

ADRION 5th Extraordinary call for proposals Priority Axes 1 and 2

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Online event***

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Overall Objective

To raise competences and skills in the domains considered of strategic relevance for the Adriatic-Ionian area, supporting the progress of the area in the marine/maritime, environmental and social innovation topics

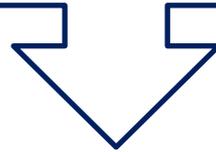


Project proposals must refer only to one of the identified topics foreseen within the chosen Priority Axis (1 or 2).
The missing indication of the topic will bring to the exclusion of the project proposal (eligibility criterion).

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Specific Objective

The call for proposals supports the preparation and the delivery of accredited/to be accredited transnational master programmes and the implementation of educational/training concepts jointly implemented by a network of universities



- Phase a) - 5th call for proposals (2014-2020): setting in place the network, implementing educational/training activities, as well as in developing a transnational master concept ready to be accredited or accredited;
- Phase b) – only for the successful Phase a) projects - implementation of the transnational master programmes accredited by the respective universities through further financial support in the framework of the 2021-2027 programming period.

Target groups: Adriatic-Ionian Students; public officials, researchers and PhD candidates

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Structure of the proposal (compulsory activities)

In addition to the WPM – which will also include WPC activities - the following WPs are to be considered as compulsory:

WPT1 – Networking and implementation of Education and Training Programme concept

These minimum elements must be **present and adequately described** in a detailed way:

- Setting in place a **network of universities/faculties, research institutions and business partners** working together on **skills' enhancement and capacity building in the thematic domain selected**.
- Organisation and implementation of **training courses, summer schools or any other educational form** either individually or jointly to **prepare and promote the future master on the thematic domain selected**.
- Exchange of experience, best practices, staff exchange and mutual learning processes** for the definition of the joint master and curricula, as well as its functioning.



The certificate of attendance for training courses/summer schools etc. is a compulsory deliverable under WPT1

The following elements can be considered

- **different settings** - on-line/classroom sessions, boot camps, work-based sessions, summer schools; study visits;
- **formats** - part-time, full-time, formal education and training, open learning;
- **methods** - webinars/online events and workshops, peer-to-peer learning, exchange of experience, including short-term staff exchange between partners.

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Structure of the proposal (compulsory activities)

Compulsory WP:

WPT2 – Definition of a joint master degree on the thematic domain selected

These minimum elements must be **present and adequately described** in a detailed way:

- Definition of a joint master** to be realized by the universities network. The **joint master must foresee the students' mobility in at least two different universities and in one business partner/research institution.**
- Joint master must include agreed language policy and a mechanism for recognition of study periods within the partnership.** Additionally, the partnership must develop joint students' admission requirements and selection procedures. Students' support services must also be envisaged (e.g. support in obtaining visa).
- Definition of the university path and of the mobility scheme, in cooperation with business partner(s)/research institution(s),** addressed to the identified target groups. The partnership must describe how the cooperation with business partner(s) or research institution(s) is organised and for which purpose.

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Transnational Master degree key elements

- The **Joint master** must contain both **technical knowledge** and **hands-on experience**;
- The **scientific and technical basis** must cover **all the aspects of the topic selected**. The joint master must educate the participants with **up-to-date technical skills and state-of-the-art of technological knowledge**;
- It must be **focused on the main research areas** addressed to the **current and future industrial, technological, and social challenges**;
- **Study tours or on-site visits** at the premises of e.g.: innovative companies and industrial sites, research institutions, as well as **learning by doing course modules based on real-life problems** must be envisaged.
- **An internship of up to 6 months** at the business partner(s) (e.g.: SME) and/or research institution(s) and the elaboration of a **master thesis** must be envisaged;
- **A joint master degree** must be awarded by all the universities involved in the mobility scheme. If not possible, **a multiple degree recognised by all university partners can also be accepted**.



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Priority Axis 1 and 2 - Output Indicators

Priority Axis 1

- *OI_1b.1_1* Number of supported **transnational cooperation networks** (WPT1)
- *OI_1b.1_2* Number of **strategies and action plans developed by transnational innovation networks and clusters** (WPT2)

Networks must be conceived as **innovative transnational ones**.

The network must be understood as a network of universities, research institutions and business partners working on skills enhancement and capacity building in the thematic domain selected
Formalization is required

Priority Axis 2

- *OI_6d.1_1* Number of supported **transnational cooperation networks** (WPT1)
- *OI_6d.1_2* Number of **strategies and action plans developed in the field of environmental protection** (WPT2)

*A **strategy** must be understood as an integrated framework endorsed by all the partners addressing the common challenge (i.e Joint master programme).*
*An **Action Plan** must be understood as a strategic document that defines how the Master programme will be implemented in each region/country involved.*
Formalization is required

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Eligible Partnership

- At least **5 Universities/Faculties** coming from at least **5 different ADRION Partner States** (out of which at least 3 from three different ERDF Partner States and at least 2 from two different IPA Partner States).
- At least **one business partner** (e.g.: SMEs) **and/or research institution** with specific expertise in the chosen topic of the call whose legal and operational seat is based in the ADRION programme area

The Lead Applicant must be a university/faculty located in an ERDF Partner State; it may be a public body or a body governed by public law.

A university/faculty may be lead applicant in only one project proposal.

A university/faculty can be project partner in no more than 3 project proposals.

In case of infringement of the requirements, the eligibility of the partner shall be determined by the time of arrival.



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Eligible Partnership

Eligible project partners must be competent in the selected topic and respect the following:

- **Public or private bodies;**
- **Bodies governed by public Law**, as defined by article 2 (4) of Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement;
- **Established under the national law of one of the Partner States participating in the Programme;**
- Have the **legal seat and seat of operations** in a **Partner State/part of a Partner State** included in the Programme area;
- **Be endowed with legal personality.**

Associated partners: may be **universities, research, business bodies and any other institution located in the ADRION programme area** and considered as relevant for the selected topic. **By a way of exception, associated partners from San Marino and North Macedonia are encouraged to participate.**

Please note that associated partners have an observer status and do not financially contribute to the project. Do not account for the partnership minimum requirements