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INTRODUCTION

This brochure provides a summary of cross-border and territorial cooperation programmes that Montenegro participates in within the IPA Programming Framework, which covers the 2021-2027 period. The aim of the brochure is to provide potential beneficiaries in Montenegro with basic information about funding opportunities within cross-border and territorial cooperation programmes.

Cross-border and territorial cooperation programmes are implemented with the financial support of the European Union, which has been encouraging cooperation between neighbouring countries and regions for decades to help them tackle common challenges and improve socio-economic development.

The brochure outlines all of the ten cross-border and territorial cooperation programmes implemented in the territory of Montenegro. These include trilateral programmes (Interreg IPA South Adriatic and Interreg VI-A IPA Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro), bilateral programmes (Cross-border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Kosovo, Cross-border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Republic of Albania, IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia – Montenegro and Cross-border Cooperation Programme Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro) and transnational programmes (Interreg VI-B IPA ADRION, Danube Region Programme, Interreg Euro-MED and URBACT IV).

The description of each programme contains basic information about programme territories, thematic priorities, specific objectives, available budget and relevant contacts. Potential beneficiaries can obtain more detailed information about the programmes and calls for projects by visiting the websites listed under each programme, as well as at eu.me.

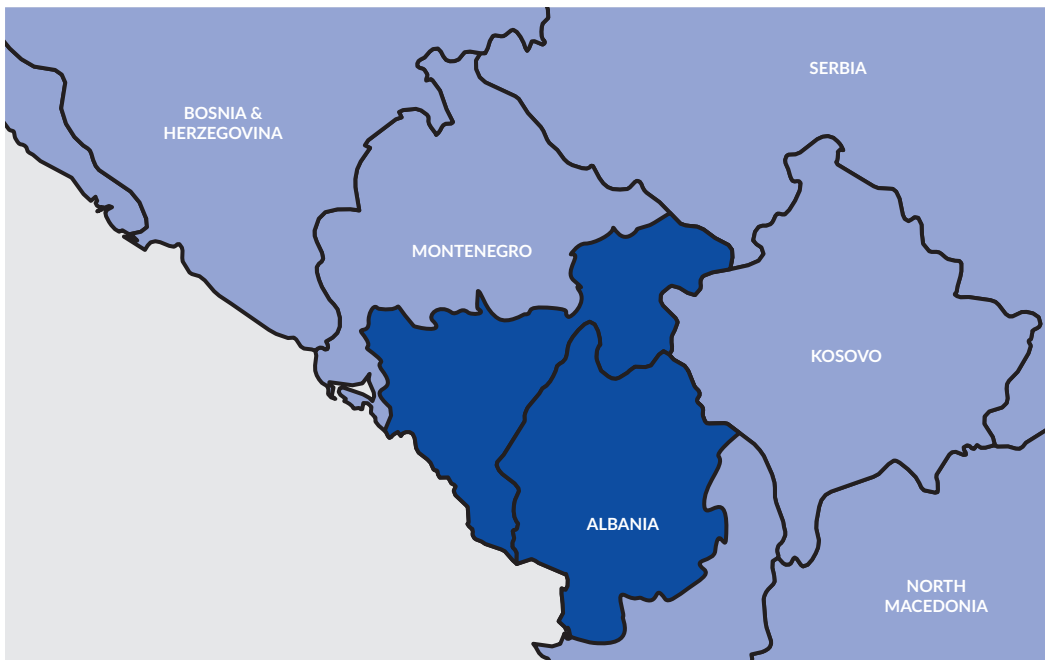
The Ministry of European Affairs stands ready to provide all interested entities and beneficiaries with additional information about cross-border and territorial cooperation programmes in Montenegro.



