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Drafting of the Interreg IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme “Greece-Albania 2021- 2027”

2ND PHASE OF CONSULTATION
WORKSHOP ON PRIORITY AXIS 4-
BETTER CROSS-BORDER GOVERNANCE

2nd phase of Consultations Workshops

Aim of the 2nd phase of public consultation is to further elaborate the outcomes of the 1st phase of consultation with stakeholders and the proposed Programme Strategy.

The fourth workshop regards Priority Axis 4- Better cross-border governance

Presentation of the Priority Axis-Needs and Challenges of the Programme area

Review of proposed specific objectives per Priority Axis and collection on feedback on indicative interventions, result and output indicators.

Programme Area

Greece

1.EL531 (Grevena)

2.EL532 (Kastoria)

3.EL533 (Florina)

4.EL531 (Kozani)

5.EL541 (Arta)

6.EL 541 (Preveza)

7.EL542 (Thesprotia)

8.EL543 (Ioannina)

9.EL621 (Zakynthos)

10.EL622 (Kerkyra)

11.EL623 (Kefallinia, Ithaki)

12.EL624 (Lefkada)

Albania

1.AL031 Berat

2. AL033 Gjirokaštër

3.AL034 Korçë

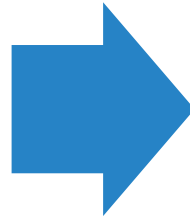
4.AL035 Vlorë

5.AL032 Fier

Analyzed on NUTS III Level (2021 classification)

Regional Unit of Kozani and the Region of Fier are the new eligible areas.

Priority Axis 4: Better cross-border governance



Interreg Specific Objective
1- A better cooperation
governance

Improvement of institutional capacity of public authorities and of stakeholders of the private sector.

Development of cross-border territorial strategies.

Development of coordinated actions to address common challenges and risks in the cross-border area.

Proposed Specific Objective

SO4.1-Better cooperation Governance

- Enhancement of institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders of the private sector in the cross-border area.
- Development of management mechanisms for overcoming joint cross-border challenges in the fields of health care, education, safety and risk prevention.
- Promotion of the establishment of cross-border legal entities for resolving linguistic and legal obstacles in the cross-border area.
- Development of networks and synergies for promoting shared use of health care and education services, especially in cross-border remote and isolated areas.

Which are the main objectives of Interreg Specific Objective 1?

ISO 1 addresses governance challenges related to cooperation

Enhancement of institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders in the cross-border areas.

Reduction of linguistic and legal barriers Involvement of civil society and decision-making.

Better monitoring and implementation of macro-regional and sea-basin strategies(Improving communication raise awareness on the strategy, coordination between the EU programmes and the strategy).

Increase the impact of cooperation programmes

Setting-up cooperation mechanisms such as the tools required for the implementation of strategies of Priorities under PO5

In what way can Cross-border Cooperation Programmes support ISO 1?

Dialogue (to agree on the problems and discuss possible solutions)

Studies (e.g. to better understand border obstacles and processes)

Expertise (to understand in detail border issues)

Pilot projects (to test possible solutions)

Exchange of experience (to share solutions and increase their impact)

Trainings, peer reviews and staff exchanges (to enhance institutional capacity)

Data collection

ISO 1 “a better cooperation governance” and COVID-19 pandemic

Need for enhanced cross-border regional and local response.

Coordinating actions across borders to minimize crisis management failures and negative cross-border spill-overs.

Infuse knowledge and facilitate cross-border interaction in the fight to the virus and subsequent phase of economic upturn.

Challenges and needs of the cross-border area in relation to ISO 1

Improvement of cross-border cooperation by overcoming linguistic and legal barriers (facilitating access to labour market across the border, joint skills development, language training).

Enhancement of administrative capacity of public authorities, as well as of other public and private stakeholders for the implementation of strategies or initiatives in the fields of tourism, innovation, entrepreneurship, mobility.

