

INTERREG Italy - Croatia CBC Programme 2014-2020 State of the art 2019

Joint Secretariat Evaluation and Monitoring Unit

EXCOVER – Kick-off Meeting

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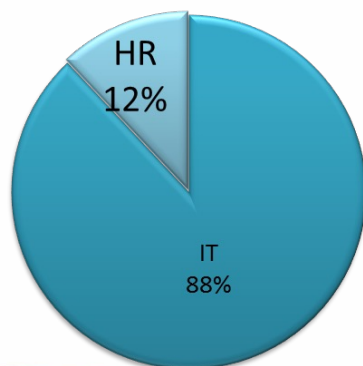
PROGRAMME AREA

KEY FIGURES

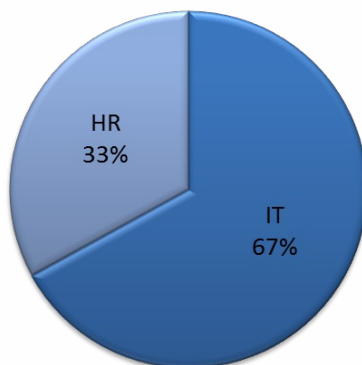
- ✓ 2 Member States
- ✓ 12,5 million citizens
- ✓ 25 Italian provinces (NUTS III) and 8 Croatian counties
- ✓ Eligible programme area + Assimilated partners
- ✓ 948 km of maritime border
- ✓ 85.562 km² surface of eligible area
- ✓ English as Programme official language



Population area distribution



Surface area distribution



INTERREG ITALY – CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME

- ✓ The **Italy-Croatia CBC Programme** is set up in the framework of the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) - one of the objectives of the Cohesion Policy.
- ✓ The overall objective of the Programme is *“to increase the prosperity and the blue growth potential of the area by stimulating cross-border partnerships able to achieve tangible changes”*.
- ✓ The programme is part-funded by the **European Regional Development Fund** (ERDF)
- ✓ The total financial dimension of the Programme is 236 million EUR with **85%** of ERDF funds (201 million EUR) and 15% of national co-financing
- ✓ Italian public bodies including bodies governed by public law have secured co-financing through the Italian „Fondo di Rotazione” of the Ministry of Economy and Finance
- ✓ Croatian partners need to secure **15% co-financing** from their own (public or private) funds
- ✓ An Advance Payment of 10% can be requested for all LP and PPs

INTERREG ITALY – CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME

PARTNERSHIP

- ✓ Partners must have their legal seat in the Programme area (exception for Assimilated partners) and legal personality
- ✓ Private partners are eligible (as project partners) while the Lead Partner must be a public or public equivalent body
- ✓ There are no limits on max. number of partners per project (min. 4), but there should be at least 1 partner from Italy and 1 partner from Croatia

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- ✓ The **first set of Calls for Proposals** was open for Standard + (2007-2013 capitalization projects) and Standard projects
- ✓ Next call (2019) will be for Strategic projects (top-down approach)
- ✓ The applications are received in a single-step procedure, and the evaluation consists of three steps: Admissibility, Eligibility check and Quality Assessment

PRIORITY AXIS FUNDED BY THE PROGRAMME



PRIORITY AXES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



PA 1 BLUE INNOVATION

SO 1.1

Enhance the framework conditions for innovation in the relevant sectors of the blue economy within the cooperation area

24,2 M €
12% of total ERDF



PA 2 SAFETY & RESILIENCE

SO 2.1

Improve the climate change monitoring & planning of adaptation measures tackling specific effects, in the cooperation area

SO 2.2

Increase the safety of the programme area from natural and man-made disaster

51,3 M €
25,5% of total ERDF



PA 3 ENVIRONMENT & CULTURAL HERITAGE

SO 3.1

Make natural & cultural heritage a leverage for sustainable and more balanced territorial development

SO 3.2

Contribute to protect and restore biodiversity

SO 3.3

Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable & innovative technologies and approaches

70,5 M €
35% of total ERDF



PA 4 MARITIME TRANSPORT

SO 4.1

Improve quality, safety & environmental sustainability of marine and coastal transport services and nodes by promoting multimodality

43,3 M €
21,5% of total ERDF

2017

FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS:
STANDARD+ & STANDARD

STANDARD+ CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CALL OPEN

from 27/3/2017 >>> to 22/5/2017

PROJECT SUBMITTED

24

22

PROJECTS APPROVED



STANDARD CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CALL OPEN

from 21/4/2017 >>> to 4/7/2017

PROJECT SUBMITTED

210

50

PROJECTS APPROVED



PARTNER DISTRIBUTION IN APPROVED PROJECTS

Standard+ & Standard



87% partners are public bodies or public equivalent bodies



13% partners are private bodies



44% partners of the financed projects are Croatian



56% partners of the financed projects are Italian



SYNTHESIS OF APPROVED PROJECTS

72 approved projects

613 partners within approved projects

more than **140** M of total budget

STRATEGIC CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Strategic projects are narrowed down with the support of the Programme national and regional authorities and stakeholders, have stricter eligibility rules in terms of objectives/results and beneficiaries. They are characterized by a top-down approach, a wider implementation area and partnership, as well as larger financial allocation.

