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**1<sup>st</sup> OPEN CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS/ STAGE B**

**FOR SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS  
AT THE PROGRAMME**

**Interreg VI-A IPA Greece-North Macedonia**

**The General Secretary of Partnership Agreement**

Taking into consideration:

1. The Article 90 of the Code of Legislation for the Government and governmental bodies, which was ratified by the first article of the Presidential Decree 63/2005 "Codification of legislation for the Government and government bodies" (Government Gazette 98/A/22.4.2005), which was kept in force by par. 22 of article 119 of Law 4622/2019 (A' 133);
2. The Law 4914/2022 "Management, control and implementation of development interventions for the Programming Period 2021-2027, establishment of a Public

Company "National Register of Young Enterprises S.A." and other provisions" (A' 61) and in particular articles 11 par. 9 and 63 par. 29 thereof;

3. The Presidential Decree 77/2023 "Establishment of Ministry and renaming of Ministries - Establishment, abolition and renaming of General and Special Secretariats - Transfer of responsibilities, service units, staff positions and supervised entities" (Government Gazette 130/A'/27.06.2023), as amended with PD 82/2023 (Government Gazette 139/A'/01.08.2023);
4. The Presidential Decree 79/2023 "Appointment of Ministers and Deputy Ministers" (Government Gazette 131/A' /27.06.2023);
5. The Presidential Decree 50/2024 "Establishment of General Secretariats, repeal of General and Special Secretariats" (A' 138);
6. The Joint Decision No. 121106/2024 (Government Gazette 920/Y.O.D.D/26-08-2024) of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Economy & Finance "Assignment of duties of Secretary General of Partnership Agreement of the Ministry of Economy and Finance";
7. The Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (hereinafter "Common Provisions Regulation – CPR");
8. The Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments (hereinafter "ETC Regulation");
9. Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15th of September 2021 establishing the Mechanism for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III/IPA III);
10. The Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 of 7 January 2014 on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds;
11. The Ministerial Decision 3411/16-01-2023 (Government Gazette B' 183/18-01-2023) for the "Purpose, tasks and internal structure of the "Managing Authority Interreg 2021-2027" of Article 9 and paragraph 8 of Article 65 of Law 4914/2022 and of the Joint Secretariats of Interreg Programmes of Article 11 of the same law;
12. The Joint Ministerial Decision 45820/17-05-2023 (Government Gazette B' 3281/17-05-2023) concerning "Expenditure eligibility rules, public procurement, complaints objections of the beneficiaries of the INTERREG Programs 2021-2027";

13. The Cooperation Programme Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC "Greece – North Macedonia 2021-2027", as approved with the number C(2022) Decision no. 8646/ 23 Nov 2022 European Commission Implementing Decision for approving the Cooperation Programme "Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC Greece-North Macedonia" for support from the European Regional Development Fund and the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) in Greece and North Macedonia (CCI 2021 TC16IPCB009);
14. The decision of the 2nd Monitoring Committee meeting of the "Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC Greece-North Macedonia 2021-2027" Programme, on 25-4-2023, by which the methodology and selection criteria of project proposals, as described and specified in document attached to the Call were approved;
15. The decision of the Monitoring Committee meeting of the "Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC Greece-North Macedonia 2021-2027" Programme, on 07-11-2023, by which the Terms of Reference of the Call/Stage A, the Programme and Project Implementation Manual and the Applicant's Package were approved;
16. The decision of the Monitoring Committee of the "Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC Greece-North Macedonia 2021-2027" Programme, on 15-07-2024, by which the 'Table of Stage A Assessment Results' was approved for participating in Stage B by submitting the comprehensive Application Form;
17. The decision of the Monitoring Committee of the "Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC Greece-North Macedonia 2021-2027" Programme, on 30-09-2024, by which the assessment of the projects required to be re-assessed as per the decision of the Joint Complaints' Committee was approved;
18. The decision of the Monitoring Committee of the "Interreg (VA-I) IPA CBC "Greece - North Macedonia 2021-2027" Programme, on 09-08-2024, by which the Terms of Reference of the present call, the Programme and Project Implementation Manual, the Applicant's Package of the Stage B were approved,

