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# 2021-2027 Italy-Albania-Montenegro

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### Info day, Bari 20 October 2022

MA/JS of the Interreg IPA South Adriatic

# Introduzione e ordine del giorno



Primo Info Day sul programma 2021-2027 **Interreg IPA South Adriatic**, dedicato principalmente agli attori regionali

## ✓ **Sessione istituzionale**

- *Alessandro Delli Noci*, Assessore Sviluppo Economico
- *Gianna Elisa Berlingiero*, Direttrice Dipartimento Sviluppo Economico
- *Crescenzo Antonio Marino*, Autorità di Gestione del Programma

## ✓ **Sessione di lavoro**

- *Nicola Brignani*, Valutatore T33
- *Membri del Joint Secretariat*

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# Partecipazione attiva



- ✓ **Incoraggiamo partecipazione attiva in presenza:**
  - alla fine di ogni sessione, possibilità di fare domande
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  - documento con FAQ verrà pubblicato su [www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu](http://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu)
  - sezione: /programme/south-adriatic-2021-27/south-adriatic-calls

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Implementing Decision C(2022)6940

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# Geography 2014-20 > unchanged 2021-27



- **Italy: Puglia + Molise**
- **Albania & Montenegro**  
(*whole territory*)

\*+ art. 22 ETC flexibility  
esp. for Italian Regions

# 2021 – 2027 Specific Objectives



**PA 1  
Smart**

**PA 2 Green**

**PA 3  
Connected**

**PA 4 Social**

**PA 5  
Governance**

1.1 SMEs

2.1  
Risk

2.2  
Biodiversity

2.3  
Energy

3.1  
Intermodality

4.1  
Skills

4.2  
Inclusive  
Tourism

5.1 Administrative  
efficiency

Cross-cutting: Pre-Accession assistance. Cultural heritage / tourism. Security at borders. Digitalisation

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## For all Specific Objectives, possible actions



For all Specific Objectives, following possible actions:

- 1) Public services
- 2) Digital services
- 3) Small investments
- 4) Innovative experimental applications
- 5) Agreements
- 6) Joint models / processes
- 7) Capacity building / trainings

## Axis 1 – SMARTER EU



S.O. 1.1 – Enhancing growth and **competitiveness of SMEs** through joint cross-border actions

## Axis 1 – SMARTER EU



S.O. 1.1 **SMEs** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON framework conditions for competitiveness of SMEs incl. MSMEs, e.g.:

- ✓ green tourism, cultural / creative SMEs (e.g. joint artistic productions), health-care (e-health), agro-food, blue economy
- ✓ R&D actions, start-ups, S3 strategies, business advice
- ✓ border-crossing procedures, trademarks, patents, cyber-security, fight against counterfeiting, adoption of EU rules for SMEs, digitalisation

## Axis 2 – GREENER EU



S.O. 2.1 – Promoting climate change adaptation, **risk prevention** and disaster resilience with joint cross-border actions

## Axis 2 – GREENER EU



S.O. 2.1 **Risks** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON risk management, e.g.:

- ✓ natural risks (floods, droughts, landslide, earthquakes, wildfires, coastal erosion, human/animal/vegetal pandemics, etc.), + artificial risks (oil spills, maritime disasters, etc.)
- ✓ measures targeting specific groups e.g. touristic, cultural industries, etc. or risks at border-crossings, adoption of EU rules on risk management
- ✓ digitalisation in risk management e.g. for monitoring & planning coastal / maritime environment

## Axis 2 – GREENER EU



S.O. 2.2 – Enhancing **biodiversity**, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution with joint cross-border actions

## Axis 2 – GREENER EU



S.O. 2.2 **Biodiversity** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON biodiversity / reducing pollution, e.g.:

- ✓ protection of natural habitats, reducing pollution, promotion of recycling waste & sewage water, while preserving biodiversity
- ✓ management of natural / cultural heritage for green tourism,
- ✓ water resources / landscapes, incl. actions for adopting ICZM & Maritime Spatial Planning
- ✓ adoption of EU rules incl. green deal / digitalisation

## Axis 2 – GREENER EU



S.O. 2.3 – Promoting **energy efficiency**  
with joint cross-border actions

## Axis 2 – GREENER EU



### S.O. 2.3 **Energy** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON energy efficiency, e.g.:

- ✓ awareness-raising on CO2 emissions
- ✓ energy efficiency measures targeting specific sectors (e.g. culture/tourism, construction, public buildings, etc.)
- ✓ security of cross-border energy networks
- ✓ digital tools / processes for energy efficiency
- ✓ integrated energy efficiency plans within RES strategies
- ✓ adoption of EU rules on energy

