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COOPERATION GOAL
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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

This is the fourth Programme Annual Implementation Report which reports on the implementation process during the calendar year 2018. It was prepared by the Managing Authority (MA) with the support of the Joint Secretariat (JS).

The implementation of the programme ran actively with the start-up of the 41 projects selected, the approval of 10 additional projects included in the 'reserve list' of the First Ordinary Call of the Programme, the definition and launch of the 5 Targeted Call for Strategic Projects, the achievement of the expenditure target assigned to the Programme for the year 2018.

The MA and JS has proceeded to organize technical meetings with the Beneficiaries to optimize the budget before the signature of the Subsidy contract. For 8 out of the 41 projects it has been also necessary to implement the procedures for the change of partners which ended in May 2018.

Before the signature of the Partnership Agreement and the Subsidy Contract the JS has implemented the state aid assessment for all the funded projects. For almost all the projects, state aid and/or distortions on the free market issues were not found. Some findings emerged on 4 projects which were transmitted to EYKE (*Greek Special Service State Aid*) for the preliminary investigation and related request for an opinion from the European Commission.

All 41 projects approved in 2017 are under implementation, with a total budget of € 48,150,602 while the contracted budget of the 10 projects from the reserve list amounts to € 13.760.133,48 (provisional amount since for 2 projects out of the 10 it was not concluded the phase of the budget optimization yet). Therefore, the contracted budget for ordinary projects amounts to € 61.910.735,98 which is 53,47% of the Programme budget.

Furthermore, four targeted Calls for projects proposals have been defined and launched on 7th November 2018 and one on 23th November 2018 with a total budget of € 60.165.600. In this framework and according to the procedure described into the Cooperation Programme the five targeted calls have been addressed to the specific objectives 2.1, 2.2, 3.1 and 1.1, with Indicative actions' types and expected results, analytically described in the Programming Document and with the following allocated budget:

First call: € 21.115.000 (Axis II, S.O. 2.1), for project contributing to support the development of thematic tourism based on natural ecosystems or thematic cross border sites or routes, involving community actors;

Second call: € 6.420.600 (Axis II, S.O. 2.1), for project contributing to support the development of Coastal Heritage Network (Network of fortifications and lighthouses) based on natural ecosystems or thematic cross border sites or routes, involving community actors;

Third call: € 5.380.000 (Axis II, S.O. 2.2), for project contributing to support the development of biodiversity and rural development based on coastal ecosystems, marine protected areas and their shared biological resources and elaborating joint protocols for natural and technological risk prevention;

Fourth call: € 17.250.000 (Axis III, S.O. 3.1), for projects contributing to support the development of Smart

Port and Multimodal Maritime Tourism and Fishery;

Fifth call: € 10.000.000 (Axis I, S.O. 1.1), for projects contributing to support the development of the Clusters and incubation of innovative and creative SMEs.

Therefore, the Programme budget of PA1, PA2 and PA3 has been activated for M€ 113,31 which is 98% of the Programme budget.

The Project Proposals were expected to be submitted within 45 calendar days after the launching of the Call (21st December 2018), with a project duration of 36 months. The Monitoring Committee, via written Procedure closed on the 20/12/2018, decided to extend the deadline to the 01/02/2019.

The 5th Monitoring Committee held in Bari on 27-28 September 2018, was dedicated to the update on the Programme implementation results, to the monitoring of the running projects and to the preparation of the Target Calls. Significant decisions for the Programme have been undertaken, among those the following:

- the approval of 10 projects included in the reserve list of the 1st ordinary Call to be financed;
- the approval of the selection criteria, specific topics, indicative action, partnership and budget of the 5 targeted calls;
- the amendment of the Programme budget and Programme indicators (the target values of the output indicators of priority axis 2 were revised due to extra funds allocated and transferred from priority axis 1 and 3).
- the adoption of the Programme Anti-Fraud Policy and of the Action plan for the Risk Management Tool, both included in the Programme Management Control System;
- update of Programme and Project Manual, approval of the Technical Assistance Plan 2018 together with a detailed budget breakdown and of the Annual Communication Plan.

In implementing a decision of the Monitoring Committee to revise the programming document, the Managing Authority recommended the first amendment of the programme and after approval by the Monitoring Committee following a written procedure, the first revision of the programme was submitted via the SFC platform on 8th November 2018. After receiving observations by the European Commission, the 1st revision of the programme text was approved on 12th April 2019.

The Management and Control System (MCS) has been completed during the 2018 providing own specific detailed information on the principles, rules and procedures which govern the implementation of the Programme. The whole procedure included consultations with competent authorities of the two countries, development of strategies such as risk management, anti-fraud and anti-corruption. Within this framework, a lot of “common” elements have been “jointly” developed and taken up for the implementation of the new Programme as a whole and the eligible area of both countries, on the level of procedures, practices and models.

The Management and Control System of the Programme was put in place with the opinion of the Audit Authority (EDEL) on 12.12.2018.

A public call for expression of interest for the recruitment of three positions – one Antenna Officer based in Corfu and two Info Point Officers in Ioannina and in Patras - was launched by the Managing Authority in July 2018. A special committee was set up to evaluate the candidatures and the full activation of all three

positions was completed at the end of the year 2018.

The functions of the integrated Monitoring Information System (MIS) have been further developed and adapted during the 2018 in accordance with the provisions of the MCS. The accessibility to the exchanged data between programme bodies and beneficiaries is ensured directly via any internet browser application, during and outside standard office hours.

In relation to the financial data, € 2.796.571,35 funds (ERDF + national counterparts) were certified and the first payment request was sent to the EC in December 2018.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Innovation and Competitiveness	The implementation of the PA started with the first call for ordinary projects where 16 projects started their activities in 2018 and additional 5 projects from the reserve list. Majority of the projects (13 out of 21) were approved under specific objective 1.1 and the remaining 8 under specific objective 1.2. The 16 projects started their activities in the second quarter 2018. For the 5 projects further financed (end of September 2018) meeting for the optimization of the budget have been organized by the JS during October 2018. The financial resources assigned to the approved projects under Axis 1 are € 17.637.718,67. The certified amount included in the first payment claim was € 462.042,23 (16,52% of the total of the first payment claim). For what concerns the Targeted Call for Strategic Projects € 10.000.000 have been allocated under S.O. 1.1 (Fifth call) for projects contributing to the definition of policies and promotion of pilot initiatives to support the development of the Clusters and incubation of innovative and creative SMEs.
2	Integrated Environmental Management	Priority axis 2 has the highest number of running projects in the programme: 24. That reflects the high interest of the cross border regions in the topic covered by the 3 Specific Objectives included in the Axis, and more specifically the SO 2.1 with 17 projects financed, the S.O. 2.2 with 4 projects financed and the S.O. 2.3 (3 projects financed). 19 out of which the 24 projects started their activities in the second quarter of the 2018 whereas for the remaining 5 of the reserve list, the budget optimization procedure has been completed within the year. The financial resources assigned to the approved projects under Axis 2 are € 31.868.404,24. The certified amount included in the first payment claim was € 621.042,38 (22,21% of the total of the first payment claim). For what concerns the Targeted Call for Strategic Projects, € 32.915.600,00 have been devoted for the First, Second and Third Call for projects contributing to support the development of thematic tourism based on natural ecosystems or thematic cross border sites or routes, involving community actors and the development of Coastal Heritage Network based on natural ecosystems or thematic cross border sites or routes, involving community actors (SO 2.1) and for project contributing to support the development of biodiversity and rural development based on coastal ecosystems, marine protected areas and their shared biological resources and elaborating joint protocols for natural and technological risk prevention (SO 2.2).
3	Cross Border and Sustainable Transport System	As far as projects under priority axis 3 are concerned, 6 projects were running in 2018: 3 under the specific objective 3.1 and 3 under the specific objective 3.2. Financial resources assigned for the 6 running projects are € 12.404.613,07. The certified amount included in the first payment claim was € 164.863,75 (5,9% of the total of the first payment claim). For what concerns the Targeted Call for Strategic Projects with the Fourth call, € 17.250.000 have been allocated to the S.O. 3.1 for projects contributing to support the development of Smart Port and Multimodal Maritime Tourism and Fishery.
4	Technical Assistance	During the year, the funds approved by the MC under Priority axis 4 were used for actions and services related to Programme management and implementation, such as: remuneration of the Joint Secretariat, travel costs, daily allowances and accommodations, organization of events and MC meeting, training seminars. Six (6) technical Meetings between the MA and the JS took place during 2018, concerning the smooth programme implementation and other issues. Technical assistance is also invested in the overall management and promotion of the programme, awareness raising and pro-active project