## I N V I T E S

**The potential Lead Beneficiaries of the relevant proposals as approved to participate in Stage B, according to Annex II: Table of Recipients**

to submit a **Project Proposal (Application Form and all mandatory documents)** as outlined in the present Terms of Reference and apply specifically to the present Call for Project Proposals – Stage B, to be included and financed in the context of:

- Cooperation Programme: Interreg VI-A IPA Greece-North Macedonia
- European Fund: IPA III
- National Funds of the participating countries: **Greece & North Macedonia**

### Preamble

This document outlines the terms and conditions that apply specifically to the present 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals – Stage B launched by the Interreg VI-A IPA “Greece-North Macedonia” Programme. It is part of the “Application Package for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals”, which is available at the [programme website: www.greece-northmacedonia.eu](http://www.greece-northmacedonia.eu)

The application package consists of:

- The “1<sup>st</sup> Open call for Project Proposals” (the present document)
- The Programme and Project Implementation Manual (PPIM), as in force
- The annexes of the PPIM to be filled in and submitted attached to the Application Form via MIS
  - Annex 1: The “**Partnership Declaration**” (standard form provided), duly signed and stamped by the legal representative of the Lead Beneficiary and Project Beneficiaries;
  - Annex 3: The “**Justification of Budget Form**” (standard excel form provided) completed, expressed in euro, officially signed and stamped by the legal representative of the Lead Beneficiary (in pdf format) and an editable copy in excel format;
  - Annex 5: The “**State Aid Declaration**” (standard form provided) duly signed and stamped by the legal representative of each partner separately (only for Greek beneficiaries);
  - Annex 6: The “**Project Maturity Sheet**” (for equipment, investment, external expertise & services) (standard form provided) completed, duly signed and stamped by the legal representative of each partner separately;
  - Annex 7: The “**Project Feasibility Study**” (guidelines provided) duly signed and stamped by the legal representative of the Lead Beneficiary;
  - Annex 8: The “**Climate Endurance Validation Report**” (standard form provided) for LB/PB that implement investments on infrastructure with expected lifecycle at least 5 years, duly signed and stamped by the legal representatives of the partners with relevant activities, if applicable;
  - Annex 9: The “**SEA Compliance Form**” (standard form provided) duly signed and stamped by the legal representative of the Lead Beneficiary;
  - Annex 20: The “**Legal Entity Form**” for IPA Beneficiaries (standard form provided) duly signed and stamped by the legal representative of the IPA beneficiaries).

The above documents are submitted electronically, under penalty of disqualification, as an attachment to the Application Form and cannot be requested as supplementary documents.

- The Annexes of the PPIM to support the potential Beneficiaries in drafting and submitting of the Project Proposal:

- Annex 2: Project Detailed Description
- Annex 4: Justification of Budget Cost Manual
- Annex 10: Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide
- Annex 11: Charter of fundamental rights
- Annex 12: Table of COFOG Classification
- Annex13: Project Selection Methodology
- Annex 15: Selection Criteria
- Annex 16: Guidelines for applying in MIS 2021-2027
- Annex 17: Technical Guidance for Beneficiary User Registration and Account Management
- Annex 18: Ministerial Decision 45820/17-05-2023 (Government Gazette Β' 3218/17-05-2023) concerning "Expenditure eligibility rules, public procurement, complaints of the beneficiaries of the INTERREG Programmes 2021-2027"
- Annex19: Technical Guidance of MIS 2021 – 2027
- Annex 22: Subsidy Contract
- Annex 23: Partnership Agreement
- Annex 27: Communication Guide for Project Beneficiaries

**Furthermore, the following are required to be submitted via MIS:**

- For organizations located outside the eligible area—excluding those with a local or regional subsidiary or branch office, as well as central government bodies—**documentation demonstrating that their involvement in the project adds value and expertise to its execution and benefits the Programme cooperation area must be attached to the Application Form.**
- **In the "Utilities" section/8.1. Project Bodies Information of the MIS, the Lead Beneficiary and each Project Beneficiary must attach legal documents** that demonstrate their administrative and financial capability, their authority and competence for implementing the project's activities, the regulatory framework for designating the body responsible for operating and maintaining the Project, and the existence and operation of a Branch (if applicable).