The Italy-Croatia Programme is currently:

- ✓ defining the **Strategic projects' generation: Member States** representatives are working on the definition of **priority themes** and **project ideas**
- ✓ Launching of the Strategic Call is expected in **2019**

POST 2020 SCENARIO - THE MARITIME CROSS-BORDER DIMENSION

The **cross-border dimension** of territorial cooperation can help to better address certain specific aspects related to the **maritime dimension** and its challenges.

Under certain conditions such as those occurring in the **Adriatic sea**, a cooperation approach restricted to two or three countries can be much more effective than the transnational one, even in the case of maritime borders.

Some **specific problems** can only be tackled effectively in a cross-border maritime dimension. For example:

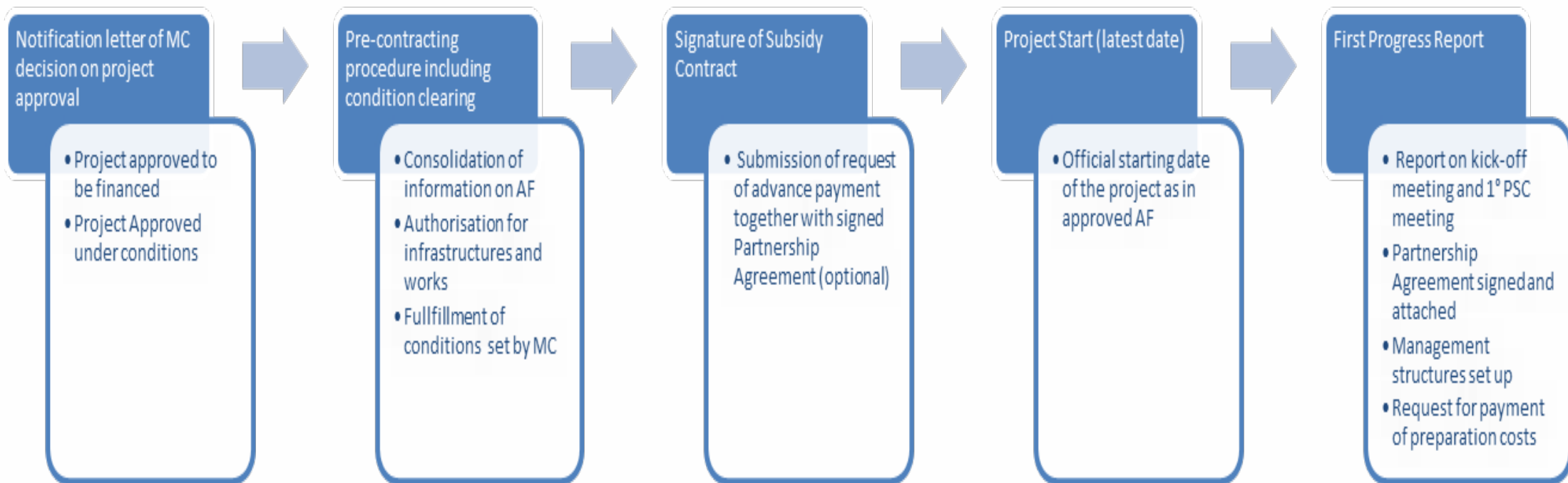
POST 2020 SCENARIO - THE MARITIME CROSS-BORDER DIMENSION

- ✓ Improve the monitoring and management of the Adriatic marine environment
- ✓ Manage risks related to coastal and maritime areas
- ✓ Overcome the obstacles connected to the maritime boundary, both for the accessibility of the terrestrials (eg islands), as well as the development linked to the blue and green economy
- ✓ Strengthen the common cultural roots of the Adriatic area
- ✓ Address the dangers of climate change in maritime and coastal areas
- ✓ Address the risks of water pollution
- ✓ Safeguard and sustainable management of aquatic fauna

