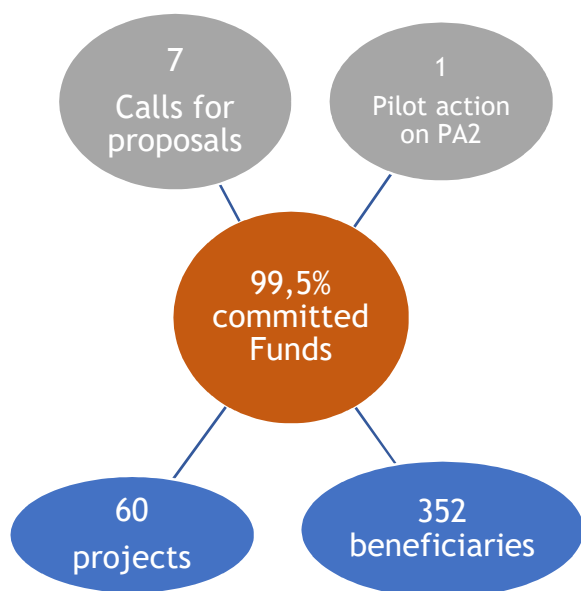


ANNEX 1: CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (Article 50(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

The main challenge for the Programme in 2020 had been connected to the COVID-19 emergency. Nevertheless, the Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat had ensured plain Programme implementation and full operativity in smart working for the whole year and support had been ensured through virtual platforms.

At project level, the COVID-19 emergency had brought a few projects to postpone final activities and events as well as project closure but different solutions had been proposed to face the slowdown of activities and cooperation successfully continued.

Despite the COVID-19, therefore, it is worth to mention a good performance by all standard and I.T.I. projects. Strategic projects had suffered some financial underperformance mainly with specific reference to partners who activated public procurement procedures or implemented crossborder activities.



All Programme funds (99,5%) had been committed through 7 calls for proposals (standard, strategic and I.T.I. projects) and an additional pilot action on PA2 linked to actions promoting energy efficiency/joint low-carbon mobility planning. Further residuals had also been allocated through a further additional pilot action on PA3 published in December 2020, dealing with the EU Green Deal and strengthening the Programme performance on those sectors.

The Programme showed a very high financial performance, largely overreaching the financial targets set for 2020 (the so called n+3 rule).

60 projects (27 standard/2016, 10 strategic, 2 I.T.I., 16 standard/2019, 5 TA) had been financed involving a total of 352 beneficiaries.

26 projects concluded their activities in 2020.

Please find a broad synthesis of the results from the projects ended in 2020 per each priority axis (PA). More information on projects can be found on the Programme website in the section dedicated to projects www.it-slo.eu.



In the framework of **PA1**, 7 standard projects were concluded in 2020. Increased cooperation among key actors of the innovation system, reinforced CB innovation clusters and durable networks in key sectors were achieved mainly in the **fields of medicine, agriculture and entrepreneurship**.

In the field of **medicine** with the **TRANSLIOMA** project cooperation among key research institutes, universities, and SMEs operating in the biomedical field increased and transfer of innovative biomedical techniques in the field of oncology and cancer research were promoted. **ARTE** project also increased public/private cooperation in the biomedical sector among hospitals, Research Centres, Universities, SMEs and Technology Parks with the joint development of innovative products and services in regenerative medicine. **TRAIN** project created a lasting cross-

border network for the joint development of a technological platform based on an innovative combination of two biomedical techniques, cell biology and large-volume data analysis, within the context of cardiological and neuro-inflammatory diseases.

In the field of **agriculture**, the project **SUSGRAPE** - involving Goriška brda / Collio and the north-eastern part of the Adriatic coast developed a system for supporting vineyard management decisions by activating 42 agrometeorological stations and an online platform with agronomic predictive models against downy mildew and powdery mildew.



In the field of **entrepreneurship**, the **CAB** project created a long-lasting cross-border network implementing innovative cross-border business acceleration services for SMEs. More than 40 CB connections were established between mentors and teams in order to accelerating the “Go-to-market” strategy of selected projects;

NUVOLAK2 project developed and disseminated innovative marketing tools with on-line support on the Mikrobiz platform and marketing skills. **BioApp** project strengthened public and private interconnection in the development of bio-polymer innovations and technologies.