All the Annexes for submission must be duly signed and stamped (physically scanned) or duly signed electronically by the legal representatives of the participating partners and uploaded to the MIS.

**Note:** In case the Application Form is signed and submitted by a person other than the legal representative, a Legal Document which transfers the specific authority to sign and submit the Application Form must be provided.

## 1. OBJECTIVES AND FOCUS OF THE CALL

Project applicants are invited to submit their project proposal under one of the Specific Objectives of the Programme listed above.

### The Specific Objectives

Nr	Code	Title
1	RSO2.6	Circular economy
2	RSO2.7	Nature protection and biodiversity
3	RSO4.5	Access to health care
4	RSO4.6	Culture and sustainable tourism

### The Intervention Categories

Nr	Code	Title
1	046	Support to entities that provide services contributing to the low carbon economy and to resilience to climate change, including awareness-raising measures
2	058	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: floods and landslides (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)
3	059	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: fires (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)
4	064	Water management and water resource conservation (including river basin management, specific climate change adaptation measures, reuse, leakage reduction)
5	075	Support to environmentally-friendly production processes and resource efficiency in SMEs
6	079	Nature and biodiversity protection, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure
7	128	Health infrastructure
8	129	Health equipment
9	131	Digitalisation in health care
10	160	Measures to improve the accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems (excluding infrastructure)
11	165	Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets and tourism services

12	166	Protection, development and promotion of cultural heritage and cultural services
13	167	Protection, development and promotion of natural heritage and eco-tourism other than Natura 2000 sites

### The Geographical areas

Nr	Territorial level	Geographical area(s)	Nuts Code
1	Regional Unit	Jugoistocen	MK004
2	Regional Unit	Kilkis	EL523
3	Regional Unit	Pelagoniski	MK005
4	Regional Unit	Kozani	EL531
5	Regional Unit	Thessaloniki	EL522
6	Regional Unit	Serres	EL526
7	Regional Unit	Vardarski	MK001
8	Regional Unit	Jugozapaden	MK003
9	Regional Unit	Pella	EL524
10	Regional Unit	Florina	EL533

### Financing Activities located outside the programme area

The Programme area encompasses the specific geographical regions mentioned above in the two participating countries. In principle, all project activities should occur within this Programme area. However, if a project intends to fund activities or events outside the Programme area, it is permissible within the framework of Cooperation Programmes. Exceptions to this principle may be granted for EU partners from outside the Programme area and for Assimilated Partners in duly justified cases.

If activities (including travel and accommodation) and/ or events are planned outside the Programme area, the following conditions need to be satisfied:

- the activity and/ or event are for the benefit of the Programme area;
- the activity and/ or event are essential for the implementation of the project;
- the implementation and/ or the relevance of the activity and/ or the event have been approved by the Programme beforehand (foreseen in the Application Form or, if not, have been previously authorised by the MA/JS).

Infrastructure located outside the Programme area, even if it is directly related to the project either for the development or for implementation, shall not be eligible.

### The Output and Result Indicators

Code	Description of Indicator	Measurement Unit	Target
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RCO107	Investments in facilities for separate waste collection	Euro	2500000
RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised	Number	48
RCO69	Capacity of new or modernised health care facilities	Individuals /year	15000
RCO77	Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	Number	8
RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders	Number	560
RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number	6
RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	Entity	112
RCR104	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	Number	5
RCR72	Annual users of new or modernised e-health care services	Users per year	40000
RCR73	Annual users of new or modernised health care facilities	Users per year	15000
RCR77	Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported	Annual number of Visits	12857
RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	Entity	56

Beneficiaries may only use the indicators listed in the present Call for Project Proposals (see also PORIG).

