

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

In total:

7 calls (standard n. 1-2-3-4/2016; strategic n. 5-6/2018, standard n. 7/2019, I.T.I.-2017) and **2 Pilot Actions**

63 projects for a total of **367 beneficiaries** (included technical assistance).

The 27 standard projects out of the calls 2016 concluded their activities in 2021.

Total contracted funds € 95.167.598,45 (ERDF 79.675.358,26) - 102,8% of which **spent and validated** € 63.647.419,85 (ERDF 53.641.517,70) - 66,9%. This good Programme financial performance hit the target for 2021, with no financial risk for 2022 and a safe future position also for 2023.



In PA1:

2 calls for standard projects (n. 01/2016, n. 07/2019) and **2 calls for strategic projects** (n. 05/2018, n. 06/2018).

Total contracted funds € 22.655.992,71 (ERDF 19.208.391,83) of which **spent and validated** € 16.010.643,26 (ERDF 13.572.317,21) - 70,7%

Total n. of projects: 17 projects and 116 partners of which:

8 projects concluded with involvement of **51 partners** in the following fields: **medicine** (TRANSGLIOMA - ARTE - TRAIN), **agriculture** (SUSGRAPE - FISH-AGRO TECH) and **entrepreneurship** (CAB - NUVOLAK2 - BioApp)

Main Achievements: Increased cooperation among key actors of the innovation system, reinforced CB innovation clusters and durable networks in key sectors



In PA2:

1 call for standard projects (n. 02/2016) and **1 call for strategic projects** (n. 05/2018), **1 Pilot Action** (Pilot action for targeted additional activities PA 2-2019).

Total contracted funds € 13.699.450,62 (ERDF 11.644.532,96) of which **spent and validated** € 11.100.434,89 (ERDF 9.435.369,66) - 81,0%

Total n. of projects: 7 projects and 46 partners of which:

5 projects concluded with involvement of 28 partners in the following fields of **tourism** (INTER BIKE II - MobiTour) and **public sector** (MUSE - LightingSolutions - ENERGY CARE).

Main Achievements: Adoption and implementation of low carbon strategies, encouraging energy savings, alternative energy sources and alternative transportation systems. Those projects have also been working together for the joint communication and capitalisation of their results in the area and at EU level as basis also for future cooperation.

Some projects gained particular international visibility at EU level thanks to Programme/project communication efforts (e.g., project **CROSSMOBY** was labelled at level of EUSAIR Macroregional Strategy and is a best practice of consolidated partnership and an added value for the Programme Area also in future perspective. It also ranked second in the context of the Interreg Project Slam, thanks to which the Programme reached the podium for the second year in a row.



In PA3:

2 calls for standard projects (n. 03/2016, n. 07/2019) and **2 calls for strategic projects** (n. 05/2018, n. 06/2018), **1 I.T.I. project** (Isonzo-Soča), **1 targeted Pilot Action** (Pilot action from Greener Europe towards Green Deal PA 3-2020).

Total contracted funds € 33.287.112,80 (ERDF 28.210.647,54) of which **spent and validated** € 20.706.157,58 (ERDF 17.533.788,63) - 62,2%

Total n. of projects: 20 projects and 124 partners of which:

7 projects concluded with involvement of 37 partners in the following fields **natural and cultural heritage** (AGRITOUR II - MEDSGARDEN - tARTini), **sustainable development of the territory** (CONA - NAT2CARE), **environmental protection and resource efficiency** for **sustainable tourism** (BLUEGRASS - RETRACKING).

Main Achievements: valorization of natural and cultural heritage, integrated management of ecosystems, innovative technologies improving sustainable tourism.

I.T.I. project Isonzo-Soča: the recreation center in Šempeter-Vrtojba and the walkway on the Isonzo river were completed. The works were also started on the cycle path connecting the walkway to the cycling network; while works on cross-border cycle/pedestrian paths from the walkway to Piazza Transalpina and cycle/pedestrian paths in Gorizia were contracted and are expected to be completed within 2022.



