

INFO SESSION

Restricted Call for Proposals (IT-HR Clusters)

on-line | 09 November 2021 | 11.00 - 12.30

AIMS OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- Maximize the experiences of the IT-HR Standard+ and Standard Projects
- Fully exploit and consolidate the results achieved so far
- Increase the knowledge base on the addressed topics in preparation for the next programming period
- Allow synergies between projects to enhance visibility and transferability



THEMATIC FOCUS

- 1. IT-HR CLUSTER n. 1: Connectivity from the sea: data driven solution in the sea economy
- 2. IT-HR CLUSTER n. 2: Adaptation to climate changes: governance and capacity building
- 3. IT-HR CLUSTER n. 3: Joint development of thematic cultural routes
- 4. IT-HR CLUSTER n. 4: Marine monitoring as a tool in Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)
- 5. IT-HR CLUSTER n. 5: Improving quality, efficiency and environmental performance of Adriatic ports



ELIGIBLE LPS AND PPS

- ✓ Be (or have been) LP or PP (also Assimilated) of one of the Standard+ or Standard projects
- ✓ Bring results as PP or LP from one of the projects listed per each cluster
- ✓ Comply with Standard and Standard+ eligibility criteria
- ✓ LPs have to be public bodies or Bodies governed by public law

The same organization cannot be PP or LP in more than one proposal!





ELIGIBLE LPs AND PPs

PPs

- Public bodies (National, regional or local)
- Bodies governed by public law
- Private bodies
- International organizations

LPs

- Public bodies (national, regional or local)
- Bodies governed by public law

Assimilated partners eligible



PARTNERSHIP

MIN 3 PPs (1 IT, 1 HR)

MAX 8 PPs

RESULTS FROM MIN 3 PROJECTS



More information:

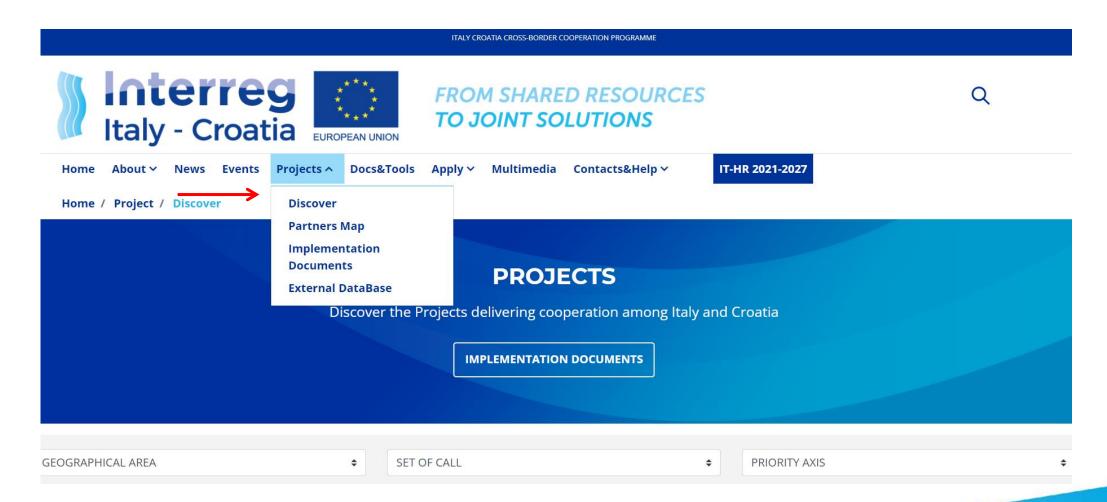
PROGRAMME DOCUMENTS

Italy-Croatia CBC Programme enables regional and local stakeholders from two countries to exchange knowledge and experiences, to deve





More information:







IT-HR CLUSTERS IN 5 DIFFERENT THEMATIC AREAS

- EUSAIR Pillars and Flagship projects
- ADRION thematic clusters
- SOs IT-HR 2021-2027



