

ASOC / INTERREG ITALY - CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME

PILOT PROJECT

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INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME

- ✓ The **Italy-Croatia CBC Programme** is set up in the framework of the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) - one of the objectives of the Cohesion Policy
- ✓ The overall objective of the Programme is *"to increase the prosperity and the blue growth potential of the area by stimulating cross-border partnerships able to achieve tangible changes"*.
- ✓ The Programme is co-funded by the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**
- ✓ The total financial dimension of the Programme is 236 million EUR with **85%** of ERDF funds (201 million EUR) and **15%** of national co-financing
- ✓ Italian public bodies including bodies governed by public law have secured co-financing (through the Italian "Fondo di Rotazione") of the Ministry of Economy and Finance while all Croatian partners from their own (public or private) funds

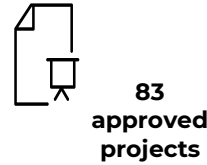
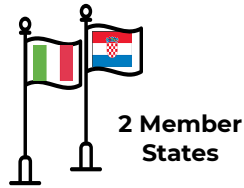
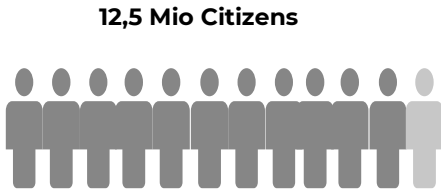
INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME AREA

KEY FIGURES

- ✓ 2 Member States
- ✓ 12,5 million citizens
- ✓ 25 Italian provinces and 8 Croatian counties
- ✓ Eligible programme area + Assimilated partners
- ✓ 948 km of maritime border
- ✓ 85.562 km² surface of eligible area
- ✓ English as Programme official language