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<p>generation. The funds are used also for financing of activities aiming at further improving of the administrative capacity of programme management structures and reducing the administrative burden on beneficiaries. Mainly actions for implementation, monitoring and inspection, as well as information and communication activities were implemented under PA 4 during year 2018. The Annual Technical Assistance Plan for 2018 was approved by the MC in Bari (September 2018) together with a detailed budget breakdown. Financial resources assigned for the 2 running projects are € 7.390.614,00 (€ 3.276.100,00 for the Greek TA project and € 4.114.514,00 for the Italian TA project). The certified amount included in the first payment claim was € 1.548.622,99 (55,38% of the total of the first payment claim).</p>

3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Innovation and Competitiveness
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1b

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	500.00	0.00	
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	500.00	85.00	
F	O0515	Number of supported innovation-related cross border cooperation structures and networks	Number	20.00	0.00	
S	O0515	Number of supported innovation-related cross border cooperation structures and networks	Number	20.00	4.00	
F	O0516	Number of innovation support tools/approaches/techniques introduced through cross-border co-operation	Number	5.00	0.00	
S	O0516	Number of innovation support tools/approaches/techniques introduced through cross-border co-operation	Number	5.00	1.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0515	Number of supported innovation-related cross border cooperation structures and networks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0515	Number of supported innovation-related cross border cooperation structures and networks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0516	Number of innovation support tools/approaches/techniques introduced through cross-border co-operation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0516	Number of innovation support tools/approaches/techniques introduced through cross-border co-operation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Innovation and Competitiveness
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies
Specific objective	SO1.1 - Delivering innovation support services and developing clusters across borders to foster competitiveness

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1b.SO1.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0501	Level of capacity of businesses and innovation stakeholders to utilise the available innovation support services and clusters	%	56	2015	Increase		57	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0501	Level of capacity of businesses and innovation stakeholders to utilise the available innovation support services and clusters		56		56		56		56

Priority axis	1 - Innovation and Competitiveness
Investment priority	3a - Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.3a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	O0517	Number of supported cross-border knowledge transfer structures and networks for SMEs	Number	15.00	0.00	
S	O0517	Number of supported cross-border knowledge transfer structures and networks for SMEs	Number	15.00	3.00	
F	O0518	Number of incubators supported (business plans, feasibility studies, etc.)	Number	5.00	0.00	
S	O0518	Number of incubators supported (business plans, feasibility studies, etc.)	Number	5.00	5.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0517	Number of supported cross-border knowledge transfer structures and networks for SMEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0517	Number of supported cross-border knowledge transfer structures and networks for SMEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0518	Number of incubators supported (business plans, feasibility studies, etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0518	Number of incubators supported (business plans, feasibility studies, etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Innovation and Competitiveness
Investment priority	3a - Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators
Specific objective	SO1.2 - Supporting the incubation of innovative specialized micro and small enterprises in thematic sectors of interest to the Programme Area

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.3a.SO1.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0502	Number of enterprises in NACE sections J and M	Number	52,360.00	2012	55,000.00	53,100.00		

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0502	Number of enterprises in NACE sections J and M	52,360.00		52,360.00		52,360.00		52,360.00	

Priority axis	2 - Integrated Environmental Management
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6c

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	O0519	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of natural and cultural heritage	Tool	20.00	0.00	
S	O0519	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of natural and cultural heritage	Tool	20.00	4.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0519	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of natural and cultural heritage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0519	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of natural and cultural heritage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Integrated Environmental Management
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	SO2.1 - Valorisation of cultural heritage and natural resources as a territorial asset of the Programme Area

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6c.SO2.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0503	Level of capacity for the stakeholders in the fields of natural and cultural heritage protection and tourism to sustainably valorise natural and cultural heritage as a growth asset	%	65	2015	Increase		67	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0503	Level of capacity for the stakeholders in the fields of natural and cultural heritage protection and tourism to sustainably valorise natural and cultural heritage as a growth asset		65						

Priority axis	2 - Integrated Environmental Management
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6d

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	20.00	0.00	
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	20.00	4.00	
F	O0520	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of biodiversity and environmental protection	Number	10.00	0.00	
S	O0520	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of biodiversity and environmental protection	Number	10.00	2.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0520	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of biodiversity and environmental protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0520	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of biodiversity and environmental protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Integrated Environmental Management
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure
Specific objective	SO2.2 - Improvement of joint management and governance plans for biodiversity of coastal and rural ecosystems, paying attention on natural resources and protected areas and development of environmental protection measures

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6d.SO2.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0504	Total protected site areas in the eligible Programme regions	km2	42,401.00	2013	46,000.00	42,401.00		

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0504	Total protected site areas in the eligible Programme regions	42,401.00		42,401.00		42,401.00		42,401.00	

Priority axis	2 - Integrated Environmental Management
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6f

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	O0521	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmental technologies	Number	12.00	0.00	
S	O0521	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmental technologies	Number	12.00	3.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0521	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmental technologies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0521	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmental technologies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Integrated Environmental Management
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution
Specific objective	SO2.3 - Developing and testing of innovative technologies/ tools to reduce marine and air pollution

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6f.SO2.3

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0505	Level of capacity of regional and local authorities and public utilities operators to integrate environmental friendly processes and technologies in their operations with special attention to the coastal and maritime zones	%	63	2015	Increase		64	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0505	Level of capacity of regional and local authorities and public utilities operators to integrate environmental friendly processes and technologies in their operations with special attention to the coastal and maritime zones		63						

Priority axis	3 - Cross Border and Sustainable Transport System
Investment priority	7b - Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.7b

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	O0522	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of maritime mobility and transport	Number	10.00	0.00	
S	O0522	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of maritime mobility and transport	Number	10.00	3.00	
F	O0523	Number of development plans/initiatives in the field of maritime mobility and transport	Number	10.00	0.00	
S	O0523	Number of development plans/initiatives in the field of maritime mobility and transport	Number	10.00	2.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0522	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of maritime mobility and transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0522	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of maritime mobility and transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0523	Number of development plans/initiatives in the field of maritime mobility and transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0523	Number of development plans/initiatives in the field of maritime mobility and transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	3 - Cross Border and Sustainable Transport System
Investment priority	7b - Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes
Specific objective	SO3.1 - Boosting maritime transport, short-sea shipping capacity and cross-border ferry connectivity

Table 1: Result indicators - 3.7b.SO3.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0506	Maritime transport of passengers: Number of passengers embarked and disembarked in Programme Area Ports (in 1000)	Passenger	7,005.00	2012	7,500.00	7,005.00		

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0506	Maritime transport of passengers: Number of passengers embarked and disembarked in Programme Area Ports (in 1000)	7,005.00		7,005.00		7,005.00		7,005.00	

Priority axis	3 - Cross Border and Sustainable Transport System
Investment priority	7c - Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.7c

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	O0524	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmentally-friendly mobility and transport	Number	5.00	0.00	
S	O0524	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmentally-friendly mobility and transport	Number	5.00	1.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0524	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmentally-friendly mobility and transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0524	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmentally-friendly mobility and transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	3 - Cross Border and Sustainable Transport System
Investment priority	7c - Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility
Specific objective	SO3.2 - Improving cross-border coordination among transport stakeholders on introducing multimodal environmentally-friendly solutions

Table 1: Result indicators - 3.7c.SO3.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0507	Annual road freight transport loaded in the Programme Area (in 1000)	tonne	88,532.00	2011	88,000.00	88,532.00		

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0507	Annual road freight transport loaded in the Programme Area (in 1000)	88,532.00		88,532.00		88,532.00		88,532.00	

Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	4 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.Technical Assistance

