

ASOC ETC ITALY - CROATIA

2nd EDITION



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

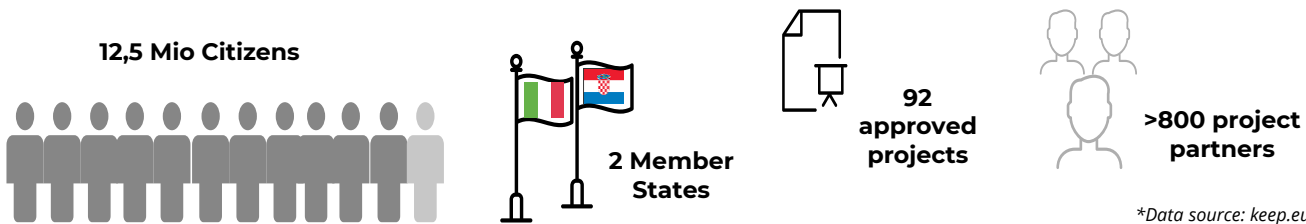
INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME AREA

KEY FIGURES

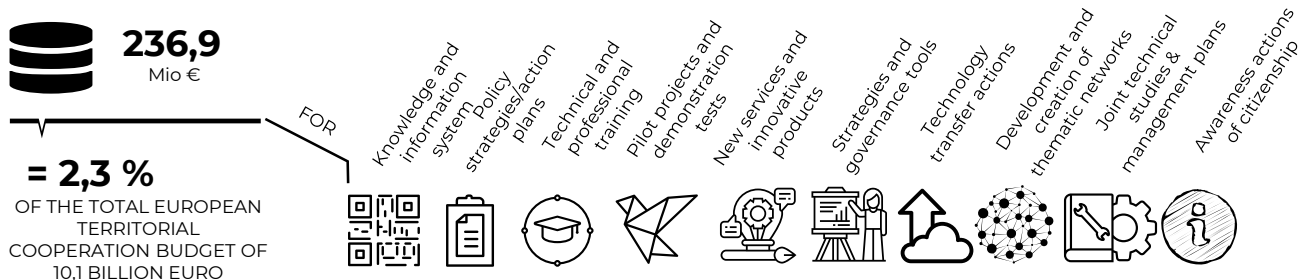
- ✓ 2 Member States
- ✓ 12,5 million citizens
- ✓ 25 Italian provinces and 8 Croatian counties
- ✓ Eligible programme area + Assimilated partners
- ✓ 948 km of maritime border
- ✓ 85.562 km² surface of eligible area
- ✓ English as Programme official language



PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



BUDGET INVESTED & MAIN EXPECTED OUTPUTS



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
- ✓ Assessment of proposals 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

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 and social media (FB, YT, TW)
- ✓ Programme Communication strategy
- ✓ Each project is provided with its own Communication kit material

PROGRAMME VISION and CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

***Focusing on innovation in the blue economy,
capitalising previous cooperation experiences,
creating synergies with EUSAIR***

Digitalisation

Circular economy

INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME 2021-2027

Budget

Overall budget € 216.23 million

EU Contribution € 172.98 million






Programme area

same as in the programming period 2014-2020

IP adoption by EC

10th of August 2022

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

 <p>PRIORITY 1 Sustainable growth in the blue economy</p>	<p>1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies</p> <p>1.2 Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship</p>
 <p>PRIORITY 2 Green and resilient shared environment</p>	<p>2.1 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches</p> <p>2.2 Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution</p>
 <p>PRIORITY 3 Sustainable maritime and multimodal transport</p>	<p>3.1 Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility</p>
 <p>PRIORITY 4 Culture and tourism for sustainable development</p>	<p>4.1 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation</p>
 <p>PRIORITY 5 Integrated governance for stronger cooperation</p>	<p>5.1 Better cooperation governance</p>

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