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# **IPA ADRION 1st Call for Proposals Italian Info day**

**3 May 2023, Venice**

**Key features of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals**

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# 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals - overview

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- **Open from 4 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 at 13:00 (CEST/Rome time)**
- **Interreg allocation:** MEUR ca. 65,7 64 64 out of total 136,6 – 48%
- **Addressed to 6 Specific Objectives and to pre-identified indicative actions of the three thematic programme Priority Axes**
- **Application package, Sarajevo Launch event of 19 April JS presentations and FAQs available on:**  
<https://www.adrioninterreg.eu/index.php/call-for-proposals/ipa-adrion-first-call-for-proposals/>

# 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals Priority Axes, Specific Objectives and EU allocated resources

EUSAIR flagships alignment, EU Green Deal



Priority 1  
Supporting a smarter AI

## Ref. to Specific Objectives

- Strengthening innovation capacities – **8 indicative actions**

MEUR 16,7 –  
46% of 36

MEUR 14,01  
MEUR 5,03  
MEUR 14,49  
MEUR 8,72  
  
Tot MEUR  
42,25 – 63% of  
67

- Enhancing resilience to climate change, natural and man-made disaster – **4 indicative actions**
- Supporting circular economy – **3 indicative actions**
- Supporting environmental preservation and protection – **6 indicative actions**
- Supporting sustainable multimodal urban mobility – **3 indicative actions**

Priority 2  
Supporting a greener  
and climate-resilient  
AI



Priority 3  
Supporting a carbon-  
neutral and better  
connected AI

- Strengthening a carbon neutral smart mobility – **5 indicative actions**

MEUR 6,71 –  
61% of 11

# 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals – key technical features

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## BUDGET

- Max EU budget: MEUR 1,5
- EU co-financing rate (Interreg Funds): 85%
- Strong recommendation to use simplified cost options
- Preparation costs envisaged for granted projects

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Quantification of expected output and result indicators
- Duly documented achievements
- Project implementation: up to 36 months

# What IPA ADRION expects from projects

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Should answer the question “what should happen and where”.

Support the implementation of soft measures:

- Policy instruments (strategies and action plans);
- Pilot actions and joint solutions;
- Cooperation frameworks/dimension.