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	O0509	Number of calls	Number	4.00	5.00	
S	O0509	Number of calls	Number	4.00	5.00	
F	O0510	Number of projects approved	Number	100.00	51.00	
S	O0510	Number of projects approved	Number	100.00	51.00	
F	O0511	Number of events and workshops	Number	1.00	2.00	
S	O0511	Number of events and workshops	Number	1.00	2.00	
F	O0512	Number of seminars and trainings for applicants and beneficiaries	Number	4.00	2.00	
S	O0512	Number of seminars and trainings for applicants and beneficiaries	Number	4.00	2.00	
F	O0513	Studies, reports and surveys on strategic relevance for the Programme	Number	4.00	0.00	
S	O0513	Studies, reports and surveys on strategic relevance for the Programme	Number	4.00	0.00	
F	O0514	Number of GR-IT Cross Border Programme Staff	Number	12.00	8.00	
S	O0514	Number of GR-IT Cross Border Programme Staff	Number	12.00	8.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0509	Number of calls	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0509	Number of calls	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0510	Number of projects approved	41.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0510	Number of projects approved	41.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0511	Number of events and workshops	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0511	Number of events and workshops	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0512	Number of seminars and trainings for applicants and beneficiaries	2.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0512	Number of seminars and trainings for applicants and beneficiaries	2.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0513	Studies, reports and surveys on strategic relevance for the Programme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0513	Studies, reports and surveys on strategic relevance for the Programme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0514	Number of GR-IT Cross Border Programme Staff	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0514	Number of GR-IT Cross Border Programme Staff	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2018	Observations
1	F	F0501	Expenditure	EUR	7329025.25	29,316,101.00	722,335.66	The value entered in the 2018 column is what has been spent and reported by the Beneficiaries until 31/12/2018. This amount comes from the sum of what is stated in the first payment claim (sent on 27/12/2018) and in the second payment claim (sent on 08/04/2019)
1	O	O0515	Number of supported innovation-related cross border cooperation structures and networks	Number	4	20.00	4.00	
1	O	O0517	Number of supported cross-border knowledge transfer structures and networks for SMEs	Number	3	15.00	3.00	
2	F	F0502	Financial	EUR	12009747.50	48,038,990.00	948,942.26	The value entered in the 2018 column is what has been spent and reported by the Beneficiaries until 31/12/2018. This amount comes from the sum of what is stated in the first payment claim (sent on 27/12/2018) and in the second payment claim (sent on 08/04/2019)
2	O	O0519	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of natural and cultural heritage	Tool	4	20.00	4.00	
2	O	O0520	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of biodiversity and environmental protection	Number	2	10.00	2.00	
2	O	O0521	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmental technologies	Number	3	12.00	3.00	
3	F	F0503	Financial	EUR	8314440.50	33,257,762.00	202,683.83	The value entered in the 2018 column is what has been spent and reported by the Beneficiaries until 31/12/2018. This amount comes from the sum of what is stated in the first payment claim (sent on 27/12/2018) and in the second payment claim (sent on 08/04/2019)
3	O	O0522	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of maritime mobility and transport	Number	3	10.00	3.00	
3	O	O0524	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmentally-friendly mobility and transport	Number	1	5.00	1.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2017	2016	2015	2014
1	F	F0501	Expenditure	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	O	O0515	Number of supported innovation-related cross border cooperation structures and networks	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	O	O0517	Number of supported cross-border knowledge transfer structures and networks for SMEs	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	F0502	Financial	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	O0519	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of natural and cultural heritage	Tool	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	O0520	Number of jointly developed management and support tools in the field of biodiversity and environmental protection	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	O0521	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmental technologies	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	F	F0503	Financial	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	O	O0522	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of maritime mobility and transport	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	O	O0524	Number of supported cross border cooperation structures and networks in the field of environmentally-friendly mobility and transport	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.4. Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected	Total eligible expenditure incurred by beneficiaries and paid by 31/12/2018 and certified to the Commission
1	ERDF	Public	34,489,531.00	85.00	17,637,718.67	51.14%	17,637,718.67	462,042.23	1.34%	21	722,335.66
2	ERDF	Public	48,038,990.00	85.00	31,868,404.24	66.34%	31,868,404.24	621,042.38	1.29%	24	948,942.26
3	ERDF	Public	33,257,764.00	85.00	12,404,613.07	37.30%	12,404,613.07	164,863.75	0.50%	6	202,683.83
4	ERDF	Public	7,390,614.00	85.00	7,390,614.00	100.00%	7,390,614.00	1,548,622.99	20.95%	2	
Total	ERDF		123,176,899.00	85.00	69,301,349.98	56.26%	69,301,349.98	2,796,571.35	2.27%	53	1,873,961.75
Grand total			123,176,899.00	85.00	69,301,349.98	56.26%	69,301,349.98	2,796,571.35	2.27%	53	1,873,961.75

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

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Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		24	EL	347,144.10	347,144.10	0.00	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		24	EL213	319,129.40	319,129.40	0.00	0
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		24	EL222	165,600.00	165,600.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		24	EL232	1,080,729.83	1,080,729.83	4,077.61	2
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		24	ITF44	238,232.00	238,232.00	79,985.40	0
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		24	ITF47	1,414,904.85	1,414,904.85	19,693.51	1
1	ERDF	062	01	02	07	01		24	EL211	118,092.50	118,092.50	0.00	1
1	ERDF	062	01	02	07	01		24	ITF45	199,247.28	199,247.28	0.00	0
1	ERDF	063	01	01	07	01		24	EL	172,263.60	172,263.60	0.00	1
1	ERDF	063	01	01	07	01		24	EL213	164,490.00	164,490.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	063	01	01	07	01		24	EL222	162,405.50	162,405.50	0.00	0
1	ERDF	063	01	01	07	01		24	EL232	556,020.00	556,020.00	6,247.63	1
1	ERDF	063	01	01	07	01		24	ITF47	470,406.00	470,406.00	11,927.43	0
1	ERDF	063	01	02	07	01		24	ITF45	154,228.00	154,228.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	064	01	01	07	01		24	EL213	260,000.00	260,000.00	12,039.32	1
1	ERDF	064	01	01	07	01		24	ITF45	140,000.00	140,000.00	8,786.46	0
1	ERDF	064	01	01	07	01		24	ITF46	200,000.00	200,000.00	17,500.00	0
1	ERDF	064	01	01	07	03		24	EL	130,950.00	130,950.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	064	01	01	07	03		24	ITF47	127,092.50	127,092.50	0.00	0
1	ERDF	064	01	02	07	01		24	EL224	180,000.00	180,000.00	5,350.06	0
1	ERDF	064	01	02	07	03		24	EL213	268,970.00	268,970.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	064	01	02	07	03		24	ITF45	122,450.00	122,450.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	01		24	EL	268,857.00	268,857.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	01		24	EL222	769,901.03	769,901.03	0.00	1
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	01		24	EL232	356,050.00	356,050.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	01		24	ITF44	160,394.00	160,394.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	01		24	ITF47	1,040,045.82	1,040,045.82	22,452.39	0
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	03		24	EL213	614,515.75	614,515.75	0.00	1
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	03		24	EL232	529,251.84	529,251.84	0.00	0
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	03		24	ITF45	213,669.00	213,669.00	79,613.03	1
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	03		24	ITF46	116,478.20	116,478.20	13,000.00	0
1	ERDF	066	01	01	07	03		24	ITF47	1,161,733.04	1,161,733.04	74,902.73	1
1	ERDF	067	01	01	07	03		24	EL213	140,780.00	140,780.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	067	01	01	07	03		24	EL222	205,200.00	205,200.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	067	01	01	07	03		24	EL232	641,275.00	641,275.00	7,344.05	1
1	ERDF	067	01	01	07	03		24	EL233	285,890.00	285,890.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	067	01	01	07	03		24	ITF47	1,836,776.43	1,836,776.43	78,547.19	2
1	ERDF	067	01	01	07	03		24	ITF48	263,706.00	263,706.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	067	01	02	07	03		24	EL224	171,850.00	171,850.00	20,575.42	0
1	ERDF	069	01	01	07	01		24	EL	180,000.00	180,000.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	069	01	01	07	01		24	EL214	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	069	01	01	07	01		24	EL232	180,000.00	180,000.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	069	01	01	07	01		24	ITF46	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	069	01	01	07	01		24	ITF47	180,000.00	180,000.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	077	01	01	07	01		24	EL222	373,320.00	373,320.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	077	01	01	07	01		24	ITF45	108,630.00	108,630.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	077	01	02	07	01		24	ITF45	211,650.00	211,650.00	0.00	0
1	ERDF	077	01	02	07	01		24	ITF47	300,390.00	300,390.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	079	01	01	07	06		24	EL213	488,211.00	488,211.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	079	01	01	07	06		24	EL222	370,320.00	370,320.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	079	01	01	07	06		24	EL232	430,817.33	430,817.33	0.00	1
2	ERDF	079	01	01	07	06		24	ITF43	131,082.50	131,082.50	0.00	0