CLUSTER	THEME	EUSAIR	ADRION CLUSTER	IT-HR 2021-2027
1) Connectivity from the sea	Data-driven solutions in the circular and sea economy	Pillar 1 - Blue Growth + Flagship	Blue Growth and Related Smart Growth	SO 1.1 and SO 1.4
2) Adaptation to climate changes	Increasing knowledge and planning capacity related to climate adaptation	Climate change and risk management	Coastal and marine environment management	SO 2.4
3) Thematic cultural routes	Common cross-border identity and heritage through cultural routes	Pillar 4 - Sustainable Tourism + Flagship	Towards sustainability in cultural and natural tourism destinations	SO 4.6
4) Marine monitoring	Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) as an integrated approach to combine environmental protection and sustainable economic use	Pillar 3 - Environmental Quality + Flagship	Coastal and marine environment management	SO 2.7
5) Adriatic ports	Improving quality, efficiency and environmental performance of intermodal and multimodal freight and passenger transport	Pillar 2 - Connecting the region + Flagship	Integrated Multimodal Sustainable Water and Land Transport	SO 3.2



Cluster 1: Connectivity from the sea	Cluster 2: Adaptation to climate changes	Cluster 3: Thematic cultural routes	Cluster 4: Marine monitoring	Cluster 5: Adriatic ports
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CLUSTER INDICATORS

N.	Indicator
1	N. of online/offline events with external stakeholders organized
2	N. of digital campaigns held
3	N. of digital communication activities carried out (excluding events and campaigns)
4	N. of thematic studies / reports aimed at maximizing projects' results
5	N. of project ideas 2021-2027 developed
6	N. of study visits organized
7	N. of joint actions with other Programmes / EU initiatives

Contribution to at least one cluster indicator is compulsory!



CLUSTER INDICATORS

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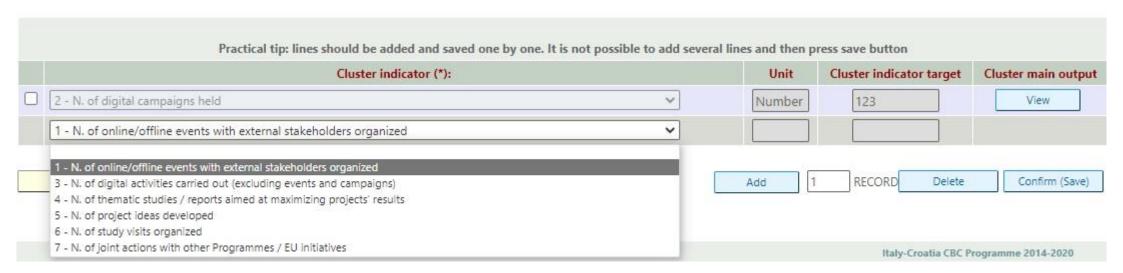


CLUSTER INDICATORS



Programme cluster indicator

Results: 2





WORK PLAN

WP1

Day-to-day project management, coordination and internal communication

Financial management

WP2

Online and offline events

Promotional campaigns and media relations

Digital and web-based activities

WP3

Exchange and exploitation of projects' results

Contributions to the next programming period

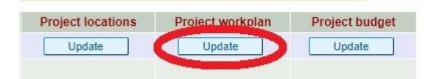
Awareness raising and engagement



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Work package list

WP code	Title	Budget	WP details	Activities
WP1	Project management and coordination of activities	633.450,00 €	Update	Activities list
WP2	Communication activities	73.800,00 €	Update	Activities list
WP3	Clustering thematic activities	0,00€	Update	Activities list
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WORK PLAN – WP2 DELIVERABLES

- 1 Kick-off conference with prior event promotion and detailed follow up report
- 1 high-level sectoral event on the main cluster activity with the participation of at least 2 external participants / stakeholders (different then the partnership) invited by each partner as a guest
- 1 participation in events organized by the Programme or EU institutions / EUSAIR Thematic Steering Groups / clustering events organized jointly with other projects financed by the Italy-Croatia Programme or other ETC Programmes of the Adriatic area
- 1 article published on relevant EU or National magazines
- 1 digital communication web-based product



WP2 DELIVERABLES TO CLUSTER INDICATORS

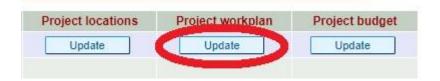
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.3	Awareness raising and engagement			0.00€	Update
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WORK PLAN – WP3 DELIVERABLES

- Exploitation plan
- At least 2 project ideas for 21-27 programming period
- At least 1 study visit
- At least 1 additional deliverable chosen by the project



WP3 DELIVERABLES TO CLUSTER INDICATORS

N.	Indicator
4	N. of thematic studies / reports aimed at maximizing projects' results
5	N. of project ideas 2021-2027 developed
6	N. of study visits organized
7	N. of joint actions with other Programmes / EU initiatives



BUDGET

- ✓ Available indicative BUDGET:
 - 2.550.000,00 EUR ERDF
 - 3.000.000,00 EUR TOTAL Budget
- ✓ Co-financing rate = 85% of total eligible costs