## Axis 3 – MORE CONNECTED EU



S.O. 3.1 – Developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and **intermodal** national, regional and local **mobility**, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility, through joint cross-border actions

## Axis 3 – MORE CONNECTED EU



S.O. 3.1 **Intermodality** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON sustainable intermodal connectivity, e.g.:

- ✓ maritime, air, rail / road sustainable transports, soft mobility, multimodal transport links, e.g. targeted to tourism,
- ✓ ports security/ security at border-crossing & customs, adopting EU rules on transports / digitalisation
- ✓ accessibility of peripheral, areas / urban-coastal areas
- ✓ top-down projects of strategic importance

## Axis 4 – MORE SOCIAL EU



S.O. 4.1 – Improving access to inclusive and quality services in education, **training** and life long learning through cross-border actions

## Axis 4 – MORE SOCIAL EU



S.O. 4.1 **Skills** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON inclusive training, e.g.:

- ✓ professional trainings or capacity building e.g. in touristic, cultural / creative sectors,
- ✓ professional / entrepreneurial / digital skills
- ✓ inclusion of vulnerable social groups (incl. unemployed, migrants, NEETs, etc.)
- ✓ efficiency of cross-border labour markets, recognition of professional qualification / adoption of EU rules on welfare, labour, qualification

## Axis 4 – MORE SOCIAL EU



S.O. 4.2 – Enhancing the role of culture and **tourism** in economic development, **social inclusion** and social innovation, through cross-border actions

## Axis 4 – MORE SOCIAL EU



### S.O. 4.2 **Inclusive tourism** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON e.g.:

- ✓ making tourism / culture more social and more economically resilient, primarily targeting vulnerable social groups / local communities
- ✓ management of cultural / natural assets sustainable, more diversified, valorised, e.g. through cultural routes
- ✓ digitalisation, capacity building, services & new opportunities for vulnerable groups, adoption of EU rules

## Axis 5 – GOVERNANCE



S.O. 5.1 – Enhancing **efficient public administration** by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions, in particular, with a view to solving legal and other obstacles in border regions

## Axis 5 – GOVERNANCE



### S.O. 5.1 **Governance** ACTIONS FOCUSED ON, e.g.:

- ✓ institutional capacity e.g. to manage / promote cultural, natural heritage, creative industries,
- ✓ increasing mutual trust, improved management of border-crossing points, adoption of EU rules, or enhancing e-government & statistic data collection/ accessibility
- ✓ Identification / mitigation of administrative / legal obstacles or mainstreaming interventions

# TARGET GROUPS



2014-2020 approach with beneficiaries, who participate in calls with project proposals, is confirmed :

Public authorities (ministries, regions, local, municipalities etc.)	Public bodies (agencies, bodies governed by public law, Universities, research centres, etc.)	Social partners (Chambers of commerce, Unions, NGOs, associations, foundations, etc.)
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**Their target groups**, using/benefitting from their actions:

- ✓ SMEs, public, private and non-profit organisations
- ✓ Citizens

# Budget



Axes	IPA Fund	T.A.	National	Total
<b>1 Smart</b>	13.361.773	1.457.782	3.146.758	17.966.314
<b>2 Green</b>	18.679.892	2.037.994	4.399.199	25.117.086
<b>3 Connected</b>	10.213.205	1.114.271	2.405.256	13.732.732
<b>4 Social</b>	12.134.980	1.323.938	2.857.843	16.316.761
<b>5 Governed</b>	6.043.317	659.332	1.423.229	8.125.877
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60.433.167</b>	<b>6.593.317</b>	<b>14.232.285</b>	<b>81.258.769</b>

# Type of projects



1. **Small-scale projects:** up to 200.000 €, financed only through simplified cost options (SCOs)
  - Call November 2022 – 5 Mio.
2. **Standard projects:** 1,5-2 mio. €, many SCOs
  - Call expected first half of 2023 ± 39 Mio.
3. **Strategic projects:** Top-down, on-going developed by MC, supported by Seed Facility experts – 25 Mio.
4. **Small-scale projects:** Call 2025 – 5 Mio.

