

# EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME INTERREG V-A GREECE – ITALY 2014-2020

Brief history of the programme and Modifications procedures during the project lifetime





## **Aproval of the programme**



Approved by European Commission in December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015



#### **Commission's Decision**



Brussels, 15.12.2015 C(2015) 9347 final

#### COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 15.12.2015

approving certain elements of the cooperation programme " Interreg V-A Greece -Italy" for support from the European Regional Development Fund under the European territorial cooperation goal in Greece and Italy

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## **Eligible area**

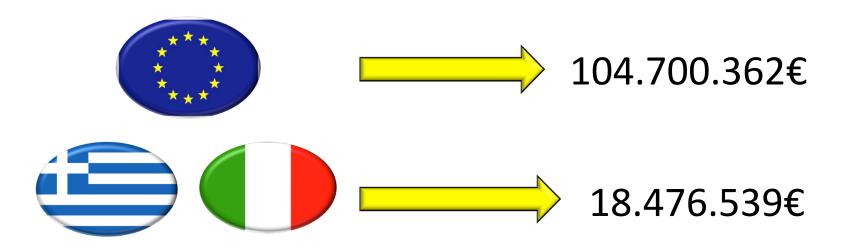




## **Budget**



## 123.176.901€





In the 2014-2020 programming period, the European Structural and Investment Funds, supports 11 thematic objectives:





#### **Thematic objectives of Greece Italy 2014 2020**

| PA 1: Innovation and competitiveness                                     | PA 2: Integrated environmental management                                        | PA 3: Cross border and sustainable transport system                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TO 1 Strengthening research, technological development and innovation    | TO 6 Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency | TO 7 Promoting transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures |
| TO 3 Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |

TO 10 Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure

TO 11 Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public



## **Specific objectives**







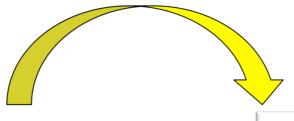


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| 1.1         | delivering innovation support services and developing clusters across borders to foster competitiveness                                                                                                               |  |
| 1.2         | supporting the incubation of innovative specialized micro and small enterprises in thematic sectors of interest to the programme area                                                                                 |  |
| 2.1         | valorisation of cultural heritage and natural resources as a territorial asset of the programme area                                                                                                                  |  |
| 2.2         | improvement of joint management and governance plans for biodiversity of coastal and rural ecosystems, paying attention on natural resources and protected areas and development of environmental protection measures |  |
| 2.3         | developing and testing of innovative technologies/ tools to reduce marine and air pollution                                                                                                                           |  |
| 3.1         | boosting maritime transport, short-sea shipping capacity and cross-border ferry connectivity                                                                                                                          |  |
| 3.2         | improving cross-border coordination among transport stakeholders on introducing multimodal environmentally-friendly solutions                                                                                         |  |



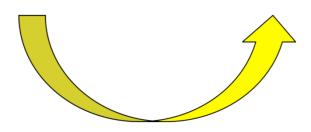
#### **Coherence with EUROPE 2020 and EUSAIR**













#### **EUROPE 2020 strategy**



Strengthening research, technological development and innovation

Enhancing the competitiveness of small and mediumsized enterprises



## Sustainable

Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

## **Inclusive**

Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure

Enhancing institutional capacity



#### **EUSAIR**

Strengthening research, technological development and innovation

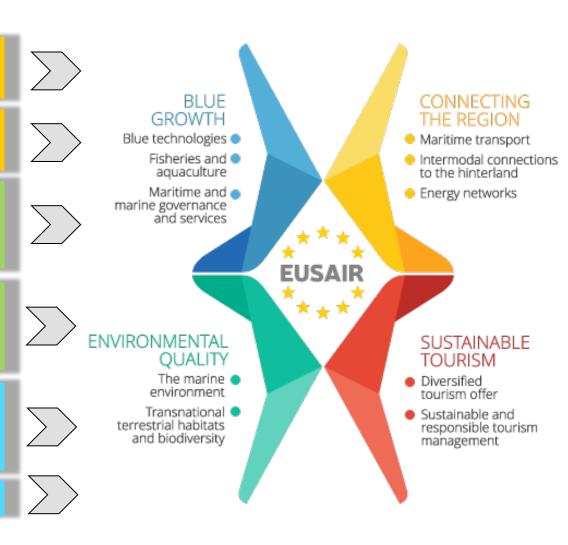
Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium- sized enterprises

Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure

Enhancing institutional capacity







10/06/2016

The 2nd Monitoring Committee meeting was held in Corfu on 9 and 10 June 2016 and approved the 1st call for ordinary project proposals, evaluation methodology, project selection criteria, technical assistance budget and the terms of reference of the setting up the new JS.



22/07/2016

The Managing Authority launched the 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals.





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1st CALL FOR ORDINARY PROJECT PROPOSALS
Cooperation Programme Interreg V/A Greece-Italy (EL-IT) 2014-2020
Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

#### 1. Context

The Co-operation Programme Interreg V/A Greece-Italy (EL-IT) 2014-2020 links eleven (11) NUTS III level prefectures and six (6) provinces from two different EU member states, Greece and Italy.

The Programme has a total budget of EUR 123.176.899 and is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) with a total amount of EUR 104.700.362 for the 2014-2020 period.

The overall objective is to support strategic cross-border co-operation for a more prosperous and sustainable region across the Ionian Sea. Emphasis will be placed upon developing the foundations for a dynamic economy which fosters smart, sustainable and inclusive growth with the goal to improve the quality of life for those living in the region especially in times of economic crisis such as these.

Accordingly, the specific objectives of the programme are:

◆ To exploit in a sustainable way the endogenous potential of the cross-border GR-IT

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27/09/2018

The 5th Monitoring Committee meeting was held in Bari on 27 and 28 September 2018 and approved the texts of five (5) targeted calls



07/11/2018

The Managing Authority launched four (4) Targeted calls for strategic project proposal.

The Managing Authority launched one (1) Targeted call for strategic project proposal.







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1st TARGETED CALL FOR STRATEGIC PROJECT PROPOSAL Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Greece-Italy (EL-IT) 2014-2020 Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

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Under this call, the program aims to address specific needs of the eligible cross-border area and more specifically to problems connected with seasonal tourism, the isolation of



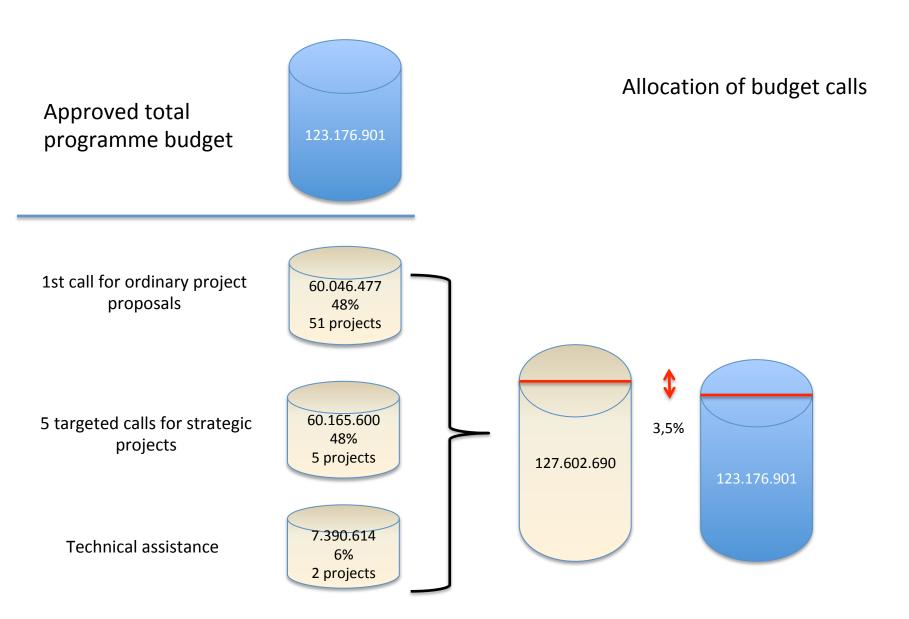


20/06/2017

The Monitoring Committee constituted and its 3rd Meeting was held in Patras and approved among others the *list of permitted and non permitted errors* and the *RoPs the Joint Complaints Committee*. Apart from these the MC approved the *Annual Communication Plan, Multiannual budget plan of Technical Assistance, Template of Subsidy Contract, Template of Partnership Agreement*.