ITALY-CROATIA STATE OF THE ART STANDARD Projects

- ✓ Approved projects have gone through the Condition Clearing procedure -consolidation of information included in the Application Form (AF), handling the documents needed to sign the Subsidy Contract, the fulfillment of the conditions for funding set by the Monitoring Committee (MC)
- ✓ Subsidy Contracts between MA and LP are expected to be signed in during February 2019
- ✓ signature of the Partnership Agreement between LP and PPs to be signed after Subsidy Contract; organization of the Kick-off meeting, the setting up of the management structures (LP management team and Project Steering Committee)
- ✓ Factsheet n. 6 "Project Implementation" will be the main reference during the project implementation
- ✓ LPs Seminar expected in late Spring 2019, before reporting deadline

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - START



IMPLEMENTATION – Financial Management

Budget Lines

1. Preparation costs
2. Staff costs
3. Office and administration
4. Travel and accommodation
5. External expertise and services
6. Equipment
7. Small scale infrastructure and construction works

For all Budget Lines, the following **key info in FS6** are provided:

- ✓ Definition
- ✓ Form of reimbursement
- ✓ Reporting requirements
- ✓ Audit trail
- ✓ Country specifications (to be further developed)
- ✓ Examples

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Staff costs



STAFF **EMPLOYED** BY THE BENEFICIARY

Gross employment costs

Salary payments fixed in employment document or by law

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Any other costs directly linked to salary payments (employment taxes and social security) IF fixed in employment doc or by law

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Staff costs – forms of reimbursement



FLAT

Flat 20%

REAL COST

Full time

Part-time with fixed % of time per month

Part-time with flexible no. hours per month

Hourly basis

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Office and administration



FLAT

Flat 15% of Staff

Operating and administrative expenses of the day-to-day operations occurred by the beneficiary and necessary for the implementation of the project

Exhaustive list defined in Del. Reg. 481/2014 and in FS no. 3

Automatically calculated as 15% of eligible direct staff costs



EXAMPLE

Eligible reported staff costs
€36,000

Flat rate for office and
administration 15%

Eligible reported office and
administrative
expenditure: €36,000 *
15% = €5,400

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Travel and accommodation



STAFF OF BENEFICIARY

Staff of beneficiary travelling for project purposes

Exhaustive list defined in Del. Reg. 481/2014 and in FS no. 3:

a) Travel costs

b) Cost of meals

c) Accommodation costs

d) Visa costs

d) Daily allowances

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

External expertise and services



SERVICES & EXPERTISE

Services and expertise provided by a public or private body or a natural person outside the beneficiary organization

Costs paid on the basis of contracts or written agreements and against invoices or requests for reimbursement

Exhaustive list defined in Del. Reg. 481/2014 and in FS no. 3

Public procurement rules

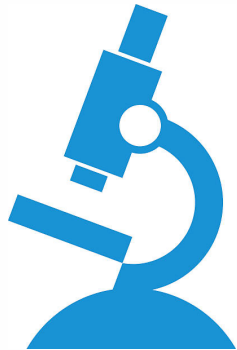
EU + Programme + National + Internal rules → the stricter applies

Different thresholds (€)

Programme rule: Bid-at-three above 5.000€ excl. VAT; adequacy of costs must always be ensured

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Equipment



EQUIPMENT

Equipment purchased, rented or leased by a beneficiary other than those covered by the BL Office and administration

Exhaustive list defined in Del. Reg. 481/2014 and in FS no. 3

Pro-rata: If partially used → degree of use to the project

Depreciation: costs relate to the period of support for the project

In case of new thematic equipment exclusively used for project purposes **the full cost of new equipment is eligible**

Equipment for general (office) use already in possession of the beneficiary organisation is NOT eligible

New equipment for general (office) must be purchased within 6 months of the project duration

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Small scale infrastructure and construction works



Small scale infrastr. & construction works

Small scale Infrastructure and construction works may either refer to an object (e.g. a building) that will be set up ex-novo or to the adaptation of an already existing infrastructure

List of eligible small scale Infrastructure and construction works expenditures (in line with exhaustive list defined in Annex II of the Directive 2014/24/EU) in Factsheet no. 3

Where the total public support for a project carrying out infrastructure and/or construction works exceeds EUR 500.000, it is obligatory to establish temporary billboards during their implementation. No later than three months after completion of the infrastructure, projects have to put up a permanent plaque or billboard.

Where the total public support for a project with infrastructure or construction measures does not exceed EUR 500.000, at least one poster (minimum size A3) has to be placed on the infrastructure or construction, or (if not possible) at a place nearby readily visible to the public.

