

Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro

CITIZENS' SUMMARY

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Year 2022

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PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION & COMMUNICATION

While the 2014-2020 programme is about to close and the 2021-2027 Interreg IPA South Adriatic is about to start, the year 2022 was a highly productive year, marked with major progresses and excellent results achieved by the programme and its projects.

The savings of the closed projects could be used to launch a wide capitalisation initiative involving 20 capitalisation leaders: These actions are carried out to make sure that results of 20 standard projects of the First Call are widely used, transferred and followed-up on.

Also noteworthy were the progresses of the 8 Thematic Projects, focused on issues of particular interest for the programme area.

On the other side, the 40 projects (20 Normal + 20 Small Scale) funded under the Targeted Call continued to work on the achievement of the expected outputs, activating local communities and territories with their activities.

Thanks to its projects, the programme achieved all outputs set out by the performance framework, exceeding in several cases the targets originally planned.

Throughout the year, the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat provided support to beneficiaries through online meetings and direct assistance, in order to follow the progress of activities, identify strengths and weaknesses of the projects and develop recommendations for any necessary changes.

The programme evaluation also made major progresses: 8 evaluation reports were finalised and adopted by the Joint Monitoring Committee, the key findings have been publicised to the general public through [news/posts](#), and are made available in the [programme website](#).

The web portal – <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/> - was continuously enriched with contents referring to both programme and project activities. Websites dedicated to First Call Projects and Thematic Projects were updated with contents referring to activities and results. Websites and webpages dedicated to Targeted Projects were published.

The newsflash was used to inform all interested persons about important programme and project news. Subscribe [here](#) to get updates.

The programme Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/italy.albania.montenegro/> provided daily information and direct interaction with stakeholders and beneficiaries. With over 3.600 followers, and daily publication of posts, it is one of the most active pages among Interreg Programmes.

Two Joint Monitoring Committee meetings were held in April and November, finally in person, as the COVID restrictions were lifted.

Webinars and virtual events, alongside meetings in person, were organised to support beneficiaries, meet stakeholders, disseminate results and raise awareness about the role of the EU in supporting cooperation across borders. The extensive news coverage shows the interest of the Italian, Albanian and Montenegrin press for project activities and their impact on territories.

2022 was also crucial for the 2021-27 Interreg IPA South Adriatic (Italy-Albania-Montenegro). While the text of the programme and its annexes were ready for the submission to the EU Commission, the task force of the three participating countries agreed on a first call text, which was presented to all potential partners already in May 2022. As second Interreg IPA programme, on 26 September 2022 the EU Commission adopted the new Programme. Soon after that, the Monitoring Committee was established and had its first meeting in November 2022. During a series of National and Regional events, the new Programme was publicly launched and the text of the first call was presented. The first call was officially opened on 29/12/2022, with a budget of 5 million euros and focused on small-scale projects up to 200 thousand euros, implemented exclusively with simplified costs, as well as on the capitalisation of results and successful experiences in all 5 priorities of the Programme: SMEs, Environment, Transport, Inclusion, Governance. In addition, the Seed Facility continued the development of 5 strategic projects on creativity, resilience, connectivity, skills and governance.

In 2022, the European Year of Youth shone a light on the importance of young people in building a better future, and Tirana was appointed as the European Youth Capital. The Italy-Albania-Montenegro programme played an active role in these celebrations through a diverse range of activities that facilitated capacity-building and fostered intergenerational cooperation and mobility amongst youth. This involvement occurred within wider actions to enhance the involvement of young people, such as: 1) The programme's involvement in the Interreg Volunteer Youth initiative, and hosting of volunteers by projects (INTERFIDE, EFINTIS, REEHUB+) and the programme JS; 2) The performance of a cross-border musical band, created through the FAME project, at the "Puglia-Albania, Joint for Future" initiative; 3) Participation in public debates regarding youth involvement in EU cooperation, and in the Interreg IPA EUSAIR Youth Conference; 4) Selection of youth-focused projects (CIRCE, BIOTOURS), for visits from representatives of the European Commission and the National Youth Congress of Albania; 5) Artist residencies organised by projects (MONET, 3C), which enabled young Italians, Albanians, and Montenegrins to exchange experiences and become protagonists in European projects.

Building on all 2022 achievements, we are looking forward to 2023 challenges and opportunities, such as:

- Closing up all project activities, including the capitalisation actions and the investments for the 8 thematic projects;
- Communicating the excellent results achieved by projects;
- Closing up all management and control activities, without major issues;
- The launch of the actual implementation of the Interreg IPA South Adriatic.