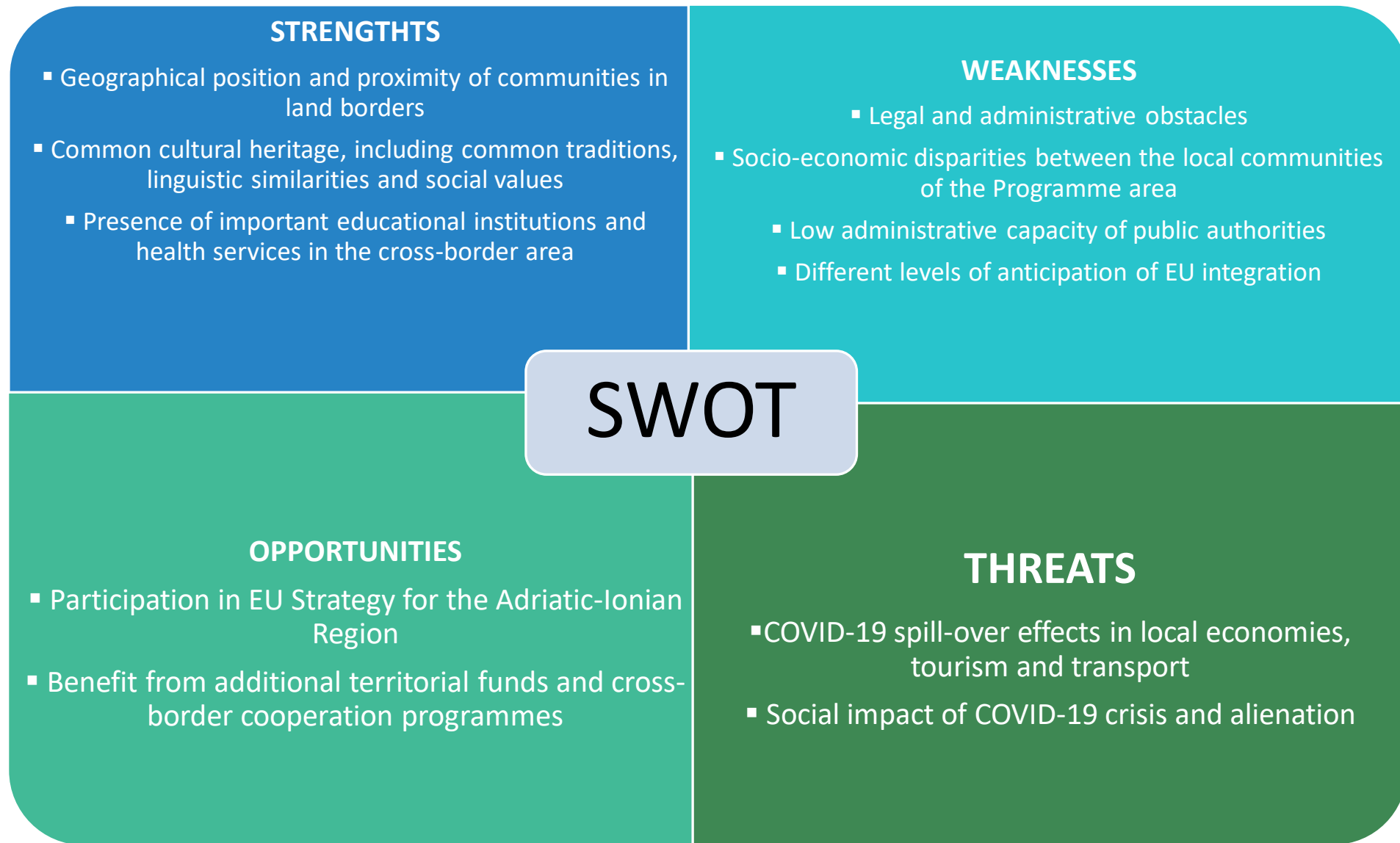
Socio-economic disparities between regions and local communities of the Programme area.

Impact of COVID-19 in local economies, spill-over effects of the crisis and social risks. Better coordination for dealing with spill-over effects of cross-border risks.

Facilitating cross-border accessibility by promoting joint mobility plans.

Better coordination for enabling access to healthcare on the other side (pooling equipment and expertise).

Development of joint mechanisms and methods on data recording and collection about the cross-border area.