30/06/2017 Managing Authority submitted the AIR 2016 on the SFC platform







27/09/2018



During the 5th Monitoring Committee the Managing Authority in order to manage budgets per priority axis recommended to the MC members the first revision of the program which was accepted.

20/12/2018



Submission of the 1<sup>st</sup> revision on to SFC platform

Bruxelles, 10.4.2019 C(2019) 2907 final

#### DECISIONE DI ESECUZIONE DELLA COMMISSIONE

10/04/2019

del 10.4.2019

recante modifica della decisione di esecuzione C(2015) 9347 che approva determinati elementi del programma di cooperazione "Interreg V-A Grecia-Italia" ai fini del sostegno del Fondo europeo di sviluppo regionale nell'ambito dell'obiettivo di cooperazione territoriale europea in Grecia e Italia

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European Commission adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> revision of the programme

(I testi in lingua greca e italiana sono i soli facenti fede)





During the lifetime of a project, internal or external causes







may bring minor or major changes



considering the effect on the project structure and the body that will provide at each time the decision are set three levels of project change...

Adjustments by the Beneficiaries with notification of the JS



Modifications approved by the Managing Authority



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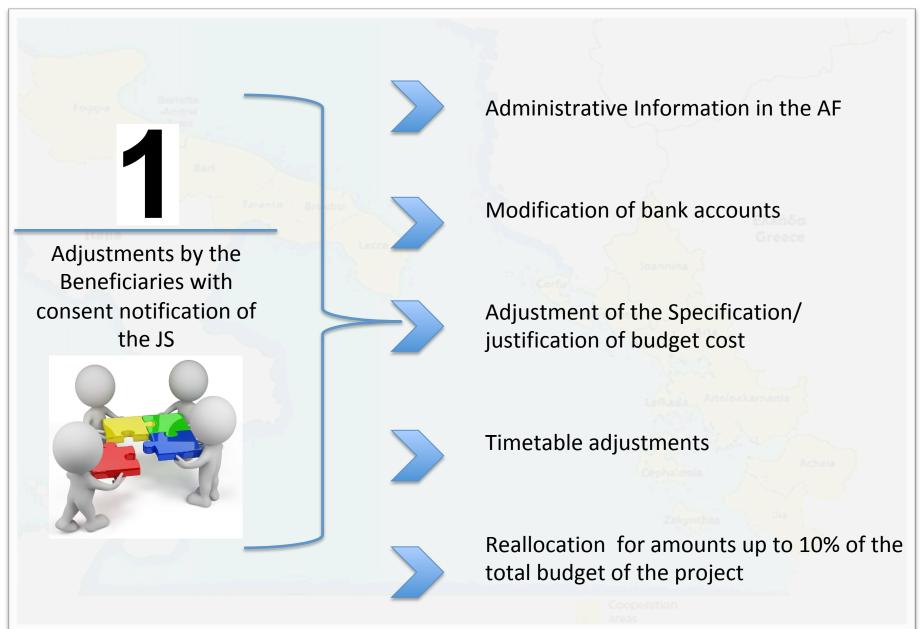






- 1. In all cases, the LB must address to the JS any request for modification, duly justified with the consent of the partnership
- 2. It must be noted that the discounts of the contracts are not subject to modifications and any respective savings shall be returned to the Programme.







