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1st Call for Project Proposals

2nd Monitoring Committee Meeting

January 10th 2024

Online

Main Objectives

The whole eligible area:

	EL511–**Evros** EL512–**Xanthi** EL513–**Rodopi** EL514–**Drama** EL515–**Kavala, Thassos** EL522–**Thessaloniki** EL526 – **Serres**	

Main Objectives (2)

€
32.050.467,10

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Priorities

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Intervention Fields

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Policy Objectives

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Specific Objectives

Priorities	Specific Objective	Intervention Field
1.A more Resilient and Greener Greece-Bulgaria Cross Border Territory	RSO2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	Research and innovation processes, technology transfer and cooperation between enterprises, research centres and universities, focusing on the low carbon economy, resilience and adaptation to climate change
		Household waste management: prevention, minimisation, sorting, reuse, recycling measures
	RSO2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	Air quality and noise reduction measures
		Nature and biodiversity protection, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure
3. A more Inclusive Greece-Bulgaria Cross Border Territory	RSO4.2. Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training	Support for self-employment and business start-ups
		Support for the development of digital skills
	RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets and tourism services

Context of the Call

Stage A' : Submission of a Concept Note

i) the main idea of the proposal,

ii) the partnership,

iii) the proposed activities and the appropriate indicators,

iv) an indicative budget of activities,

v) information regarding the eligibility of the beneficiaries participating in the partnership,

vi) Cross Border Cooperation Added Value,

vii) Relevance with specific objectives of the Call

Project Duration

- (24) months after the signing of the Subsidy Contract.
- This limit applies for the implementation phase of the project and does not include the preparation phase.
- Projects that have started their implementation before the signing of the contract, and in any case after 1/1/2021, should not have been concluded before the application for funding at the present Call for Project Proposals.

Eligible Partners (1)

- national, regional or local public bodies
- bodies governed by public law (as defined in Article 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU)
- bodies governed by private law,
- international organizations registered under the national law of the Member States of the Programme can be considered as eligible if they fulfil the criteria foreseen for the nonprofit bodies governed by private law.
- European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC). Eligible EGTC must be governed by the law of one of the participating countries where the EGTC has its registered office.

Eligible Partners (2) (exceptions)

If located outside the programme area bodies are eligible only if they belong to one of the following cases :

- Bodies of the central government (e.g.Ministries)
- Organizations located outside the Programme area but inside the Member States (with added value and expertise to the project implementation).
- Organisations located outside the Programme area but having a local/regional subsidiary / branch office established in the Programme area (Applies only to ***Greek Beneficiaries***).
  - ***Bulgarian Partners*** must have their ***legal registration located in the eligible Programme area***.

NOT Eligible Partners

- international organizations operating under ***international law*** are not eligible
- EGTCs located outside the Programme area and not registered in one of the Member states participating in the cross-border Programme are not eligible for funding
  - An EGTC cannot be a sole beneficiary of a project proposal

Eligibility of Partnerships

Minimum	**2 partners one from each member state**
Maximum	5 partners in total
2 types of partners	Lead Beneficiary (LB) and Project Beneficiary (PB)
Project Proposals per beneficiary	5 Project Proposals
The above limit applies to all types of Beneficiaries (LB, PB) and it is applied at Call-level – not at Specific Objective level. In case a Potential Beneficiary applies to more than five (5) Project Proposals, then the first five (5) proposals submitted via MIS will be assessed.	

Eligibility of Expenditure (1)

End date of the eligibility period for the costs of the proposed operations	**31.12.2029**
Projects that have been physically completed or fully executed before the application for funding at the present Call	Not eligible
Minimum budget:	1.000.000,00 €
Maximum budget:	2.500.000,00 €.
Minimum budget per project partner:	150.000 €
State Aid relevance of project activities	ERDF reduced

Eligibility of Expenditure (2)

Expenditure category	Real Cost	Simplified Cost
Staff Cost	X	X
Office and Administration	X	X
Equipment	X	
Travel and Accommodation	X	X
External Expertise and Services	X	
Infrastructure and Works	X	

Eligibility of Expenditure (3)

Preparation Costs (staff costs, travel & accommodation & external expertise)	**30.000€**
Management Costs	PP≤10% of the total budget LB≤15% of the total budget
Communication Costs	≤8% of the total budget and no more than 100.000€
Expenditure Categories 2,4,8 and 10 are recommended not to exceed per project the amount of:	600.000€

Submission of the Proposals

- The Call will stay open for 45 days
- Submission of proposals via MIS

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Applicant's Package/ Stage A

1. Terms of Reference for the Call
2. Annex 14 "Concept Note"
3. Programme and Project Implementation Manual
4. Annex 13 "Project Selection Methodology"
5. Annex 14a. Concept Note Evaluation Grid
6. Annex 10: "Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide"
7. Annex 16: "Guidelines for applying in MIS 2021-2027"
8. Annex 17: "Technical guidance for Beneficiary User Registration and Account Management"
9. Annex 19: "Technical guidance of MIS 2021 – 2027"

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Annexes for submission & guidance (Stage B)

Annexes for submission

- Annex 1: Partnership declaration
- Annex 2: Project Detailed Description
- Annex 3: Justification of the Budget (JoB)- template
- Annex 4: Justification of Budget Cost Manual
- Annex 5: State Aid declaration
- Annex 6: Project Maturity sheet
- Annex 7: Feasibility Study
- Annex 8: Climate Endurance validation report
- Annex 9: Compatibility with SEA – template

- Annexes - supporting documents
- Annex 10: Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide
- Annex 11: Charter of fundamental rights
- Annex 12: Table of COFOG Classification
- Annex 13: Project selection Methodology
- Annex 15: Selection criteria
- Annex 16: Guidelines for applying in MIS 2021-2027
- Annex 17: Technical guidance for Beneficiary User Registration and Account Management
- Annex 18: Ministerial Decision 45820/17-05-2023 (Government Gazette B' 3218/17-05-2023) concerning "Expenditure eligibility rules, public procurement, complaints of the beneficiaries of the INTERREG Programmes 2021-2027"
- Annex 19: Technical guidance of MIS 2021 – 2027

Annexes for implementation

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- ***Annex 20: Subsidy Contract***
- ***Annex 21: Partnership Agreement***
- ***Annex 22: Progress Report and Progress Report Manual (drafting in progress)***
- ***Annex 23a: Request for project modification (drafting in progress)***
- ***Annex 23b: Budget modification sheet (drafting in progress)***
- ***Annex 24: Management Verifications Manual (drafting in progress)***
- ***Annex 25: Communication Guide for project beneficiaries (drafting in progress)***
- ***Annex 26: Project Closure Manual (drafting in progress)***

Programme and Project Implementation Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide stakeholders and potential project applicants with information about:

- ***the Programme with regard to its overall strategy and objectives (Section A'), and***
- ***the management structure and further implementation arrangements for the Programme and for the projects (Section B', C' & D').***

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Thank you for your attention

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