

1st Call for Common Projects Proposals Application Package

Interreg VI-A IPA Greece – Albania 2021-2027

Info Days for the 1st Call for Proposals

March 2024

Overview of the 1st Call for Common Project Proposals

Type of Call for Proposal:	Common
Priority:	P1, P2, P3
Specific Objectives:	P1: RSO 2.4, RSO 2.5 , RSO 2.7 P2: RSO 3.2 P3: RSO 4.5, RSO 4.6
Total Allocated Budget:	17.319.062,50 EUR (EU & National Funds)
Launch date:	19th of February 2024, 8.00 a.m. (CET+1)
Close date:	3rd of April 2024, 14.00 p.m. (CET+1)
Application Package available at:	https://greece-albania.eu/

Allocated Budget for the 1st Call per Priority/Specific Objective

Priority/Specific Objective	Total contribution
1. Supporting transition to greener and more resilient cross-border regions	7.558.437,50 €
<i>RSO 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account e-co-system based approaches</i>	2.998.123,88 €
<i>RSO 2.5 Promoting access to water and sustainable water management</i>	2.998.125,00 €
<i>RSO 2.7 Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment and reducing pollution</i>	1.562.188,62 €
2. Improving accessibility in the cross-border area	3.448.125 €
<i>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</i>	3.448.125,00 €
3. Fostering sustainable cross-border economic and social development	6.312.500 €
<i>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</i>	2.998.125,00 €
<i>RSO 4.6 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation</i>	3.314.375,00 €

Eligibility of Partnerships:

- ✓ The project partnership must involve at least two (2) beneficiaries, one from each Partner State.
- ✓ Shall consist of two types of beneficiaries, the Lead Beneficiary (LB) and the Project Beneficiary (PB).
- ✓ The partnership scheme must not exceed five (5) beneficiaries.
- ✓ Beneficiaries shall cooperate in the development and implementation of operations, as well as in the staffing or financing of operations, or both.
- ✓ Each beneficiary may submit up to five (5) Project Proposals in the Present Call.

Topics of interventions per Specific Objective

S.O. 2.4: Climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: **floods and landslides**

S.O. 2.4: Climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: **fires**

S.O.2.4: Climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: others, e.g. **storms and drought**

S.O. 2.5: Provision of water for human consumption (extraction, treatment, storage and distribution infrastructure, efficiency measures, drinking water supply)

S.O.2.5: Wastewater collection and treatment

S.O. 3.2: Other reconstructed or modernised roads (motorway, national, regional or local)

S.O.2.7: Nature and biodiversity protection, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure

S.O. 2.7: Air quality and noise reduction measures

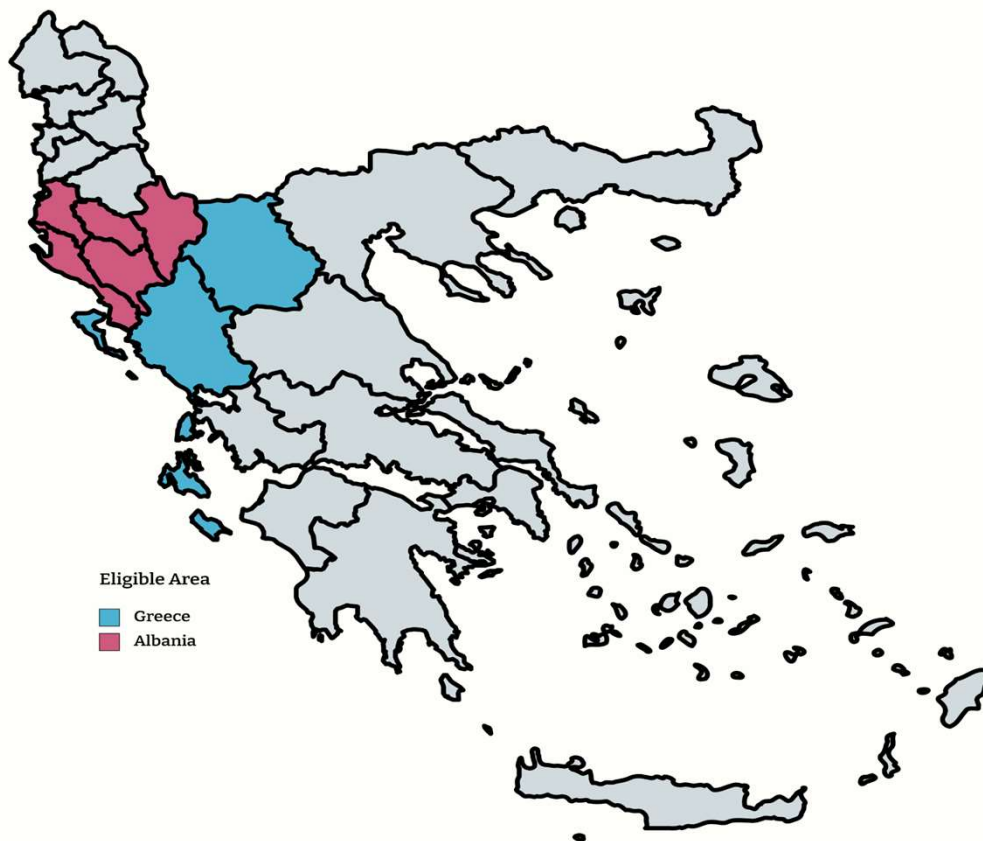
S.O.4.5: Measures to improve the accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems (excluding infrastructure)