# Operations of strategic importance



## **Strategic projects** being developed:

- ✓ Project 1.1 CREATIVE South Adriatic
- ✓ Project 2.1 RESILIENT South Adriatic
- ✓ Project 3.1 MORE CONNECTED South Adriatic
- ✓ Project 4.1 SMART & COMPETITIVE South Adriatic
- ✓ Project 5.1 GOOD GOVERNED South Adriatic

# Sessione di lavoro



- ✓ **Nicola Brignani**, *Valutatore del Programma - T33*
- ✓ **Mauro Novello**, *Coordinatore - Joint Secretariat*
- ✓ **Chiara Campanile**, *Project officer - Joint Secretariat*
- ✓ **Antonio Agrosi**, *Financial officer - Joint Secretariat*
- ✓ **Aurora Losacco**, *Project officer - Joint Secretariat*

*Alla fine della presentazione, possibilità di fare domande*

# Key features of the First Call



- ✓ Widely builds on 14-20 targeted call
- ✓ Extensive concept of **Capitalisation** i.e. making sure of the use/transfer of results
  - achieved in projects of the 2014-20 Programme\*;
  - achieved with other funds, programmes, initiatives, projects, geographical contexts;
  - achieved by the organisation + widely recognised as a good practice.
- \* additional steps required for already capitalized projects
- ✓ S.O. 5.1: joint and innovative solutions possible

# Key features of the First Call



- ✓ **Small-scale projects** (Simplified cost options only, 200.000 €, 1 year, new SCOs proposed)
- ✓ On-going **partner search**, see website
- ✓ **Additional points** for: NGOs, EUSAIR, capitalization, partners from 3 countries & from the 2 IT Regions
- ✓ Co-financing **20% IT** (FdR public+private), **15% AL/ME**
- ✓ Pre-financing **30% + 5.000 €** preparation
- ✓ Max. no. partners **5**, + associate
- ✓ Max. no. projects/p **8 as LP, 16 PP**

# Financial allocation of the First Call



Priority	IPA financing	National Co-financing	Total
<b>1 Smart</b>	824.852,32	175.147,68	1.000.000,00
<b>2 Green</b>	824.852,32	175.147,68	1.000.000,00
<b>3 Conn.</b>	494.940,00	105.060,00	600.000,00
<b>4 Social</b>	824.852,32	175.147,68	1.000.000,00
<b>5 Gover</b>	1.154.860,00	245.140,00	1.400.000,00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.124.261,58</b>	<b>875.738,42</b>	<b>5.000.000,00</b>

## Updated procedure: Relevance filter



- ✓ Learning from best practices of Interreg programmes such as CENTRAL EU: **RELEVANCE FILTER**
- ✓ **GOAL:** To make assessment more effective, focusing on STRATEGIC RELEVANCE, instead of fulfillment of administrative formalities
- ✓ Full application submit -1 step, 2 steps assessment:
  - 1) Focused on filtering **most relevant projects**
  - 2) Assessment of the entire Application Form

# Relevance filter steps



1. Lead App submits whole AF + annexes
2. JeMS automatic checks (e.g. no. of partners, countries)
3. JS checks existence of **signed self-declaration** (if missing, rejection)
4. JS + NIPs apply RF to **limited part** of the AF (24 pts.)
5. SC applies territorial criteria (5 pts.)
6. MC approves final RF score + **min. pts for full assessment**
7. Only **most relevant** projects FULL eligibility and quality, entire AF, all criteria (100 pts.)
8. SC (5 pts.), MC final score

# PROGRAMME APPROACH TO CRITERIA



Learning from best practices Interact HIT selection criteria + some programme-specific

- ✓ **Strategic** criteria  
(relevance / partners / capitalization)
- ✓ **Operational** criteria  
(relevance / partners / logic / finance / capitalization)

# Transition 2014-20 to 2021-27 MANUAL

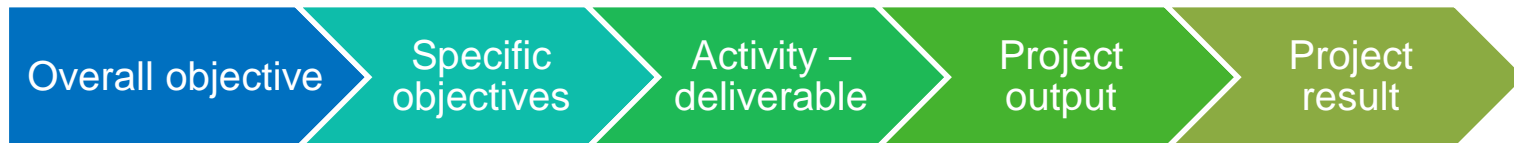


- ✓ To ensure a smooth transition: **Step-by-step manual development**
- ✓ First three chapters on key/urgent issues:
  - a. Intervention logic
  - b. Eligibility rules
  - c. Simplified cost options
- ✓ Not from scratch: Old manual still applicable, in the principles / ratio / strategy / still valid rules of the Regulations