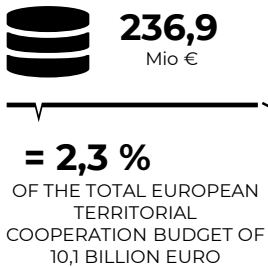


PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

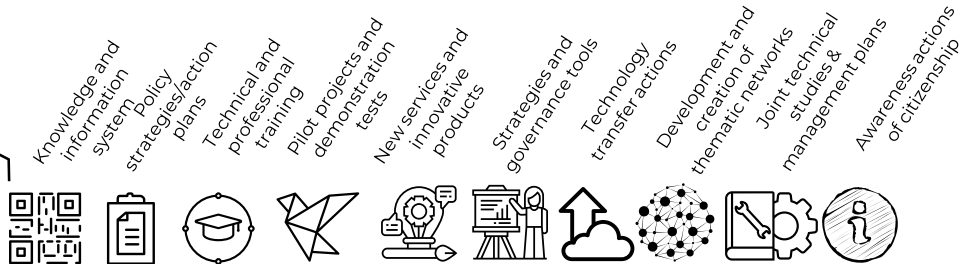


*Data source: keep.eu

BUDGET INVESTED & MAIN EXPECTED OUTPUTS



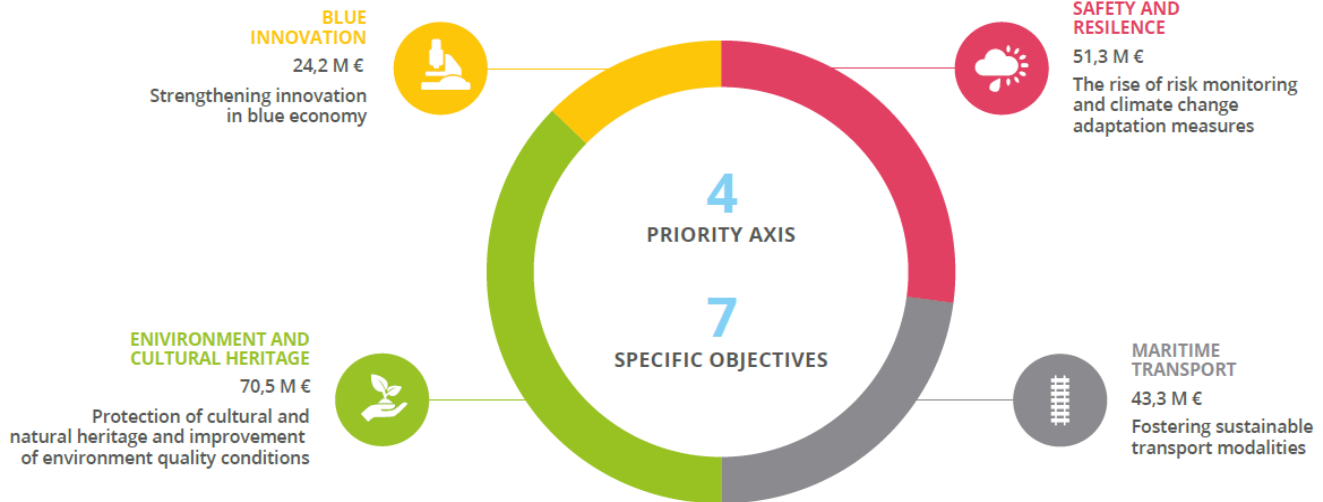
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INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME BODIES

- **Monitoring Committee - MC** (steering the Programme - composed of representatives of the Member States participating in the Programme)
- **Managing Authority - MA** (responsible for the management and implementation of the Programme in accordance with the rules and procedures and in line with EU regulations)
- **Joint Secretariat - JS** (assists the MA and the MC in carrying out their respective functions and undertakes the day-to-day implementation of the Programme)
- **Certifying Authority - CA** (responsible for guaranteeing the accuracy of expenditure and requests for payments before they are sent to the European Commission)
- **Audit Authority - AA** (ensuring that audits are carried out according to internationally accepted audit standards in order to verify the expenditures declared)
- **First Level Control (FLC) National System** (their task is to verify that the expenditure reported by the partners in each progress report fulfil the conditions set by the Programme)

PRIORITY AXES FUNDED BY THE PROGRAMME



PRIORITY AXES (PA) AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (SO)



PA 1 BLUE INNOVATION

SO 1.1

Enhance the framework conditions for innovation in the relevant sectors of the blue economy within the cooperation area



PA 2 SAFETY & RESILIENCE

SO 2.1

Improve the climate change monitoring & planning of adaptation measures tackling specific effects, in the cooperation area

SO 2.2

Increase the safety of the programme area from natural and man-made disaster



PA 3 ENVIRONMENT & CULTURAL HERITAGE

SO 3.1

Make natural & cultural heritage a leverage for sustainable and more balanced territorial development

SO 3.2

Contribute to protect and restore biodiversity

SO 3.3

Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable & innovative technologies and approaches



PA 4 MARITIME TRANSPORT

SO 4.1

Improve quality, safety & environmental sustainability of marine and coastal transport services and nodes by promoting multimodality

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PARTNERSHIP

- ✓ Partners must have their legal seat in the Programme area (with few specific exceptions) and must possess legal personality
- ✓ Private partners are eligible (as project partners) while the Lead Partner must be a public body or a body governed by public law
- ✓ There are no limits on max. number of partners per project (min. number is set by the Call), but there shall always be at least 1 partner from Italy and 1 partner from Croatia

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- ✓ Submission of proposals happens within Calls that are published by the Programme
- ✓ Different types of projects: Standard, Standard+ (capitalization projects), Strategic, Cluster projects
- ✓ In certain cases a restricted/thematic Call can be foreseen
- ✓ Evaluation consists of different steps: Admissibility, Eligibility, Quality, State Aid

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PROJECTS' APPROVAL

- ✓ Projects are approved by the **Monitoring Committee** according to the scores they receive in the different **selection criteria** and the consequent position they occupy in the **ranking list**

PROJECT LIFECYCLE

- ✓ Once approved, projects must be implemented by the **partnerships** within a certain **timeframe**
- ✓ The **achievements** of projects (deliverables, outputs and results) and the **expenses** they incur are to be submitted to the Programme in the reporting phase
- ✓ Outputs (and deliverables) are tangible achievements while results are the changes produced by the project in the area
- ✓ Outputs and results are monitored by indicators at Programme level
- ✓ Expenses have to be borne according to specific rules