S.O.4.5: Health equipment

S.O. 4.6: Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets and tourism services

S.O.4.6: Protection, development and promotion of cultural heritage and cultural services

Eligible Geographical area



Applicants outside the eligible area:

- Organisations, which are located outside the Programme area but a branch office is established in the Programme area
- Bodies of the central government located outside the Programme area (e.g. Ministries or other governmental authorities with specific competencies on national level);
- Organisations located outside the Programme area but inside the Partner States, as long as their participation in the project brings added value and expertise to its implementation and benefits the Programme cooperation area.

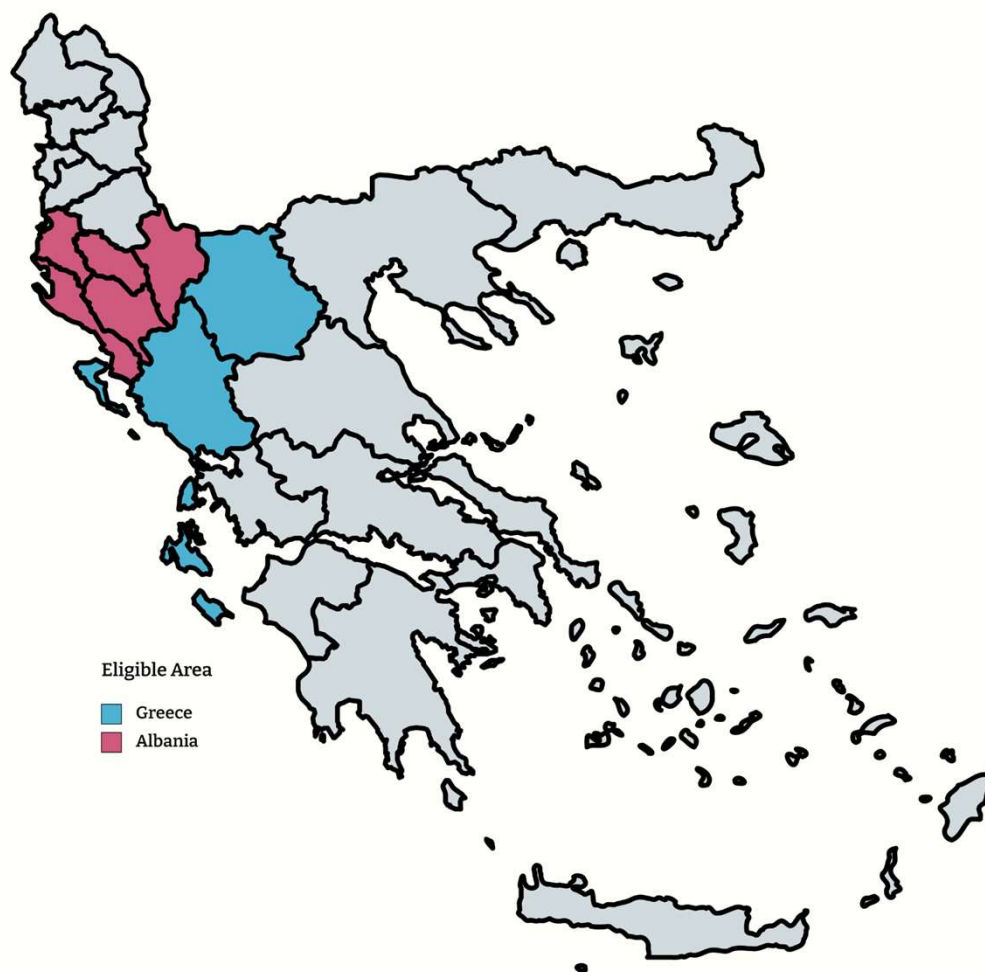
Greece

Arta, Florina, Grevena, Ioannina, Ithaki, Kastoria, Kerkyra, Kefallinia, Kozani, Lefkada, Preveza, Thesprotia, Zakynthos

