

ADRION Citizen summary 2021

THE YEAR 2021 – FACTS AND FIGURES

This is a summary of a report on Interreg ADRION activities in 2021. It presents key points and highlights from the year.

WHAT WE DO

The Interreg ADRION programme acts as policy driver and governance innovator giving support to European integration. ADRION contributes to this objective by supporting transnational cooperation across 8 countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, 12 regions and 2 provinces of Italy, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia. ADRION helps organisations to exchange good practices, share solutions in the field of sustainable and green transport, smart technologies and innovation, nature conservation and



ADRION IN NUMBERS

Key Facts of 2021

Year 2021, similarly to 2020, was heavily marked by the consequences of the pandemic and that did not help cooperation among regions and countries. ADRION funded projects were also affected, so the Programme adopted a set of measures to ease projects in the implementation of their activities. Beneficiaries managed to adapt to new needs and working methods, being able to carry on the work despite distance and lack of physical meetings.

6 EVENTS ORGANISED



A CALL FOR PROPOSALS LAUNCHED AND EVALUATED

3 WEBINARS ON PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZED



A PROGRAMME VIDEO PRODUCED



A PUBLICATION ON CAPITALISATION RESULTS PUBLISHED

870 PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED INTO EVENTS

555 BENEFICIARIES REACHED

6 NEW CAPITALISATION SUB-CLUSTERS ACTIVATED

In 2021 the Programme launched a restricted Call for Proposals targeted to finalised projects that wish to upgrade their results. The **4th restricted Call for Proposals** aimed to mitigate the negative effects produced by COVID-19, which partly prevented the wide spreading of projects' outcomes. The Call addressed all Programme thematic Priority Axes, namely PA1 Smart Region, PA2 Sustainable Region and PA 3 Connected Region.

In between the end of 2021 and early 2022 the Programme approved 20 projects (10 projects on Smart Region, 4 projects on Sustainable Region and 6 projects on Connected Region) for a total EU contribution of MEUR 2,74 (2,2 ERDF and 0,44 IPA II), reaching the overall number of **funded projects to 82**.



PROJECTS' AND THEMATIC CLUSTERS ACHIEVEMENTS



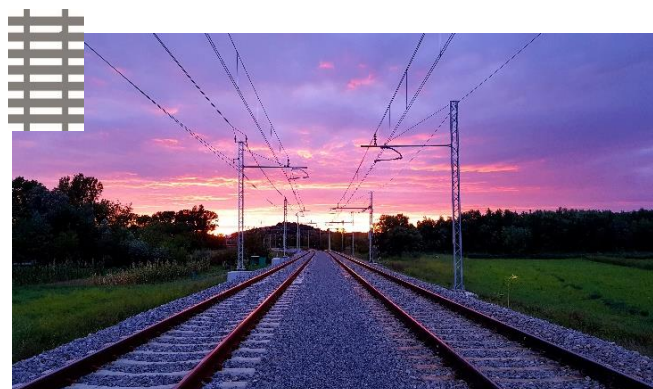
Innovation

27 Funded projects

+1.400 enterprises involved in collaborations with research centres

11 Established transnational networks and clusters

19 Strategies and Action Plans developed



Transport

18 Projects funded

10 Established transnational networks to support mobility, transport and logistics in a multimodal and sustainable way

35 Strategies and Action Plans developed



Preservation of Cultural Heritage

- 23 Funded projects
- 2 Established transnational networks
- 19 Strategies & Action Plans developed
- 8 Pilot actions and small-scale investments developed to raise visibility and accessibility of natural and cultural sites
- + 20.000 new visits to sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions



Environment

- 13 Funded projects
- 4 Established transnational cooperation networks in the field of environmental protection
- 8 Strategies & Action Plans developed

ADRION Capitalisation Strategy

ADRION started the capitalization process in 2019 by implementing a capitalization plan endorsed by the MC. One of the main activities foreseen by the plan was the implementation of 5 Thematic Clusters on the topics of transport, mobility, nature conservation, blue and smart related growth and sustainable tourism. All clusters developed a total of 22 joint outputs including policy papers, project proposals, macroregional events and technical analysis. In 2021, **6 new sub-clusters have been activated under the two main TC on Sustainable Tourism and Biodiversity:**

[ADRION THEMATIC SUB-CLUSTER ON INNOVATION AND ADRION BRANDING](#)

[ADRION THEMATIC SUB-CLUSTER ON CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES](#)

[ADRION THEMATIC SUB-CLUSTER ON EMERGING DESTINATIONS](#)

[ADRION THEMATIC SUB-CLUSTER ON RISK PREVENTION AND DISASTER RESILIENCE](#)

[ADRION THEMATIC SUB-CLUSTER ON BIODIVERSITY PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION](#)

[ADRION THEMATIC SUB-CLUSTER ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION OF POLLUTION DIFFUSION](#)

Cross-fertilization among Interreg Programmes

EU Week of cities and regions 2021



On 13th October, in the frame of the EU Week, ADRIION, ENI CBC MED and Interreg MED Programmes successfully organised the workshop *Accelerating the Mediterranean Green Transition: Contributions from the Interreg Programmes*. The event marked the first get-together of the 3 Programmes, which shared stories of cooperation and presented examples of communities and projects which have developed innovative solutions as well as kept raising the debate on sustainable growth. Those experiences have shown to which extent Interreg cooperation is able to support green transition.

Adrion Annual & Capitalisation event



ADRION Annual and Capitalisation Event took place on December 7th online. The event with the slogan "Together for a resilient Adriatic-Ionian region" hosted more than **90 participants** from different countries, mostly from the Adriatic-Ionian region. The event was an opportunity to take stock of the achievements reached by the Programme in the last seven years, especially in the frame of the EU Green Deal objectives. Examples of best practices and actions carried out by our projects and Thematic Clusters on circular economy, biodiversity, disaster risk resilience and sustainable tourism were presented.

Special event at the 6th EUSAIR Forum



The Programme organised a special event within the **6th EUSAIR Forum** on **12 May 2021**. The event, "Boosting innovation and facilitating the EU integration process to the Western Balkans: the case of Smart Specialisation Strategies as best practices supported by ADRIION", encouraged the debate on the development of S3 towards the Western Balkans.

About the future: ADRION Post 2020

Mid 2019 the Programme started to look at its next Programming period 2021-2027. A dedicated Task Force has been set up to draft the new cooperation programme. To support future actions, the Task Force commissioned a **territorial analysis** which was delivered and published in 2020. The same year, a public and stakeholders' consultation was launched with the aim to receive feedback from citizens, as well as Programme stakeholders on the future framework of the Programme. Stakeholders' events were also organised to raise the discussion gathering overall more than 300 hundred people.

2021 was devoted to the design of the future Interreg Programme. A first draft was prepared and presented during the 11th Task-force meeting held on 16-17 December 2021. The future programme will officially be composed by 10 countries, welcoming on board the Republic of San Marino and North Macedonia.

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