CLUSTER	MAX. ERDF (EUR)	CO-FINANCING (EUR)	MAX. TOTAL BUDGET (EUR)
1	510.000,00	90.000,00	600.000,00
2	510.000,00	90.000,00	600.000,00
3	510.000,00	90.000,00	600.000,00
4	510.000,00	90.000,00	600.000,00
5	510.000,00	90.000,00	600.000,00
тот	2.550.000,00	450.000,00	3.000.000,00



PROJECT SIZE, DURATION, REPORTING

- ✓ Indicative total budget per project is equal to € 600.000,00
- √ N. of projects expected to be funded 5 (1 for each IT-HR Cluster)
- ✓ The project implementation shall not be longer than 15 months; in any case the projects' end date shall be 30/06/2023 at the latest
- ✓ Indicative **starting date**: April 2022
- ✓ 2 reporting periods: in 2022 and 2023
- ✓ Latest reporting date 30/09/2023
- ✓ Programme supports project activities taking place in the Programme area
- ✓ Activities implemented outside the Programme area must explicitly be foreseen in the AF or, if not, have to be authorized by the MA/JS previous to their implementation.



NOT ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Preparation costs
- In kind contribution
- Other ineligible costs:
 - Costs for gifts
 - Costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate
 - Charges for national financial transactions
 - Interest on debt
 - Value added tax (VAT), except where it is not recoverable under national VAT legislation
 - Fines, financial penalties and expenditure on legal disputes and litigation.





FINANCING OPTIONS

✓ 3 Budget financing options are available

A

- BUDGET WITH REAL COSTS
- Limited to: Staff, Office & Adm., Travel, External Expertise

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• FLAT RATE 40% ON COSTS OTHER THAN STAFF COSTS

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FLAT RATE OF 20% FOR STAFF COSTS



FINANCING OPTIONS – important notes

- During the application phase only one of these <u>three options</u> must be <u>chosen at project level</u>
- Financing option chosen must be applied across all cost categories and it cannot be changed during project implementation
- Excluded costs categories: Equipment and small scale infrastructure and construction works
- NO advance payment
- Factsheet 6 applicable to the "IT-HR Cluster projects" implementation
- Flat rates are <u>automatically calculated</u> in SIU



FINANCING OPTION - A



- BUDGET WITH REAL COSTS
- Limited to: Staff, Office & Adm., Travel, External expertise
- ✓ FS6 rules on eligibility rules for real costs reimbursement
- ✓ Flat rate for Office & Administration =15% of total direct staff costs

BUDGET LINE	REIMBURSEMENT	BUDGET	
STAFF COSTS	REAL COSTS	250.000,00 EUR	
OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION	FLAT RATE 15% OF STAFF COSTS	37.500,00 EUR	
DIRECT COSTS	REAL COSTS	312.500,00 EUR	Travel External expertise
TOTAL BUDGET		600.000,00 EUR	



FINANCING OPTION - B

B

• FLAT RATE 40% ON COSTS OTHER THAN STAFF COSTS

- ✓ "Other costs" include Office & administration, Travel and accommodation, External expertise (no specific documentation)
- ✓ Partners have to plan and report only direct Staff costs

BUDGET LINE	REIMBURSEMENT	BUDGET	
STAFF COSTS	REAL COSTS	428.571,50 EUR	Office & admin
ALL OTHER COSTS	FLAT RATE 40% OF STAFF COSTS	171.428,50 EUR	Travel
TOTAL BUDGET		600.000,00 EUR	External expertise



FINANCING OPTION - C

• FLAT RATE OF 20% FOR STAFF COSTS

- ✓ FS6 rules on eligibility for flat rate of 20% for Staff Costs reimbursement apply (no specific documentation)
- ✓ Flat rate for Office & Administration =15% of total staff costs

TOTAL BUDGET	599.994,00 EUR		
OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION	FLAT RATE 15% OF STAFF COSTS	14.634,00 EUR	
STAFF COSTS	FLAT RATE 20% OF DIRECT COSTS	97.560,00 EUR	
DIRECT COSTS	REAL COSTS	487.800,00 EUR	Travel External expertise
BUDGET LINE	REIMBURSEMENT	BUDGET	