Albania

Berat, Gjirokastër, Fier, Korçë, Vlorë

Activities outside the Programme area



All activities of a project should take place within the Programme area, unless:

- ☑ the activities are for the benefit of the Programme area;
 - ☑ the activities are essential for the implementation of the project;
 - ☑ the implementation and/ or the relevance of the activity have been approved by the Programme bodies beforehand.
- ☑ Infrastructure located outside the Programme area, even if it is directly related to the project, is **not eligible**

Eligibility of applicants

- A. National, regional, and local public bodies,
- B. Bodies governed by public law ((as defined in Article 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU):
 - ✓ they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;
 - ✓ they have legal personality and
 - ✓ they are financed for the most part by the State, regional or local authorities or by other bodies governed by public law;
- C. Bodies governed by private law - non-profit organizations,
 - ✓ they are not established to obtain profit;
 - ✓ they do not distribute profits to the shareholders;
 - ✓ they should have at least completed one accounting year of operation before the launching of the specific call for proposals. This rule is also applicable to the local-regional branch offices.
- D. International organizations registered under the national law of the Partner States of the Programme are considered eligible if they fulfill the criteria foreseen for the non-profit bodies governed by private law,
- E. European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) governed by the law of one of the participating countries where the EGTC has its registered office

Important note:

Potential Beneficiaries of categories B, C, E should have at least completed one accounting year of operation before the launching of the Call for proposals

Non-eligible types of applicants

1. SMEs and profitable organizations
2. International organizations operating under international law
3. EGTCs located outside the Programme area and not registered in one of the Partner States participating in the cross-border Programme
4. Organisations located outside the Programme area not registered in one of the Partner States participating in the cross-border Programme
5. Bodies governed by public law, private non-profit organizations and EGTCs, newly established, not having completed at least one year of operation before the launching of the Call for proposals.
6. Branches of bodies governed by public law and private non-profit organizations, located in the Programme area but not having completed at least one year of operation before the launching of the Call for proposals

Project budget conditions

Total Max. Budget

1.500.000 €

Total Min. Budget

700.000 €

Min. Budget per partner

120.000 €

Eligibility Start Date

1.1.2021

Project Duration

24 months

Eligibility End Date

31.12.2029

Total Budget of the Call

17.319.062,50 EUR (EU & National Funds)

Output and Result Indicators

Priority 1: Supporting transition to greener and more resilient cross-border regions		
Specific Objective	Output Indicators	Result Indicators
RSO2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system-based approaches	RCO83: Strategies and action plans jointly developed	RCR79: Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations
	RCO84: Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	
RSO2.5. Promoting access to water and sustainable water management	RCO116: Jointly developed solutions	RCR104: Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations
	RCO84: Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	
RSO2.7: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	RCO116 Jointly developed solutions	RCR104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations
	RCO84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	RCR95 Population having access to new or improved green infrastructure
	RCO36 Green infrastructure supported for other purposes than adaptation to climate change	