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
2	ERDF	079	01	01	07	06		24	ITF46	98,519.98	98,519.98	0.00	0
2	ERDF	079	01	01	07	06		24	ITF47	922,479.80	922,479.80	46,846.73	0
2	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		24	EL212	275,000.00	275,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		24	EL213	1,225,225.45	1,225,225.45	0.00	1
2	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		24	EL232	1,042,179.92	1,042,179.92	0.00	0
2	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		24	ITF45	1,408,486.59	1,408,486.59	147,382.41	2
2	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		24	ITF47	2,043,168.99	2,043,168.99	82,242.74	2
2	ERDF	085	01	02	07	06		24	EL221	238,000.00	238,000.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	085	01	02	07	06		24	EL224	138,640.00	138,640.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	088	01	01	07	06		24	EL213	498,500.00	498,500.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	088	01	01	07	06		24	ITF47	401,840.00	401,840.00	1,565.42	0
2	ERDF	091	01	01	07	06		24	EL211	139,470.00	139,470.00	5,959.40	0
2	ERDF	091	01	01	07	06		24	EL232	1,011,843.56	1,011,843.56	0.00	0
2	ERDF	091	01	01	07	06		24	ITF46	551,100.00	551,100.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	091	01	01	07	06		24	ITF47	1,250,919.70	1,250,919.70	0.00	1
2	ERDF	091	01	02	07	06		24	ITF43	805,314.21	805,314.21	0.00	0
2	ERDF	093	01	01	07	06		24	EL	199,400.00	199,400.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	093	01	01	07	06		24	EL213	520,496.53	520,496.53	0.00	0
2	ERDF	093	01	01	07	06		24	EL222	176,539.80	176,539.80	0.00	0
2	ERDF	093	01	01	07	06		24	EL232	187,700.00	187,700.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	093	01	01	07	06		24	ITF47	797,862.79	797,862.79	41,042.09	2
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	EL	1,383,800.00	1,383,800.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	EL213	1,050,008.12	1,050,008.12	0.00	1
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	EL222	2,221,902.04	2,221,902.04	0.00	0
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	EL232	2,159,503.00	2,159,503.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	ITF43	365,545.19	365,545.19	0.00	0
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	ITF45	821,004.90	821,004.90	8,523.85	0
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	ITF46	202,200.00	202,200.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	ITF47	4,360,003.44	4,360,003.44	111,450.59	5
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06		24	EL231	441,850.00	441,850.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06		24	ITF44	967,980.00	967,980.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	118	01	01	07	06		24	EL222	663,890.00	663,890.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	118	01	01	07	06		24	EL232	176,340.00	176,340.00	23,664.27	0
2	ERDF	118	01	01	07	06		24	ITF47	757,165.96	757,165.96	143,755.88	0
2	ERDF	118	01	02	07	06		24	EL231	360,116.00	360,116.00	0.00	0
2	ERDF	118	01	02	07	06		24	ITF45	583,977.44	583,977.44	8,609.00	1
3	ERDF	013	01	01	07	07		24	EL212	1,303,925.00	1,303,925.00	0.00	0
3	ERDF	013	01	01	07	07		24	ITF44	1,481,885.00	1,481,885.00	0.00	1
3	ERDF	039	01	01	07	07		24	EL222	2,057,113.00	2,057,113.00	0.00	1
3	ERDF	039	01	01	07	07		24	ITF43	401,390.00	401,390.00	0.00	0
3	ERDF	039	01	01	07	07		24	ITF45	1,250,306.00	1,250,306.00	0.00	0
3	ERDF	039	01	01	07	07		24	ITF47	1,593,676.00	1,593,676.00	30,267.99	1
3	ERDF	043	01	01	07	07		24	EL213	350,090.00	350,090.00	0.00	0
3	ERDF	043	01	01	07	07		24	ITF47	125,940.00	125,940.00	0.00	0
3	ERDF	043	01	02	01	07		24	ITF45	361,300.00	361,300.00	500.00	1
3	ERDF	044	01	01	01	07		24	EL232	723,739.67	723,739.67	0.00	1
3	ERDF	044	01	01	07	07		24	EL214	230,379.00	230,379.00	0.00	0
3	ERDF	044	01	01	07	07		24	ITF43	124,242.80	124,242.80	0.00	0
3	ERDF	044	01	01	07	07		24	ITF45	178,853.00	178,853.00	0.00	0
3	ERDF	044	01	01	07	07		24	ITF47	2,133,732.00	2,133,732.00	134,095.76	1
3	ERDF	044	01	02	07	07		24	ITF44	88,041.60	88,041.60	0.00	0
4	ERDF	121	01	01	07			24	ITF4	4,114,514.00	4,114,514.00	1,098,648.35	1
4	ERDF	123	01	01	07			24	EL12	3,276,100.00	3,276,100.00	449,974.64	1

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
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(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

The Managing Authority has drafted the Evaluation Plan in compliance with the relevant regulatory framework and guidance documents which has been adopted by the Monitoring Committee in May 2017 under written procedure. As stated in the Art 54 (1) of the CPR as well as in guidance documents from the EC, the content of the evaluation plan concerns mainly the following areas: analysis of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme management system, the level of achievement of the set Programme targets, including the relevance, consistency and complementarity of the Programme objectives as well as the effectiveness and efficiency of the Communication strategy. More specifically, these evaluations are going to focus on the assessment whether the Programme structure and its processes are functioning appropriately and if the inputs made are in proportion to the actual outputs.

In this framework, the Plan aims at capturing the effects of the intervention and, on the other hand it looks at how the programme is being implemented and managed in order:

- to provide a framework of the impact and implementation evaluations;
- to improve the quality of evaluations carried out during the programming period;
- to facilitate programme management and policy decisions on the basis of evaluation findings;
- to ensure that evaluations provide inputs for relevant annual implementation reports and other reports and for the 2020+ programming process.

The specific objectives as far as the impact evaluation is concerned are to evaluate whether the programme succeeded in achieving the objectives of each priority and whether the programme contributed to the target of the EU2020 objectives. The Evaluation Plan will regularly be reviewed and it might be adapted according to the programme needs.

Progress in the implementation of the Evaluation Plan as well as the outcomes of the evaluation activities will be reported in the Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the year 2019 and the Final Implementation Report. Therefore, no programme specific evaluations were conducted during the reporting period. The evaluation will feed the 2019 Annual Implementation Report with data on the achievement of the milestones and targets defined in the Programme Performance Framework. Subsequent evaluations will focus on the efficiency, effectiveness of the programme and impact evaluations (foreseen in years 2020 and 2022). By 31 December 2022, the MA will submit the EC a report summarising the findings of evaluations carried out during the programme period.

The contract and the deliverables of the first evaluation of the program took place during the first half of 2019.

Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings
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5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

In 2018, there were no specific direct problems which would endanger the performance of the programme. The ordinary projects continued with the implementation of their activities and further 10 projects from the reserve list were approved by the fifth MC.

The Managing Authority ensured that all the Programme authorities have been able to communicate smoothly. A series of communications means such as technical meetings, skype telecommunications, daily exchange of messages for resolving issues, have been adopted and will continue to operate throughout the programming period. Nevertheless the following risks were detected from the beginning of Programme implementation:

1. insufficient experience of beneficiaries on public procurement and reporting procedures
2. using the new monitoring system (MIS) taking into account that it is used in all phases of the Programme implementation and the beneficiaries/Programme bodies are unfamiliar with the system for reporting expenditures.

Concerning the 1st Call for Proposals projects, the Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat carried out the analysis of the current implementation status of the contracted projects in comparison with the milestones for

financial indicators that need to be achieved by 31 December 2018. The analysis showed that the spending within 1st and 2nd reporting period is below the initially planned amounts. In respect to the N+3 rule, the risk of de-commitment of funds was announced and detailed by MA/JS during the 5th MC meeting in Bari. In order to reduce this risk, a number of measures were proposed to speed up the reporting of project expenses during 2018 in order to ensure higher spending and meet the financial targets of the Programme.

Greek beneficiaries had the obligation to register into the electronic system of the Public Investment Programme. They faced problems in order to use and get familiar with the new electronic system. In order to support and accelerate this procedure the MA/JS published a guide. Additional information was provided during Info-Days and through daily communication.