THE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

- 92 million total budget
- 3 programme countries
- 4 priority axes
- 6 specific objectives
- 80 funded projects
- more than 350 partners involved in different projects
- 20 capitalisation leaders identified in 2022
- 62% of the funds used in 2022

More info: <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/programme/the-programme-in-a-nutshell>

PROJECTS FUNDED AT THE END OF 2022

➤ FIRST CALL PROJECTS

PA1 - Competitiveness of SMEs

- **3C4SME** – *Cross-border Cooperation and Competitiveness for SMEs*
- **BRE** – *Business Registry Empowerment*
- **FILA** – *Strengthening and empowering of cross border innovation networks through Fertilization Innovation Labs in Agro-food for improving the connection between research and SMEs (EIP Approach)*
- **HISTEK** – *High Specialized Technicians in Kets*
- **INERRANT** – *INterregional Ecosystem for entRepreneurship, ReseArch and Technology*
- **INNOTOURCLUST** – *Innovative Cross Border Tourism SMEs Cluster*
- **INTERACT 4.0** – *Trilateral EmpoweRment for Change 4.0*

PA2 - Tourism & Culture

- **3D IMPACT** – *Virtual reality and 3D experiences to IMProve territorial Attractiveness, Cultural heritage smart management and Touristic development*
- **ADNICH** – *ADriatic Network of artistic production for the development and enhancement of Intangible Cultural Heritage*
- **CIRCE** – *Common Initiatives to pRomote CinEma across Italy - Albania - Montenegro*
- **CO.CO.TOUR** – *Safeguarding, enhancing and promoting the natural and cultural heritage of COastal COmmunities by boosting the eco-museum model aiming at smart and sustainable TOURism management.*
- **COMPLICITIES** - *COntemporary art Modeling Peripheries for Livable CITIES*
- **CROSS BORDER OL** - *Cross-border cooperation for sustainable development and tourism, through valorization of rural cultural heritage and conservation of natural asset of areas with ancient olive groves*
- **HAMLET** – *Highlighting Artisanal Manufacturing, cuLture and Eco Tourism*
- **MONET** – *culture in MOtion in Adriatic NETwork of Museums*
- **NEST** – *Networking for Smart Tourism Development*

- [OPEN TOURISM](#) – Cross-border cooperation network for an open-to-innovation tourism
- [P.A.S.T.4FUTURE](#) – Promoting Accessible and Sustainable Tourism for Future
- [REGLPORTS](#) – Nautical tourism development and promotion of regional ports
- [TOURNEE](#) – Theatres for tOURism development in Europe
- [WISHFUL](#) – Ict for Smart Healthcare toUrism

PA3 - Water Landscapes & Energy

- [3 WATCH OUT](#) – Trilateral model of civil protection: WAYS, Tools and CHallenges for Our safety
- [ADRINET](#) – Adriatic Network for Marine Ecosystem
- [BLUE LAND](#) – Participatory model for the sustainable management of marine and coastal resources and for cross-border habitats, biodiversity and ecosystem services Safeguard
- [FLAT](#) – Flood and landslide assistance and training
- [LASPEH](#) – Low Adriatic Species and Habitat
- [REEHUB](#) – Regional Energy Efficiency HUB
- [WELCOME](#) – WatEr LandsCapes sustainability thrOugh reuse of Marine littEr

PA 4 - Sustainable transport

- [#DYNAMOB 2.0](#) – Dynamic MOBILITization 2.0
- [ON CLOUD NINE](#) – cONnecting CLOse and Unexplored Destinations with New INter-Adriatic transport sErVICES
- [PORTS](#) – Partnership for the Observation and study of new Routes and Transnational Sea-highways
- [SAGOV](#) – South-Adriatic Connectivity Governance

➤ THEMATIC PROJECTS

PA1 - Competitiveness of SMEs

- [FOOD4HEALTH](#) - Sustainable and innovative Agro food and fisheries value chain for MSME's cross-border market
- [PHASE](#) - Promoting eHealth in cross-border Area by Stimulating local Economies
- [SMART ADRIA](#) - SMART ADRIA Blue Growth

PA2 - Tourism & Culture

- [3C](#) - Cross-border exchange for the development of Cultural and Creative industries
- [DUE MARI](#) - "DUE MARI" next generation tourism development