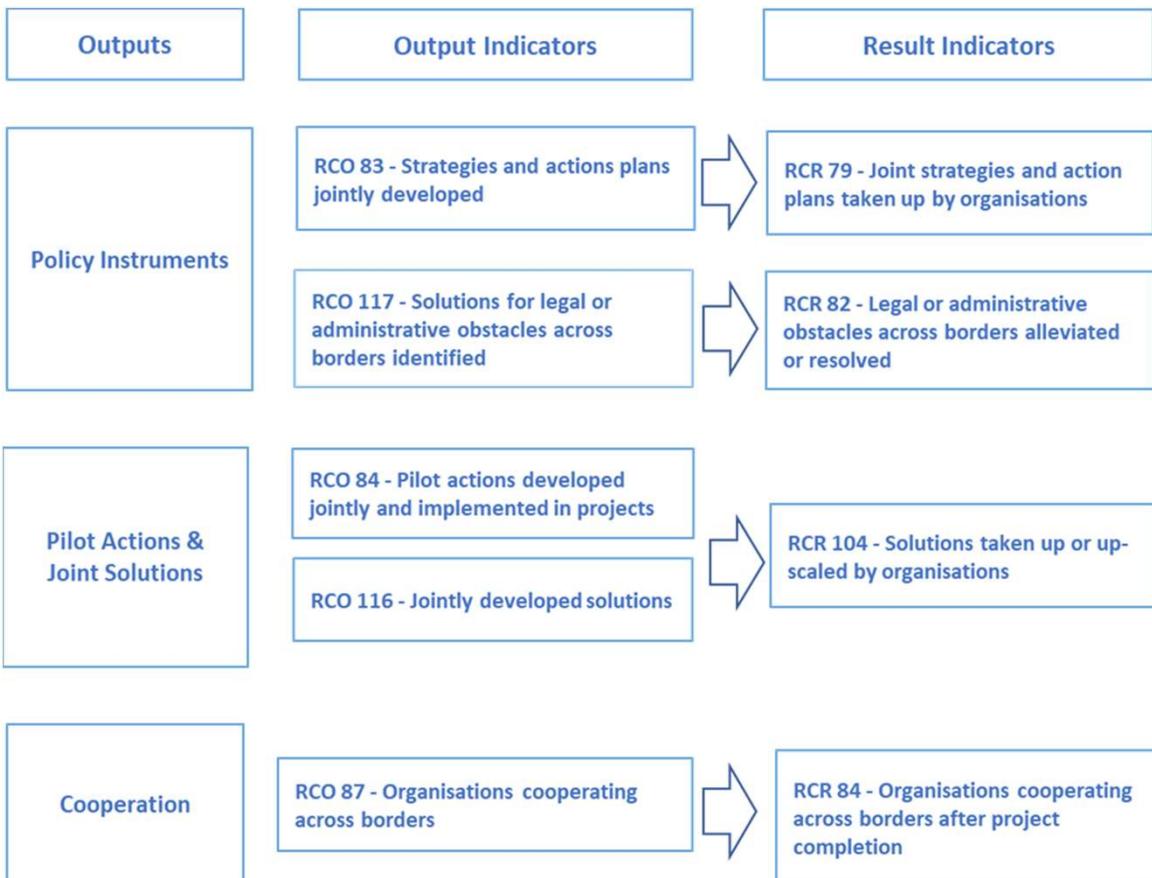


Visionary approach linked with solid partnership able to further implement what proposed.



Avoid reinventing the wheel: reference to outcomes and achievements of previous granted projects to be transferred to the programme area and/or already implemented in the programme area must be provided.

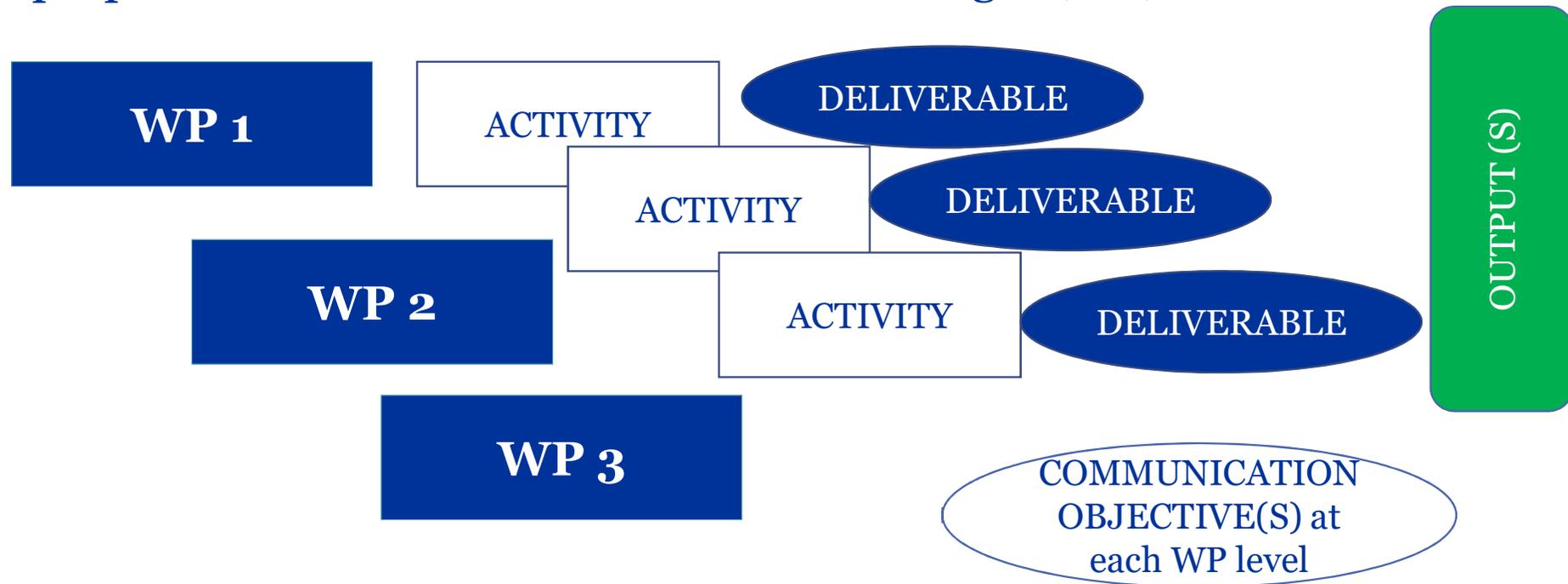
# Indicators



- Each project must contribute to at least **two** programme output and result indicators.
- **ROC 87 – organization cooperating across borders to be intended as COMPULSORY for each project!**
- For each S.O. there is a predefined menu of output and result indicators (ref to Application Manual)
- **Strategies, action plans and pilot actions** must be developed in a transnational context and must be adopted within the project lifetime or **three months** afterwards at the latest.
- Projects not showing a clear link to a programme specific objective and the territorial needs and challenges, and/or not contributing to the respective expected programme results will not be supported by the IPA ADRION programme.

# Project structure

Project proposal structured in Thematic Work Packages (WP)



NO specific WP Project management and WP Communication.