More specifically, the MIS covers the specific requirements as set out in EU regulations:

1. on the electronic exchange of information between beneficiaries and management and control bodies (i.e. enabling reduction of administrative burden for beneficiaries) ;
2. on the facilitation of interoperability between National and Union legal frameworks, while allowing beneficiaries to submit once all information related to the electronic data exchange (i.e. enabling electronic data exchange on programme implementation level).

The MA was in close cooperation with the Special Service of MIS, and finalized the electronic system that fulfills the requirements concerning “E-Cohesion” in relation to all ECT Programmes.

Within 2018, all necessary actions have been taken in order to ensure that MIS covers specific features of the

Programme. At present the MIS supports the performance of all the procedures including electronic data exchange among the relevant Authorities / bodies (Beneficiaries, MA / JS, National Authorities, CA, AA, EC).

For the reduction of the administrative burden on beneficiaries, the Programme applies harmonised document structures within MIS, reducing also the need for paper documents to the possible minimum. But while the projects financial reporting had been simplified on the programme management side, regulatory requirements remained heavy. The requirements of e-cohesion required a lot of work to be ready for the reporting of projects directly in the online MIS. The Programme managed to allow the ordinary projects to report their costs electronically without delays. In addition, the electronic submission of partners' reports helped smoothing the management verifications done by the first level controllers avoiding delays for partners in reporting to the Programme and being paid. The electronic submission and exchange of data also allowed the Programme authorities to comply with the 90 days deadline for payments to projects.

In January 2018 the Managing Authority developed a Risk Assessment tool. According to the report of the 1st Risk Assessment 15 risks were identified for all of which it was considered that the existing control measures are moving to an acceptable level and no additional measures are required. More specifically, 8 risks were considered to be of low level and 7 were considered as medium-level. The only net risk that remained high is the delays in the development of the Programme monitoring Information System (MIS), where important improvements took place in the first quarter of 2018

Programme bodies are devoted to continuously ensure constant adaptation and maintenance of the MIS along the process of Programme implementation and provide technical support to users whenever needed. Beneficiaries regularly attended trainings and meetings in relation to MIS in the year 2018, while guidelines and instructions on the relevant implementation process were provided.

Contrary to the efforts towards simplification, the new intervention logic, and the role and interpretation of the output indicators are often difficult for the applicants to understand. Also the project holders' and the Programme interpretation of the indicators sometimes deviate from each other, and in certain cases contributions to indicators are overestimated. During contract preparation meetings with lead beneficiaries of selected applications, the projects' output indicators have been revised. Based on the planned main outputs of the selected projects, including also revisions in the contracting phase, the high fulfillment of programme output indicators will be ensured.

In the year 2019, the Programme will face several challenges that may affect its performance, and which shall be closely monitored.

The most important challenge is related to the implementation of the contracted ordinary projects and the approval, budget optimization and implementation of the strategic projects from the 5 Targeted Calls for proposals. The following measures will be adopted to foster the implementation process:

- learning from previous experiences, especially focusing on simplification and standardization of the implementation procedures in order to be able to develop alternatives in due time in case something goes wrong with one or more projects;
- monitoring and supporting the beneficiaries in order to ensure a rapid kick-off of the implementation

including smooth public procurements for infrastructural projects.

The past decades the EU funded cooperation programmes between Greece and Italy have always contributed to a learning process for mutual understanding, common identification of challenges and finding common solutions. Although developments in the general political environment do not have a direct influence on the implementation of the Programme, the need for cooperation over the border must be stressed

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

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6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

8.1. Major projects

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

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Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

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8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

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9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	1 - Innovation and Competitiveness
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More than half of the available resources assigned by the Programme to the Priority Axis 1 are bound to the approved projects (€17.637.718,67; 51,14%). The 21 selected operations (13 under S.O. 1.1 and 8 under S.O. 1.2) will contribute to the technology transfer and university-enterprise cooperation, to the development of advanced support services for SMEs and groups of SMEs and to the promotion of cultural and creative services in or for SMEs, to support entrepreneurship and incubation, to enhance competitiveness, research and innovation processes in SMEs.

Outputs foreseen by those projects (O0515, O0516, O0517, O0518) will definitely ensure the fulfilment of the output targets of the priority at Programme level.

The selected projects under the Specific Objective SO1.1 and SO 1.2 and related Investment Priority 1b and 3a, will definitely ensure also the fulfilment of the Programme Result Indicators RO501 and RO502 expected under the Priority Axis 1.

Total eligible expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority and certified by the end of 2018 are € 462.042,23 whereas the total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries by 31/12/2018 (as certified to the Commission) are € 953.306,30.

Priority axis	2 - Integrated Environmental Management
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More than two third (66,14%) of the available resources assigned to the Priority Axis 2 are bound to the approved projects (€ 31.868.404,24). The 24 selected operations (17 in the S.O. 2.1, 4 in S.O. 2.2 and 3 in S.O. 2.3) will contribute to topics like the protection, development and promotion of public cultural and heritage assets, the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, nature protection and green infrastructure, the development and promotion of public tourism services, sustainable tourism, and in various ways to the protection and management of the water resources, to the development and promotion of the tourism potential of natural areas.

Outputs foreseen by those projects (O0519, CO09, O0520, O0521) will definitely ensure the fulfilment of output targets of the priority at Programme level.

The selected projects under the Specific Objective SO 2.1, SO 2.2, SO 2.3 and related Investment Priority 6c, 6d and 6f, will definitely ensure also the fulfilment of the Programme Result Indicators RO503, RO504 and RO505 expected under the Priority Axis 2.

Total eligible expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority and certified by the end of 2018 are € 621.042,38 whereas the total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries by 31/12/2018 (as certified to the Commission) are € 1.184.138,23.

Priority axis	3 - Cross Border and Sustainable Transport System
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More than one third (37,14%) of the available resources assigned to the Priority Axis 3 are bound to approved projects (€ 12.404.613,07). The 6 selected operations (3 in the S.O. 3.1 and 3 in S.O. 3.2) will contribute to topics like demonstration projects and supporting measures, Seaports (TEN-T) and airports networks, Intelligent transport systems, IT monitoring control and information systems, clean urban transport infrastructure and promotion.

Outputs foreseen by those projects (O0522, O0523, O0524) will definitely ensure the fulfilment of the Priority targets at Programme level.

The selected projects under the Specific Objective SO 3.1, SO 3.2, and related Investment Priority 7b and 7c, will definitely ensure also the fulfilment of the Programme Result Indicators RO506 and RO507 expected under the Priority Axis 3.

Total eligible expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority and certified by the end of 2018 are € 164.863,75 whereas the total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries by 31/12/2018 (as certified to the Commission) are € 237.924,40.

Priority axis	4 - Technical Assistance
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The available resources are fully bound to TA projects (100%) assigned to Priority Axis 4.

Output indicators for the technical assistance priority were planned in line with the expected outputs of TA projects. Several other outputs of the TA priority are already available, as the basic structures for the implementation of the programme were set up.

For the priority axis 4 there are no result indicators specified in the Cooperation Programme.

For more details of the work done in the frame of the TA projects, problems and solutions found, see also other parts of the annual implementation report.

Total eligible expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority and certified by the end of 2018 are € 1.548.622,99.

The Greek integrated Management Information System (MIS) has been developed to support (initially) the mainstream Operational Programmes 2014-2020, ensuring full electronic management of data and procedures on both Programme and project level. More specifically, the MIS covers the specific requirements as set out in EU regulations:

1. on the electronic exchange of information between beneficiaries and management and control bodies (i.e. enabling reduction of administrative burden for beneficiaries)
2. on the facilitation of interoperability between National and Union legal frameworks, while allowing beneficiaries to submit once all information related to the electronic data exchange (i.e. enabling electronic data exchange on programme implementation level)

The Managing Authority was in close cooperation with the Special Service of MIS, and finalized the electronic system that fulfills the requirements concerning “E-Cohesion” in relation to all European territorial cooperation (INTERREG) Programmes.

Within 2018, all necessary actions have been taken in order to ensure that MIS covers specific features of INTERREG Programmes 2014-2020. At present the Management Information System (MIS) supports the performance of all the procedures including electronic data exchange among the relevant Authorities / bodies (Beneficiaries, Managing Authority / Joint Secretariat, National Authorities, Certifying Authority, Audit Authority, European Commission). The MIS for European Territorial Cooperation Programmes is considered adequate and in place.