IMPLEMENTATION – Project Changes

Modifications of the partnership

major modification

Budget modifications

minor or major modification

Modifications of the workplan

minor or major modification

Extension of the project duration

only once and in justified cases

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

LP informs JS,
whenever the
change is needed

MINOR MODIFICATIONS

Adjustments of the project with no significant impact

Budget	Workplan	Administrative data
Flexibility: increase up to 20% of • budget line • work package (ref. Total budget)	Minor adaptation of the timeline of activities, deliverables or outputs	Changes of contact data of PPs/LP
Total ERDF cannot be increased	Modification of the format of activities or deliverables	Change of contact data of project management team
Infrastructures and investments cannot be changed	No modification of the intervention logic/target values of indicators	Change of PP name not of legal status
State aid conditions may apply	No modification of nature/quantity and use of planned outputs	Change of bank account of LP/PP
To be reported as deviation in PR	To be reported as deviation in PR	Update of data in PR

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Decision by MC is needed

MAJOR MODIFICATIONS

Partnership	Budget	Workplan	Extension of the project duration
Withdrawal with replacement by new PP	Increase > 20% In any budget line In any WP (ref. Budget on Project Level)	Project approach/objectives/results	Exception to the general rule
Withdrawal with replacement by existing PP(s) Withdrawal with no replacement	Reallocation of funds among PPs/LP	Activities/deliverables/outputs/target Indicators State aid relevance of activities	Max 6 months In any case: S+ max 21 months S max 36 months Closure by 31/12/2023
Anytime	only once in the 2 nd half of project, 3 months before end date	in the 2 nd half of project, 3 months before end date	in the 2 nd half of project, 3 months before end date
Approval by the MC	Approval by the MC	Approval by the MC	Approval by the MC

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - REPORTING

Report is due on a **6-monthly-basis**, as specified in Subsidy Contract / Partnership Agreement Follows the **LP principle**, as the LP is in charge of collecting and checking the reports prepared by its PPs and verified by First Level Controllers. Deadline for submission of Progress Report is 3 months after the end of reporting period. Project internal framework for reporting (e.g. deadline for delivering project reports to FLC and to LP) to be agreed within each project.



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Italy - Croatia CBC Programme
 Call for proposal 2017 Standard+ Project: BLUTOURSYSTEM
 Priority Axis: 1 - Blue innovation
 Progress Report N°: 1
 Date of Progress Report: 26/11/2018
 Reporting Period: January - June 2018
 Version date: **26/11/2018 10.31.46**

To the Managing Authority of the Italy-Croatia CBC Programme

A - Application data	
Specific objective	1.1 - Enhance the framework conditions for innovation in the relevant sectors of the blue economy within the cooperation area
Application ID	10042761
Type of request	Progress Report
Request ID	10123161

I, the undersigned BILLIO MONICA, acting on behalf of the Lead partner of the project BLUTOURSYSTEM, submit the present Progress Report Request and I declare that the information provided is true and complete

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - REPORTING

LP Report
PP1 Report
PP2 Report
PP3 Report
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LP FLC
PP1 FLC
PP2 FLC
PP3 FLC
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Completion of
PROGRESS
REPORT by LP and
Submission via SIU

Check of
PROGRESS
REPORT by JS,
integrations and
confirmation

Submission of
APPLICATION FOR
REIMBURSEMENT
via SIU

Certification and
Payment
by CA/MA

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - COMMUNICATION

PROJECT COMMUNICATION

AVAILABLE ON THE PROGRAMME WEBSITE WWW.ITALY-CROATIA.EU (Section DOCUMENTS)

- ✓ Programme **Communication strategy**
- ✓ **Factsheet n. 8 “Project Communication”** where information related to the projects’ communication approach is provided
- ✓ Programme **logo** and the Programme **Brand Manual**
- ✓ Project Brand Manual

Moreover, each “Standard” project will be provided with its own **Communication kit material**:

- ✓ Logos (in different versions);
- ✓ Posters, Plaque/Billboards;
- ✓ Office models (word, excel, ppt)
- ✓ Cover pages for reports, minutes, press kits
- ✓ Layouts for project meetings invitations

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

RESPECT FOR THE LP PRINCIPLE

one institution is appointed as LP acting as project interface with the Programme (MA/JS).
The LP is also the contractual counterpart of the Programme (signing the Subsidy Contract with the MA)

COLLABORATION WITH PROGRAMME BODIES

LP shall address the assigned Project Manager in case of issues / doubts / deviations during implementation, try to anticipate problems and address them timely and effectively

LP/PP OBLIGATIONS

Keep in mind your obligations (described in FS3 and Subsidy Contract/ Partnership Agreement) and respect deadlines

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