



# CITIZENS' SUMMARY

Annual Implementation Report 2017



**Interreg**  
Greece-Italy

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**Cooperation  
Programme Interreg V-A  
Greece-Italy 2014 - 2020**

# Interreg Greece-Italy



## **CITIZEN'S SUMMARY**

*(Article 50 (9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)*

This is a brief summary of the Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Greece-Italy for the programming period 2014-2020 which reports on the implementation of the programme during the calendar year 2017.

## THE PROGRAMME



**Interreg Greece-Italy Programme** is a bilateral and cross-border Cooperation Programme, co-funded by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and by the 2 member states through a national co-financing.

The overall objective of the Interreg Greece-Italy 2014-2020 Programme is to support strategic GR-IT cross-border co-operation in order to develop a dynamic economy which fosters smart, sustainable and inclusive growth with the goal to improve the quality of life for those living in the cross-border region, especially in times of economic crisis such as these.

It aims to enable regional and local stakeholders from eligible areas to exchange knowledge and experiences, to develop and implement pilot actions, to test the feasibility of new

policies, products and services, and support investment in the areas of interest.

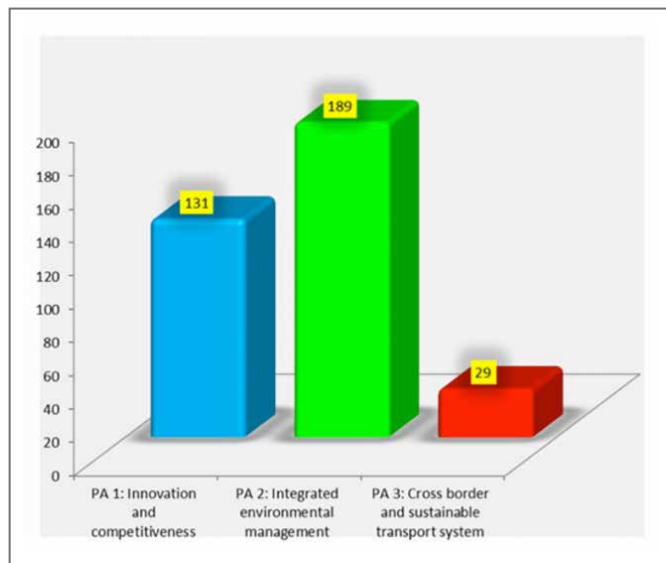
The Programme is designed in the framework of the European strategy 2020 for smart, inclusive and sustainable growth as a way to overcome the structural economic weakness and improve the productivity and a social market economy.

The Programme is aligned with the macro-regional EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), that helps Adriatic-Ionian Region countries and stakeholders, to address common challenges together and to achieve growth by building on the 4 EUSAIR thematic pillars: "Blue Growth", "Connecting the Region", "Environmental Quality", "Sustainable Tourism".

## FIRST CALL FOR ORDINARY PROJECTS

349 proposals were submitted under the 1st Call for ordinary projects, whose deadline was on 15 December 2016.

- 189 proposals targeted Priority Axis 2 - Integrated Environmental Management.
- 131 proposals for Priority Axis 1 Innovation and Competitiveness.
- 29 proposals for Priority Axis 3 Sustainable Transport System.



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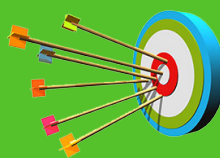
**THE NUMBER OF THE FIRST  
CALL FOR ORDINARY  
PROJECTS**



**349**

Total submitted project proposals.

**15  
December  
2016**



**192**

Project proposal passed successfully the 1<sup>st</sup> evaluation phase.

Only these projects were subjected to the quality assessment phase.



**41**

**APPROVED**  
Project proposal

**7  
November  
2017**

## FIRST CALL FOR ORDINARY PROJECTS

All the submitted proposals have been evaluated by the JS according to the two-phase evaluation procedure foreseen by the first call for Proposal.

During the first phase, devoted to the admissibility and eligibility check, 192 proposals were deemed valid and passed to the second phase for the quality assessment and, finally, 41 proposals were proposed for funding.