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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Montenegro – Republic of Albania for 2021-2027



Programme area:

Montenegro: Andrijevica, Bar, Berane, Budva, Cetinje, Danilovgrad, Gusinje, Kolašin, Petnjica, Plav, Podgorica, Rožaje, Tuzi, Ulcinj and Zeta

Albania: Shkodër County, Lezhë County and Tropojë District

Thematic clusters and priorities:

Thematic cluster 2: *Greener and improved resource efficiency*

Thematic priority 2: *Environment protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management*

- Specific objective 1: The cross-border territory is more environmentally sustainable and resilient

Thematic cluster 4: *Improved business environment and competitiveness*

Thematic priority 5: *Tourism and cultural and natural heritage;*

- Specific objective 1: Cross-border tourism and cultural/natural heritage contributes more to cross-border economic development
- Specific objective 2: Upgrade the competitiveness of service providers / SMEs in the tourism sector

Note: *Thematic cluster 5 (Improved capacity of local and regional authorities to tackle local challenges) will be mainstreamed in the programme document.*

Total budget: EUR 13,790,000

EU contribution: EUR 11,900,000

Website: <https://www.cbc-mne-alb.org/>

Managing authority: Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro

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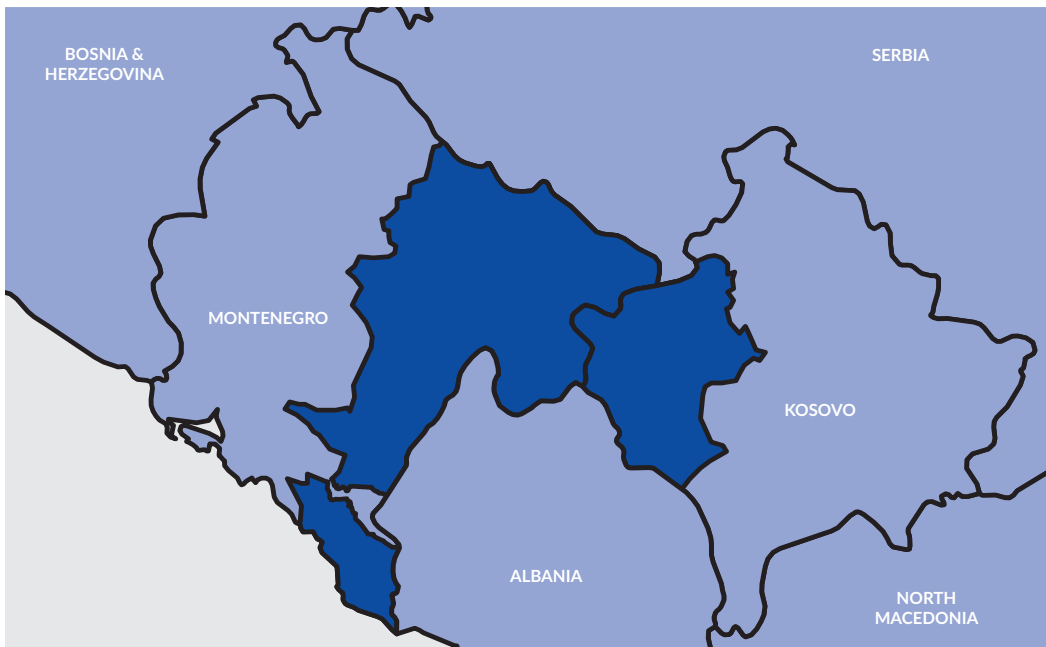




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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Montenegro – Kosovo for 2021-2027



Programme area:

Montenegro: Andrijevica, Bar, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Gusinje, Kolašin, Mojkovac, Petnjica, Plav, Podgorica, Rožaje, Tuzi, Ulcinj and Zeta

Kosovo: Peć/Pejë, Istok/Istog/, Klina/Kline, Junik, Dečani/Deçan and Đakovica/Gjakovë

Thematic clusters and priorities:

Thematic cluster 1: *Improved employment opportunities and social rights*

Thematic priority 1: *Employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders*

- Specific objective 1.1: Increase cross-border employment of youth and vulnerable people

Thematic cluster 4: *Improved business environment and competitiveness*

Thematic priority 5: *Tourism and cultural and natural heritage*

- Specific objective 2.1: Boost sustainable tourism in the cross-border region

Note: Thematic cluster 5 (Improved capacity of local and regional authorities to tackle local challenges) will be mainstreamed in the programme document.

