

CROSSING INTERREG ITALY-SLOVENIA 2014-2020 EVIDENCES INTO 2021-2027 PERSPECTIVE

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FOREWARD

This paper resumes the presentation given by the Managing Authority during the first meeting of the Programme Task Force on November 12th, 2019 and contains the data as processed at that time.

Likewise, the PPTs, it intends to match the evidence given by the European Commission in its Border Orientation Paper (released in May 2019) with the Policy Objectives 2021-2027, attempting a bridge among 2014-2020 evidence and future perspectives.

Together with analyses (Analysis 1 and 2, EC' Border Orientation Paper, hereinafter, BOP) and Reports (issued so far by Evaluator, both extensive and thematic) issued meanwhile and already delivered to the Programme Task Force, this paper intends to be a further building block of information useful as a tool fostering discussion within Task Force and for experts which will be in charge of drafting Cooperation documents for 2021-2027.

Papers, reports and analysis altogether report the response given by the territory of the Programme area in terms of activated participation and cooperation potentials. Data and further information will be gathered from territories directly through surveys and consultations that will be launched at Programme level and at national/regional level in due time according to Task Force and Programme Partners decisions.

SWOT ANALYSIS ACCORDING TO BOP'S EVIDENCE

By extracting considerations from the BOP, the following SWOT analysis can be drawn. The extractions are made in a synthetic way by the Managing Authority. For a complete overview, please refer to the BOP directly.

Table 1. SWOT analysis (proposed as extraction of BOP evidence)

<p><u>STRENGTH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong memory on the past and rich historical heritage • Institutionalized cooperation (EGCT, EURES, Julian Ecoregion, N-Adriatic ports association) • Connectivity • Tourism as economic sector • Good performance on health • Consolidation of ITI experience 	<p><u>WEAKNESSES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and administrative differences / obstacles • Language obstacles • Underperforming: macroeconomic stability, education (basic/higher IT), institutions /infrastructures (SI), R&D intensity • Low digitalization (esp. IT), use of online services, digital skills • Not harmonized technical and procedural railways systems • Unbalanced labour market productivity
<p><u>OPPORTUNITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well connected polycentric development (small-medium cities/few big) • Strategic location • Multilingualism and minorities • Capitalize on EGTC, Euregions/ Multilevel governance • Rich biodiversity and different ecosystem • Tourim • Innovation: need for critical mass/complementarities/clustering/internationalization • Potential KE application (many universities/research institutes/scientific parks) • shared 3S priorities (agrifood/ICT/logistic/health/sustainable tourism) • Renewable energies • Trust-building (small people-to-people projects) • Wider Interreg governance context (bilateral agreements/EGCT...) • Work on border obstacles (language/business legislation/ labour mkt/transport infrastructures/simplification/CB services/gaps in CB data) • link to existing strategies (coordination to mainstream pr.) 	<p><u>THREATS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different NUTs2 Framework condition on innovation • SME Death rate • Not harmonised railway systems • Difficult CB governance of waste circular management (\neq governance, high infrastructure costs) • Aging population

MATCH BOP FINDINGS / 2021-2027 POLICY OBJECTIVES

This section intends to match findings and hints given by the BOP for future Programme with the 2021-2027 Policy Objectives identified by draft EU Regulations. The extractions are made in a synthetic way by the Managing Authority. For a complete overview, please refer to the BOP and Regulations directly.

1. Smarter Europe

- Identify specialisation niches
- Innovation functional approach
- Targeted services to SMEs: digitalisation, CB networking, technology transfer, digital skills

2. Greener Europe

- Map vulnerability by type of risks
- Define CB strategies for climate change adaptation (green infrastructures)
- Continue sharing approaches for protected areas management
- Renewable energy, solar, biomass, geochemical
- Circular economy, awareness raising

3. Connected Europe

- Consolidate rail infrastructures and connections
- Harmonisation CB rail connections, CB interoperability /intermodality (people, freight) in synergy with EGCT / mainstream Programmes

4. Social Europe

- Favour CB labour mobility (qualifications recognition, taxation, social security, vocational training, multilinguism, CB education...)
- Map existing labour shortage
- Built on ITI experience

