

TIMETABLE OF THE PLANNED CALLS FOR PROPOSALS (REGULATION EU 2021/1060 ART. 49.2)

PROGRAMME: INTERREG VI-A IP III CBC GREECE - ALBANIA 2021-2027

| S/N | Type of Call       | Priority  | Selected policy objective or selected Interreg-specific objective  | Selected specific objective   | Suggested Actions   | Eligible Beneficiaries   | Area of interventions   | Estimated Budget per Type of Call | Date of Launch | End Date for submission of Proposals |
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| 1   | Strategic projects | P1 - Supporting transition to greener and more resilient cross-border regions | PO2 – A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation risk prevention and management, and sustainable urban mobility | 1.1 - S.O 2.7 Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution | One strategic project in the field of "Smart Cities",   | National and Regional Authorities with a pilot participation of municipalities | The whole eligible area | 12,000,000.00 €                   | September 2023 | November 2023                        |
|     |                    |   | PO2 – A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation risk prevention and management, and sustainable urban mobility | 1.4 - S.O. 2.6- Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy   | Two strategic projects in the fields of Circular Economy Park" and "Introducing digital tools for monitoring waste management in urban areas"   | Regional policy institutions   |                         |                                   |                |                                      |
|     |                    | P3 - Fostering sustainable cross-border economic and social development       | PO4 – A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights   | 3.1 - S.O 4.6- Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation                                | One strategic project in the field of "Thematic Touristic Routes",  | National and Regional Authorities  |                         |                                   |                |                                      |
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| <p>2</p> | <p>Common Call</p> | <p>P2 - Improving accessibility in the cross-border area</p>                         | <p>PO3 - A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility</p>  | <p>2.1 - S.O 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</p> | <p>Reconstruction of rural and suburban roads in the cross-border area (rebuilding, resurfacing, realignment etc.).</p> <p>Investments in road safety measures in cross-border urban and rural networks, for improving cross-border mobility and reducing accidents rates.</p> <p>Measures to manage safety risks created in the cross-border road network due to weather conditions and the special geomorphological characteristics of the cross-border area</p> <p>Investments for the modernization of the road network in the cross-border area, with an emphasis on reduction of black spots</p> <p>Actions for realignment of urban and rural roads in the cross-border area, with the aim to improve accessibility in remoted or mountainous areas.</p> <p>Investments in the implementation of climate proofed standards in road reconstruction in order to increase the resilience of cross-border road transport infrastructure to weather extremes and climate change (adjustment of road pavements, adaptation of road drainage systems as response to high temperatures or extreme rainfall events that affect road connectivity in the cross-border area).</p> <p>Investments in road refurbishment and road safety will also include the realization of cycling/walking paths to safeguard the safety of weak users (i.e. along the E86, the E853, on the border crossing</p>   | <p>Municipalities, regional governments</p> | <p>The whole eligible area</p> | <p>15,000,000.00 €</p> | <p>September 2023</p> | <p>December 2023</p> |

