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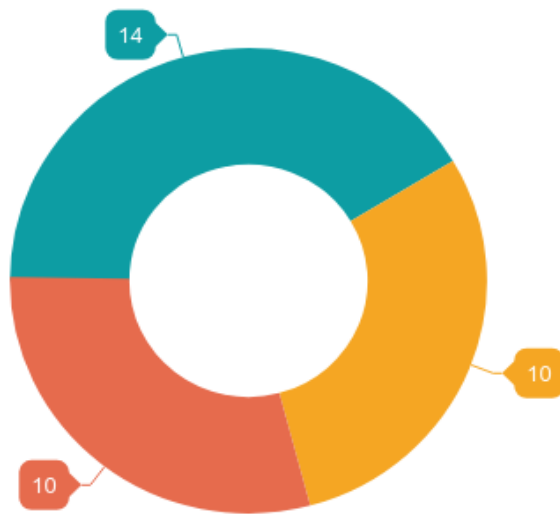
Interreg ADRION programme is a European transnational cooperation programme, which involves eight Partner States, out of which four are Member States of the European Union, Croatia, Greece, Italy and Slovenia, and four non European Union countries, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia.

ADRION acts as policy driver and governance innovator funding projects which contribute to a more sustainable, smart and connected region. To achieve this, the Partner States have identified four main topics, called priority axes, to address the Programme financial resources: Innovation, Environmental Sustainability and Cultural Heritage, Transport and Support to the EUSAIR strategy. The Programme has an overall budget of MEUR 118.



Funded projects of the 1st Call for Proposals

34 PROJECTS
290 PARTNERS



TOTAL EUR 35,1 MIL

■ PA 1 (41.18%) ■ PA 2 (29.41%) ■ PA 3 (29.41%)



The **year 2018** marked the start of the implementing phase of **34 projects** funded under the **1st Call for Proposals**, and the **progress of the strategic project EUSAIR Facility Point** which supports the EUSAIR strategy. The Call, launched in 2017, targeted all Programme priority axes, and funded 14 projects on Innovation (Priority Axis 1), 10 projects on Environmental Sustainability and Cultural Heritage (Priority Axis 2) and 10 projects on Transport (Priority Axis 3).

Several information and applicant seminars took place in 2018 in order to guide partners in the correct implementation of their projects. In particular, the implementation seminar organised by the Programme and addressed to the project lead partners was held in Bologna (Italy) on 14 February 2018 and it was attended by 80 participants. More information on the implementation status and activities performed can be found [online](#) through the project websites set up by the Programme.

Launch of the 2nd Call for Proposals

On 26 March the Programme launched its 2nd Call for Proposals focussing on two specific objectives under Priority Axis 2 “Sustainable Region”:

- specific objective 2.1 dedicated to the valorisation of natural and cultural heritage
- specific objective 2.2 dedicated to tackle environmental vulnerability and risks.

The Call was launched on 26 March through two main events held in **Tirana** and **Zagreb** as well as **Info Days** organized by National Contact Points in each Partner State. On 3rd July 2018, ADRION received **186 project proposals**. Italy showed the highest interest with overall 96 project proposals submitted as Lead Partner, followed by Greece with 50 applications, Slovenia with 24 and Croatia with 16 project proposals presented. The call involved more than thousand organisations from both public and private sector based in all the Partner States of the Programme. Among all the applicants, the biggest share of the participants consists of public institutions, among which local public authorities and higher education and research institutes are the most represented type of organisations. Regional authorities have also applied significantly. On the other hand, approximately one third of the applicants comes from the private sector which includes mainly SMEs, associations and NGOs, enterprises and business support organisations. The overall call budget is of ca. MEUR 34,3, out of which MEUR 29,2 ERDF fund and MEUR 5,1 of IPA II fund. The total requests received by the applicants exceeds largely the funds at Programme disposal, as the overall financial requests reached MEUR 312.304.876,79, nine times higher the available resources.

EVENTS PROMOTING THE 2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS :



ADRION outreach events



On **23 May 2018**, the Programme organized its first **Annual Event in Catania (Italy)**. The event, called “A view ahead together” was attended by 100 participants from the whole Adriatic and Ionian region and beyond. The initiative represented an opportunity to strengthen synergies with the EUSAIR strategy whose forum was held back to back with the ADRION annual event as well as to present the first results of the Programme. Moreover, the event officially started the discussion on the future of European Territorial Cooperation through a dedicated involvement of MC members and representatives of the European Commission. Members of the European Parliament also provided their support through video messages.



During the EU Week of Regions and Cities in Bruxelles on **8-11 October 2018**, ADRION was part of a joint exhibition called **#MadewithInterreg** including 12 Interreg Transnational Programmes. On the occasion, the **ADRION Programme** presented **4 projects**:

- On Priority Axis 1 Innovative and Smart Region: **ARIEL** (Promoting small scale fisheries and aquaculture transnational networking in Adriatic-Ionian microregion) aiming to promote technological and non-technological methods for small-scale fisheries and aquaculture with the main goal to reduce negative impacts on marine habitats. ARIEL works with research, public and private actors to encourage the adoption of innovative fishing practices and solutions.

- On Priority Axis 2 Sustainable Region: **QneST** (Quality Network on Sustainable Tourism) focusing on the development of new quality tourism solutions, in particular through a common brand for the promotion of a quality sustainable tourism and will stimulate the creation of a network of Adriatic-Ionian actors and economic operators, active in or indirectly involved in the tourism sector.

- On Priority Axis 2 Sustainable Region: **HARMONIA** (Harmonisation and Networking for contaminant assessment in the Adriatic and Ionian Seas) which aims to share methodological approaches and data on marine contaminants to support a common strategy to assess Environmental Status and contaminant dispersion risk along the coast of the ADRION area.

- On Priority Axis 3 Connected Region: **SUPER-LNG** (Sustainability PERFORMANCE of LNG-based maritime mobility) contributes to the implementation of sustainable transport and mobility solutions by supporting safe use of LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas), as a low-carbon clean fuel.



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