The decision was made by Monitoring Committee during the meeting held in Taranto, (Italy), on 7th November 2017.



## FUNDED PROJECTS

### *41 projects have been financed under the first call for ordinary projects*



#### **16 projects have been approved**

Under Priority Axis 1 – Innovation and Competitiveness, out of 64 eligible applications, covering topics of support services and developing clusters across borders to foster competitiveness, supporting the incubation of innovative specialized micro and small enterprises.

#### **19 projects have been approved**

Under Priority Axis 2 – Integrated Environmental Management, out of 109 eligible applications. With regard to the promotion of the sustainable valorisation and preservation of natural and cultural heritage, the selected projects address the valorisation of cultural, traditional and environmental heritage; the improvement of joint management and governance plans for biodiversity of coastal and rural ecosystems; the development and testing of innovative technologies and tools to reduce marine and air pollution.

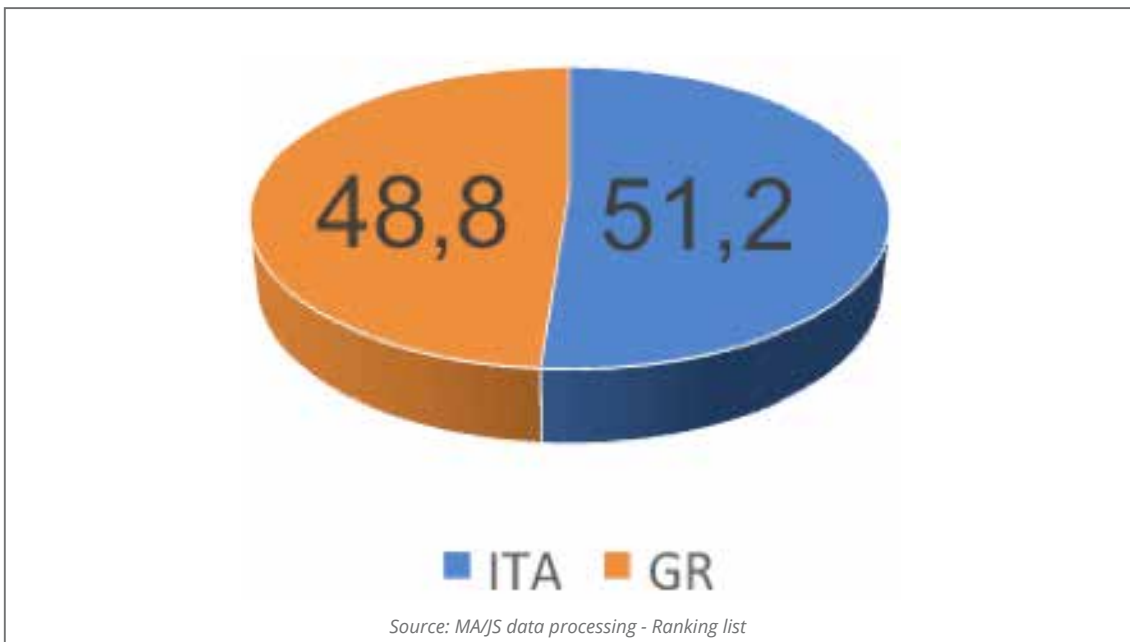
#### **6 projects have been approved**

Under Priority Axis 3 – Multimodal Sustainable Transport System, out of 19 eligible projects. These projects tackle the promotion of intermodal transport, the improvement of low-carbon transport system including, maritime transport, ports and airport infrastructures, the enhance of the regional mobility, the improvement of the cross-border coordination among transport stakeholders.

## FUNDED PROJECTS

In the 41 projects proposed for funding, 51.2% of LBs are of Italian nationality, while 48.8% are of Greek nationality.