More detailed information about the Programme, Priorities, Specific Objectives, Region Categories, Indicators as well as the distribution of public expenditure per priority are listed in **Annex I**.

## 2. BUDGET OF THE CALL

The Programme will allocate approximately **18.045.455,50 EUR** (EU & National Funds) to the present Call for Project Proposals. The EU contribution rate is **80%**. Beneficiaries shall ensure the needed own contribution (public and/ or private, if applicable).



An indicative budget allocation (EU & National Funds) to the programme priorities and to the specific objectives is presented in Annex I – Table 2. In the context of the present Call, projects will be funded up to the total budget allocated for the Call. The Monitoring Committee (MC) may adjust this allocation based on Programme needs during the project selection process. Projects may be selected up to **100%** of the budget of the present Call for Project Proposals, if deemed necessary.

### 3. CONTEXT OF THE CALL

The present Call concerns Stage B – Submission by the beneficiaries of their detailed proposal (Application Form with all mandatory documents).

In the framework of the present Call, Lead Beneficiaries whose Concept Notes were positively assessed in Stage A are required to submit their detailed Application Form, along with all mandatory documents specified in the Call, exclusively through the MIS.

The 1st Call for Project Proposals aims to identify and select high-quality cross-border projects where relevant institutions collaborate to address common challenges in border regions. These projects should focus on finding joint solutions in areas such as the environment, circular economy, sustainable energy, tourism, health, and other fields. The goal is to unlock the untapped growth potential in border areas and enhance cooperation to contribute to the overall harmonious development of the Union.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals, submissions can be made under the two (2) Programme Priorities (P1 and P3) and the four specific objectives outlined in §2 of the Terms of Reference (ToR). Details on the Programme priorities, objectives, and indicative actions are provided in Chapter 2 of the Interreg Programme (IP), which is available on the Programme website. This document outlines the Programme strategy and intervention logic for the Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC “Greece-North Macedonia 2021-2027” Programme, as adopted by the European Commission

In Stage B, project applicants are invited to submit detailed proposals under one (1) of the Specific Objectives identified in Stage A and within one (1) Intervention Field. If multiple intervention fields were declared in Stage A, the field with the largest budget must be selected for Stage B. The project objectives and proposed activities must be clear, align with the Programme priorities, contribute to achieving Programme indicators, and have an impact on the Greece-North Macedonia area.

### 4. PROJECT DURATION

Projects must be completed within a maximum of **twenty-four (24) months** from the signing of the Subsidy Contract (SC) between the Managing Authority/ Special Secretary for the Management of Sectoral Programmes & CF and the Lead Beneficiary. Projects that began implementation before the contract was signed, and in any case after 01/01/2021,

must not have been concluded before applying for funding under the current Call for Project Proposals.

This limit applies for the operative phase of the project and does not include the preparation phase.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

**In the context of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals – STAGE B, only and EXCLUSIVELY the potential Lead Beneficiaries of the proposals approved for participation in Stage B, as listed in Annex II: Table of Recipients, are invited.**

According to the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals – STAGE A (117769/08.12.2023), eligible applicants are the entities that fall into the below categories of potential Beneficiaries:

- a) national, regional or local public bodies
- b) bodies governed by public law (as defined in Article 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU), meaning bodies that have all of the following characteristics:
  - they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;
  - they have legal personality; and
  - they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law; or are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;
- c) bodies governed by private law, non-profit organisations founded according to private law can be eligible under the following conditions as a whole:
  - they are not established with the goal to obtain profit;
  - they do not distribute profits to the shareholders;
  - they should have at least completed one accounting year of operation before the launch of the specific call for proposals. This rule is also applicable for the local-regional subsidiary/branch offices.

