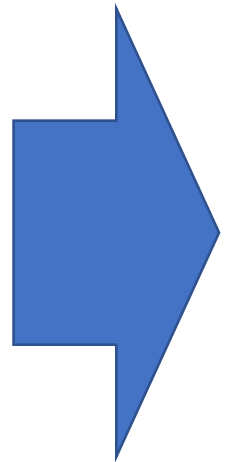


ISO 1 overview and general principles

(abstract from documentation sent in view of the
17th TF/1st MC meeting)

Support to the submission of the strategic projects supporting EUSAIR implementation

- Deadline for submission and other requirements on performance check already reported in the approved cooperation programme
- Still to be defined: overall distribution of financial resources between a) support to EUSAIR and b) other topics reported in the approved cooperation programme (exchanges and capacity building; support networks, platforms and clusters also created by projects funded by ADRION).
- Still to be defined: elements of the three strategic projects supporting EUSAIR implementation:
 - Partnership;
 - Allocation of financial resources/project;
 - Activities (quantification, expected output and results)



Support to the submission of the strategic projects supporting EUSAIR implementation

Proposed approach to support the elaboration, submission and assessment of project proposals

- MA/JS could organize and moderate meetings (end of February/April 2023) to accompany involved partners in the **elaboration of the project proposals**; meetings shall be held in person and/or on line
- **Submission** of project proposals through **expressions of interest** not publicly available (= approach adopted for 2014-20 strategic project)
- Dedicated application package

Principles steering ISO1 – partnership

Lead partner

- The lead partner is located in an ERDF participating country
- The lead partner must be a public or a public body governed by public law.

Project partner

- Any private or public body with legal and operational seat in one of the IPA and ERDF participating country; the same requirements apply for San Marino potential beneficiaries
- San Marino partners can participate with their own funds

Assimilated partner

- As an exception, and to overcome the geographical constraints applying to Italy, those Italian public authorities at national level which are competent in their scope of action for certain parts of the eligible area but which are located outside of it (e.g.: Ministries), are considered as assimilated partners, equal in rights and obligations to applicants located within the Programme area.

Associated partner

- Legal bodies willing to be involved in a project with an observer or associated status without financially contributing to the project (in accordance with 2014-20 rules).

Principles steering ISO1– project budget and duration

Projects budget

(To be defined)

Advance payment: only for IPA beneficiaries: up to 20% Interreg budget

Project duration

From 2023 to 2029 (6 years)

Further budget specificities

Lead Partner budget: recommended no more than 30% total budget

Use of simplified cost options

Use of lump sum

- **Preparation costs:** up to EUR 14.200 (total cost) calculated by adding a progressive indexation of 2% from 2015 to 2023 to 2014-20 preparation cost amount (up to EUR 11.800 total cost).

Indexation has been calculated progressively, i.e.: 2% per each year reported above as from 2015

Principles steering ISO1– SCOs

- **Staff cost:** (= proposal for standard projects)
- **Travel and accommodation:** 15% of staff costs for IPA beneficiaries and 10% for ERDF beneficiaries (ref to art. 41 Interreg Regulation) (based on 2014-20 PPs verified costs) **OR** Real costs
Reduction of carbon foot print is to be considered
- **External expertise and services:** no thresholds set
- **Equipment:** no thresholds set
- **Infrastructure and works:** (not eligible for IPA ADRION)
- **Indirect costs:** 15% staff costs (ref to art. 54 CPR Regulation)
- **OR:** (ref to art. 56.1 CPR): flat rate of up to 40% of eligible direct staff costs to cover the remaining eligible costs of an operation.

Principles steering 1° call – tools and measures to steer partnerships' commitment

Partnership agreement signed among partners to be submitted together with the application form (eligibility criterion)

Mid term review by end of 2026 envisaging budget revision irrespective programme decommitment and based on reports forecast expenditure; mitigating measures related to the achieved outcomes and partners performance shall be adopted

Project proposals assessment





- In accordance with Interreg Regulation and Interact HIT
- Most of admissibility and eligibility checks fulfilled through the correct submission of project proposal (use of blocks and warning in JEMS)
- Quality assessment: operational assessment as per 2014-20; if some weaknesses are detected, JS shall offer accompanying measures to allow the submission to the MC of a project proposal ready to be approved without further conditions for improvement (i.e.: no rejection of the project proposal)

Use of scores and qualitative description

Internal assessment as per 2014-20 only

- Double funding checks
- DNH checks (to be confirmed depending on the proposed actions)
- State aid checks (de minimis; to be confirmed depending on the proposed actions)
- Anti-fraud checks (use of ARACHNE database: support of NCPs when ARACHNE cannot be used)

Strategic projects supporting EUSAIR implementation – proposed indicative timeline

2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
supporting actions for the preparation of project proposals											
draft Application Package for expression of interest for MC approval/acknowledgement (same approach as for standard projects)												
launch of the expression of interest (1 month open) & assessment											
deadline for granting projects (MC and approval)- indicative (based on the proposed assessment methodological proposal); fulfilment of conditions (if necessary)											
EUSAIR Facility Point 2014-20 finalization												
2021-2027 strategic projects start									