

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Call for project proposals

### Capitalisation Small-Scale Projects

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#### GENERAL

##### 1. Will the Programme (even in draft) be published before the launch of the Programme?

-1a. The programme is going to be published before the launch of the call, after its adoption by the EU Commission, expected for the summer 2022. At the moment, you may consult the summary published at <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/programme/south-adriatic-2021-27/south-adriatic-docs>.

#### CAPITALISATION

##### 2. Is the 2014-2020 capitalization procedure ranking list (related to 2014-2020 1st Call projects), as indicative of the good results reached during this programme, to be taken in considered in terms of results for the capitalization actions of the new programme?

-2a. The 2021-27 first call on capitalisation is broad: You may capitalise a) on 2014-20 IT-AL-ME project results, b) results of any other programmes, funds, initiatives, c) good practices of the organisation. If you decide to focus again on the 2014-20 IT-AL-ME first call projects -already capitalised on-, you have to explain the added value, e.g. if with the 2014-20 capitalisation procedure you validated the results with interested stakeholders (potential takers), with the 2021-27 capitalisation you may actually transfer those results to these takers. Please make sure to explain how the new capitalisation actions to be carried out differ (added value) from those already carried out.

##### -3. Should the best practices realized in previous projects (also of other programmes), be considered for the new proposed projects?

-3a. Yes, this is the meaning of capitalisation, to build on good practices and results.

##### -4. Additional points for link to EUSAIR strategy: should the best practices to be capitalized on come from Interreg and other T.C. Programmes or may also come from other types of Programmes?

-4a. As the 2021-27 capitalisation is broad, from any other types of programme, including Regional – National ERDF and IPA programmes.

**-5. Will there be any limitations for the best practices already capitalized in the current programme, e.g. with small scale projects?**

5a. See above. Please make sure to explain how the new capitalisation actions to be carried out differ (added value) from those already carried out.

**-6. Results to be capitalized: may be transferred and capitalized in this call results and best practices realized from projects of other Programmes, e.g. ADRION, useful to be transferred in Puglia?**

-6a. See above. Yes.

## **PARTNERS**

**7. What is meant with “Non-profit organizations operational for at least 12 months before launch of the call” indicated in the slides? Does this term refer to time of registration of the NGO?**

-7a. Yes, to be eligible NGOs have to be established and registered according to the applicable law in the respective country at least 12 months before the launching of the call. Establishment and registration time is when an NGO becomes operational.

**8. Will it be possible, for an NGO who has not been partner in previous programming period projects, to apply in this Call?**

-8a. Yes, as the call is open to any kind of capitalisation, not only on IT-AL-ME projects.

**-9. How can be justified the involvement of Italian partners from outside of programme’s area?**

-9a. The representatives of the participating countries in the Task Force specifically asked to require that involvement of Italian partners from outside the programme area (outside Puglia and Molise) must be justified with a clear and verifiable benefit for the programme area. Some examples are: 1- A major transport project, for which you need to involve the Italian competent Ministry in Rome; 2- A research centre located in another Italian region, which exclusively produced an innovative research/tool/device you want to apply in the programme area.

**10. Is it possible to have a list of best-performing partners in 2014-2020 period, in order to look for reliable partners?**

-10a. No, the programme authorities cannot disclose sensitive data on partners,. In any case, in the programme website you may see the most productive projects and their partnerships, which gives you an idea of the performances of partners too.

## **SIMPLIFIED COST OPTIONS**

**- 11. Does a lump sum cover staff costs of the partners?**

-11a. The lump sum is a simplified cost option and it implies a major shift of focus of controls: Management verifications (controls) are focused on the output and quality of this output (e.g. the workshop of 1 day with 40 persons, providing relevant and substantial contents) and not on the real costs incurred for partners (staff, experts, travels, studies etc.). This means that once the output is reached and verified, Albanian and Montenegrin partners receive the IPA share of the total lump sum i.e. 85%, while for Italian partners 80% is IPA and 20% is FdR (Fondo di Rotazione according to the CIPE Resolution 78/2021).