5. Closer to Citizens

- E-government solutions in identified sectors for CB cooperation
- Promote multilinguism in a structured manner (primary-secondary education, labour mkt needs)

6. Better Interreg governance

- Identify functional areas rather than administrative scale
- Multilevel governance and CB benefits
- Targeted Strategic approach to overcome CB obstacles
- Build on ITI and strategic projects
- Synergies with macroregional strategies

MATCH 2014-2020 FINANCED PROJECTS / 2021-2027 POLICY OBJECTIVES

This section intends to match 2014-2020 financed projects with 2021-2027 Policy Objectives according to their content. For an evidence of projects contents, please refer to the annex to Analysis 1. In November 2019, it was not included the evidence of projects financed under the call 07/2019. They have been included herein in this word version.

1. Smarter Europe

PA1

Standard projects (call 01/02016)

• TRANSLIOMA
• FISH-AGRO TECH
• SUSGRAPE
• ARTE
• NUVOLAK2
• BioApp
• CAB
• TRAIN

Strategic projects (calls 05-06/2018)

• NANO-REGION
• DIVA

2. Greener Europe

PA2

Standard projects (call 02/02016)

➤ MUSE
➤ INTERBIKE2
➤ LightingSolutions
➤ MobiTour
➤ ENERGY CARE

Strategic projects (calls 05-06/2018)

➤ SECAP
➤ CROSSMOBY

Standard projects (call 07/02019)

➤ ENGREEN
➤ TRETAMARA
➤ BEE-DIVERSITY
➤ GREENHULL
➤ ACQUAVITIS
➤ ECO SMART

PA 3

Standard projects (call 03/02016)

➤ MEDS GARDEN
➤ tARTini
➤ AGROTOUR II
➤ CONA
➤ NAT2CARE
➤ BLUEGRASS
➤ RETRACKING

Strategic projects (calls 05-06/2018)

➤ WALKofPEACE
➤ PRIMIS
➤ MerlinCV
➤ GREVISLIN
➤ VISFRIM

3. Connected Europe

PA 2

Strategic projects (calls 05-06/2018)

➤ Crossmoby

4. Social Europe

PA 1

Standard projects (call 07/02019)

➤ DuraSoft
➤ CONSTRAIN
➤ ISE-EMH
➤ IMBI
➤ IMMUNO-CLUSTER
➤ CATTEDRA

5. Closer to Citizens

PA 3

ITI project

➤ Isonzo_Soča

PA 4

Standard projects (call 07/02019)

➤ NEXT AID

6. Better Interreg governance

PA 4

Standard projects (call 04/02016)

➤ EDUKA2
➤ MEMORI-net
➤ SECNET
➤ CB_WBL
➤ HARMO-DATA
➤ CrossCare
➤ Integra

Strategic projects (calls 05-06/2018)

➤ CROSSIT SAFER

ITI project

➤ SALUTE- ZDRAVSTVO

Standard projects (call 07/02019)

➤ GEOKARST /standard
➤ FORTIS/standard
➤ CLEAN BERTH/standard

INDICATORS

This section - by reflecting the presentation given in November 2019 - is intended firstly to show the most challenging indicators during 2014-2020 programming period, those which needed to be addressed specifically by the targeted call no. 07/2029 (an overall analysis on indicators is included in Analysis 1). Secondly, it reports the 2021-2027 Interreg indicators as listed in EC new draft Regulation COM(2018)372.

Table 2. Most challenging indicators during 2014-2020 programming period (addressed by the targeted call no. 07/2029)

PA	Indicator	
1	CO26	Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions
2	2.1.1.	Number of implemented actions towards the decrease of annual primary energy consumption in existing public building)
3	CO23	Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status
	3.2.2	Cross-border pilot actions to support biodiversity
	3.2.3	Participants to educational and divulgative events
	3.3.1	Number of innovative green technologies tested and implemented
	3.3.2	Number of enterprises applying new green innovation solutions

Table 3. 2021-2027 Interreg indicators as listed in EC new draft Regulation COM(2018)372

RCO 81	Participants in cross-border mobility initiatives
RCO 82	Participants in joint actions promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion
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 96	Legal or administrative obstacles identified
RCO 86	Joint administrative or legal agreements signed

RCO 87	Organizations 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