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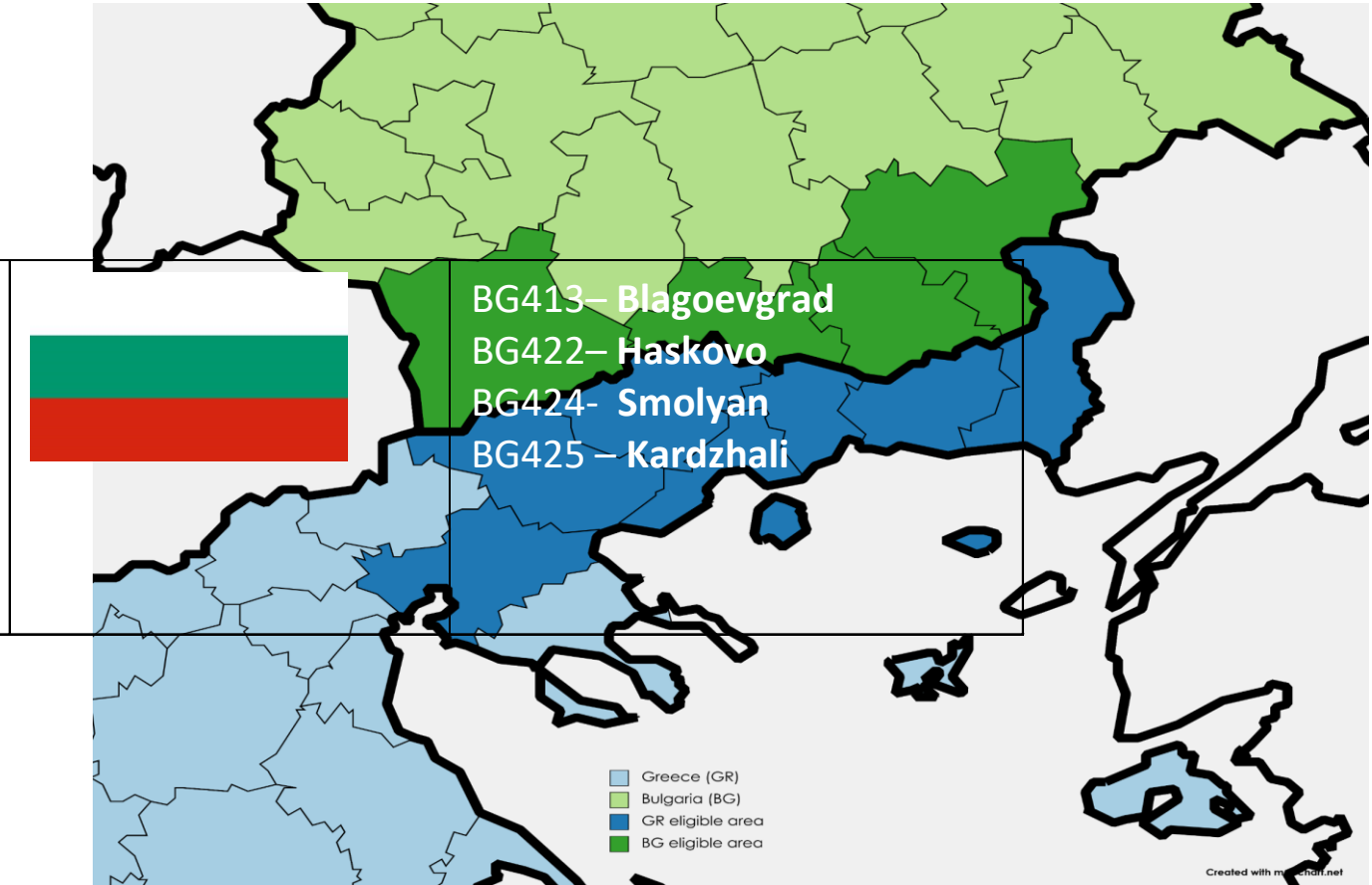