Total budget: EUR 9,734,118

EU contribution: EUR 8.400,000

Website: <https://cbc-mne-kos.org>

Managing authority: Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro

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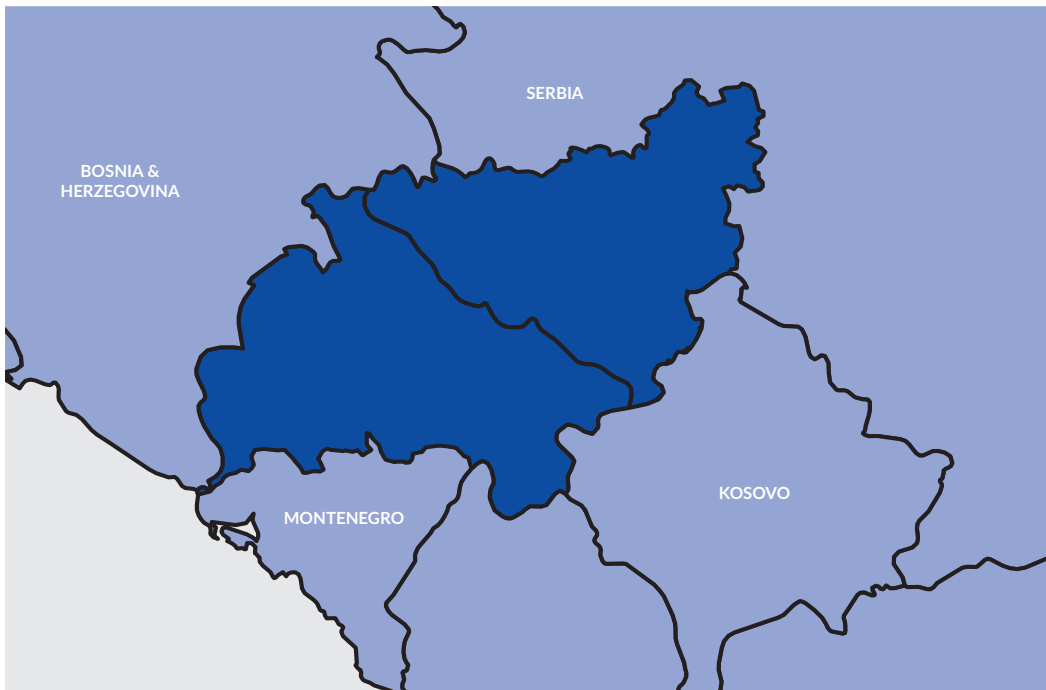




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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Serbia – Montenegro 2021-2027



Programme area:

Montenegro: Andrijevica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Gusinje, Kolašin, Mojkovac, Nikšić, Petnjica, Plav, Pljevlja, Plužine, Rožaje, Šavnik and Žabljak

Serbia: Kraljevo, Vrnjačka Banja, Raška, Novi Pazar, Tutin, Nova Varoš, Priboj, Prijepolje, Sjenica and Ivanjica

Thematic clusters and priorities:

Thematic cluster: 1: *Improved employment opportunities and social rights*

Thematic priority 1: *Employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders*

- Specific objective 1.1: To improve the quality of public health and social services for inclusion of marginalised groups in the programme area

Thematic cluster 4: *Improved business environment and competitiveness*

Thematic priority 5: *Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage*

- Specific objective 2.1: To enhance and promote commonly coordinated cross-border tourism offer based on a protected cultural and natural heritage

Note: Thematic cluster 5 (Improved capacity of local and regional authorities to tackle local challenges) will be mainstreamed in the programme document.

