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Overview of the next calls for proposals

**IPA ADRION 8th Monitoring Committee meeting
19-20 February 2024**





Definition of next calls calendar and characteristics



Respect obligations set forth in:

- Art. 49 CPR – timetable of planned calls for proposals and its publication on programme web site
- Art 105-107 CPR – decommitment

Proposal based on:

- Decision adopted along with the approval of the 5th call for proposal (ADRION 2014-2020) and its completion in IPA ADRION (strategic projects – transnational university masters)
- Thematic approach adopted by the Task Force during the programme design (support to all EUSAIR flagships in relation to the chosen Specific Objectives)
- Outcomes of the first call for proposals (thematic and financial)



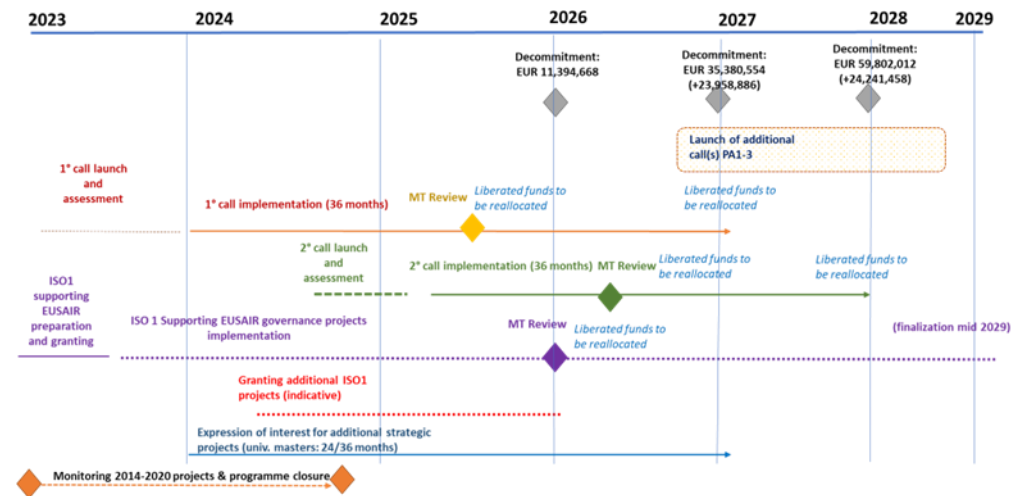
Proposed approach

Preliminary overview in documentation sent along with the 17th Task Force meeting aimed at matching financial target and a tentative calendar

Financial targets



Overview of allocation of resources to grant projects



4 main calls envisaged:
2 strategic calls/expressions of interest
2 non-strategic calls



Proposal No 1 – launch of the expression of interest for strategic projects (Specific Objective 1.2)

The programme document reports both in Annex 3 (support to knowledge sharing) and in the description of SO 1.2 the intention of granting around four transnational university masters.

Pre-identified topics (follow up of the 5th call for proposals – preparatory projects granted):

- Blue economy
- Renewable energy
- Circular economy
- Social innovation

The five granted projects ended in September 2023.



Need to launch the expression of interest soon to meet the academic obligations and not to lose the momentum

! Invitation to submit the expression of interest addressed to those projects which have demonstrated having finalized/been finalized the academic accreditation process

MEUR 7,2 Interreg funds to be allocated under Specific Objective 2.1



Proposal No 1 – Proposed calendar & request for approval



Action	Deadline
Request for MC mandate to start the necessary procedures related to the process described below	19-20 February 2024 (MC meeting)
Elaboration of assessment criteria to appraise the quality of the elaborated educational format	By Mid-March 2024
Update the approved application package	By April 2024 Approval through written procedure
Launch of the expression of interest addressed to those projects which passed the independent ex ante analysis; Organization of a dedicated meeting with the partnerships	By May 2024* (expression of interest open for one month)
Assessment and MC approval	June-July 2024 (Approval through online MC meeting or through written procedure)
Negotiation process	August-September 2024
Start projects implementation	By September 2024

*the launch of the expression of interest could be “modular” based on the readiness of the accreditation process.




Proposal No 2 – launch of the second non-strategic call for proposals

Topics and indicative actions

-  Addressed to those topics and indicative actions which were decided to be granted in the 2nd call
-  Topics and indicate actions decided to be granted in the 1st call but not present in the granted projects

Available financial resources

-  Limited number of projects likely to be granted (according to 1st call requirements)



Proposal No 2 – launch of the second non-strategic call for proposals

NB: art. 15.3 of Interreg Regulation “*Where an Interreg B programme supports a macro-regional strategy or a sea-basin strategy, at least 80 % of the ERDF contribution and, where applicable, part of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance shall contribute to the objectives of that strategy*”.

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- 1) Grant a limited number of indicative actions/SO. As indicative actions/SO have been drafted according to the EUSAIR flagships (embedding), the EUSAIR Governing Board could be asked to provide an updated list of flagships – in relation to the indicative actions potentially still to be granted - that should still be supported at transnational level.
- 2) Reduce the maximum Interreg amount/project. Current maximum Interreg amount/project could be decreased from MEUR 1,5 to MEUR 1,2 (1st call average Interreg contribution/project: MEUR 1,3 Interreg).
- 3) Reduce the size of the eligible partnership. The minimum eligible partnership could be reduced to at least 3 partners from 3 different IPA participating countries and at least 2 partners from 2 different ERDF Participating Countries (in the first call the minimum partnership was of at least 3 partners from 3 different ERDF participating countries and at least 3 partners from 3 different IPA participating countries). This measure may be combined with No 2.
- 4) Introduce a rewarding criterion to those projects which present a IPA Lead Partner. This option would have the benefit of encouraging a stronger leadership from IPA applicants. However, this measure would require a more thorough verification of the management capability of partners and support provided to them to ensure that they can successfully accomplish the various requirements of the implementation phase.



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- Capitalization/Clusters
- Follow up of projects granted by other programmes (spreading of outcomes on the territory)
- Synergies with other programmes (e.g.: with CBC/mainstream programmes, lighthouse projects of EC Mission Ocean)



Proposal No 2 – Proposed calendar & request for approval

Proposed calendar must be realistic based on the additional 2024 programme obligations:

- Finalization of the first call granted projects negotiation process and guidance to the projects implementation.
- Organization of online events for beneficiaries (strategic and standard projects).
- Elaboration of management documents.
- Setting in place of the post 2027 consultation as required by the European Commission.
- Setting in place of the independent programme evaluation.
- ADRION 2014-2020 closure
- Launch of the strategic call (if so decided).



Proposal No 2 – Proposed calendar & request for approval (irrespective to the type of call) **to be updated based on today decision**

Action	Deadline
Start the necessary procedures following the decisions adopted	19-20 February 2024 (MC meeting)
Update of the application package (including the discussion of the topics proposed by the Complaint Committee)	By June 2024 Discussion and approval through written procedure and/or online events
Launch event of the call for proposals	By September 2024 (call open for 2 months)
Assessment process	To be finalized by April-May 2025 (depending by the number of received applications)
MC decision for funding	June 2025
Negotiation process	June-July 2025
Start projects implementation	September 2025