PA3 - Water Landscapes & Energy

- [TO BE READY](#) - The fIood and Big firE foREst, prediction, forecAst anD emergencY management
- [CrossWater](#) - Integrated Water Management System in crossborder area

PA 4 - Sustainable Transport

- [ALMONIT-MTC](#) - Albania, Montenegro, Italy, Multimodal Transport Connectivity

➤ TARGETED CALL PROJECTS / Normal

PA2 - Tourism & Culture

- [AIDA](#) - Adriatic Identity through Development of Arts
- [BIOTOURS](#) - Biodiversity and Tourism Strategy to protect cetaceans
- [EArPieCe](#) - Encoding and Analysing Popular music
- [FAME](#) - Innovative model for young artists cross border laboratory
- [G.W.A.](#) - Green Waters Adventure
- [INTERFIDE-CRT](#) - Fostering Interfaith Dialogue and Enhancing Cross-border Religious Tourism
- [RECON](#) - RE-valuation of Cultural-Heritage, Knowledge and Opportunity Network

PA3 - Water Landscapes & Energy

- [ADRIA ALLIANCE](#) - ADRIAtic cross-border ALLIANCE for the promotion of energy efficiency and climate change adaptation
- [AWeSOMe](#) - Agricultural WastE as Sustainable 0 km building MatErial
- [CO-CLEAN](#) - CO-designed and implementation of loCal sustainable energy action
- [EFFECTS](#) - EFFective Planning of schools buildings for Environment and ClimaTe changeS
- [LEC](#) - civic energy future: sustainable Local Energy Communities
- [REEHUB PLUS](#) - Regional Energy Efficiency HUB PLUS
- [SMARTPORT](#) - Smart and Sustainable Energy Port
- [SOLAR](#) - Sustainable reduction Of carbon footprint Level in programme AiRports

PA 4 - Sustainable Transport

- [CRISIS](#) - Cross-border RISk management of hazardous materlal tranSportation
- [EFINTIS](#) - Enhancing eFFiciency of the INTermodal transport flows by Improved ict Systems
- [ISACC](#) - Innovative Systems to enhance Antifraud Customs Controls
- [LASTING](#) - Lower Adriatic Sea - Transit Intermodal Networking Grid
- [SuMo](#) - Sustainable Mobility in the Port Cities of the Southern Adriatic Area

➤ TARGETED CALL PROJECTS / Small Scale

PA1 - Competitiveness of SMEs

- [EBIT](#) - Ecosystems for Business Transformation
- [LONETA](#) - Local Opportunities for Negative Emission Technologies and their Applications
- [SME BE SMART](#) - Driving SME's competitiveness in the field of Blue and green Economy through SMARTer cross-border market interaction
- [WELLNESS](#) - WELfare in itaLian and albaNian EnterpriSeS

PA2 - Tourism & Culture

- **CASTER** - *Cycling And Sailing Tourism's Enhancement Roller*
- **CAVES** - *Speleological Tourism Development in the Southern Adriatic Area*
- **EXCELLENT** - *Cross-Border Experience for a Sustainable Tourism Development in the Programme Area*
- **EXTRA** - *Strengthen EXchanges of experiences to enhance quality products and services for sustainable development of Tourism in South Adriatic Region*
- **FRIENDS4FAMILY** - *Alliance between rural areas for family-friendly tourist hospitality*
- **NETFOLK** - *New Cross-Border Network about Folk Music in the Southern Adriatic Region*
- **REMOTE** - *places of uRban mEMOry for Tourism dEvelopment*
- **ROOTS** - *Route Of Origins and Troubles*

PA3 - Water Landscapes & Energy

- **DE-RESS** - *Dissemination of the European measures for Renewable Energy Shared and Sustainable: analysis of a practical case*
- **ENEA** - *ENergy Efficiency living IAb*
- **Re-resources** - *Renewable Energy for the Optimization of Resources in Industrial Areas*
- **SESC** - *Smart Energy Community for Smart City*

PA 4 - Sustainable Transport

- **ECSYT** - *Enhancing Cooperation and Synergies of Transport in the Southern Adriatic Ports*
- **PORTS 4.0** - *Partnership for the prOmotion of a maRiTIme cross-border Strategy*
- **SkEye** - *Strengthening Key aErospace technologY for smart transport monitoring systems*
- **TRADAM** - *TRansport Assets DAta Management*

List of Capitalisation leaders: [first part](#) / [second part](#)

All information about funded projects is available here: <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/projects>.

List of operations: <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/programme/official-docs/cooperation-programme>.