Total budget: EUR 9,734,117.65

EU contribution: EUR 8,400,000

Website: <http://cbcsrb-mne.org/>

Managing Authority: Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia

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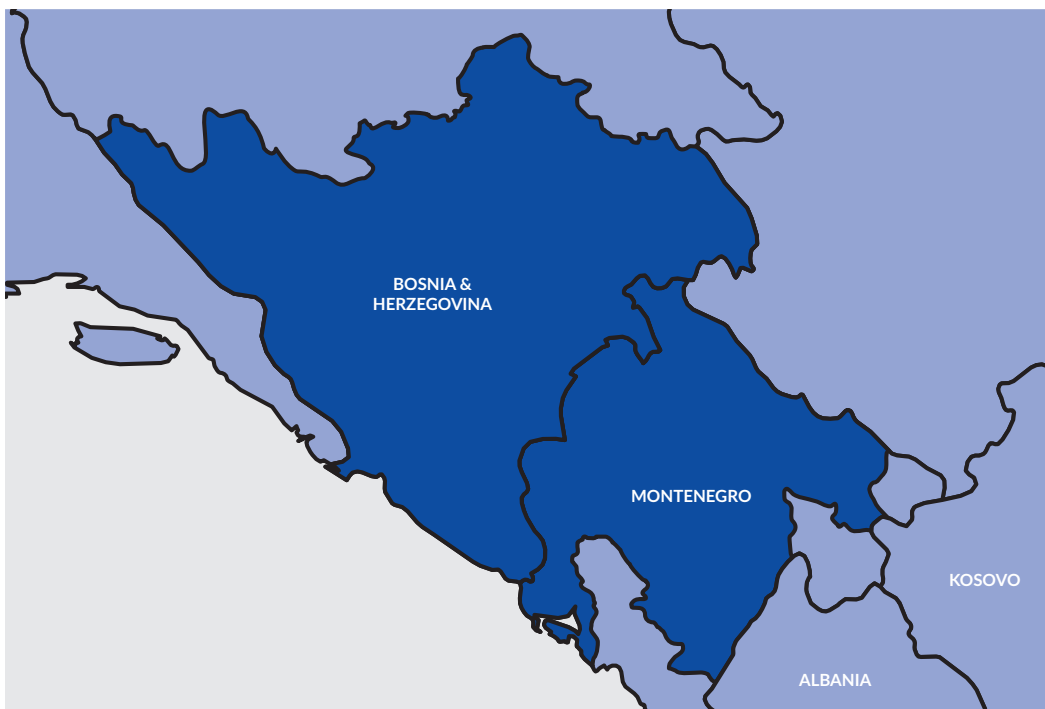




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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro 2021-2027



Programme area:

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Breza, Olovo, Vareš, Grad Visoko, Foča (FBiH), Grad Goražde, Pale (FBiH), Fojnica, Kiseljak, Kreševo, Grad Čapljina, Čitluk, Jablanica, Konjic, Grad Mostar, Neum, Prozor-Rama, Stolac, Ravno, Grude, Grad Ljubuški, Posušje, Grad Široki Brijeg, Centar Sarajevo, Hadžići, Ilidža, Ilijaš, Novi Grad Sarajevo, Novo Sarajevo, Stari Grad Sarajevo, Trnovo, Vogošća, Kupres, Grad Livno, Tomislavgrad, Berkovići, Bileća, Višegrad, Gacko, Istočni Mostar, Istočna Ilidža, Istočni Stari Grad, Istočno Novo Sarajevo, Pale, Sokolac, Trnovo, Kalinovik, Kupres, Ljubinje, Nevesinje, Novo Goražde, Rogatica, Rudo, Grad Trebinje, Foča and Čajniče

Montenegro: Berane, Bijelo Polje, Kolašin, Mojkovac, Petnjica, Pljevlja, Plužine, Šavnik, Žabljak, Danilovgrad, Nikšić, Herceg Novi, Kotor and Tivat

Thematic clusters and priorities:

Thematic cluster 2: *Greener and improved resource efficiency*

Thematic priority 2: *Environment protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management*

- Specific objective: Communities improve resilience to natural and manmade disasters and climate change challenges