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| <p>P3 - Fostering sustainable crossborder economic and social development</p> | <p>PO4 - A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights</p> | <p>3.1 - S.O 4.6- Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation</p>   | <p>Improvement of physical and/or digital accessibility in historical monuments and sites of cultural heritage in the cross-border area, including for remote sites.</p> <p>Preservation and promotion of cultural heritage, protection and reconstruction of fortresses, museums, archaeological/cultural sites.</p> <p>Promotion of cross-border cultural initiatives (joint actions for common cultural identity, cultural events, digitalization of cultural content and cultural routes).</p> <p>Enhancement and promotion of cultural and creative industry (capacity building, training, promotion of cultural services, support of cultural and creative industry clusters, support of upskilling and reskilling for digital transformation of CCI).</p> <p>Support to diversification of the tourism by investing in lesser-known destinations and diverse forms of tourism (cultural, rural, agro-tourism, sport, health/medical tourism); consequently, contributing to the livelihoods of local and regional communities.</p> <p>Interconnection between cultural and creative industry with tourism sector (identification of potential contribution of CCIs for the development of creative and cultural tourism products/business models).</p> <p>Development of new tourism models based on the social distancing (incl. quality tourism and remote micro destinations – mountains, islands, sparsely and rural areas), supporting the adjustment of existing tourist products with a view to enable recovery and resilience of the tourism sector.</p> <p>Support of capacity building in the tourism sector, promoting social innovation, improvement of working skills in the sector and social inclusion (reskilling and upskilling for the green and digital transformation of the tourism sector, promotion of accessible and inclusive tourism, compliance with sustainability principles).</p> <p>Support the promotion of circular and climate friendly approaches in tourism sector in order to reduce the impact of tourism activities on environment.</p> <p>In the framework of specific objective 4.6, one strategic idea is included aiming at the development of thematic routes in the cross-border area. The project will contribute in the preservation of prominent cultural monuments of the cross-border area and the development of digital tools for the promotion of thematic cultural routes based on a strategic promotional plan.</p> | <p>All potential partners</p>                               |
| <p>P3 - Fostering sustainable crossborder economic and social development</p> | <p>PO4 - A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights</p> | <p>3.2 - S.O 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</p> | <p>Implementation of joint measures and tools (soft actions), including development of cooperation networks for improving accessibility and effectiveness of healthcare and long-term social care services across borders with a focus on vulnerable groups (elderly persons, people with disabilities, population of remote areas, roma, etc.).</p> <p>Support of the digitalization in healthcare, including the supply of new and improved equipment for supporting telemedicine services, with a focus on remote and sparsely populated communities of the cross-border area. Efforts towards digitalization of health care services will be based in exchange of knowhow and joint training in order to ensure cross-border dimension and impact.</p> <p>Investments in modernization and supply of medical equipment of healthcare facilities (including laboratories) with a focus on remote and sparsely populated areas of the cross-border regions, considering also the gaps between the eligible regions of Albania and Greece in access to upgraded health care services and equipment.</p> <p>Development of information platforms, databases and tools for identifying missing links in health care services of the cross-border area, putting emphasis of the development and improvement of community-based services.</p> <p>Elaboration of joint working procedures and joint strategies for tackling cross-border medical threats, for mapping health care services and needs in the cross-border area and promotion of deinstitutionalisation</p> <p>-Know-how exchange and capacity building activities (joint trainings, conferences, workshops) in the fields of health promotion and prevention, social inclusion and reducing of health inequalities, development of community-based health care models.</p>   | <p>Hospitals, universities, possibly local institutions</p> |

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| 3 | Small Scale project | P1 - Supporting transition to greener and more resilient cross-border regions | PO2 – A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation risk prevention and management, and sustainable urban mobility | 1.1 - S.O 2.7 Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution | <p>Investments for the protection and enhancement of natural capital, ecosystems and biodiversity.</p> <p>Measures for monitoring of biodiversity, genetic sources and protected ecosystems.</p> <p>Promotion of the use of technologies for environmental protection and preservation.</p> <p>Actions for the restoration, protection and efficient management of natural protected areas, with a focus on endangered species.</p> <p>Support data on natural capital preservation (natural parks, protected and designated areas, etc.)</p> <p>Joint actions for the protection of nature and biodiversity (protection of wetlands, mountainous natural reserves, rivers, etc.)</p> <p>Develop the capacity of environmental authorities and NGO in the joint management of natural sites and protection of cross-border ecosystems.</p> <p>Investments for the promotion of green infrastructure mainly in urban areas (green streets, green walls and roofs, accessibility in nature, reducing flood risks and storm-water management, cisterns and rain barrels, etc.) and the rehabilitation of areas in industrial transition.</p> <p>Development of measures and pilot actions for tackling and prevention of pollution on the natural environment, protection of cross-border shared natural capital and biodiversity.</p> <p>Pilot actions for testing possible solutions in collecting and monitoring cross-border biodiversity data and threats for natural resources.</p> <p>Investments for improving air quality in urban areas, control and monitoring of air pollution (e.g. development of solutions for monitoring air pollution).</p> <p>Measures to maintain or increase the resilience of forest and wetland ecosystems to disturbances and pressures, including those caused by climate change (e.g., by increasing the connectivity between habitats, preventing unsustainable use, and protecting known refugia for species at the edge of their climatic range).</p> <p>Promotion of practices and solutions for eliminating subsidies that support local and national activities harmful to biodiversity, such as deforestation, overfertilization and over-fishing.</p> <p>Investments in the restoration of carbon- and species-rich ecosystems, thus enhancing resilience of biodiversity in the face of climate change, with many other benefits such as flood regulation, coastal protection, enhanced water quality, reduced soil erosion.N10</p> | All potential partners with focus on small local organizations | The whole eligible area | 3,000,000.00 € | Early 2024 |  |
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