Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the ADRION Newsletter! We are glad to share with you the latest news and updates of the Programme. In this issue you will know more about:

- · ADRION next programming period
- · The Programme capitalisation strategy
- The EU Croatian Presidency
- 30 years Interreg Celebration
- The Project of the month: INTER-PASS

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Towards the New ADRION: A View Ahead on the Next Programming Period 2021-2027

ADRION current programming period will be officially over in 2020. What does it come next? Although, the future of the Programme is part of a negotiating process among concerned bodies (European Commission; European Parliament; the European Council; Committee of the Regions, etc.), a **taskforce** has been set up at Programme level in order to discuss with our Partner States the areas and topics of the new ADRION and the ways to involve Programme stakeholders with public consultations. The taskforce is also in charge of commissioning a territorial analysis that will give useful insights on the future needs of the Programme. **The taskforce already met twice in 2019 and will meet again on 17th February in Brussels.**

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ADRION Capitalisation Kicks-off

The ADRION Capitalisation Plan was approved by the Monitoring Committee on 10th December 2019 with a strong emphasis on the importance of the whole process: a cross-cutting approach, encompassing a broad range of measures, from analysis to collection, up to dissemination and promotion of project results.

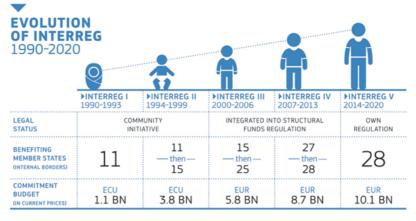
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Croatia Takes the Lead of the EU Semester

From 1st January to 30th June 2020, Croatia is taking over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for its first time. Croatia is holding the EU Semester with the slogans "A strong Europe in a world of challenges". The priorities set for the Semester are linked to four main highlights: A Europe that develops, a Europe that connects, a Europe that protects, an influential Europe.

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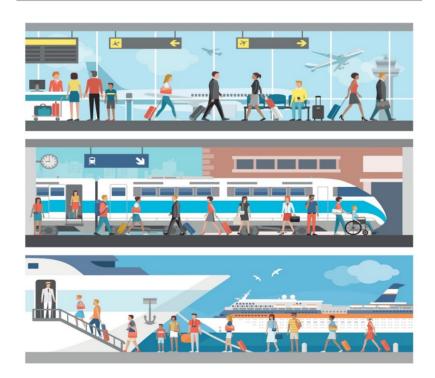
Celebration: Interreg Turns 30

2020 marks the **30th anniversary of Interreg**. DG REGIO is combining forces with Interact, the European Neighbourhood Cross Border Cooperation and all Interreg programmes to organise a series of events throughout next year. For programmes, there will be plenty of opportunities to be involved and there will be technical support.

Three topics were chosen to promote INTERREG and its project during its anniversary: (1) everyone has a neighbour, (2) Youth and (3) Greener Europe.

The main celebration will be at the Interreg 30 Years' Annual Event on 15 and 16 October 2020, right after the European Week of Regions and Cities. To promote the events, **DG REGIO** have launched the events map and toolkit on the <u>#EUinmyregion website</u>. In the next weeks more details on the planned activities will be posted on our website.

PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: INTER-PASS



The passengers' journey doesn't start or end at the airport terminal doors. Once you get off the plane, you still have to consider lots of time to get to your final destination, hence the shorter you get there the better. In most cases, airports are well connected with city centres and urban destinations in general, but not that much with ports.

The Adriatic-Ionian region is known for its tourism destinations on the shores, which include cruise travels, therefore **the implementation**

of fast and effective connections between ports and airports becomes an extremely important issue.

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