Output and Result Indicators

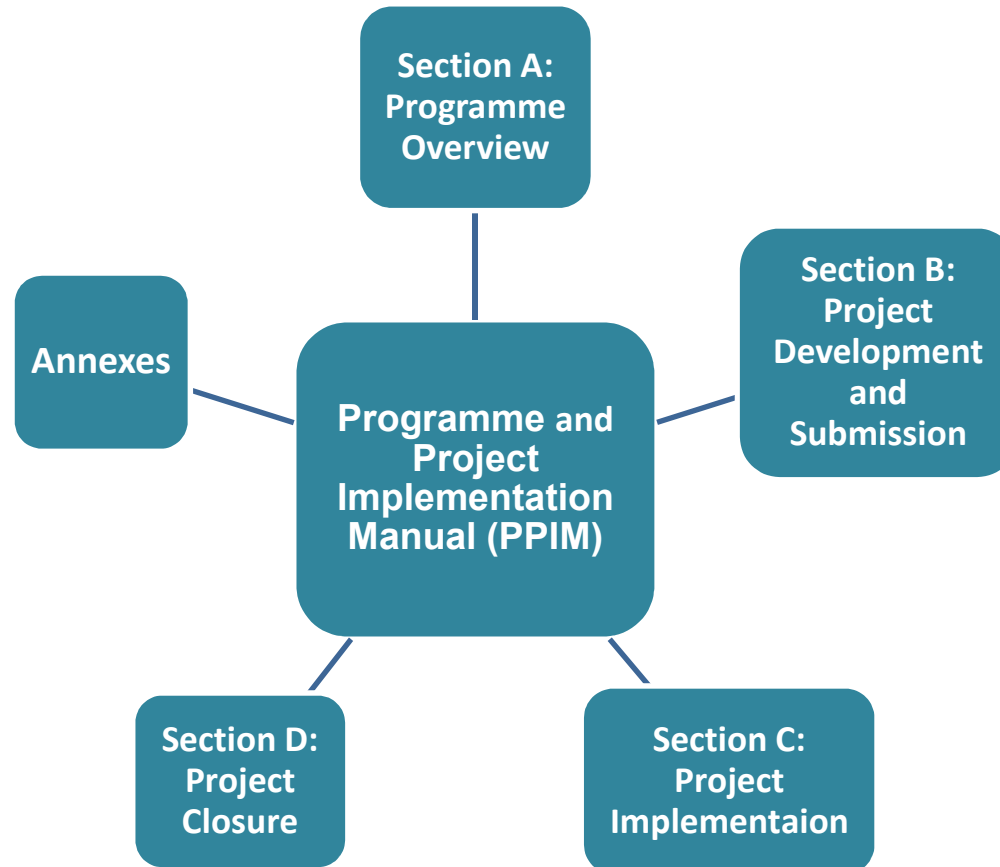
Priority 2: Improving accessibility in the cross-border area

Specific Objective	Output Indicators	Result Indicators
RSO3.2. Developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility	RCO46 Length of roads reconstructed or modernised - non-TENT	RCR56 Time savings due to improved road infrastructures

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

RSO4.5.- 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	RCO84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	RCR84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
	RCO87 Organisations cooperating across borders	
RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	RCO 77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	RCR 77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported

Programme & Project Implementation Manual



ANNEXES (Applicants' Package)

Annexes for submission

Annex 1: Partnership declaration

Annex 2: Project Detailed Description

Annex 3: Justification of the Budget (JoB)- template

Annex 4: Justification of Budget Costs: Project Beneficiaries' Guidebook

Annex 5: State Aid declaration

Annex 6: Project Maturity sheet

Annex 7: Feasibility Study

Annex 8: Climate Endurance validation report

Annex 9: Compatibility with SEA – template

Annexes supporting documents

Annex 10: Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide (PORIG)

Annex 11: Charter of fundamental rights

Annex 12: Table of COFOG Classification

Annex 13: Project selection Methodology

Annex 14a: Concept Note – Template

Annex 14b: Concept Note – Evaluation Grid

Annex 15: Selection criteria

Annex 15a: Selection criteria Guide

Annex 16: Guidelines for applying in MIS 2021-2027

Annex 17: Technical guidance for Beneficiary User Registration and Account Management

Annex 18: Ministerial Decision concerning "Expenditure eligibility rules, public procurement, complaints of the beneficiaries of the INTERREG Programmes 2021-2027"

Annex 19: Technical guidance of MIS 2021 – 2027

Annex 20: Legal Entity (Public Law)

Annex 21: Legal Entity (Private Law)

Annexes for implementation

Annex 22: Subsidy Contract

Annex 23: Partnership Agreement

Submission of a project proposal: Stage A

Consultation of the Programme document, Programme and Project Implementation Manual and its annexes:

- Annex 10: Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide
- Annex 13: Project Selection Methodology
- Annex 14b: Concept Note Evaluation
- Annex 16: Guidelines for applying in MIS 2021-2027
- Annex 17: Technical guidance for Beneficiary User Registration and Account Management
- Annex 19: Technical guidance of MIS 2021 – 2027

Terms of Reference of the Call 1



Concept Note Template



Communication-Support to applicants



- 3 Info-days (Ioannina, Vlorë, Gjirokastër)
- www.greece-albania.eu & www.interreg.gr
- Forums per Specific Objective
- Frequently Asked Questions
(submission until 15th of March-answers by 22nd of March)
- Helpdesk for technical support
- National support by Antenna Office (Albania)
- A mechanism to support applicants for project proposals (for Albanian beneficiaries)

Thank you for your attention!
All the best for your project proposal!

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