Thematic cluster 4: *Improved business environment and competitiveness*

Thematic priority 5: *Tourism and cultural and natural heritage*

- Specific objective: Sustainable natural and cultural heritage tourism contributes more to the tourism of the programme area

Note: *Thematic cluster 5 (Improved capacity of local and regional authorities to tackle local challenges) will be mainstreamed in the programme document.*

Total budget: EUR 9,734,117.64

EU contribution: EUR 8,400,000

Website: <http://cbc.bih-mne.org/>

Contracting authority: Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina

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INTERREG IPA SOUTH ADRIATIC



Programme area:

Italy (Puglia and Molise regions), Albania and Montenegro

Thematic priorities:

Priority 1: *A smarter South Adriatic programme area, by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation (SMART)*

- Specific objective 1.1: Enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs, through joint cross-border actions (SMEs)

Priority 2: *A greener South Adriatic programme area, by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management (GREEN)*

- Specific objective 2.1: Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience with joint cross-border actions (Risks)
- Specific objective 2.2: Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution with joint cross-border actions (Biodiversity)
- Specific objective 2.3: Promoting energy efficiency with joint cross-border actions (Energy)

Priority 3: A more connected South Adriatic programme area by enhancing mobility and regional connectivity (CONNECTED)

- Specific objective 3.1: Developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility, through joint cross-border actions (Connectivity)

Priority 4: A more social South Adriatic programme area (SOCIAL)

- Specific objective 4.1: Improving access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and life-long learning through developing infrastructure, and cross-border actions (Skills)
- Specific objective 4.2: Enhancing the role of culture and tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation, through cross-border actions (Tourism)

Priority 5: A better governance in the South Adriatic programme area (GOVERNANCE)

- Specific objective 5.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions, in particular, with a view to solving legal and other obstacles in border regions

Total budget: EUR 81,258,770

EU contribution: EUR 67,026,484

Website: <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu>

Managing authority: **Puglia Region**

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INTERREG VI-A IPA CROATIA – BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – MONTENEGRO



Programme area:

Croatia: Zagreb County, Sisak-Moslavina County, Karlovac County, Bjelovar-Bilogora County, Lika-Senj County, Požega-Slavonia County, Brod-Posavina County, Zadar County, Šibenik-Knin County, Vukovar-Srijem County, Split-Dalmatia County and Dubrovnik-Neretva County

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Brčko District and the municipalities of Bijeljina, Teočak, Ugljevik, Lopare, Tuzla, Lukavac, Čelić, Srebrenik, Petrovo, Gračanica, Doboj Istok, Gradačac, Pelagićevo, Donji Žabar, Orašje, Domaljevac-Šamac, Šamac, Modriča, Vukosavlje, Odžak, Brod, Srebrenica, Bratunac, Milići, Han-Pijesak, Vlasenica, Kladanj, Šekovići, Kalesija, Osmaci, Zvornik, Banovići, Živinice, Sapna, Prnjavor, Srbac, Laktaši, Čelinac, Kotor Varoš, Kneževo, Dobretići, Šipovo, Jajce, Jezero, Mrkonjić Grad, Banja Luka, Gradiška, Kozarska Dubica, Prijedor, Oštra Luka, Sanski Most, Ključ, Ribnik, Glamoč, Bosansko Grahovo, Drvar, Istočni Drvar, Petrovac, Bosanski Petrovac, Bosanska Krupa, Krupa na Uni, Novi Grad, Kostajnica, Bužim, Velika Kladuša, Cazin, Bihać, Doboj, Derventa, Prozor/Rama, Konjic, Nevesinje, Gacko, Bileća, Trebinje, Ravno, Ljubinje, Berkovići, Mostar, Jablanica, Kupres, Kupres (RS), Tomislavgrad, Posušje, Široki Brijeg, Čitluk, Stolac, Neum, Čapljina, Ljubuški, Grude, Livno, Istočni Mostar, Doboj Jug, Kakanj, Maglaj, Tešanj, Usora, Zavidovići, Zenica, Žepče, Bugojno, Busovača, Donji Vakuf, Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje, Novi Travnik, Travnik, Vitez and Teslić