Ranking of Needs and challenges

Which of the identified needs do you consider more important for the cross-border area? (Please select up to 2 identified needs).

Improvement of institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders in the fields of tourism, connectivity, protection of culture and environment, etc.

Enhancement of cross-border cooperation to overcome legal and linguistic obstacles

Development of joint mechanisms and methods on data recording about data-recording

Better support and coordination for minimizing spill-over effects of the COVID-19 crisis

Needs and Challenges of the Cross-border area?

Can you identify other needs of the cross-border area of higher priority that can be targeted under Priority Axis 4?

Evaluation of proposed Priority Axis

Which of the following specific objectives do you consider more important for the Programme area?
(Please select up to 2 SO).

Improvement of the
institutional capacity of
public authorities and
stakeholders

Enhancement of legal
and administrative
cooperation

Enhancement of
institutional capacity to
manage macro-regional
strategies

Development of
coordination actions for
overcoming common
risks and challenges

Other

Evaluation of proposed Priority Axis

If you chose other in the previous question please indicate what other specific objective you consider important for the Programme area under this Priority?

Indicators in the new Programming Period

- Common output and result indicators are set in the ERDF and CF Regulation, grouped indicatively per policy objective.
- **Expected change is reflected in Result Indicators:** short term effects of the intervention, with reference to direct addressees, population targeted or usage of infrastructure ('direct' results).
- **Output Indicators reflect** specific deliverables of the intervention (products or services produced during implementation).
- In 2021-2027 “Result” is directly connected with the implemented interventions and the data for their achievement will derive from the activities and the projects implemented.
- The set of common indicator is built in a way that data can be collected from projects or directly from the monitoring system of the managing authority. For some of the result indicators (ex: SMEs), there could be also additional options for data sources such as administrative registries, surveys, or other national databased.
- For the Interreg Specific Objective the common Interreg indicators can be used (Annex 1 draft of ERDF/CF Regulation).
The proposed common indicators point at many types of outcomes potentially relevant in the context of ISO 1.

Output indicators: Milestones 2024, Targets 2029

- All outputs selected in the programme linked to SO
- Milestones to be achieved by the end of the year 2024 for output indicators
- Targets to be achieved by the end of the year 2029 for output indicators
- Baseline always 0
- The output indicators used for a project should be the most representative for the intervention

Result indicators: Baselines, Targets 2029

- All results selected in the programme linked to SO
- No milestones
- Baseline – 0 or reference value (value before the start of intervention)
- The result indicators should be chose such that they reflect the main objectives of the interventions.

Output Indicators

- RCO 81 - Participants in cross-border mobility initiatives
- RCO 83 - Joint strategies/ action plans developed or implemented
- RCO 84 - Joint pilot activities implemented in projects
- RCO 85 - Participants in joint training schemes
- RCO 87 - Organisations cooperating across borders
- RCO 88 - Projects across national borders for peer-learning to enhance cooperation activities
- RCO 89 - Projects across borders to improve multilevel governance
- RCO 90 - Projects across national borders leading to networks/clusters

Result Indicators

- RCR 79 - Joint strategies/ action plans taken up by organisations at/ after project completion
- RCR 81 - Participants completing joint training schemes
- RCR 86 - Stakeholders/ institutions with enhanced cooperation capacity beyond national borders

Project idea Form

What is it's scope?

Aim of the project idea form is to identify type of interventions that can be supported under Priority Axis 4 and the respective specific objective. It also contributes in identifying common needs of the programme area and the how cross-border cooperation can achieve expected changes.

Project idea Form

What do you need to fill in?

Participants are asked to:

- Provide a brief description of an intervention that they consider to be important for the Programme area in relation to identified needs and link it to a specific objective of the Priority Axis.
- Specify contribution of suggested intervention to EUSAIR pillars or emblematic priorities.
- Indicate the type of beneficiaries and the type of interventions
- Identify result and output indicators according to the suggested intervention

How and when to submit?

The “Project Idea Form” is available on Google Form and can be submitted electronically until 15/4/2021

<https://forms.gle/WJLFX26iDpJ3eSfE7>