#### Procedure for the consent of the above mentioned cases









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<u>Only</u> in case of adjustment No.5, the Lead Beneficiary should submit an official notice to the JS electronically, stating and justifying the proposed adjustments prior to the request for verification of expenditures and in any case prior to the submission of the next progress report. Together with the official notice, the LP must submit the following documents:





- 1. official notice to the JS electronically
- 2. Request for project modification (Standard form
- 3. Budget modification sheet (Standard form)



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The JS/MA reserves the right not to approve adjustments if:







- 1. They affect the objectives and expected results of the project (physical activities)
- 2. The reallocation of budget categories and/or work packages is above 10% compared to the initial Application form as approved.



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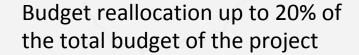
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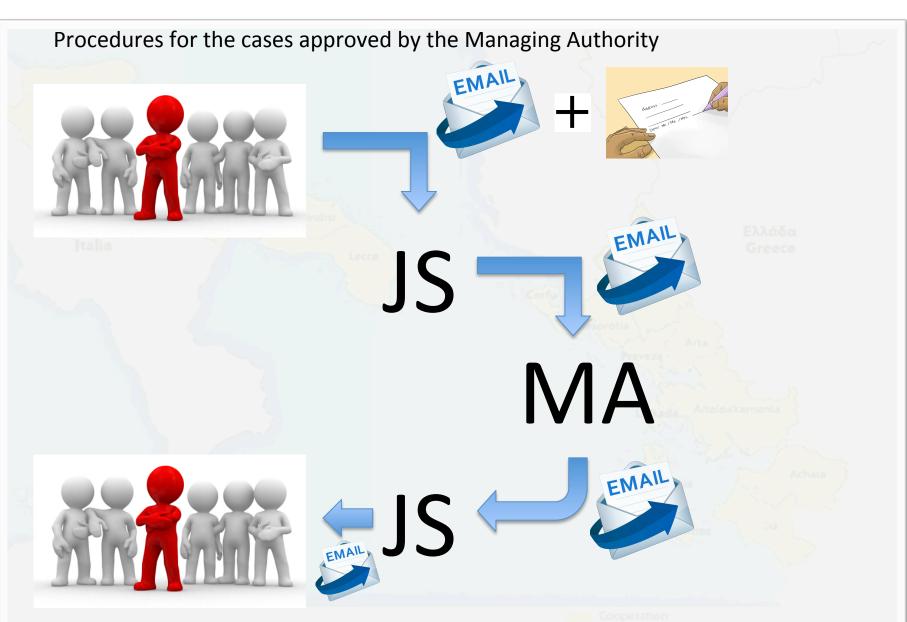


Extension of the date for closing project implementation activities, if not affecting the achievement of the target set by the n+3 rule



Budget reallocation between beneficiaries (same Member State & ERDF contribution), equal to or less than 10% of the project budget (ERDF + National Funding), no increase in the ERDF contribution of the project







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by the Monitoring
Committee



Reallocation between respective budget categories and/or actions over 20% of the total budget of the project.

Reallocation between beneficiaries from the same Member State and ERDF rate of contribution, over 10% of the project budget (ERDF + National Funding).

Changes to the nature of the project and in particular to the objectives and the expected results.

Reallocation of resources between beneficiaries from different Member States

Modification to the composition of the partnership.

Budget modifications decided by the Monitoring Committee on the basis of sound financial management of the Programme.

Addition of new activities leading to the increase of the project budget







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Two more types of changes

Modifications related to infrastructure works

- The National Legislation applies to all cases and the responsibility for approval remains to the legal bodies concerned and set by the legislation and not by the MA/JS.
- ☐ The MA/JS shall be informed before the initiation of the National legislation procedure about the necessary changes, in order to assess for the modification.
- In case of objection, the respective legal bodies will need to be informed.
- A Programme specific methodology can be developed in case a participating country requires a more active involvement in the process of infrastructure works modifications.

Modifications requiring Subsidy Contract and Partnership agreement amendment

Modified when a specific article compared to the one in force is modified. Indicatively, these cases are the following:

Article concerning the composition of the partnership, or budget modifications leading to a beneficiary's overall budget increase or decrease.
 No modification is required for internal budget modifications
 No need for modification in case the Application Form, as annex of the Subsidy

contract, is modified if there is no

modification of any of its articles.