In **PA4**:

2 calls for standard projects (n. 04/2016, n. 07/2019) and **1 call for strategic projects** (n. 05/2018), **1 I.T.I. project (Salute-Zdravstvo)**.

Total contracted funds € 18.748.222,32 (ERDF 15.935.988,93) of which spent and validated € 12.447.844,68 (ERDF 10.580.667,98) - 66,4%

Total n. of projects: 14 projects and 76 partners of which:

7 projects concluded with involvement of 40 partners in the following fields **education (CB_WBL - EDUKA2)**, **health and social care (CROSSCARE - MEMORI-net - INTEGRA)** and **territorial management system (HARMO-DATA - SECNET)**

Main Achievements: strengthening the institutional crossborder cooperation by planning joint solutions to common challenges.

I.T.I. project Salute - Zdravstvo: investments for the Autism Basaglia Center, the Info point in Gorizia, autism and pre-birth courses, the Info point in Šempeter, the Mental Health Center in Nova Gorica and services for children with mental health disorders as well as the Renovation of Šempeter Hospital were completed. A pilot action for 21 cross-border services on CUP (joint reservation centre) was launched in April; the call for tender for Women House at the Basaglia Park was launched in November 2021.



Communication activities during 2021

Despite the persistent pandemic situation and restrictions, the Programme was very active to promote the ownership of the Programme to the territory and public:

- The final rush of public consultations on 2021-2027 programme were activated during summer 2021 with a great response by the involved stakeholders.
- in the context of the Interreg Project Slam (September), the strategic project CROSSMOBY ranked second gaining the podium for the Programme for the second year in a row.
- The Programme organized the online EC Day 2021 on Green Cooperation, an online workshop on Communication for project beneficiaries and a workshop at the European Week of Regions and Cities.
- the 2021 Programme Annual event (December) was dedicated to the minorities cooperating at CB level through Interreg projects over past two programming periods. In this occasion, were rewarded also the winners of:
- the Photo contest "from the Alps to the Adriatic: a crossroad of biodiversity and culture" (September - beginning November) which involved 65 photographers (188 photos) and represented an excellent opportunity to disseminate Programme outcomes among the general public.
- Programme **social channels** implementation (Twitter, Facebook - in April, Instagram - in November, YouTube and LinkedIn - coming soon - see below).

Additional info:

- **Strategic projects**, particularly hit by the pandemic for the crossborder activities, are all approaching their closure and were prolonged to 2022 to the implementation of all activities and achievement of goals and results without any further delay.
- Almost all still ongoing **standard projects** show a good financial performance and trends despite the persistency of the emergency situation.
- In view of maximising the use of EU funds and with a view of committing the expected savings and residuals out of the closure of the first set of projects, in 2021 the scrolling down of the ranking lists out of the Call 7/2019 was proposed and approved to finance one additional project per Axis: **three additional projects gained the financing**, i.e. *TECHMOLOGY* (Axis 1), *WASTE DESIGN* (Axis 3-6f) and *C3B* (Axis 4).
- The Programme is in the optimal condition to eventually proceed with the request to the EC for an early closure (EC Guidelines n. 2021/C 417/01) which would reduce the overlap among 2014-2021/2021-2027 periods optimizing staff engagement on the new programme cycle.
- In 2021 the Programme continued joining the **Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY) Initiative** by hosting 7 IVY Interreg reporters. Thanks to the involvement of these young volunteers, it was possible to implement the social channels promoting the Programme and visibility of projects through these tools reaching the young audience.

Programming period 2021-2027

Many aspects were defined out of a challenging negotiation phase between the two Member States, e.g., Programme financial allocation, eligible area, Policy Objectives, SPF activation managed by the EGTC-GO for interventions within the framework of European Capital of Culture in 2025. The Programme was successfully submitted to the European Commission at the beginning of April 2022. Synthetic milestones of the process are published on the Programme website www.it-slo.eu in its section dedicated to 2021-2027.

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