In the framework of **PA2**, 5 standard projects were concluded in 2020. Adoption and implementation of low carbon strategies encouraging energy savings and fostering the use of alternative transportation systems and the use of alternative energy sources were achieved in the **field of tourism and public sector**.



In the field of **public sector**, **MUSE** project integrated energy efficiency and reduction of CO2 emissions into urban and extra-urban mobility strategies of local authorities by testing innovative electric mobility services. **LightingSolutions** project improved efficiency and energy management of public lighting using the measures envisaged by the municipal SEAPs. **ENERGY CARE** project realized 3 interventions in Trieste, Koper and San Donà di Piave, with concrete and measurable impacts in terms of reduction of CO2 emissions, energy use and increase of sustainable multimodal mobility, achieved through a participatory approach aimed at active involvement of inhabitants of the 3 territories.

In the field of **tourism sector**, **INTER BIKE II** project set up conditions for a more frequent use of bicycle and reduce the number of car rides by the introduction of multimodal services (three new pilot multimodal bike and bus / boat services along the Adriabike cycling route connecting the

Alps with the Adriatic) and building cycling infrastructure. New web platform www.bikealpeadria.eu and www.adriabike.eu are now available. Signs were placed along cycling routes. **MobiTour** project promoted the joint design of sustainable multimodal urban mobility models and eco-sustainable transport in cross-border tourist areas. 5 “park&drive” pilot systems allowed the acquisition of electric vehicles and the installation of charging stations at smart car parks. 3 Urban sustainable mobility plans were implemented for the benefit of tourists, residents of urban and rural areas, local administrations and SMEs.



In the framework of **PA3**, 7 standard projects were concluded in 2020.

Under IP 6c, the valorization of **natural and cultural heritage** for **sustainable tourism** were achieved through three projects: **AGRITOUR II** in the field of vinicultural research and the protection of grapes biodiversity; **MEDSGARDEN** with the creation of 5 Mediterranean Gardens, for preservation of native plants of the northern Adriatic region. **tARTini** promoted sustainable tourism related to the musician Giuseppe Tartini’s creative triangle.



Within IP 6d, the objective of enhancing the integrated management of ecosystems for a **sustainable development of the territory** was met through **CONA** project which helped to improve the aquatic ecosystem along Koren stream through an application for online data monitoring and **NAT2CARE** project with the establishment of monitoring protocols and guidelines for monitoring animal and plant species in the Natura 2000 areas (the Julian Prealps Nature Park, the Triglavski Narodni Park and the Natural Park of the Friulian Dolomites).

Two projects under IP 6f helped promoting innovative technologies to improve **environmental protection and resource efficiency**: **BLUEGRASS** project helped promoting the development of a green agri-food industry through the introduction of the aquaponic systems in Koper and Porcia (PN); **RETRACKING** project developed a competitive model for the proper management of waste generated from products made of glass-fiber-reinforced polymer composites.



In the framework of **PA4**, 7 standard projects were concluded in 2020 achieving the objective of strengthening the institutional crossborder cooperation by planning joint solutions to common challenges, in the fields of **education, health and social care and territorial management system**.

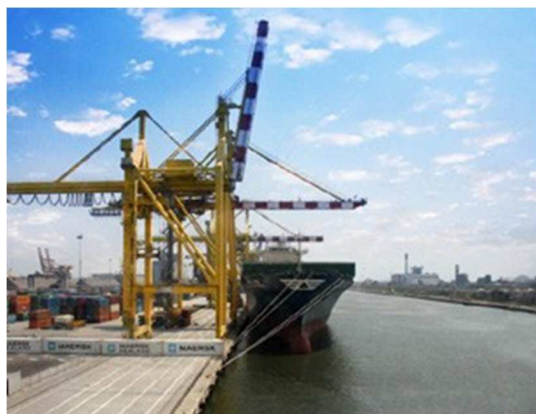
In the field of **education**, **CB_WBL** project promoted the crossborder work-based learning through workshop and courses. The signing of a Protocol on cross-border cooperation between vocational education and training stakeholders and the creation of the digital platform INPRAXI.INFO helped to connect students and companies. The project **EDUKA2** had foreseen 41 didactic units for schools in Slovene, Italian and Friulian languages to promote cross-border meetings and exchanges, 5



training e-courses for knowledge transfer and development of teaching models as well as the signing of a Strategic Document on Common Educational Models and the Guidelines for Support to Cross-Border Students and Graduates.

