Indicators as well as the distribution of public expenditure per priority are listed in **Annex I**.

## 3. BUDGET OF THE CALL

The Programme will allocate approximately **44.982.682,33 EUR** (EU & National Funds) to the present Call for Project Proposals. The EU contribution rate is 75%. Beneficiaries shall ensure the needed own contribution (public and/or private, if applicable).

An indicative budget allocation (EU & National Funds) to the programme priorities and to the specific objectives is presented in Annex I – Table 2. In the context of the present Call, projects will be included up to the amount of the budget of the Call. When selecting projects to be funded, such allocation may be adapted by the Monitoring Committee (MC) according to programme needs. Projects may be selected up to **100%** of the budget of the present Call for Project Proposals, if deemed necessary.

## 4. PROJECT DURATION

Projects should be concluded within a maximum period of **twenty-four (24) months** after the signing of the Subsidy Contract (SC) between the Managing Authority/ Special Secretary for the Management of Sectoral Programmes & CF and the Lead Beneficiary. Projects that have started their implementation before the signing of the contract, and in any case after 1/1/2021, should not have been concluded before the application for funding at the present Call for Project Proposals.

This limit applies for the operative phase of the project and does not include the preparation phase.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for the present Call for Project Proposals are the entities that fall into the above mentioned categories of potential Beneficiaries:

## a) national, regional or local public bodies

b) **bodies governed by public law** (as defined in Article 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU) meaning bodies that have all of the following characteristics:

a they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;

b. they have legal personality; and

c. they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law; or are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

c) **bodies governed by private law**, non-profit organisations founded according to private law can be eligible under the following conditions as a whole:

a. they are not established with the goal to obtain profit,

b. they do not distribute profits to the shareholders,





c. they should have at least completed one accounting year of operation before the launch of the specific call for proposals. This rule is also applicable for the local-regional subsidiary/branch offices.It should be noted that private companies, not falling under the conditions listed at point (c) are not eligible.

d) **international organisations registered under the national law of the Member States of the Programme** can be considered as eligible if they fulfil the criteria foreseen for the non-profit bodies governed by private law. However, international organisations operating under international law are not eligible

e) **European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)**. Eligible EGTC must be governed by the law of one of the participating countries where the EGTC has its registered office. EGTCs located outside the Programme area and not registered in one of the Member States participating in the cross-border Programme are not eligible for funding. An EGTC cannot be a sole beneficiary of a project proposal

Bodies governed by public law (under category b. above) and private organisations (under category c. above) and EGTC (under category e. above) should have at least completed one accounting year of operation before the launching of the Call for proposals. If a body governed by public law or a private organization is participating through a branch located at the Programme area, the branch must be operational for at least 12 months before the launching of the call for proposals.

In principle, to become a project beneficiary, the legal address of the beneficiary's organisation has to be located in the eligible area of the Programme with the exception of:

- organisations located outside the Programme area but having local/regional subsidiary/branch office established in the Programme area;

- bodies of the central government located outside the Programme area (e.g. Ministries or other governmental authorities with specific competencies on national level);

- organisations located outside the Programme area but inside the Member States participating in the crossborder Programme if their participation in the project brings added value and expertise to its implementation and benefits the Programme cooperation area.

Organisation located outside the Programme area not registered in one of the Member states participating in the cross-border Programme are not eligible for funding.

#### 6. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTNERSHIPS

As a minimum requirement, the project partnership must involve 2 partners, at least one from each Member State. The partnership scheme must not exceed 6 partners.

In line with Article 2(9) of the CPR, beneficiaries are responsible for initiating and/or implementing projects. They can be public or private legal entities of both participating countries; and shall cooperate in the development and implementation of operations, as well as in the staffing or financing of operations, or both in accordance with Article 23(4) of the ETC Regulation.

An activity may be implemented in a single country, provided that the impact on and the benefits for the programme area are identified in the application of the activity in accordance with Article 23(2) of the ETC Regulation.

The project partnership shall consist of two types of beneficiaries the Lead Beneficiary (LB), the Project Beneficiary (PB). The Lead Beneficiary who undertakes the submission of the proposal on behalf of multiple beneficiaries, is the Coordinator of the project defined by all the beneficiaries / co-beneficiaries.