9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

The principles set out in the Article 7 of the Regulation (EU) no 1303/2013 have being respected both at the Programme and project implementation.

At Programme level, the foreseen measures for promoting gender equality and non-discrimination in the various implementing stages of the cooperation include a balanced participation of men and women in all the required management and monitoring structures along with representatives of state authorities responsible for equality issues; steps to publicise the Programme and the specific actions involved, in order to ensure the greatest possible access to EU co-funding considering the possibility of including initiatives/information activities dedicated to various categories of vulnerable groups when preparing the information materials (brochures, promotional videos, web sites etc.); making materials which are easily read by elderly persons and persons with visual or reading impairments; making sure the locations chosen for the launching conference, info days, seminars, etc., are equipped with the necessary facilities in order to ensure the accessibility of persons with disabilities (ramps, lifts, toilets etc.); monitoring and updating the MC and the European Commission on the measures undertaken for the provision of equal opportunities, their effectiveness and the corrective interventions required in order to ensure non-discrimination in the framework of the Programme.

At project level, since the Programme implementation largely related to project development, the application process, as well as the assessment and selection of project proposals, the Programme is mainly focussing on ensuring the relevant provisions were ensured in the project activities. All projects intend to provide for equal opportunities for the men and women to be engaged in the project teams and project activities. The beneficiaries of projects were also required to ensure that the gender principle would be respected and promoted during the implementation of operations (e.g. in the recruitment of personnel) and through the accessibility of project outputs and results. The Programme bodies will pay particular attention to avoid any risk of discrimination and possibly, to have a positive approach to groups at risk of discrimination. A first set of recommendations has been made to the persons that are involved in implementing the project such as paying attention to select project team members which shall include no direct or indirect discriminatory conditioning; to keep a balanced gender approach in building the team; taking into account the inclusion of persons belonging to vulnerable groups. Diversity in this respect may also increase the possibilities of reaching new markets, improve market positions, broaden the recruitment base and increase creativity and indicating a positive correlation between gender equality and factors promoting economic growth (e.g. promoting female entrepreneurship). Respect of equal opportunities and non-discrimination is basically demonstrated by enabling access to project outputs and results to all interested target groups, with the intension to address also specific ones, such as minorities on both sides of the border, enabling access to cultural & natural sites and services to persons with disabilities. Overall, the projects address to a large extent the population in rural and peripheral areas and focus on

opportunities for activation of their economic potentials that lag behind urban areas.

9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

The GR-IT 2014-2020 Programme identifies sustainable development as a horizontal principle underpinning all operations to be carried out under all Priority Axes. It supports measures that can guide the work needed to progress the sustainable development agenda and more fully exploit opportunities in the green economy. The sustainable development is one of the key issues for the programme area as it is described in the Cooperation Programme (Section 8.1).

This bilateral programme with its territory rich in natural and cultural resources has a vast potential to improve the cross border environmental and nature protection, resource efficiency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster resilience and risk prevention and management and sustainable energy and energy efficiency. As a Programme horizontal principle, Sustainable development, shall be observed by all Applicants in the development and implementation of their projects – by activities that relate to the biodiversity and environmental protection requirements, resource efficiency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster resilience and risk prevention and management, energy efficiency and renewable energy, green entrepreneurship, business focused on sustainable development, preventions of investments with considerable negative environmental and climate effects and overall sustainability.

Out of the all approved projects, the majority of them have direct contribution and have positive impact on sustainable development i.e. through the efficiency improvement. This has a long term impact since the positive business aspects are included for example to the tools like industrial symbiosis as a project result.

The PA 2 is specifically devoted to sustainable development related issues, like (1) the protection, promotion and development of natural and cultural heritage, (2) improving the ecological stability and resilience of landscape and ecosystems, (3) and improving the management and protection of water bodies. Examples of projects are ERMIS which proposes the development of an integrated disaster management system and RE.CO.RD. which aims to facilitate the introduction of environmentally-friendly sustainable technologies and processes to promote a model of sustainable use of the coasts through shared strategies for the sustainable plastic waste management.

Also some projects in the PA 1 support institutional capacities and education projects in topics related to sustainable development such as CIRCLE IN which aims to promote Circular Economy, the respective innovative processes and benefits from its application, and to assist entrepreneurs and businesses to take advantage of the opportunities linked to the application of the concept and INNORITON aiming to evaluate the use of innovative feed from agro-industrial wastes in animal nutrition, by environmentally-friendly solutions, to improve animal health and quality of their products.

Main contributions are also expected from projects approved under PA 3 which approved projects aim to promote sustainable transport and cost-effective solutions, reducing the dependency on trucks as not environmentally-friendly way of transport (FRESH-WAYS) and to improve the public-private cooperation in order to develop a multimodal transport system ports/airports/roads/cycle paths, to reach

the main cultural – environmental destination (TRUST).

As project have been contracted in 2018, consequently no concrete projects results are available.

9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority axis	Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)	Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)
1	297,500.00	1.01%
2	2,166,038.30	5.30%
3	5,638,331.46	19.95%
Total	8,101,869.76	7.74%

The GR-IT 2014-2020 Programme Area has an abundance of natural resources, important cultural heritage sites and NATURA 2000 zones. As a result, a key goal is to preserve and enhance the marine and coastal environment for the enjoyment of future generations in the face of the increasing impacts of climate change. There is considerable added value in co-operating on a cross-border basis on this issue particularly around building knowledge about the specific impacts of climate change across the Ionian Sea.

A contribution to the climate change objectives is mainly foreseen according to the Cooperation programme by operations financed in the PA 2 to which the Programme allocates the largest portion of funds where all the corresponding Specific Objectives are strictly based on the concrete needs of the area, such as the management of natural sites, the pollution of the sea also related with summer tourism pressures, the introduction of a friendly environmental education and approaches in lifestyle and attitude. In this framework the adverse effects of climate change in the form of rising sea levels, flooding, drought, soil erosion and forest fires are supported by the selected IPs (6.c, 6.d and 6.f).

More specifically, six of the 1st Call ordinary projects have linked their activities for protection of biodiversity in coastal areas affected by sea erosion and establishment of appropriate environmental control systems (TRITON), safeguarding water resources quality and quantity from natural and human pressures (SUNWATER), to facilitate the introduction of environmentally-friendly sustainable technologies and processes to manage wastewater disposal systems and decreasing the environmental stress on the marine ecosystem (REWATER), to support sustainable groundwater resources management and protection of their adjacent ecosystems through the protection and preservation of the ecosystems and their related biodiversity (IR2MA and SUSWATER), to develop environmental protection measures that provide advanced operational capacity to prevent and fight wildfires in the rural parts of the eligible area (project OFIDIA2).

As project have been contracted in 2018, consequently no concrete projects results are available, the Programme cannot report about support used for the climate change objectives yet.

9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

The most important role of partners is demonstrated in their participation in the Monitoring Committee (MC) which makes the strategic decisions concerning the overall implementation of the Programme. The MC is a permanently acting bilateral partnership structure without legal personality, composed of representatives from Greece and Italy appointed by respecting the principles of partnership and representation. The national delegations are formed of members with voting rights and members in an advisory capacity, nominated by local, regional and national authorities / organisations, economic and social partners, other relevant bodies representing civil society and stakeholders from the cross-border region.

During the year 2018, the functioning of the Monitoring Committee has been effective. There was one MC meeting held in Bari and 24 MC written procedures launched by the Managing Authority.

The Managing Authority ensured that all MC members involved in the implementation of the Programme are aware of their obligations related to data protection, confidentiality and conflict of interest, by signing the Declaration of confidentiality and impartiality. MC members had access to relevant materials and information.

MC decisions were also published on the Programme website along with the names of members of MC.

According to the MC Rules of procedures any decision was taken by consensus between the national delegations of the partnering countries by respecting the opinion and suggestions of every MC member during the constructive discussions. Advisory members had the possibility to express their views and contribute to the development of the Programme rules and documents even though they do not have explicit voting rights.

Ensuring the transparency at each stage of the Programme development and implementation is crucial for the proper addressing the needs and challenges of the cross-border regions. Representatives of partners with relevant background to the Programme priorities and objectives, including non-government organisations, local, regional and national authorities as well as educational, cultural and tourism institutions took part in the coordination and implementation of the Programme.

