

ANNEX III: Programmes Overview

1. INTERREG VI-A GREECE – ITALY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

GENERAL

The Interreg VI-A Greece-Italy Programme aims to promote integrated regional development. Through cross-border cooperation, communities located in border areas seek to promote the socioeconomic development of the border area, develop economies of scale and overcome their peripheral positioning. The Programme Strategy emphasizes on specific objectives that can contribute in bridging the gap of regional, social and economic disparities in the cross-border area and promoting sustainable development.

The official language of the Programme is English.

ELIGIBLE AREA

Cross-border cooperation between Greece and Italy has been consolidating over the years. The Programme Area has been enlarged with the addition of two (2) new Italian regions, namely Basilicata and Calabria Regions, covering eleven (11) regional units from Greece and eleven (11) provinces from Italy. More specifically, it embraces:

Three (3) Greek Regions:

- The Region of Western Greece, including the following Regional Units: Aitolokarnania, Achaia, Ileia;
- The Region of Ionian Islands, including the following Regional Units: Zakynthos, Kerkyra, Kefalonia, Lefkada; and
- The Region of Epirus, including the following Regional Units: Arta, Thesprotia, Ioannina, Preveza;

Three (3) Italian Regions:

- The Region of Puglia, including the following Provinces: Foggia, Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Barletta-Andria-Trani (BAT) and Taranto;
- The newly added Region of Basilicata, including the Province of Matera; and
- The newly added Region of Calabria, including the following Provinces: Catanzaro, Cosenza, Crotona and Reggio Calabria.

PROGRAMME'S BUDGET

The budget of the Programme amounts to 106.110.571€, of which 79.582.928€ is the contribution of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and 26.527.643€ is the national participation of the cooperating countries.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

According to the joint development needs of the cross-border area, the Programme is structured as follows:

Policy Objective 1 - A more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity

Policy Objective 2 - A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

Policy Objective 4 - a more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

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On this the Priority Axes and the Specific Objectives are:

Priority Axis 1: Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area

SO 1.1. Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

SO 1.2. Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments

SO 1.3. Enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs

Priority Axis 2: Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR-IT area

SO 2.4. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience

SO2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

SO2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure

Priority Axis 3: Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area

RSO4.2. Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning

RSO4.5. Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems

RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism

Priority Axis 4: Enhanced governance for cooperation in the GR-IT area

RSO6.1. Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities.

RSO6.4. Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies.

2. INTERREG VI-A IPA GREECE – ALBANIA COOPERATION PROGRAMME

GENERAL

The Interreg VI-A IPA Greece - Albania Programme aims to promote integrated regional development. Through cross-border cooperation, communities located in border areas seek to promote the socioeconomic development of the border area, develop economies of scale and overcome their peripheral positioning. The Programme Strategy emphasizes on specific objectives that can contribute in bridging the gap of regional, social and economic disparities in the cross-border area and promoting sustainable development.

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ELIGIBLE AREA

The eligible cross-border area of the Interreg VI-A IPA Greece Albania spreads from the Ionian Sea until the Prespa lakes and includes:

in Greece, the regional units of (NUTS 3 units):

- EL531 (Grevena, Kozani)
- EL532 (Kastoria)
- EL533 (Florina)
- EL541 (Arta, Preveza)
- EL542 (Thesprotia)
- EL543 (Ioannina)
- EL621 (Zakynthos)
- EL622 (Kerkyra)
- EL623 (Kefallinia, Ithaki)
- EL624 (Lefkada)

in Albania, the regions of (NUTS 3 units):

- AL031 (Berat)
- AL033 (Gjirokastër)
- AL034 (Korçë)
- AL035 (Vlorë)
- AL032 (Fier)

PROGRAMME's BUDGET

The budget of the Programme amounts to 33.312.503€, of which 13.000.000€ is the contribution of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), 13.650.000€ is the contribution of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III), and 6.662.503€ is the national participation of the cooperating countries.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

According to the joint development needs of the cross-border area, the Programme is structured as follows:

Policy Objective 2 - a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

Policy Objective 3 - a more Connected Europe, with strategic transport and digital networks

Policy Objective 4 - a more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

On this the Priority Axes and the Specific Objectives are:

Priority Axis 1: Supporting transition to greener and more resilient cross-border regions

S.O. 1.1 - Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution

S.O. 1.2 - Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience

S.O. 1.3 - Promoting access to water and sustainable water management

S.O. 1.4 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

Priority Axis 2: Improving accessibility in the cross-border area

S.O. 2.1 - Developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

Priority Axis 3: Fostering sustainable cross-border economic and social development

S.O. 3.1 - Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

S.O. 3.2 - 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.

3. INTERREG VI-A IPA GREECE – NORTH MACEDONIA COOPERATION PROGRAMME

GENERAL

The Interreg VI-A IPA Greece – North Macedonia Programme aims to promote integrated regional development. Through cross-border cooperation, communities located in border areas seek to promote the socioeconomic development of the border area, develop economies of scale and overcome their peripheral positioning. The Programme Strategy emphasizes on specific objectives that can contribute in bridging the gap of regional, social and economic disparities in the cross-border area and promoting sustainable development.

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ELIGIBLE AREA

The cross border area covers 6 territorial units at NUTS II level, and 10 territorial units at NUTS III level as follows:

- 2 Greek regions – EL522 Thessaloniki, EL523 Kilkis, EL524 Pella and EL526 Serres from the Region of Central Macedonia and EL533 Florina and EL531 Kozani from the Region of Western Macedonia
- 4 regions from North Macedonia – MK001 Vardar, MK003 Southwest, MK004 Southeast, MK005 Pelagonia

PROGRAMME's BUDGET

The budget of the Programme amounts to 33.312.500€, of which 26.650.000€ is the contribution of the European Funds (ERDF+IPA III), and 6.662.500€ is the national participation of the cooperating countries.

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On this the Priority Axes and the Specific Objectives are:

Priority Axis 1: Priority: PR1 - Transition to a low carbon economy

RSO2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

RSO2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

Priority Axis 2: Priority: PR2 - Strategic focus on Prespas area

RSO 3.2. Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

Priority Axis 3: PR3 - Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services

RSO 4.5. 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

RSO 4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Priority axis 4: PR4 - Improving governance for cooperation

ISO6.6. Other actions to support better cooperation governance (all strands)