Each beneficiary may submit up to 5 Project Proposals in the present Call. The above limit applies to all types of Beneficiaries (LB, PB) considered as a unique structure (not as single Units/Departments) and it is applied at Calllevel – not at Specific Objective level. In case a potential Beneficiary applies to more than 5 Project Proposals, then the first 5 proposals will be assessed.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE

- 7.1 The end date of the eligibility period for the costs of the proposed operations is defined as 31.12.2029. The end date of the proposed projects (completion in both physical and financial terms of the project) should be by the above date.
- 7.2 Projects that have been physically completed or fully executed before the application for funding at the present Call for Project Proposals are not eligible, regardless of whether or not the related payments have been made.

## 7.3 Project budget requirements (incl. EU & National Funds)

The minimum budget of the submitted project proposals is defined as the amount of 900.000,00 €.

The maximum budget of the submitted project proposals is defined as the amount of 2.500.000,00 €.

#### 7.4 Partners budget requirements (incl. EU & National Funds)

The minimum budget of the submitted project proposal per project partner is defined as the amount of **150.000€.** 

## 7.5 Associated Partners budget requirements (incl. EU & National Funds)

Non Applicable in present Call

- 7.6 The ERDF co-financing to beneficiaries may be reduced in case of State aid relevance of project activities, in compliance with relevant rules on State aid (see § State Aid and de minimis regime of the PPIM). In such a case State aid is granted under the *de minimis* regime & *GBER* within the project.
- 7.7 The MA may modify the total amount of the public expenditure of the present Call or may proceed with a justified termination of the validity of the Call, informing in any case the beneficiaries through the programme website.
- 7.8 The eligibility rules for the costs of the co-financed operations are specified in Programme and Project Implementation Manual.
- 7.9 Categories of Expenditure that will be financed and reimbursed based on real costs

Expenditure category	Description
2	Staff Cost (Real cost)
4	Office and Administration (Real cost)
6	Equipment (Real cost)
8	Travel and Accommodation (Real cost)
10	External Expertise and Services (Real cost)
12	Infrastructure and Works (Real cost)

#### 7.10 Expenditures based on simplified cost options.

Expenditure	Description	Measurement	Flat rate	Description
category	Description	Unit		Description





2	Staff Cost	%	20	up to 20 % of the direct costs other than the direct staff costs of the operation
4	Office and Administration	%	15	up to 15 % of eligible direct staff costs
8	Travel and Accommodation	%	15	up to 15% of the direct staff costs of the operation

The simplified cost options applied to the projects will not be able to be modified either during its implementation or upon its completion.

For all expenses that will be reimbursed using the simplified cost option, Beneficiaries will not provide paid receipts of expenses or documents of equivalent accounting value maintained in the Beneficiary's accounting system.

7.11. Costs within the budget lines 'Staff costs', 'Travel & Accommodation costs' and 'External Expertise & Services', which have been incurred for the preparation of the project, are eligible for funding if they do not exceed the amount of €30.000 at project level.

7.12. The management costs of each project beneficiary should not exceed 10% of the its total budget. For the Lead Beneficiary this percentage shall be limited to 15% of its budget.

7.13. Communication costs cannot exceed 15% of the total project budget, without limits at beneficiary level.

7.14. The Office and Administration costs cannot exceed the 4% of the total beneficiary's budget in both reimbursement option.

Detailed eligibility rules on activities and related expenditure are described in the *Project and Programme Implementation Manual*.

#### 8. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF / CONCEPT NOTES / PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Concept Note is submitted via MIS with reference on present Call for Project Proposals [4190]

from 15/12/2023 (start date for submission of proposals), time 09:00 Greek local time (CET+1)

until exclusively **31/01/2024** (deadline for submission of proposals), time **14:00** Greek local time (CET+1) at the latest.

The Concept Note should be signed by the Lead Beneficiary and attached in pdf format via MIS. No proposal submitted afterwards will be accepted.

After the successful submission of the Concept Note, the Lead Beneficiary is informed by MIS.

Concept Notes will not be accepted outside of the above deadlines.

The deadline for the project submission will be determined after evaluation of all Concept Notes.





## 9. SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process is articulated has as follows:

#### STAGE A – Concept note submission.

The potential beneficiaries submit the proposal exclusively electronically via MIS system with reference on present Call for Project Proposals. The Concept Note should be signed by the Lead Beneficiary and attached in pdf format via MIS. No proposal submitted afterwards will be accepted. After the successful submission of the proposal, the Beneficiary is informed automatically by MIS system.