SUBMISSION PROCEDURE and JS CONSULTATION

Submission procedure

- Single step procedure
- Applications to be submitted via SIU only

Mandatory consultation with JS

- Online Consultation Meeting must
 be requested 1 per project
- via e-mail to JS
 <u>JS.ItalyCroatia@regione.veneto.it</u>
 with the following subject:
 "meeting request" (only after opening a new project application in SIU)



TIMEFRAME OF THE CFP

20 OCTOBER 2021

OPENING OF CfP

6 DECEMBER 2021

CLOSURE OF CfP

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Step 1- ADMISSIBILITY CHECK

JANUARY 2022

Step 2- ELIGIBILITY CHECK

FEBRUARY 2022

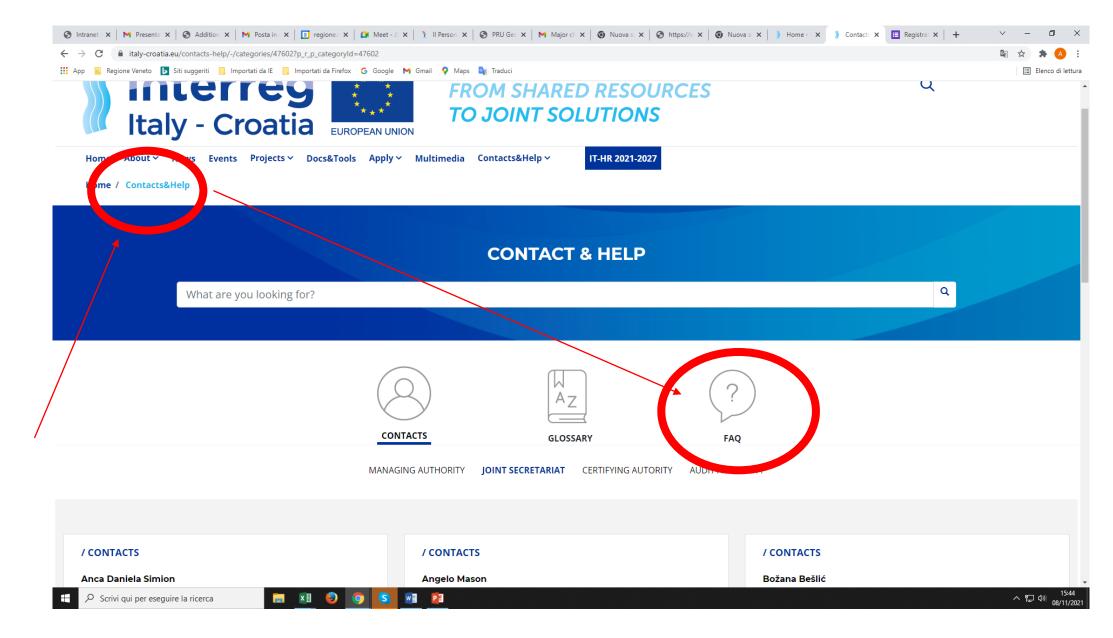
Step 3- QUALITY ASSESSMENT Step 4 - STATE AID ASSESSMENT