It should be noted that private companies, not falling under the conditions listed at point (c) are not eligible.

- d) international organisations registered under the national law of the Member States of the Programme can be considered as eligible if they fulfil the criteria foreseen for the non-profit bodies governed by private law. However, international organisations operating under international law are not eligible
- e) European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC). Eligible EGTC must be governed by the law of one of the participating countries where the EGTC has its registered office. EGTCs located outside the Programme area and not registered in one of the Member

States participating in the cross-border Programme are not eligible for funding. An EGTC cannot be a sole beneficiary of a project proposal

Bodies governed by public law (under category b. above) and private organisations (under category c. above) and EGTC (under category e. above) should have completed at least one accounting year of operation before the launching of the Call for proposals. If a body governed by public law or a private organization is participating through a branch located at the Programme area, the branch must be operational for at least 12 months before the launching of the call for proposals.

In principle, to become a project beneficiary, the legal address of the beneficiary's organisation has to be located in the eligible area of the Programme with the exception of:

- organisations located outside the Programme area but having local/ regional subsidiary/ branch office established in the Programme area;
- bodies of the central government located outside the Programme area (e.g. Ministries or other governmental authorities with specific competencies on national level);
- organisations located outside the Programme area but inside the Member States participating in the cross-border Programme if their participation in the project brings added value and expertise to its implementation and benefits the Programme cooperation area.

Organisation located outside the Programme area not registered in one of the Partner States participating in the cross-border Programme are not eligible for funding.

## 6. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTNERSHIPS

**In the context of the 1st Call for Project Proposals – STAGE B, only and EXCLUSIVELY the Partnership Schemes of the proposals approved for participation in Stage B, as listed in Annex II: Table of Recipients, are invited.**

As a minimum requirement, the project partnership must involve two (2) beneficiaries, one from each Partner State. The partnership scheme must not exceed five (5) beneficiaries.

In line with Article 2(9) of the CPR, beneficiaries are responsible for initiating and/ or implementing projects. They can be public or private legal entities of both participating countries; and shall cooperate in the development and implementation of operations, as well as in the staffing or financing of operations, or both in accordance with Article 23(4) of the ETC Regulation.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE

7.1 The end date of the eligibility period for the costs of the proposed operations is defined as 31/12/2029. The end date of the proposed projects (completion in both physical and financial terms of the project) should be by the above date.

7.2 Projects that have been physically completed or fully executed before the application for funding at the present Call for Project Proposals are not eligible, regardless of whether or not the related payments have been made.

### 7.3 Project budget requirements (incl. EU & National Funds)

The minimum budget of the submitted project proposals is defined as the amount of **700.000,00 €**.

The maximum budget of the submitted project proposals is defined as the amount of **1.500.000,00 €**.

***In the context of the 1st Call for Project Proposals – STAGE B, only the project proposals listed in Annex II: Table of Recipients are invited to participate. These proposals have been reviewed and meet the budget requirements specified. The total project budget for Stage B submissions must remain consistent with the budget approved in Stage A, unless otherwise specified in the Stage A notification letters. However, adjustments to the budget for individual work packages or deliverables are permitted as long as the overall budget remains unchanged.***

### 7.4 Partners budget requirements (incl. EU & National Funds)

The minimum budget of the submitted project proposal per project partner is defined as the amount of **120.000,00 €**.

7.5 The EU co-financing to beneficiaries may be reduced in case of State Aid relevance of project activities, in compliance with relevant rules on State aid (see § State Aid and de minimis regime of the PPIM). In such a case State aid is granted under the de minimis regime & GBER within the project (*applies only to beneficiaries coming from Greece*).

7.6 The MA may modify the total amount of the public expenditure of the present Call or may proceed with a justified termination of the validity of the Call, informing in any case the beneficiaries through the programme website.