#### STAGE B: Project proposal submission

Only the specified by the Managing Authority beneficiaries submit their project proposals. The project proposal must be submitted no later than 60 calendar days after the date of the notification of the Lead beneficiary that the Project is eligible to proceed to submission Stage B. Proposals submitted after the above deadline will not be accepted.

After the submission of the proposals (Concept Note) by the potential Lead Beneficiary, the selection process and approval of projects is as follows.

#### 9.1 Evaluation of the proposals by the Managing Authority of the Cooperation Programme in two stages:

#### Stage A' – Pre-Assessment of Concept Note

The evaluation is based on methodology and criteria approved by the Monitoring Committee, which are attached to this call and begins after the deadline for submitting the Concept Notes of this call (see §8 of present ToR). Detailed description is provided in Project Selection Methodology. Upon the completion of the pre-assessment, projects as approved by MC are eligible to apply for Stage B'.

#### Stage B' - Evaluation of the Project Proposals

The evaluation is based on methodology and criteria approved by the Monitoring Committee, which are attached to Stage B call and begins after the deadline for submitting Project Proposals of this call.

This stage consists of three phases as follows:

Phase B1: Administrative & Project Eligibility Assessment

Phase B2: Quality Assessment

Phase B3: Beneficiaries Eligibility Assessment & State Aid Compliance for Project Proposals which have been positively evaluated in Stages B1 and B2

During the evaluation, the MA may request the beneficiary, at Stage B' of the evaluation (B1 & B2 Phase) to submit additional information and clarifications, within a specific deadline.

Additional data are those which, while foreseen in the Call, were not submitted due to an omission (or a set of permitted errors) by the potential beneficiary and have been issued before the submission of the proposal. Clarifications are items requested by the evaluator(s), in order to clarify the submitted information and better understand the content of the proposal. In the case of an external evaluator from the Register of Evaluators, clarifications can be requested exclusively through the Managing Authority provided its consent.

Upon completion of the comparative assessment of Phase B1 & B2, the proposals are ranked in descending order based on their score, following the approval of MC. Upon the completion of comparative assessment, projects as approved by MC proceed in Phase B3 assessment.





#### 9.2 Publication of a provisional list of evaluated proposals for Stage A, Phase B1 & B2 and Phase B3.

#### 9.3 Submission and examination of complaints

The potential Beneficiaries may submit a complaint to the competent MA regarding the results of the evaluation (see PPIM). Complaints are submitted once per evaluation stage, within a subversive deadline of seven (7) working days from the day following the notification of the evaluation results, namely:

a) of the Proposal Decision issued during Stage A' of the evaluation.

b) of the Provisional Ranking Table of evaluated proposals issued during Stage B': Phase B1' & B2' of the evaluation.

b) of the Provisional Ranking Table of evaluated proposals issued during Stage B': Phase B3' of the evaluation.

Upon completion of the examination of the complaints concerning:

- Stage A',
- Stage B': Phase B1' & B2',
- Stage B': Phase B3'

of the evaluation, the proposals for which the Complaint is accepted are added to the ranking table, in the order in which they are ranked by their score, in order to produce the Final Ranking Table of evaluated proposals. (see chapter of PPIM).

### **10. COMMUNICATION - SUPPORT TO APPLICANTS**

10.1. For information with regard to the Programme, the Management and Control System, the institutional framework for the implementation of the actions within the Programme, the eligible expenditure costs for the actions, as well as any information related to the submission of proposals (such as instructions for the completion of the Application Form, monitoring indicators, specification of the project proposal evaluation criteria and other documents, which are necessary for the examination of the proposal) please visit the Programme website www.greece-italy.eu.

You may also find relevant information on the Managing Authority's website at <u>www.interreg.gr</u> and the Programme website at <u>www.greece-italy.eu</u>.