### *Lead Beneficiary for Nationality*

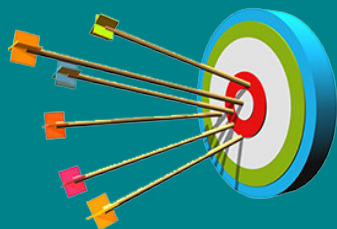


The 41 projects involve 191 partners and 107 beneficiaries out of which 50 Greeks and 57 Italians, among Regions, Municipalities, Chambers of Commerce, Universities, Non-profit Organizations, Port authorities with a total approved budget of euro 53.600.401,48.

#### **The different legal typologies is so composed:**

- 44 different public administrations
- 47 bodies governed by public law
- 15 non-profit organizations
- 1 international organizations

## FUNDED PROJECTS



**107**  
**BENEFICIARIES**  
**FIRST CALL**

**44**

**DIFFERENT PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATIONS**

**47**

**BODIES GOVERNED  
BY PUBLIC LAW**

**15**

**NO - PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION**

**1**

**INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION**

**TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET € 53.600.401,48**



## EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY 2017

With the motto "Sharing borders, growing closer", the EU celebrates on 21 September European Cooperation Day. For the 2017 edition, the Interreg V-A Greece Programme organized two bike tours with the title "**Cycling together around Europe: Join our Bike Tour**" to discover the natural heritage improved by the Programme funds of the previous programming period. The events took place in Italy on **24 september 2017** along the centennial olive trees in the Valle d'Itria of the Regional Park Dune Costiere (Ostuni) **and on 14 October 2017** in Greece along the breathtaking landscape of the Koronissia Lake (Arta).

### Cycling together around Europe

Join our European Cooperation Bike Tour

**Ostuni | Regional Park "Dune Costiere" | 24.09.17 - h. 9.30**  
**Arta | Lake of Koronissia Region of Epirus | 14.10.2017 - h. 9.30**



# 2017

*To go far, go together.*

**Take your bike and ride with us!**

Greece and Italy travel through the roads of Cooperation to discover the natural heritage of the Programme Area. A cycling tour to enjoy the rhythm of nature among the centennial olive trees in the Valle d'Itria (Puglia) and the breathtaking landscape along the Koronissia Lake in Greece

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# EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY 2017 - OSTUNI

## “CYCLING TOGETHER AROUND EUROPE: JOIN OUR BIKE TOUR”

**Regional Park Dune Costiere (Ostuni) 24 september 2017**

The Italian tour included 4 stopovers: from the ancient Dolmen of Montalbano, through the paths with dry stone walls until Fontevvecchia Station. A break time was taken in Masseria Fontenuova with traditional local products and finally all the people, attending the initiative, will plant the cooperation tree.



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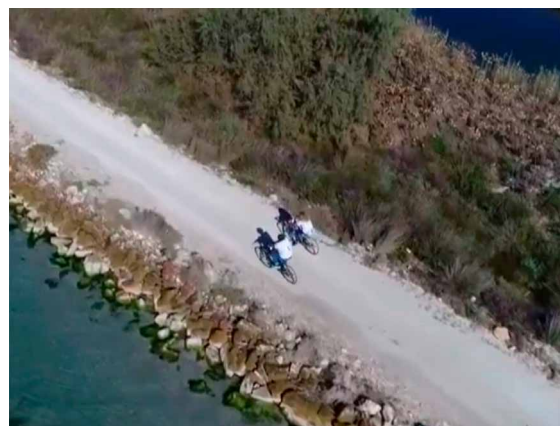
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## EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY 2017 - ARTA

### “CYCLING TOGETHER AROUND EUROPE: JOIN OUR BIKE TOUR”

#### Lake of Koronissia Arta 14 october 2017

The Greek tour was 23 Km along the lake in the UNESCO protected area where there are several species of water birds, among which the silver pelican. The starting point was the square of Koronisia, a picturesque fish village in the town of Arta in Epirus. The tour included several stops: the Logarou Lagoon, the Salaora beach, the old fish farms, called “ivaria”, a wooden construction.



## EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY 2017 - ARTA



### MORE INFORMATION

The latest programme news and information on events implemented within the programme are available on the programme website: [www.greece-italy.eu](http://www.greece-italy.eu)

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