

INTERREG IPA CBC ITALY-ALBANIA-MONTENEGRO, THE FIRST CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED

The First Call for Proposals has been officially launched; it will finance cooperation projects in Italy (Puglia and Molise), Albania and Montenegro with a budget of EUR 25 million.

The first Call for Project Proposals for Standard Projects of the Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro Programme has been launched on 16 March 2017, and will be open for 60 calendar days from its publication.

The Programme, co-financed by the European Union through the Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA), has a total budget of EUR 92 million, out of which EUR 25 million are allocated to the first Call. The EU contribution shall be up to 85% of eligible expenditure. A pre-financing of 20% of the total EU contribution may be provided.

Project proposals must be focused on one of the 4 Priority Axes of the Programme: *Axis 1*: Strengthening the cross-border cooperation and competitiveness of SMEs; *Axis 2*: Smart management of natural and cultural heritage for the exploitation of cross border sustainable tourism and territorial attractiveness; *Axis 3*: Environment protection, risk management and low carbon strategy; *Axis 4*: Increasing cross border accessibility, promoting sustainable transport service and facilities and improving public infrastructures.

The eligible territories are Puglia, Molise, Albania and Montenegro; the partnership must involve at least one partner from each participating Country: at least 1 partner from a EU Member State (eligible territories of Italy), and at least 1 partner from each IPA Country (1 partner from Albania and 1 partner from Montenegro).

The total number of partners must not exceed six including the Lead Partner. Projects can also have associated partners, not receiving financing, for a maximum of one per partner. Public bodies, bodies governed by public law and private non-profit organisations are eligible.

The project implementation shall not be longer than 24 months, starting from the signature of the Subsidy Contract.



After the publication in the Puglia Region Official Bulletin (<http://beta.regione.puglia.it/bollettino-ufficiale>) the project proposals have to be submitted through the Electronic Monitoring System of the Programme (eMS).

All obligatory documents to be completed for a project proposal submission are included in the Application Package.

The address of the eMS will be available soon on the Programme website. Meanwhile it's possible to start developing projects by using the Application tools provided by the Joint Secretariat.

Download the Application Package and the Application Tools:

<http://www.europuglia.it/cte-2014-2020/it-al-me/bandi>

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