- The programme provides the following support measures and tools to assist applicants (potential beneficiaries) in submitting quality project proposals. In particular: *Information* Events / Info-Days Applicants can attend informative events in both participating countries with regard to the present Call for Project Proposals related to the Call ToRs, programme features, objective/s and actions, partnership requirements, communication, project finances, etc. in the context of their project proposal (idea). Specific information (date, time, etc.) about the events is posted on the Programme website.
- Assistance to Applicants (applicant exchange of project proposal ideas and matchmaking) In a dedicated section on the programme website, applicants are facilitated with sharing project ideas, checking relevance, project partner searching and finding existing ideas for cooperation. In addittion, applicants may explore through a list of funded projects of Programming Period 2014-2020 to get informed on previous results and partnerships in the GR-IT area (<u>https://2014-2020.greece-italy.eu/discover-project/</u>).
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) In a dedicated section on the programme website, applicants are provided with answers to the most <u>frequently asked questions</u> (FAQ) regarding the programme funding and application process. Questions may be posed in written <u>(info@greece-italy.eu)</u> via an e-mail to the Managing Authority, no later than twenty (20) calendar days before the deadline for the submission of proposals. Answers shall be published no later than ten (10) calendar days before the deadline for the





submission of Project Proposals. As the FAQ is regularly expanded and updated, please revisit the programme website regularly for retrieving the most up-to-date information.

- Helpdesk for technical support For questions related to the application system, contact <u>MIS helpdesk</u> (<u>ikalaitzoglou@mou.gr</u>) by email or consult the <u>MIS user manual</u>.
- National support by Antenna and Info Points (IPs) Applicants can also reach out Antenna and Info Points (IP) in both programme countries (<u>https://www.greece-italy.eu/contacts/</u>). They offer <u>national</u> <u>support</u> regarding the calls and provide information in national languages on primarily national application issues.
- 10.2 Applicants are invited to regularly consult the official Programme website for updates and further details regarding all support measures.

#### **11. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION**

- 11.1 The Managing Authority that holds the position of "controller" declares that:
  - is aware of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, the Hellenic Legislation - Law 4624/2019 and the relevant instructions and decisions of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority, which govern the legal execution of the Call, and
  - fully undertakes the obligations deriving from the legislation, regarding the protection and security of
    personal data, which may be processed and/or come to its knowledge in any way.

11.2 The processing by the beneficiaries (acting as processors) is governed by a legal act that falls under the European Union law and the Hellenic law, which binds the processor in relation to the controller and determines the object and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data and the categories of data subjects, as well as the obligations and rights of the controller and the processors. This legal act, takes the form of the Subsidy Contract between the Managing Authority and the Lead Beneficiary of a project - following the Decision of the Monitoring Committee, where all the provisions related to the protection of personal data are provided.

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# ANNEX I: DETAILS OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME ON THE ANNOUNCED ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESENT CALL

Tables 1-4

## Table 1: CALL-SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

COOPERA	TION PR	OGRAMME: (Inter	reg VI-A)	Greece	ltaly	1	CODE: 632	
POLICY OBJECTIVE	CODE	PRIORITY	CODE	FUND	SPECIFIC DBJECTIVE	CODE	INTERVENTION CATEGORY	CODE
A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Enhancing research and innovation	RSO 1.1	Research and innovation activities in public research centres, higher education and centres of competence including networking (industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies)	012
A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Reaping the benefits of digitisation	RSO 1.2	IT services and applications for digital skills and digital inclusion	018
A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Reaping the benefits of digitisation	RSO 1.2	Skills development for smart specialisation, industrial transition, entrepreneurship and adaptability of enterprises to change	023
A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Enhancing research and innovation	RSO 1.1	Advanced support services for SMEs and groups of SMEs (including management, marketing and design services)	024
A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Reaping the benefits of digitisation	RSO 1.2	Advanced support services for SMEs and groups of SMEs (including management, marketing and design services)	024





A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Enhancing research and innovation	RSO 1.1	Incubation, support to spin offs and spin outs and start ups	025
A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Enhancing research and innovation	RSO 1.1	Support for innovation clusters including between businesses, research organisations and public authorities and business networks primarily benefiting SMEs	026
A smarter Europe	1	P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	Enhancing research and innovation	RSO 1.1	Technology transfer and cooperation between enterprises, research centres and higher education sector	028
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Climate change adaptation	RSO 2.4	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: floods and landslides (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)	058
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Climate change adaptation	RSO 2.4	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: fires (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)	059





A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: fires (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)	059
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Climate change adaptation	RSO 2.4	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: others, e.g. storms and drought (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)	060
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Climate change adaptation	RSO 2.4	Risk prevention and management of non- climate related natural risks (for example earthquakes) and risks linked to human activities (for example technological accidents), including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches	061