Montenegro: Herceg Novi, Kotor, Tivat, Budva, Bar, Ulcinj, Cetinje, Nikšić, Podgorica, Danilovgrad, Tuzi and Zeta

Thematic priorities:

Priority Axis 1 – Smart investments in research, innovation and competitive entrepreneurship

- Specific objective 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
- Specific objective 1.3: Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments

Priority Axis 2 – Green investments in environmental protection and efficient risk management

- Specific objective 2.1: Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Specific objective 2.4: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches
- Specific objective 2.6: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy

Priority Axis 3 – Accessible and resilient health services

- Specific objective 4.5: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care

Priority Axis 4 – Sustainable and inclusive tourism and culture

- Specific objective 4.6: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Total budget: EUR 138,453,765

EU contribution: EUR 117,685,699

Website: <https://www.interreg-hr-ba-me.eu/>

Managing Authority:

Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia

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INTERREG VI-B IPA ADRIATIC-IONIAN PROGRAMME (IPA ADRIAN)



Programme area:

EU Member States: Croatia, Greece, Slovenia and Italy (the regions of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Veneto, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, Marche, Umbria, Abruzzo, Molise, Puglia, Basilicata, Calabria and Sicilia, as well as the two autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano)

Non-EU countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino and Serbia

Thematic priorities:

Priority 1 – Supporting a smarter Adriatic-Ionian region

- Specific objective 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
- Specific objective 1.4: Developing skills for smart specialization, industrial transition, and entrepreneurship

Priority 2 – Supporting a greener and climate resilient Adriatic-Ionian region

- Specific objective 2.4: Promoting climate change adaptation, and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches
- Specific objective 2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular economy and resource efficient economy
- Specific objective 2.7: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution
- Specific objective 2.8: Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility, as part of transition to a net zero carbon economy

Priority 3 – A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility

- Specific objective 3.2: Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

Priority 4 – Supporting the governance of the Adriatic-Ionian region

- Specific objective ISO6.6: Other actions to support better cooperation governance

Total budget: EUR 160,810,017.65

EU contribution: EUR 136,688,515

Website: <https://www.adrioninterreg.eu/>

Managing Authority: Regione Emilia-Romagna

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DANUBE REGION PROGRAMME



Programme area:

EU Member States: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany – Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia

Non-EU countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine - four provinces: Chernivetska Oblast, Ivano-Frankivska Oblast, Zakarpatska Oblast and Odessa Oblast

Thematic priorities:

Priority 1 – A smarter Danube Region

- Specific objective 1.1: Enhancing innovation and technology transfer in Danube region
- Specific objective 1.2: Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship

Priority 2 – A greener, low carbon Danube Region

- Specific objective 2.1: Promoting renewable energy
- Specific objective 2.2: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster management
- Specific objective 2.3: Improving water and sediment management
- Specific objective 2.4: Protecting and preserving the biodiversity in ecological corridors and eco-regions

Priority 3 – A more social Danube Region

- Specific objective 3.1: Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets
- Specific objective 3.2: Accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning
- Specific objective 3.3: Socio-economic development through heritage, culture and tourism

Priority 4 – A better cooperation governance in Danube Region

- Specific objective 4.1: Support for the governance of the EUSDR
- Specific objective 4.2: Increased institutional capacities for territorial and macro-regional governance

Total budget: EUR 268,809,822

EU contribution: EUR 215,047,857

Website: <https://www.interreg-danube.eu/>

Managing Authority: Prime Minister's Office (Hungary)

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INTERREG EURO-MED



Programme area:

EU Member States: Bulgaria, France, Greece, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain

EU candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and North Macedonia.

