

## **Citizens' Summary of the 2014-2015 Annual Implementation Report of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Greece-Italy 2014-2020**

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### **What is the CP "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" about?**

The CP "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" adopted by the European Commission on 15.12.2015. It links eleven (11) NUTS III level prefectures and six (6) provinces from two different EU Member States, Greece and Italy, with a total budget worth over €123 million, with nearly €105 million coming from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).



The Programme aims to increase the economic competitiveness in the Greece-Italy border area by supporting entrepreneurship, innovation and the clustering of economic activities. The Programme will promote interaction among SMEs while stimulating innovative processes in industries exploiting common local resources. Furthermore, the Programme will improve the joint management of the impact of human activities on natural resources in urban, lowland and coastal Ionian and Adriatic areas. This will enhance the protection of maritime and land biodiversity.

The Programme will focus on the following three priorities:

1. Innovation and competitiveness, with investments in R&I and SMEs contributing to the building of a strong export based economy. Emphasis is put on sectors with high growth potential such as the agro-food industry, blue growth, tourism, cultural heritage, cultural and creative industries.
2. Integrated environmental management. This priority aims at facilitating the development and implementation of common approaches to the management of the environment, promotion of the cultural and natural heritage and fostering shared potentials and responsibilities in the field of environmental protection and risk prevention.

3. Cross Border and sustainable transport system. This will be achieved by investments in regional and cross-border connections which will improve the accessibility to transport infrastructures, the coordination of cross-border transport systems and procedures, the integration with Regional, National and cross-border Transport Plans, as well as the promotion of an efficient and environmental-friendly mobility and transport system.

**What activities were carried out in 2014-2015?**

The CP "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" officially adopted by the European Commission on 15.12.2015.

**What about spending?**

No expenditure was incurred under the Programme in the years 2014-2015.

**Do you need further information?**

Should you need further information about the Programme, please don't hesitate to visit our websites: <http://www.interreg.gr> and [www.greece-italy.eu](http://www.greece-italy.eu)