KEY OUTPUTS PER EACH PRIORITY AXIS*

FROM SHARED RESOURCES
TO JOINT SOLUTIONS



280

Enterprises receiving support



10

Enterprises receiving grant



281

Enterprises receiving non-financial support



628

Participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training



48

Research institutions participating in cross-border research projects



1

Climate change monitoring systems put in operation



5

Plans of adaptation measures put in place



222,9

Thousand

Population benefiting from flood protection measures



898

Thousand

Population benefiting from fire protection measures



5

Thousand

Population benefiting from oil spills and other marine hazards protection measures



1,29

Thousand

Actors involved in promoting natural & cultural heritage



99

Natural & cultural heritage destinations improved accessibilities



196

Cultural & natural heritage (tangible and intangible) promoted



10

Beneficiaries with ecolabel/green certification



4

Monitoring systems and data collections for protecting biodiversity and ecosystems put in place



2

Restoration actions supporting endangered species



2

Integrated management systems (sea, coastal and river environment) put in place



26

Environmental friendly technological solutions (and approaches) implemented



600,6
Thousand particles of

Microplastic waste particles collected in marine areas



12

Improved multimodal transport services



2





New links established



4

Harmonized services for passengers put in place

*at 31st December 2020 Data source: Annual Implementation Report (AIR) 2020,
Source: Common and Programme specific output indicators PA 1.1b; PA 2.5a/b; PA 3.6c/d/f; PA 4.7c

	RESULT INDICATOR	Number of European patent office (EPO) applications	Inhabitants benefiting from planning of adaptation measures	Inhabitants benefiting from risk management coordinated measures	Seasonality in tourism in the programme area	Excellent conservation status of habitat types and species of Natura 2000 sites in the programme area	Quality level of coastal bathing waters (according to the dir. 2006/7/CE)	Goods transported by maritime mode
	BASELINE VALUE (2016)	673,28	7,05 Mio	8,36 Mio	0,62	3538	2,87	2445 Thousand Tons
	TARGET VALUE (2023)	680	8 Mio	9 Mio	0,62	3550	2,87	2690 Thousand Tons
	TOTAL (2020)	997	12,23 Mio	11,72 Mio	0,72	3576	2,93	2306 Thousand Tons

KEY RESULTS PER EACH PRIORITY AXIS*

* at 31st December 2020

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Budget Lines

1. Preparation costs
2. Staff costs
3. Office and administration
4. Travel and accommodation
5. External expertise and services
6. Equipment
7. Small scale infrastructure and construction works

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION – PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

Modifications of the partnership

major modification

Budget modifications

minor or major modification

Modifications of the workplan

minor or major modification

Extension of the project duration

only once and in justified cases

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION – REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION

REPORTING

- ✓ Reporting on the project progress is due on a 6-monthly-basis, as specified in Subsidy Contract / Partnership Agreement
- ✓ The Lead Partner (LP) is in charge of collecting and checking the reports prepared by its Project Partners (PPs) and verified by First Level Controllers

COMMUNICATION

- ✓ Programme website www.italy-croatia.eu
- ✓ Programme Communication strategy
- ✓ Each project is provided with its own Communication kit material

INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME 2021-2027

The new programming period will be focussing on the blue economy, capitalising previous cooperation experiences and creating stronger synergies with EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Macro-Region (EUSAIR)

The **Programme strategy** will support:

- ✓ the promotion of a sustainable economic development through green and **blue innovation policies**
- ✓ the protection of **natural assets** also through climate adaptation strategies and risk prevention measures, enhancing biodiversity and fighting pollution
- ✓ the valorisation of **cultural heritage** through sustainable and diversified touristic products
- ✓ the implementation of sustainable **cross-border mobility** solutions
- ✓ the enhancement of **institutional capacity** and the reduction of cross- border obstacles

PROGRAMME TIMELINE



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