Missions:

1. Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy
2. Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage
3. Promoting green living areas
4. Enhancing sustainable tourism

Thematic priorities:

Priority 1: A Smarter Mediterranean

- Specific objective 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

Priority 2 – A Greener Mediterranean

- Specific objective 2.4: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approaches
- Specific objective 2.6: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
- Specific objective 2.7: Enhancing protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure including in urban areas and reducing all forms of pollution

Priority 3 – Mediterranean Governance

- Specific objective 6.6: Actions to support better cooperation governance

Total budget: EUR 293,624,033

EU contribution: EUR 234,899,226

Website: <https://interreg-euro-med.eu/>

Managing Authority: Provence Alpes Cote d'Azur Region (France)

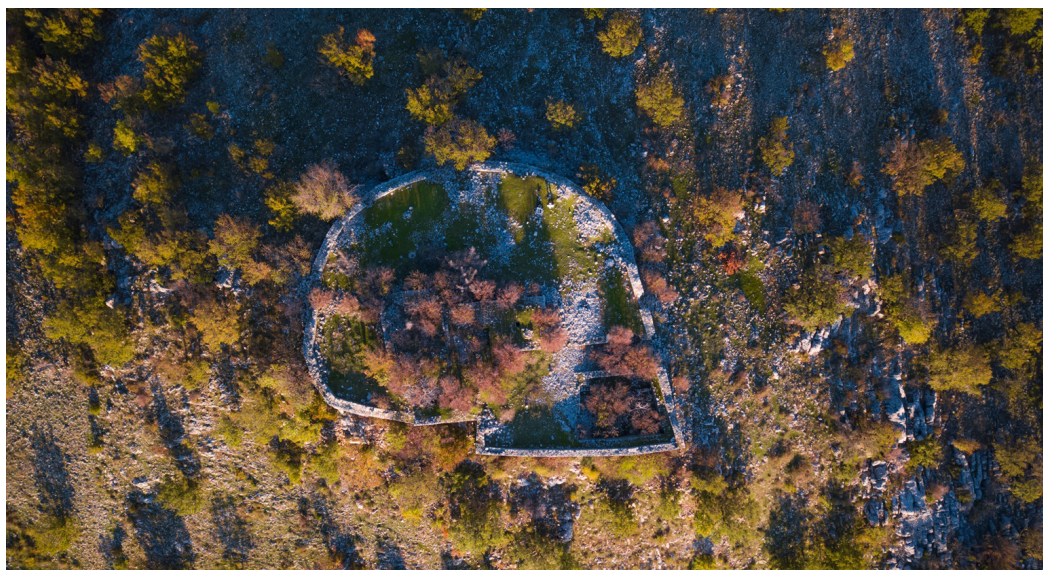
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URBACT IV

Programme area:

EU Member States (EU27), Norway and Switzerland

EU candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia

Tematski prioriteti:

Priority 1: Promoting integrated sustainable urban development through cooperation

- Specific objective ISO6.1: Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and of stakeholders

Aims:

1. Use transnational networks to improve the capacity of European cities to:
 - a) co-design and implement Integrated Action Plans linked to common sustainable urban development challenges
 - b) transfer established urban good practices
 - c) design investment plans for replicating elements of Urban Innovative Actions
2. Improve the capacity of urban stakeholders to design and implement sustainable urban development policies, practices and innovations in an integrated, participative and place-based way
3. Ensure that URBACT knowledge and practice is made accessible to urban practitioners and policymakers to feed into local, regional, national and European urban policies, in particular through the European Urban Initiative; and contributing to the Urban Agenda for the EU

Eligible beneficiaries:

- cities, municipalities, towns;
- local agencies set up by a city, partially or fully owned by the city authority
- infra-municipal tiers of government
- metropolitan authorities and organized agglomerations

Other partners:

- provincial, regional and national authorities dealing with urban issues
- universities and research centres dealing with urban issues
- managing authorities of cohesion policy funds

Note: Only partners from EU member states may act as lead partners.

Total budget: 108,063,537 EUR

EU contribution: EUR 79,769,000 + EUR 5,000,000 (IPA)

Website: <https://urbact.eu/>

Managing Authority: French National Agency for Territorial Cohesion

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