In the field of **health and social care**, **CROSSCARE** project has designed and successfully tested joint innovative cross-border model for the integrated and personalized care of the elderly. A Crossborder Memorandum of Understanding was signed and specific joint training courses for social and health care professionals were organised. **MEMORI-net** project created a common institutional framework

to coordinate personalized rehabilitation services for patients hit by a stroke. Several public initiatives have been organized, a wide range of different educational materials have been published and an E-health solution that supports the integrated management of post-stroke patient rehabilitation according to the protocol defined has been made available. **INTEGRA** project formulated Common guidelines and training to healthcare professionals and intercultural mediators for intercultural communication and relations and medical techniques to be adopted for the treatment of migrant women of the Balkan route who are victims of genital mutilation.



In the field of **territorial management system**, **HARMO-DATA** project established a unified territorial data management system for the improvement public authorities' and stakeholders' capacity for cooperation and cross-border territorial management, through the creation of new professional private/public networks. **SECNET** project involved the ports of Trieste, Venice and Koper, as well as the University of Trieste and the Litoral University and the Executive Secretariat of the Central European Initiative for the development of joint action plans and long-term strategies, increasing coordination in the strengthening of a cross-border governance of port security and competitiveness.

At a glance, with reference to these standard projects which concluded, the Programme succeeded in involving a great variety of beneficiaries, from public sector (with a big participation of Universities, Research Centres and Municipalities) and from private sector, with also SMEs showing up as beneficiaries or stakeholders. R&D was closely linked to different sectors, from health and social inclusion to biodiversity, sustainability and recycling til energy saving, water management and climate changes.

With a view to the next Programming period 2021-2027, in July the role of the Managing Authority 2021-2027 was confirmed to the Region Friuli Venezia Giulia. Despite the negotiation process by Member States with the EC is still ongoing, the preparation activity managed by the Programme Task Force together with the Managing Authority had been intense throughout the whole 2020. In July a first step of the public consultation was published to involve the territory in the programming phase. In November the service for the drafting of Programme documents was awarded. The programming activity is proceeding towards the identification of challenges and

objectives for the new cooperation period. Some synthetic milestones of the process are published on the Programme website in its section dedicated to 2021-2027.

In order to raise the consciousness of the public on the role of EU funds and of the Italy-Slovenia cooperation Programme a **very intense activity on communication and capitalization (CAP&COM)** had been managed by the Programme during 2020 too, both at EU level and at local level in the Programme area, despite the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. Only to mention the main events, the EC-Day 2020 (21 Sept.) was celebrated on-line through the presentation of successful projects (one per PA, CAB, INTERBIKEII, WALK OF PEACE, SECNET). The Programme and the financed projects under PA2 were also awarded to organize a webinar titled “Interreg Italy-Slovenia CAP&COM and EU Green Deal” during the EU WEEK 2020 - (13 Oct). The project WALKOFPEACE ranked as the best video in Europe within the Interreg Project Slam (14 Oct). The Programme and project LIGHTING SOLUTION were presented within ESOF EuroScience Open Forum in Trieste in September. Finally, the PA2 projects jointly organised a webinar titled “Planning together” on Oct. 21st as an interactive session for joint capitalisation to future project ideas. All those events are advertised on Programme website www.ita-slo.eu .



Last but not least, the Programme, despite COVID-19 lockdown, since May 2020 succeeded in involving once again the youth in the world of EU cooperation through a new AEBR **IVY volunteer**, hosted by Programme for communication activities. In 2020 this experience was necessarily transformed in

remotely-volunteering-experience but still fostering professional and friendly environment within the Programme team. It is worth to mention that a former IVY had been playing the role of tutoring the new IVY staff, which is an added value for all, the Programme staff, the former IVY and current IVY people, all part of the same team.