

Priority Axis 1 Innovative and smart region

Technical Information

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Priority Axis 1 - Partnership

Partnership requirements

- At least **6 financing partners** from 6 different Partner States of the Programme area, out of them:
 - At least **4 project financing partners** – including the lead partner- from **4 different ERDF Partner States**;
 - At least **2 project financing partners** from **2 different IPA Partner States**.
- The eligible partnership can consist of a maximum of 16 partners.
- The partnership can include a **maximum of 2 partners** from the **same Partner State**.

Priority Axis 1 - Ineligibility

- ***Potential beneficiaries*** – regardless whether they apply for the role of Lead or Project Partners – **cannot be involved in more than one project proposal per call/Priority Axis.**
- In case a partner **participates to more than one project proposal**, it will be declared **ineligible.**
- If, for whatever reason, **two or more project partners are declared ineligible**, the **entire project proposal will be declared ineligible.**

Partners will be identified on the basis of VAT or other national identity number, indicated in the B section of the Application Form.



Lack of provision of the aforementioned information (VAT or other national identifying number) will bring to the **ineligibility of the entire project proposal.**

Priority Axis 1 - Project partners

Eligible partners

- Public administrative authorities at **national or regional** level competent for the addressed topics.
- Bodies governed by public law competent for the addressed topics **on condition that the relevant competent public authority (i.e.: ministry, regional administration) is involved as associated partner** within the same project proposal.
- Legal seat and seat of operations in the Programme area, except for **assimilated partners**.

Associated partners

- Public authorities, BGPLs and private entities; associated have an observer status and do not financially contribute to the project. They do not account for partnership minimum requirements.

Ineligible partners

- **Private partners** (only as associated partners).
- **International organisations**.
- **EGTC** within the meaning of Article 2(16) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

Priority Axis 1 - Lead Applicants

Lead Applicant

- The Lead Applicant must be located in an **ERDF** Partner State.
- Only the following bodies located in the ERDF Partner States are eligible as Lead Partners:
 - Public bodies (national or regional level);
 - Bodies governed by public law (on condition that the relevant competent public authority is involved as associated partner);
 - Assimilated partners.

Assimilated partners: those Italian administrative authorities at national level which are competent in their scope of action for certain parts of the eligible area but which are located outside of it (i.e.: Ministries).

If, for whatever reason, Lead partner is declared ineligible, the entire project proposal will be declared ineligible.

Priority Axis 1 - Competences of partners

All partners must have:

- An extensive knowledge of the state of art of the Topic addressed by the project.
- The necessary competences and capacities to tackle the topic and implement the foreseen activities.
- All these information will be requested and verified in the Partner Declaration.

For Topic 1: Smart Specialisation Strategy on Blue Growth

- The partnership must additionally ensure the presence of supporting actors according to the “**quadruple helix**” approach in the so called “*entrepreneurial discovery process*” for the design of S3. Public national or regional administrations should indicate in the project proposal the agreements already in place with other institutions (e.g.: universities, research bodies/institutions; technological parks, etc.) that they intend to involve to maximise all existing know how and territorial cooperation. The presence of these agreements will be thoroughly evaluated.

Priority Axis 1 – Indicative financial allocation

Priority Axis 1	ERDF	IPA	Total EU contribution	National contribution	Total value of projects (EU contribution + National contribution)
Topic 1 – Blue Growth Smart Specialization	2.254.951,06	397.932,54	2.652.883,60	468.155,93	3.121.039,53
Topic 2 – Social Innovation	2.254.951,06	397.932,54	2.652.883,60	468.155,93	3.121.039,53
TOTAL	4.509.902,12	795.865,08	5.305.767,20	936.311,86	6.242.079,06

Project duration: up to 30 months.
 Size of projects = **strategic projects**.

Approved projects will be also asked to directly report both to ADRION Monitoring Committee and to EUSAIR Governing Board.

Topic 1: Smart Specialisation Strategy on Blue Growth

Mandatory activities (all):

In addition to the compulsory Work Packages (Management and Communication):

WP T1 – Mutual learning, good practices exchange and networking

- Identification of the best practices available on Blue Growth innovation policies;
- Organization of mutual learning processes on Blue Growth innovation policies;
- Organisation of learning/exchange/matchmaking events aiming at setting up open innovation mechanisms able to transfer innovative tools and practices into economic benefit for regional/national growth;
- Setting in place of a “transnational blue growth innovation community” based on a quadruple helix approach, taking stock of the initiatives already in place in the Adriatic-Ionian area.

Topic 1: Smart Specialisation Strategy on Blue Growth

Mandatory activities (at least three out of the following activities):

WP T2 – Blue growth smart strategy development

- Analysis of existing S3 dealing with blue growth in the Adriatic Ionian area (identification of existing gaps and constraints on innovation policies and actions for the Blue Growth at territorial and transnational level);
- Evaluation on how existing S3 dealing with blue growth in the different territories complement each other (building an evaluation framework for existing local innovation policies on blue growth capable to measure and compare their performances and assess their effectiveness) and elaboration of a road map to align them;
- Improvement and/or development of S3 strategies and action plans with a specific focus on blue growth;
- Identification of common challenges and creation of a strategic alliance to build a macro-regional S3 framework;
- Identification of the key common technology areas for innovation investment in blue growth to be taken into account in the next policy agenda (e.g. blue biotech, blue energy, aquaculture etc.).

Topic 2: Social Innovation

Mandatory activities:

In addition to the compulsory Work Packages (Management and Communication):

WPT1 – Methodological framework, assessment of the current situation and networking (all activities)

- Assessment of societal changes in the Partner States involved (demographic changes; ageing population; unemployment and poverty issues affecting the society);
- Identification of the main challenges that need to be faced to address societal changes, with the aim to increase the regional competitiveness of the area and supporting social inclusion;
- Setting in place of a transnational community for social innovation of the area of all relevant actors, which will enhance the knowledge and capacities to deal with social innovation.

Topic 2: Social Innovation

Mandatory activities:

WPT2 – Best practices transfer and pilot actions development (at least two out of the following activities)

- Scouting of social innovation practices, services and tools in place in the different countries involved;
- Sharing of methodologies, approaches, experience and tools at transnational level and identification of best practices to be transferred;
- Testing of social innovation practices, services and schemes (e.g. new services for labour market orientation; mentoring; training on business development/ entrepreneurship skills etc.) for the integration of the marginalized groups in the labour market.

Topic 2: Social Innovation

Mandatory activities:

WPT3 – Development of innovative social policies/strategies and action plans to meet societal changes affecting the area (at least three out of the following activities)

- Setting in place common standards for the development of strategies and action plans related to social entrepreneurship aiming to create positive social effects in the area;
- Envisaging the introduction of incentives for the development of new social start-ups involving marginalized groups of the society;
- Developing innovative social policies/strategies and action plans that aim to overcome the actual obstacles in the current policy implementation and the new societal changes present in the area;
- Testing new ways of collaboration and coordination measures between different actors of the sector in order to tackle in an integrated way the needs of the marginalized communities;
- Enhancing the capacities of the public administrations to handle the new needs and challenges emerging in the area.