# New intervention logic



- ✓ Check programme intervention logic & performance framework
- ✓ Phases for developing project intervention logic:



## Phase 1 : Setting the overall objective



- ✓ Project objective - linked to 1 Programme S.0
- ✓ Clear causal link with RESULT / challenge / change intended
- ✓ Describe concrete changes intended of given starting situation
- ✓ Check **example in the factsheet 1.1.**

## Phase 2 : Setting specific objectives



- ✓ Limited number of project specific objectives
- ✓ **1 specific objective 1 WP** (limit number)
- ✓ S.O. direct contribution to overall objective
- ✓ S.O. associated to 0, 1 or more COMMUNICATION objectives
- ✓ Only for SSP: recommended only 1 SO 1 WP

## Phase 3 : Setting activities / actions in WPs



- ✓ WP outlines **activities / actions** supporting achievement of S.O.
- ✓ Needed to measure / monitor progress
- ✓ Select a typology of activity / action out of the **programme types** (use codes in title)
- ✓ Check example in FS 1.1

## Phase 4 : Setting outputs in WPs



- ✓ Project outputs may be quantified and directly contribute to the **programme output indicators**
- ✓ Same measurement unit (to be aggregated at programme level): **TARGET max 1 or 2**
- ✓ SSP output for SCO differs from project output !
- ✓ Check example in FS 1.1

## Phase 5 : Setting results



- ✓ Project result indicator link to programme result indicator
- ✓ **Each Programme output indicator has only one fixed result indicator**
- ✓ Check example in FS 1.1

# Eligibility rules



- ✓ Based on 2014-20 eligibility rules, **updated** according to new 2021-27 Regulations
  - Staff
  - Office and administration
  - Travel and accommodation
  - External experts and services
  - Equipment
  - Infrastructure and works

## Eligibility rules: time-wise eligibility

- ✓ Project preparation period
- ✓ Project implementation period
- ✓ Project closure period

## Eligibility rules: type of partners

- ✓ Public bodies\*
- ✓ Bodies governed by public law
- ✓ Non-profit organisations

*\*incl. International organisations*

## Eligibility rules: NEW aspects

- ✓ Eligibility outside the programme area (simplified)
- ✓ VAT for operations < 5 Mio. (simplified)
- ✓ Travel/accommodation SCO 15% FR
- ✓ Possibility to use 40% FR
- ✓ SSUC for staff as a general rule, only justified exemptions

## Simplified cost options



- ✓ Shifting focus of control from documents to **OUTPUTS**  
**WARNING:** calculation methodologies not yet audited  
+ not incl. in appendix, if needed, projects shall  
replace/adapt, assisted by MA/JS
- ✓ Informal dialogue with AA started
- ✓ Checking external expert support

# Simplified costs & Small-scale projects: 2021-2027 new SCOs



2021 – 2027 additional SCOs:

- ✓ ALL Regulation off-the-shelf SCOs to be used (except FR 20% staff cost)
- ✓ **+ New SCOs** calculated on historical / statistical data 2014-20
  - standard scale of unit costs **SSUC staff** (3 sets per country / 3 typologies of beneficiaries / 3 different staff roles), as a general rule (exemptions if justified)
  - 2% FR for Italian FLC costs

## Simplified costs & Small-scale projects: 2021-2027 new SCOs



- ✓ **Lump sums:** binary approach **0% or 100%**
- ✓ **Standard scales of unit costs SSUC:** quantified activities, input, outputs, results multiplied by SSUC in advance (modulated)
- ✓ For soft projects (e.g. R&I) high staff costs (>70%) & limited need of external experts / equipments:

SSUC Staff  
Cost

40% Other  
off the shelf

no other SCO!

# Simplified costs & Small-scale projects: 2021-2027 new SCOs



- ✓ For projects with investment or outsourced activities:

SSUC  
Staff Cost

FR 15% O&A  
off the shelf

FR 15%  
Travel&Acc

2 % FR Control

Infrastructure  
&Works  
real cost

Equipment  
real cost

External  
Expertise real  
cost

Preparation Cost  
Lump Sum

Closure Cost  
Lump Sum

# Simplified costs & Small-scale projects: 2021-2027 new SCOs



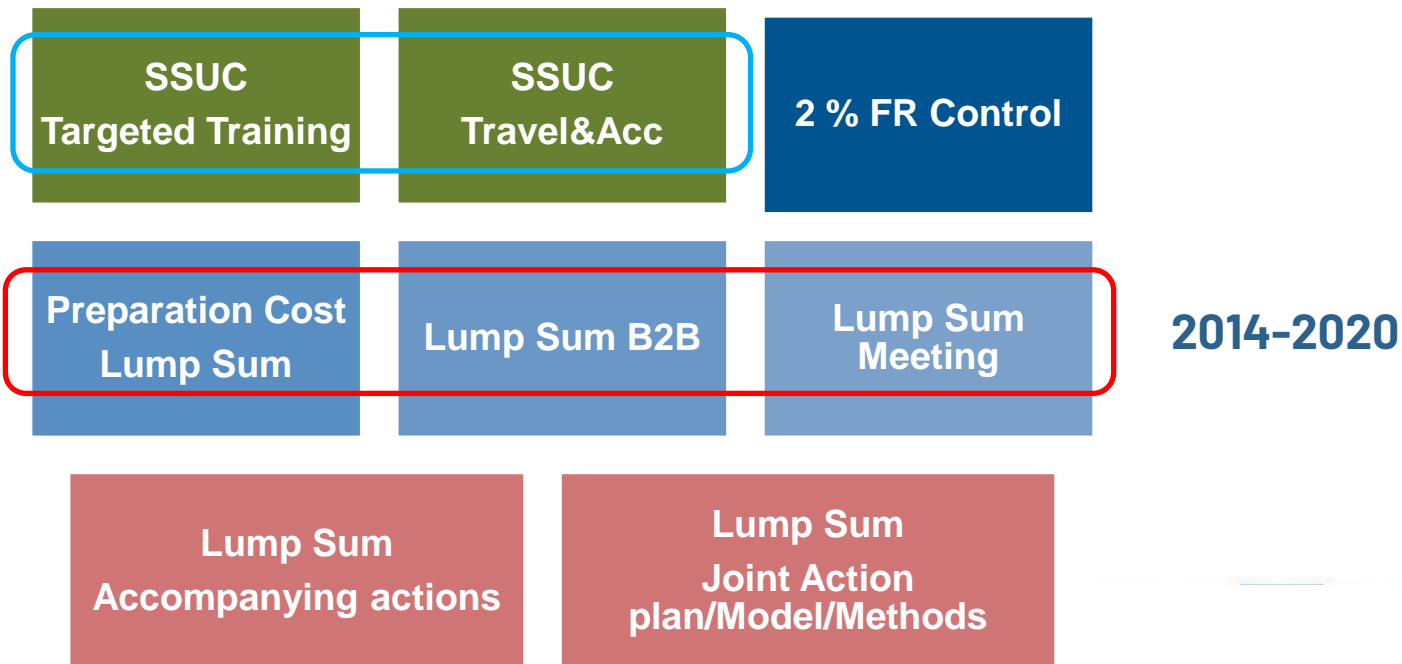
## Management verifications:

- ✓ Control of **SSUC for staff** :
  1. Correct assignment to one Functions/ Roles
  2. Presence of project assignment, complete time-sheet (avoid double-funding)
  2. Correct application of calculated cost
  3. Worked hours < annual ceiling (1,720 hours)
- ✓ Control AL, ME centralized, IT de-centralized:  
**ONLY 2% FLAT RATE FOR FLC**

# Simplified costs & Small-scale projects: 2021-2027 new SCOs



**Small-scale projects:** max 200.000 €, financed **only through SCOs**



# Simplified costs & Small-scale projects: 2021-2027 new SCOs



## Targeted Training SSUC

- ✓ VET systems needs of qualified staff + entrepreneurial capacity
- ✓ Depending on length of module & country **SSUCs for Travel&Accomodation**
- ✓ Connected to Accompanying actions & SSUC Targeted Training, for cross-border activities

## Accompanying actions Lump Sum

- ✓ technical-managerial skills, transfer of skills from idea into real innovative companies
- ✓ Targeting individuals (unemployed / employed, already company or not), grouped into min. 2 teams of min. 2 individuals

# Simplified costs & Small-scale projects: 2021-2027 new SCOs



## Lump Sum for Joint Action plan/Model/Methods

- ✓ E.g. joint models, management, procedures, innovative applications, tools, decision-making, strategic plans, feasibility studies, agreements or a combination of these.
- ✓ Shared by beneficiaries or by target groups of different territories.
- ✓ Aimed at simplifying, harmonizing or making procedures / processes effective across the borders.
- ✓ Paid only to partners per country of partner, who contributes.

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