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PARTNERSHIP

- Potential financial beneficiaries located in the programme area.
- Lead financial beneficiaries may be public organizations located in ERDF and IPA participating countries.
- Effective commitment ensured through limitation in participation to project proposals.
- Eligible partnership: 6 partners from 6 different participating countries (3 ERDF + 3 IPA); if bigger partnership, recommended not more than 12 financing project partners.

COOPERATION

Evidence of three compulsory cooperation criteria within the partnership:

- Joint development;
- Joint implementation;
- Joint financing.

# IPA ADRION PROGRAMME

## Geographical area

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- **Croatia**
- **Greece**
- **Italy (part of)**
- **Slovenia**

- **Albania**
- **Bosnia-Herzegovina**
- **Montenegro**
- **Serbia**

- **New entry: North Macedonia**
- **New entry: San Marino**



**Geographical alignment  
with EUSAIR macro-region**

**New balance to be  
reflected in future project  
partnerships**

# Elements to be considered while drafting your project proposal

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- **Genuine transnational project proposal**
- **Genuine and effective partnership** able to implement what proposed and to retain knowledge and outcomes within the involved organisations
- **Effective commitment and engagement** to be demonstrated through evidence of achieved outcomes
- **Project proposals shall provide clear information on the activities to be performed, supported by sound details on content and budget**
- **Pure research project proposals are not supported**
- **Good performing projects shall be offered fast track opportunities to get additional grants/join wider EU networks to further implement the project idea**

# Proposals assessment and projects start

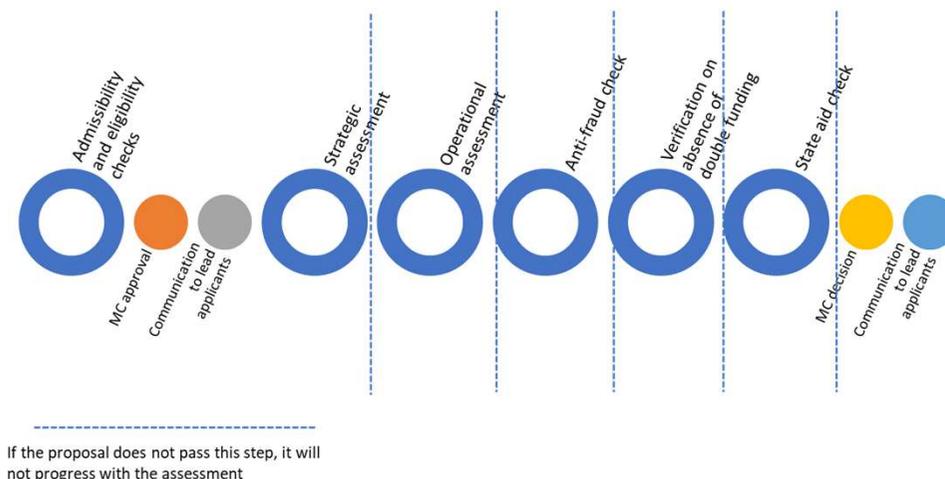
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- Full assessment of received project proposals aimed at covering all possible aspects to ensure sound and early project start (e.g.: anti-fraud check, avoidance of double funding, state aid); quality assessment performed according to strategic and operational criteria
- Depending on the number of received applications, **overall assessment expected to be finalized by end of 2023**
- Partnerships can check their duties and obligations through the **template of subsidy contract and partnership agreements** part of the application package
- **Advance payment up to 20%** of Interreg budget to granted **IPA lead and project partners.**



# Performance and midterm review

- Each granted project shall be subject to a **18 months midterm review** aimed at measuring interim achievements:
  - Respect of work plan implementation and delivery of planned outputs;
  - Achievement of set quantified goals (output indicators);
  - Financial absorption in relation to the approved work plan.
- **Maximum acceptable Interreg budget underspending** after three reporting periods (i.e.: after 18 months' implementation): **20% of the spending forecast.**
- An underspending rate higher than the threshold above, may bring to the project Interreg **budget reduction for the exceeding percentage.** Budget reduction shall be approved by the MC.
- In case the programme suffers from decommitment, further budget revision could be envisaged.

# Support offered to applicants

## At programme level:

- Regular updated FAQs on programme web site.
- Short video-tutorials
- Recorded events
- **LinkedIn pages for partner search**
- Email service
- **Online meetings with the JS previous submission of project idea** (project idea fiche available on programme web site) as from 2 May up to 23 June 2023. Request to be sent to [info@interregadrion.eu](mailto:info@interregadrion.eu).

## At national level:

- First hand information provided by National Contact Points
- Info-days at national level hosted by National Contact Points (calendar also available on programme web site)