The Partner States also supported the Programme by providing national specific information as necessary including information on beneficiaries, providing a point of contact for potential applicants, ensuring wide dissemination of Programme information and organising national events. They were also involved in Programme publicity activities, e.g. information days, partnership forum and joint events etc.

10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

The Programme Managing Authority, published a call for expressions of interest for the "First evaluation of the implementation and impacts of the Cooperation Programme INTERREG V-A "GREECE-ITALY" 2014-2020" on 5 September 2018. A special committee was set up to evaluate the offers and it is expected that within the 1st quarter of 2019, the award of the tender for the first evaluation of the programme will be concluded. The procedure for the selection of the provider was concluded in January as informed during the last MC meeting in Ioánnina (February 2019).

The purpose of the tender is to provide services to the MA, with regard to the first evaluation of the implementation process of the Cooperation Programme "Interreg V-A Greece-Italy 2014-2020".

The scope of the evaluation is the assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Programme, the achievement of its objectives and on whether or not to update the intervention logic and to allocate new or redistribute the resources in the Programme. In addition, this evaluation will assess the readiness for the later impact evaluation of the implementation of the Programme on the various areas of intervention in its geographic area and, where appropriate, beyond. The analysis will be mainly based on monitoring data provided by the Joint Secretariat, data from the application forms and available on the Programme website. In addition, data will be collected through a survey and through interviews as well as feedback from the representatives of the first level control units (FLCs). The assessment of the progress towards the achievement of the programme specific objectives will also be made on the basis of the expected contributions of the approved projects, since the implementation is still in the kick-off phase.

Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

During the year 2018, almost all activities envisaged in the Communication Strategy have been undertaken and fully implemented. Information and communication activities were characterised by the consolidation of communication, mostly oriented towards the Programme priorities and focused on the 41 funded projects which started their activities. MA/JS supported the projects communication activities and tried to be present at as many project events starting from the kick-off meeting and following events such as workshops, press conferences as this also increases visibility of the Programme and enhances cooperation of projects with the Programme beyond just formal issues. With the motto 'In the blue, painted blue! Let's paint Europe full of colors', the Interreg V-A Greece-Italy Programme, in cooperation with Pino Pascali Foundation, organized the European Cooperation day 2018 celebrating the achievements of cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation in the regions and countries throughout Europe. At the event approximately 70 people participated through a creative workshop "en plein air" in the Municipality Garden of Polignano (29 September). More than 100 people among children, families and citizens painted together a mural, by transforming a grey wall in an urban art intervention to highlight the sharing of a project and the joy of being together. Advertisement about the joint event was published on regional web news portals as well as broadcasted on regional radio stations.

A new customized guideline for beneficiaries that has the final goal to support and to help the final beneficiaries to the promotion of the projects and the dissemination of its results was carried out. The aim is to facilitate joint communication and information activities between the projects and the Programme, strengthening the sense of belonging together, ensuring consistent quality and making project communication easier, cheaper and effective. It is divided into two main sections: (1) Programme Logo and Project brand Guidelines that deal with the Programme, thematic objectives, the rules for the application of the visual identity for poster, roll-ups, stickers, billboards, permanent plaques, the fund mention; (2) Communication Toolkit for projects that deal with the preparation of the project Communication Plan, the implementation of project website, the mass media and public relations, the use of Social Media, the creation of videos, the storytelling technique.

It is also possible to download the official Programme logo and the image of the cooperation area and each beneficiary can download the thematic icon of the priority axis, in which the project is funded. In this way, it is simple to implement the project logo for the final beneficiaries by adding only the project acronym on the graphic template. This means that each project will create the promotional materials by following the same template.

The Programme website www.greece-italy.eu is the primary information and communication channel, addressed to all target groups, for both programme and projects. The aim of the website is to constantly provide the target groups with adequate, up-to-date, high-quality information about the programme achievements and its projects. Here the projects can provide specific information, publish materials and disseminate results.

According to Google Analytics data, the programme website in 2018 has reached 6.993 users with 15.510 sessions and 43.957 of page views. The average time of pages viewed per visit is 2,83 minutes.

Programme related information were also posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube profiles which are constantly updated by reporting information and video as well as the organization of events and seminars with the goal of informing the project beneficiaries and the general public in a simple and understandable way about the evolution of the Programme interventions. In 2018, Facebook profile has reached 1.500 followers, with an average of post coverage of 1.100 views. In the months of June, July and August, the Programme invested 30 euro that Facebook gave as a gift. In this period, the Facebook page reached a post coverage of 4.500 views. The Programme manages also a Facebook Community with 100 involved people. There are also 10 active project facebook Pages: Interreg Ciak, Interreg Palimpsest, Interreg Traces, Interreg Yess, Interreg

Dock-Bi, Interreg Mobilab, Interreg Circle-In, Interreg Teleicce, Interreg Investment, Interreg IR2MA.

In the same year, Twitter profile has reached 590 followers with 2.890 likes and 241.300 views, Instagram account has 343 followers with 52 new posts and on Youtube, the number of published videos are 15 with 140 views.

Concerning mass media and public relations electronic ‘Save the date’ for the events were carried out and more than 50 project kick-off meeting press-releases and workshops were edited. Most of the press releases have also been translated into Greek and Italian languages, in order to be disseminated to local journalists. More than 100 articles have also been published on the Greek and Italian newspapers

In the frame of the Programme, the uniform visual identity was used for all documents (e.g. invitations, handouts, presentations), on the programme website, on the promotional materials, of the events and other activities. Promotional materials have been elaborated and disseminated for the purposes of the Kick-off event and in order to raise awareness of the Programme such as leaflets, posters, roll-ups placed at the event premises, folders, usb sticks containing all Programme relevant documents and personalized with the Programme logo.

Abovementioned activities in the programming period contributed substantially to the achievement of the specific objectives to ensure successful communication between the programme bodies in order to implement the Communication Strategy successfully to raise awareness about Cooperation Programme and its funding opportunities. The great participation and expression of interest in the Programme activities, as well as the publications show that the general public is being at least constantly informed on the Programme activities and its goals. However, it has to be pointed out that this stage of communication is still on-going and a series of communication activities have been planned for the year 2019 as the Programme resources have not been fully activated yet.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme

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11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

During 2018 activities involving the reinforcement of the capacity of beneficiaries and of authorities to administer and use ERDF were carried out.

In order to assure a smooth implementation of the Programme at all levels, assistance to Beneficiaries was ensured by the Joint Secretariat and the Managing Authority through the organization of specific events.

4 Info days for the 1st Call ordinary project beneficiaries were held in the month of April both in Italy (Bari, 17 April and Lecce, 19 April) and in Greece (Patras, 24 April and Preveza, 26 April).

The info days focussed on the Programme rules to be respected during the project start-up and implementation, including the First Level Control system and national co-financing, the reporting procedure and reimbursement, Information and Communication, compliance with the National Legislation. More than 250 people attended the 4 four info-days.

Two informative seminars for the Italian First level Controllers were organized in Bari on 24 May and 18 December 2018. The events were organized by Puglia Region in cooperation with the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat in order to give detailed information on the first level control system in Italy, by focusing on the management procedures for the funded projects, the eligibility of expenditures and the reporting system of MIS (Management Information System).

Three Seminars were organized on Management Information System (MIS), for the beneficiaries of the funded Projects (Athens, 30 October, Thessaloniki, 27 November and Bari, 22 November). The events were organized by the Special Secretariat for ERDF and CF funded sectoral Operational Programmes, in cooperation with the Managing Authority and the MIS Special Service, by focusing on the MIS general description, procedures for submission of proposals and for project monitoring.

Training opportunities for MA and JS staff were also exploited whenever possible. For the purpose of reinforcing the capacity of authorities, JS members and the MA attended various trainings in 2018 organised by INTERACT such as State aid and Arachne (Rome, 24 January 2018), Management verifications training (Thessaloniki, 21-22 February 2018), Interreg Transnational communication network meeting (Brussels, 22 May 2018).

Internal trainings regarding the MIS system were also organised by the programme authorities and throughout the year regular meetings with the authorities (JS/MA) were organised to share the experience and to reinforce the knowledge of programme management.

In addition, relevant and detailed information on how to best manage ERDF - paying particular attention to the sound financial management - were included in Programme guidelines drafted by MA/JS.