7.7 The eligibility rules for the costs of the co-financed operations are specified in the Programme and Project Implementation Manual.

7.8 Categories of Expenditure that will be financed and reimbursed based on real costs

Expenditure category	Description
2	Staff Cost (Real cost)
4	Office and Administration (Real cost)
6	Equipment (Real cost)
8	Travel and Accommodation (Real cost)
10	External Expertise and Services (Real cost)
12	Infrastructure and Works (Real cost)

7.9 Expenditures based on simplified cost options.

Expenditure category	Description	Measurement Unit	Flat Rate	Description
1	Staff Cost (flat rate)	%	20%	up to 20% of the direct costs other than the direct staff costs of the beneficiary's budget
3	Office and Administration (flat rate)	%	15%	up to 15% of the eligible direct staff costs of the beneficiary's budget
7	Travel and Accommodation (flat rate)	%	15%	up to 15% of the eligible direct staff costs of the beneficiary's budget

Direct costs other than staff costs, are defined as the sum of the costs of the budget lines "external expertise and services", "equipment" and "infrastructure and works" costs of the beneficiary's budget. Travel and accommodation budget category is not included in the direct costs.

The simplified cost options applied to the projects will not be able to be modified either during its implementation or upon its completion.

For all expenses that will be reimbursed using the simplified cost option, Beneficiaries will not provide paid receipts of expenses or documents of equivalent accounting value maintained in the Beneficiary's accounting system.

7.10 Costs within the budget lines "staff costs, travel and accommodation costs and external expertise and services", which have been incurred for the preparation of the project, are eligible for funding on a real cost basis calculation, but should not exceed the amount of €30.000 at project level.

7.11 The management costs of each project beneficiary should not exceed 10% of the its total budget. For the Lead Beneficiary this percentage shall be limited to 15% of its budget.

7.12 Communication' costs cannot exceed 15% of the total project budget, without limits at beneficiary level.

7.13 The Office and Administration costs cannot exceed the 4% of the total beneficiary's budget in both reimbursement option.

Detailed eligibility rules on activities and related expenditure are described in the Programme and Project Implementation Manual.

## 8. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

**The bodies that have successfully passed the evaluation of the Concept Note (Stage A) and are listed in Annex II: Table of Recipients of this call will receive an**

**automated notification to return the 'MIS Application Form.'** This will enable them to re-process and complete the Application Form based on the instructions provided in Annex 16 "Guidelines for Applying in MIS 2021-2027".

**Bodies that are not yet registered in the MIS Registry (i.e. do not have a "MIS Body Code") must apply for a Body Code in accordance with the instructions in Annex 16 before submitting the proposal.**

The Application Form with all the attached mandatory documents, is submitted via MIS, by the Lead Beneficiary's legal representative (personal user account of the legal representative). The project proposal is submitted to MIS at the following website <https://logon.ops.gr/>.

from 04/10/2024 (start date for submission of proposals), time 09:00 Greek local time (CET+1)

until exclusively 13/11/2024 (deadline for submission of proposals), time 14:00 Greek local time (CET+1) at the latest.

After the successful submission of the proposal, the Beneficiaries are informed about it through the MIS.

No proposals submitted afterwards will be accepted.

The beneficiaries are required to have two types of personal user accounts (username and password) to access the MIS:

1. the Beneficiaries' officers to fill in the forms and
2. the Lead Beneficiary's legal representative for submitting proposals, or another user of the system authorized for submission.

If the Beneficiaries does not already have a "Body Code" in the MIS from the period 2014-2020, they should apply for one.

Instructions for obtaining a Body Code and/ or User Account in MIS can be found at Applicant's Package Annexes 16,17.