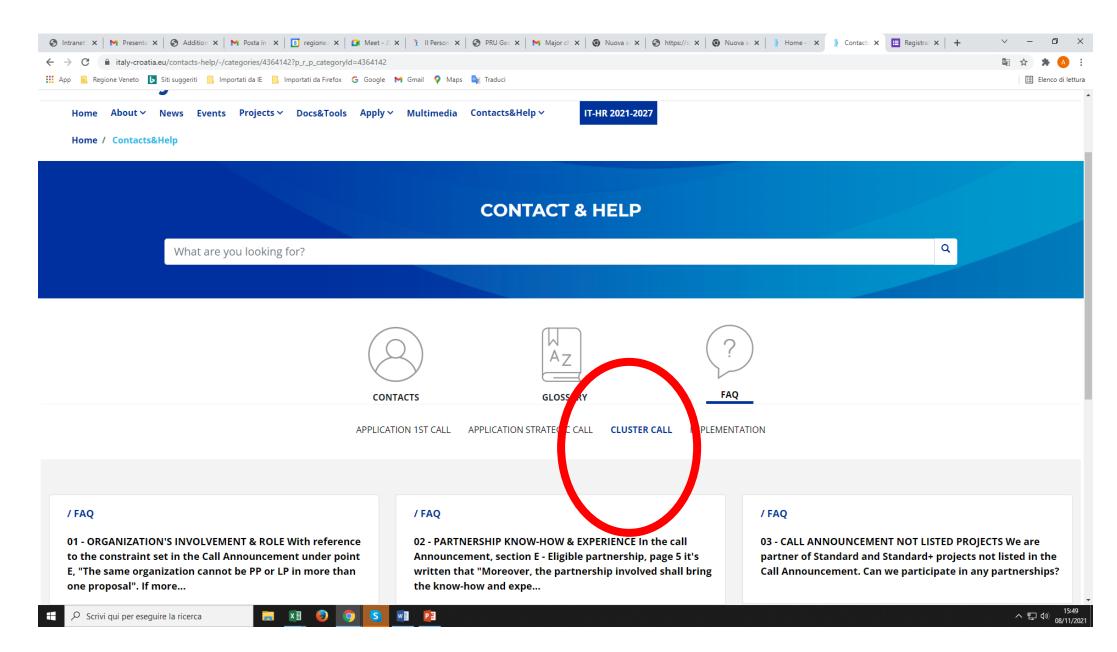
APPROVAL BY MC

MARCH/APRIL 2022

CONTRACTING
START IMPLEMENTATION







- Q FAQ
- 01 ORGANIZATION'S INVOLVEMENT & ROLE
- With reference to the constraint set in the Call Announcement under point E, "The same organization cannot be PP or LP in more than one proposal". If more than one proposal includes the same organization as its LP or PP, all involved submitted proposals will be rejected", is this sentence to be understood as a constraint set at a Call or Cluster level?
- A
- This constraint is to be understood at Call level: the same organization can therefore participate in only one project proposal under this Call. In case that more than one proposal is submitted by the same lead applicant, all submitted proposals will be rejected. In case a PP organization is involved as LP or PP in more than one proposal, the PP is excluded. The failure to meet the criteria of the partnership requirements leads to the rejection of the project proposal.

• Q FAQ

02 - PARTNERSHIP KNOW-HOW & EXPERIENCE

• In the call Announcement, section E - Eligible partnership, page 5 it's written that "Moreover, the partnership involved shall bring the know-how and experience from at least 3 different projects belonging to the same IT-HR Cluster from the list below". Is it possible that this **contribution can be provided by a single project partner** who is a partner of three of the projects listed in the reference cluster?

- A
- Yes it is possible in principle, although not recommended because it will have impact on the quality assessment of the proposal. In case the PP brings knowhow and experience from more than one project, please fill in the specific text box in SIU.



- . Q
- 03 CALL ANNOUNCEMENT NOT LISTED PROJECTS

- We are partner of Standard and Standard+ projects not listed in the Call Announcement. Can we participate in any partnerships?
- A
- No. "Par. ""E Eligible partnerships"" of the Call states that only partners belonging to projects listed in the cluster table are eligible for the Call. Therefore you can be involved only if already LP or PP (also Assimilated) of one of the Standard+ or Standard projects expressly listed in the Call.



- . Q
- 04 Participation of CNR and OGS
- NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL CNR and Italian NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND EXPERIMENTAL GEOPHYSICS - OGS can be assimilated to Universities and therefore be considered as per Departments?
- A
- YES. The provisions of FS3 B. PARTNERSHIP for the participation of Universities shall apply by analogy to public national research institutions located in Italy or in Croatia, considering their scientific and organizational structures and specificities.



- . Q
- 05 Application form offline section F pag. 13
- In the section F, page 13, the Application Form offline requires the filling of the "Cooperation Criteria" to complete basing on the Factsheet n.1 "Introduction and Background".?
- A
- Please refer to the **FS3 paragraph** B partnership CBC feature of Project partner's cooperation. In any case, FS1 can be found in the application package of standard and standard+ calls from which this call derives



- Q
- 06 N° of project to be funded
- Are you considering to finance only one project for cluster or it could be even more than one?
- A.
- With the current amount of 2,55 Meuro one project per Cluster is expected
 to be financed. The MC reserves the right not to commit all available
 resources depending on the quality of submitted applications or to allocate
 additional ERDF resources to finance more proposals from the ranking list.



- C
- 07 Eligible Budget lines
- Are the space adaptation costs needed for the implementation of the project activities eligible?
- A.
- Given the nature of the expected activities, no Equipment or Small Scale Infrastructures and construction works are allowed within this Call.



- . Q
- 08 SIU account

- All potential Lead Applicants are already registred in SIU with valid account.
 Can we use the same account (of an existing coordinated project) to open directly the new proposal or do we need a new registration?
- A
- Yes, if you already are a LP you can use the same SIU account. Otherwise,
 you must pass through a new registration via GUSI.



Questions

& Answers