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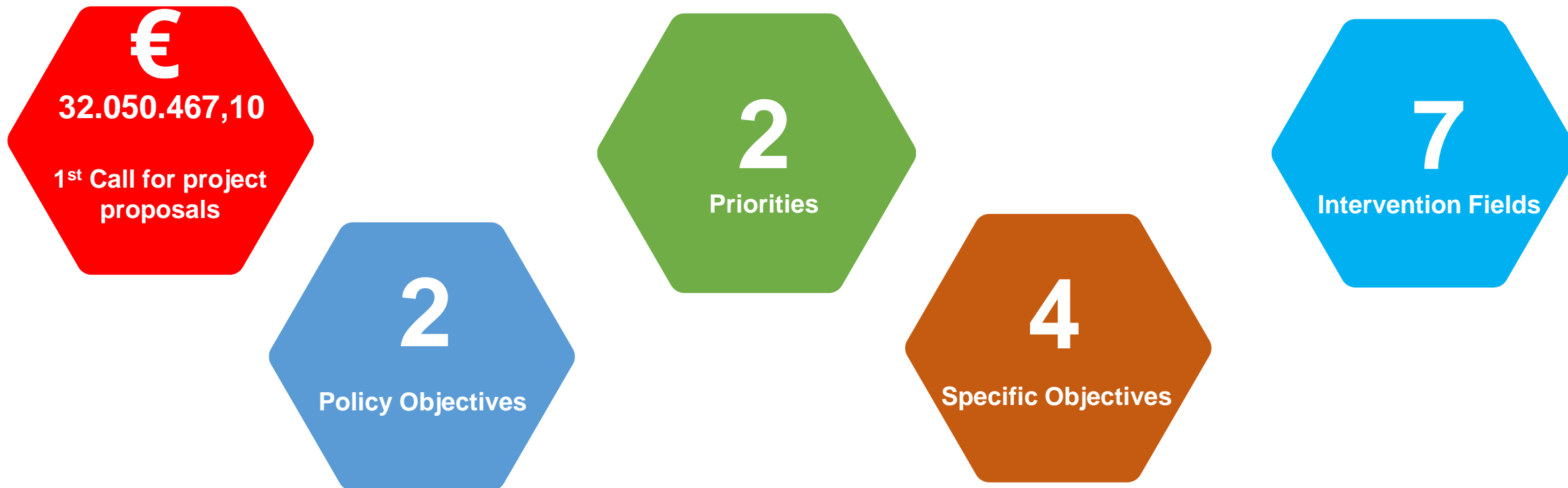
Main Objectives

The whole eligible area:

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

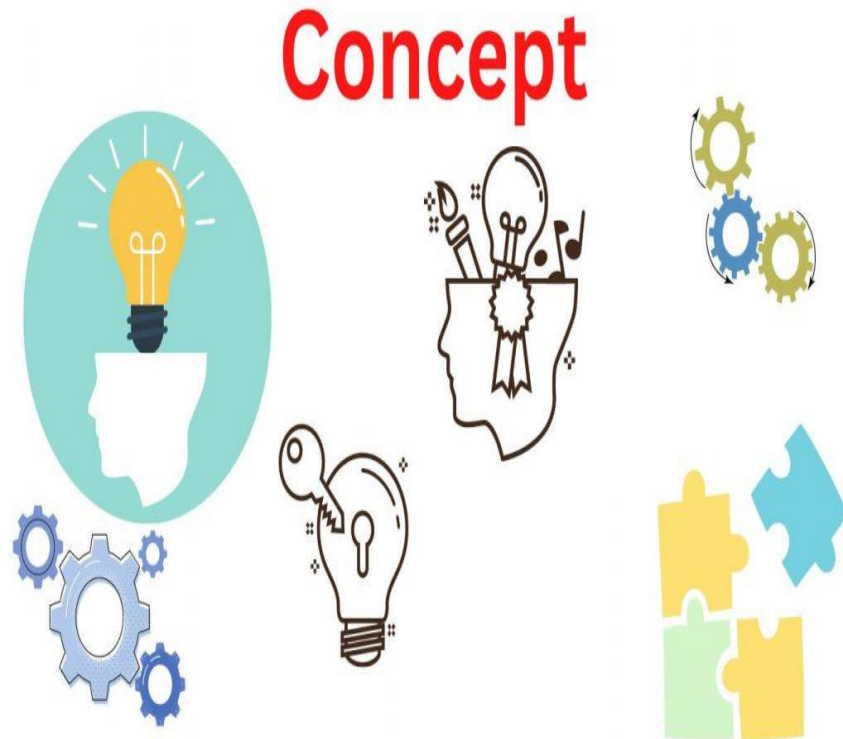


Main Objectives (2)



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	<p>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</p> <p>Household waste management: prevention, minimisation, sorting, reuse, recycling measures</p>
	RSO2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	<p>Air quality and noise reduction measures</p> <p>Nature and biodiversity protection, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure</p>
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	<p>Support for self-employment and business start-ups</p> <p>Support for the development of digital skills</p>
	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

Frequently Asked Questions

Q 2.5 Which is the level of eligibility for universities?

A.2.5. Universities may participate in Greece-Bulgaria Programme at University level.

