

## ITALY-ALBANIA-MONTENEGRO 2021-27

### Partnership involvement

Art. 16 (3) of the proposed Regulation for European Territorial Cooperation 2021-2027 provides that the participating countries shall prepare the programme **in cooperation with the programme partners**, which in article 6 of the proposed Common Provision Regulation 2021-2027 are listed as **competent regional authorities** (and local authorities, depending on the constitutional setting of the Country), and at least also (a) urban and other public authorities, (b) economic and social partners, (c) relevant bodies representing civil society, environmental partners, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, fundamental rights, rights of persons with disabilities, gender equality and non-discrimination.

On this basis, the 2021-27 Task Force of the Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro agreed to involve partners during programming in the most effective way, through:

a) **Public consultations online**: A first consultation was already organised between January and March 2020. Another consultation, may be held once the outline of the Programme and its priorities are more defined, towards the beginning of 2021, in order to confirm the selected priorities with the extended partnership and general public;

b) **Focused partnership meetings for competent regional/national authorities** (and local authorities, depending on the constitutional setting of the country): a series of focused meetings, involving few experts/public officers, may be organised in the second and third quarter of 2020 under the responsibility of the Regional and National Authorities concerned and with the support of the Joint Secretariat. For Albania and Montenegro line ministries responsible for the Programme topics may be involved. Key outcome expected is a table with A) priority/topic, B) key stakeholders, C) why is cooperation necessary;

c) **Complementarities and synergies meetings**: Many complementarities and synergies must be necessarily assured with other key stakeholders such as the representatives of the EUSAIR (the pillar coordinators e.g.), of mainstream IPA national and Regional ERDF programmes or of other Interreg programmes of the area. These shall be involved in ad hoc or more open meetings throughout 2020;

d) **Extended partnership meetings for urban/local public authorities, socio-economic partners, third sector**: Once the outline of the programme and its priorities is more defined, towards the end of 2020, in each of the territories, i.e. Puglia, Molise, Albania and Montenegro, an extended meeting involving all key partners should be organised, in order to involve them in the most effective way.

TIMETABLE FOR PARTNERSHIP INVOLVEMENT	2020				2021	
	1 <sup>st</sup> QT	2 <sup>nd</sup> QT	3 <sup>rd</sup> QT	4 <sup>th</sup> QT	1 <sup>st</sup> QT	2 <sup>nd</sup> QT
a) Public consultations online						
b) Focused partnership meetings						
c) Complementarities and synergies meetings						
c) Extended partnership meetings						

These **contact persons** are supporting in setting the calendar, organising and inviting key actors:

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