A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Climate change adaptation	RSO 2.4	Water management and water resource conservation (including river basin management, specific climate change adaptation measures, reuse, leakage reduction)	064
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Water management and water resource conservation (including river basin management, specific climate change adaptation measures, reuse, leakage reduction)	064
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Circular economy	RSO 2.6	Waste water collection and treatment	065
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Circular economy	RSO 2.6	Household waste management: prevention, minimisation, sorting, reuse, recycling measures	067
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Circular economy	RSO 2.6	Commercial, industrial waste management: prevention, minimisation, sorting, reuse, recycling measures	069
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Circular economy	RSO 2.6	Promoting the use of recycled materials as raw materials	071
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Circular economy	RSO 2.6	Support to environmentally-friendly production processes and resource efficiency in SMEs	075





A greener		P2 - Enhanced		ERDF				
Europe	2	cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2		Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Air quality and noise reduction measures	077
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Protection, restoration and sustainable use of Natura 2000 sites	078
A greener Europe	2	P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	2	ERDF	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Nature and biodiversity protection, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure	079
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Access to health care	RSO 4.5	Digitalisation in health care	131
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Education and training infrastructure	RSO 4.2	Measures to improve access to employment	134
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Education and training infrastructure	RSO 4.2	Measures to promote access to employment of long-term unemployed	135
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Education and training infrastructure	RSO 4.2	Specific support for youth employment and socio-economic integration of young people	136
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Education and training infrastructure	RSO 4.2	Support for self- employment and business start-ups	137





A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Education and training infrastructure	RSO 4.2	Measures to promote women's labour market participation and reduce gender-based segregation in the labour market	142
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Access to health care	RSO 4.5	Measures to improve the accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems (excluding infrastructure)	160
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Culture and sustainable tourism	RSO 4.6	Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets and tourism services	165
A more social Europe	4	P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	Culture and sustainable tourism	RSO 4.6	Protection, development and promotion of cultural heritage and cultural services	166

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## Table 2: CALL-SPECIFIC BUDGET

COOPERATION PROGRAMME : (Interreg VI-A) Greece-Italy	CODE: 632		
PRIORITY	CODE	FUND	ERDF & NATIONAL BUDGET
P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	1	ERDF	10.903.237,80 EUR
SO1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies			5.741.941,80 EUR
SO1.2 - Reaping the benefits of digitalisation for citizens, companies and governments			5.161.296,00 EUR
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR-IT area	2	ERDF	18.500.000 EUR
SO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system- based approaches			5.000.000,00 EUR
SO2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy			6.000.000,00 EUR





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SO2.7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution			7.500.000,00 EUR
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	3	ERDF	15.579.444,53 EUR
SO4.2 - Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and online education and training			3.516.504,93 EUR
SO4.5 - Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care			6.062.939,60 EUR
SO4.6 - Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation			6.000.000,00 EUR

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## Table 3: CALL-SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS

COOPERATION PROGRAMME Greece-Italy	E: (Interreg VI-A)	FUND: ERDF					
		INDICATORS	INDICATORS				
PRIORITY	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	CODE ID	TITLE	MEASUREMENT UNIT			
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.6	RCO77	Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	Number			
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.2	RCO82	Participations in joint actions promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion	Number			
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	RSO2.7	RCO83	Strategies and action plans jointly developed	Number			
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	RSO2.6	RCO83	Strategies and action plans jointly developed	Number			
P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	RSO1.1	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number			





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P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	RSO1.2	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.6	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.5	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.2	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number
P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	RSO1.1	RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	Number
P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	RSO1.2	RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.5	RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	Number
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	RSO2.7	RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.2	RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	Number
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	RSO2.6	RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	Number

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## Table 4: CALL-SPECIFIC RESULT INDICATORS

COOPERATION PROGRAMME Greece-Italy	: (Interreg VI-A)	FUND: ERDF				
		INDICATORS				
PRIORITY	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	CODE ID	TITLE	MEASUREMENT UNIT		
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.5	RCR72	Annual users of new or modernised e-health care services	Users per year		





P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.6	RCR77	Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported	Annual number of Visits
P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	RSO1.2	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number
P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area	RSO1.1	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	RSO2.4	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.6	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	RSO2.7	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.2	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number
P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area	RSO4.5	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number
P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR- IT area	RSO2.6	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up- scaled by organisations	Number

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