Q. 2.6. Is the 20% rule from the project budget for entities not established in the eligible region still applicable? Such a limitation is not specifically highlighted in the call documents. Can Bulgarian universities (research organisations), state institutions, NGOs, etc., from Sofia, Plovdiv, etc., participate in the partnerships without limitations to their budget as a percentage of the overall project budget?

A. 2.6. The rule of 20% from the project budget for entities not established in the eligible area does not apply in the present Call.

Organizations/Bodies that are located outside the Programme area and wish to participate as Beneficiaries should demonstrate that they fall into the eligible beneficiaries set in the Call. All beneficiaries should take into consideration the requirement that 'in principle, all activities of a project should take place within the Programme area'.



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

Frequently Asked Questions

Q 3.1. What is the limitation for a Beneficiary to participate in project proposals? Does this limitation apply for a specific category of Beneficiary e.g. Lead Beneficiary or Beneficiary?

A3.1. A potential Beneficiary may participate up to five (5) Project Proposals in total for this Call. The above limit applies to all types of Beneficiaries, Lead Beneficiary or Project Beneficiary

Q 3.2. Does the limitation for a beneficiary to participate in five (5) project proposals apply on Priority of Specific Objective base?

A.3.2. The limitation of maximum five (5) participations apply at Call level – not at the Priority of Specific Objective level.

Q 3.3. If we will participate in more than five (5) project proposals, which will be the consequences? Will all the project proposals in which we will participate be rejected?

A. 3.3. In case a potential Beneficiary will participate in more than five (5) proposals, not all the Project Proposals will be rejected. The first five (5) Project Proposals submitted via MIS will be assessed, the other will be rejected before the evaluation. If all the proposals are submitted during the same day then the time of submission will be the essential criterion for the acceptance or rejection of the proposal.



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Eligibility of Expenditure (2)

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

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€

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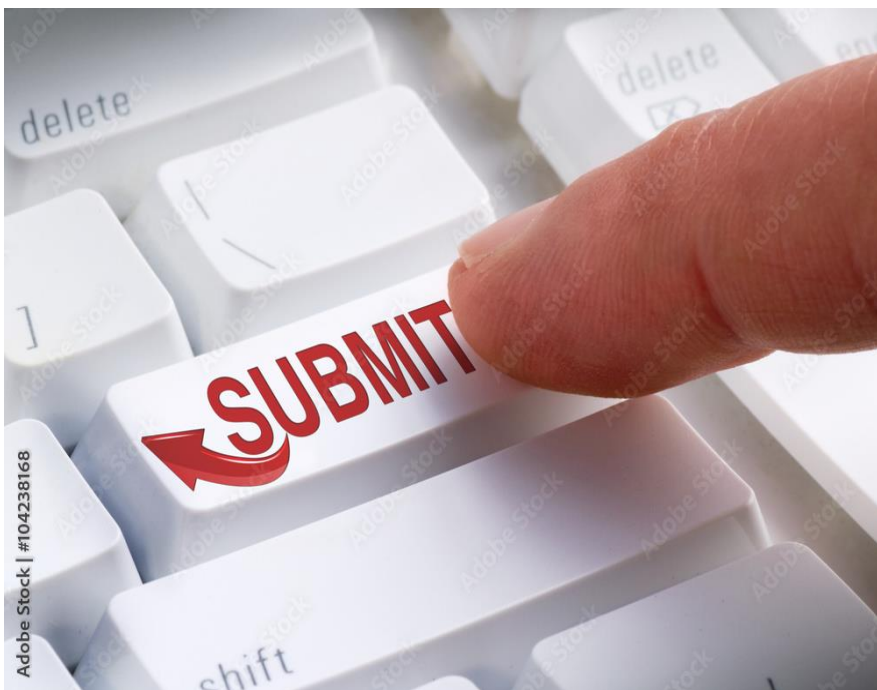
Q.1.22. 1st-Call-for-common-Projects: Page 8, Paragraph 7.14 It is strongly recommended that the total Budget of expenditures in categories 2,4,8 and 10 (soft measures), cannot exceed the amount of 600.000€ per Project.

Given that technological and digital platforms, software development, ICT tools etc are counted in category "10", a project must purchase equipment and/or invest in infrastructure for the rest of its budget?

A.1.22. In the context of present Call, it is preferable for the projects to include costs not only in categories 2,4,8 and 10 but also in categories 6 or/and 12.



Submission of the Proposals



- The Call is open since 12/2/2024
- Deadline: 27/03/2024 time 14:00
Greek local time (CET+1) at the
latest.
- Submission of proposals via MIS

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”

Thank you for your attention

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