All the relevant guidelines for the beneficiaries were prepared and detailed information regarding the project implementation, reporting process and regarding the program rules in general were presented to the beneficiaries of the approved projects on the face-to-face meetings and throughout the 1st and 2nd reporting period, the beneficiaries received all the support needed from their JS Project Officers.

11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

The Programme is covered by EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) where it potentially plays an important role in exploiting synergies and has the opportunity to draw from lessons learnt, actively contributing to territorial integration.

Challenges affecting the Adriatic-Ionian Region that could be addressed by the Programme are presented as correlation between Programme objectives and the four thematic areas/ pillars of EUSAIR (Blue growth, Connecting the Region, Environmental quality and Sustainable tourism). All project outputs and results that have been delivering through implementation are strongly expected to make a positive impact.

More specifically, the Environmental quality pillar dealing with challenge of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment relates to Programme PA 2 concerning the environment and biodiversity protection and ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000 and green infrastructure. Furthermore, the Sustainable tourism pillar dealing with challenge of increasing regional attractiveness by supporting sustainable development of inland, coastal and maritime tourism and preservation and promotion of culture heritage is completely in line with PA 2 aiming to contribute to the development of tourism as well as preservation and sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage. The Blue Growth pillar dealing with challenges referring to supporting the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development are related to Programme PA1 aiming at enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment. Finally, the Connecting region pillar dealing with challenges referring to enhancing regional mobility and developing and improving environmentally-friendly and low-carbon transport systems are related to programme PA 3. As for the Strategy cross-cutting aspects, "Research, innovation and SMEs development" and "Capacity Building", it has to be noted that capacity building is envisaged to be tackled through implementation of all Programme Axes, whereas research, innovation and SMEs development relates to Priority Axis 1 aiming at enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment.

Having in mind the potential contribution of the Programme to implement the strategy, a number of coordination mechanisms is envisaged to link the GR-IT Programme implementation to the EUSAIR, including:

- governance arrangements for ongoing mutual information exchange, coordination and joint planning in areas of common interest (regular meetings, participation of programme authorities in specific events, data collection with EUSAIR Facility Points to be set up under the Adriatic Ionian Programme etc.);
- involvement of stakeholders to ensure subsidiarity to the Strategy with the aim to serve as a collector of the civil society needs and put them to the attention of the decision makers;
- communication actions to increase the level of involvement of all stakeholders, but also to duly promote the Strategy as a useful cooperation tool.

In 2018, the MA attended several meetings and conferences related to the implementation of macroregional strategies. Moreover, the Programme provided valuable contributions to the EUSAIR debate taking part in the 3rd EUSAIR Forum held in Catania in May 2018 and to subsequent follow-up and coordination meetings with other key-players of the Adriatic and Ionian area.

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

Pillar(s), topic(s) and/or cross cutting issue(s) that the programme is relevant to:

	Pillar	Topic / Cross cutting issue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.1 - Blue technologies
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.2 - Fisheries and aquaculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.3 - Maritime and marine governance and services
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.2.2 - SMEs development
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.1.1 - Maritime transport
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.2.2 - SMEs development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.2.3 - Capacity building
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.1.1 - The marine environment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.1.2 - Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.2.2 - SMEs development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.2.3 - Capacity building
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.1.1 - Diversified tourism offer (products and services)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.1.2 - Sustainable and responsible tourism management (innovation and quality)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.2.2 - SMEs development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.2.3 - Capacity building

Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSAIR

A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Pillar Coordinators, or Thematic Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?

Yes No

Name and function

Mr. Nicola Favia - Member of the MC and National Coordinator (Italy) of EUSAIR, Mr Firbas Ioannis member of the MC and National Coordinator (Greece) of EUSAIR

B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSAIR?

Yes No

a) Are targeted calls for proposals planned in relation to EUSAIR

Yes No

b) How many macro-regional projects/actions are already supported by the programme? (Number)

51

c) Were extra points/bonus given to a project/action with high macro-regional significance or impact? If yes, please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

Maximum 3 points were given to the project quality assessment if the proposal contributed to the macro-regional strategy of EUSAIR

d) Other actions (e.g. planned strategic projects). Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

In order to ensure the coherence of the Programme to the EUSAIR, Puglia Region appointed a dedicated member of the MC (Mr Claudio Polignano), while in Greece the national coordinatiiov authority of the Ministry of Economy, that is member of the MC has the overall oversight of the relevance of the program with the EUSAIR

C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSAIR?

Yes No

Does your programme plan to invest in the EUSAIR in the future? Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

In this phase we are working for the full implementation of the Programme. We will put that to the attention of the MC

D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSAIR (n.a. for 2016)

All project results that have been delivering through implementation are strongly expected to make a positive impact.

E. Does the programme contribute to the objectives and/or targets which are attached to each topic under the Pillars, as stated in the Action Plan? (please specify the objective(s) and target(s))

Majority of Programme specific objectives are compatible with EUSAIR priorities and are presented as correlation between Programme objectives and the four thematic areas/ pillars of EUSAIR (Blue growth, Connecting the Region, Environmental quality and Sustainable tourism).

11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

The Programme states that at PA 1 (mainly targeting the research and innovation capacities of SMEs) special attention will be given among others to promoting social innovation. In line with this the MC has selected the projects INMEDTOUR aiming to create a CBC cluster which will foster the cooperation, between businesses engaged in medical tourism and the R&D entities in order to exchange best practices and upgrade their competitiveness and valorize the human capital of the area and INCONWOMEN which aims to support women entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses, by delivering innovation support services and developing clusters across borders. As project have been contracted in 2018, consequently no concrete projects results are available, the Programme cannot report about support used for social innovation yet.

13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Even if it is obviously too early to assess the programme contribution to the smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, it should still be highlighted that all 51 projects approved in 2017 aimed at improving regional development policies that directly contribute to smart and sustainable growth.

Examples of project in the field of the smart growth are TAGs which aims to stimulate and promote technological and business innovations in the Agri-food sector and creating a heterogeneous cross border multidisciplinary cluster composed by research and innovation actors, policy makers and enterprises and INVESTMENT which delivers an e-platform hosting an ecosystem of innovative and environmentally-friendly services (web and app) offering passengers (citizens and tourists) a multimodal public transit trip planner using different modes of transportation (e.g., bus, train, ferry, walking) and a multimodal tourist tour planner will derive feasible trip plans for tourists to visit the most interesting attractions within their available time span.

Concerning inclusive growth, the programme contribution is more indirect even if a few projects approved under PA2 have an important inclusive dimension such as PATH which deals mainly with the creation of innovative and sustainable thematic routes, linking visitors with Nature in order to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities; CROSS THE GAP aiming to create new models of intervention to sustain social inclusion for people with disabilities and citizens in general, combining physical accessibility and enjoyment of cultural activities; E-PARKS pursuing the overall objective to improve the touristic attractiveness and accessibility even for people with special needs of natural areas and SILVERWELLBEING concerning the promotion of Silver tourism through valorization of MED-diet and wellbeing routes in the CBC area. As project have been contracted in 2018, consequently no concrete projects results are available, the Programme cannot report about support used for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth yet.

14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

The objectives of the performance framework have been fully achieved with regard to the expected output indicators, but there is a certain slowdown in the full achievement of the financial indicators. It is necessary, however, to emphasize that the financial target given appears quite optimistic; It is difficult to think that a Programme approved on 21/12/2015 can reach a target of 23.9% of the total (technical excluding assistance) in 2018.

More specifically a number of reasons made it impossible to achieve the Performance framework's target:

1. The Programme Greece-Italy was in the last group of Cooperation Programmes that EC approved (15th of 2015)
2. The significant change in the structure of the JS demanded an extra time for the establishment. As well as there was a long period for the agreement of the RoP's of JS among the MC's members. Finally the JS activated early 2017.
3. The launching of the 1st call for ordinary projects lasted 6 months after 3 extensions of the deadline
4. The functionality of MIS was activated in the first semester of 2018.
5. A lot of time spend on the identification of the strategic needs in the eligible area and consequently leads on the late formation of the targeted strategic calls that is linked with the 52% of the total Programme budget.
6. Delays on the contacting procedure caused by inadequate response by Lead Beneficiaries on the optimization procedure of the project budget Due to all the above mentioned reasons as well as the unrealistic target of 25% of absorption till the end of 2018 proved an obstacle in order to meet Performance Framework milestone for 2018.

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