The Application Form (AF) is the Beneficiary's proposal and is completed exclusively in the electronic format available at the MIS. Instructions for filling in the fields of the Application Form are attached to the present Call (Annex 16)

The submission of proposal also constitutes an application for funding of the potential beneficiaries

## 9. SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process has as follows:

### **STAGE B: Project proposal submission**

Only the specified by the Managing Authority beneficiaries submit their project proposals. The project proposal must be submitted no later than 40 calendar days after the date of the notification of the Lead beneficiary that the Project is eligible to proceed to submission Stage B. Proposals submitted after the above deadline will not be accepted.

After the submission of the detailed proposal (Application Form & mandatory documents) by the potential Lead Beneficiary, the selection process and approval of projects is as follows:

### **9.1 Evaluation of the proposals by the Managing Authority of the Cooperation Programme in two stages:**

#### *Stage B' – Evaluation of the Project Proposals*

The evaluation is based on methodology and criteria approved by the Monitoring Committee, which are attached to Stage B call and begins after the deadline for submitting Project Proposals of this call.

This stage consists of three phases as follows:

Phase B1: Administrative & Project Eligibility Assessment

Phase B2: Quality Assessment

Phase B3: Beneficiaries Eligibility Assessment & State Aid Compliance for Project Proposals which have been positively evaluated in Stages B1 and B2.

During the evaluation, the MA may request the beneficiary, at Stage B' of the evaluation (B1 & B2 Phase) to submit additional information and clarifications, within a specific deadline.

Additional data are those which, while foreseen in the Call, were not submitted due to an omission (or a set of permitted errors) by the potential beneficiary and have been issued before the submission of the proposal. Clarifications are items requested by the evaluator(s), in order to clarify the submitted information and better understand the content of the proposal. In the case of an external evaluator from the Register of Evaluators, clarifications can be requested exclusively through the Managing Authority provided its consent.

Upon completion of the comparative assessment of Phase B1 & B2, the proposals are ranked in descending order based on their score, following the approval of MC. Upon the completion of comparative assessment, projects as approved by MC proceed in Phase B3 assessment.

### **9.2 Publication of a provisional list of evaluated proposals for Stage B - for Phases B1 & B2 and for Phase B3.**

### **9.3 Submission and examination of complaints**

The potential Beneficiaries may submit a complaint to the competent MA regarding the results of the evaluation (see PPIM). Complaints are submitted once per evaluation stage, within a subversive deadline of seven (7) working days from the day following the notification of the evaluation results, namely:

- of the Provisional Ranking Table of evaluated proposals issued during Stage B': Phase B1' & B2' of the evaluation.
- of the Provisional Ranking Table of evaluated proposals issued during Stage B': Phase B3' of the evaluation.

Upon completion of the examination of the complaints concerning:

- Stage B': Phase B1' & B2',
- Stage B': Phase B3'

of the evaluation, the proposals for which the Complaint is accepted are added to the ranking table, in the order in which they are ranked by their score, in order to produce the Final Ranking Table of evaluated proposals. (see PPIM).

## 10. COMMUNICATION - SUPPORT TO APPLICANTS

For information with regard to the Programme, the Management and Control System, the institutional framework for the implementation of the actions within the Programme, the eligible expenditure costs for the actions, as well as any information related to the submission of proposals (such as instructions for the completion of the Application Form, monitoring indicators, specification of the project proposal evaluation criteria and other documents, which are necessary for the examination of the proposal) please visit the Programme website [www.greece-northmacedonia.eu](http://www.greece-northmacedonia.eu).

You may also find relevant information on the Managing Authority's website ([www.interreg.gr](http://www.interreg.gr)).

The programme provides the following support measures and tools to assist applicants (potential beneficiaries) in submitting quality project proposals. In particular:

- *Information Events/ Online Info-Days* – Applicants can attend informative events with regard to the present Call for Project Proposals related to the Call ToRs, STAGE B submission details, selection criteria, indicators, communication, project finances, etc. Specific information (date, time, etc.) about the events is posted on the Programme website.
- *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* - In a dedicated section on the programme website, applicants are provided with answers to the most frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the programme funding and application process. Questions may be posed in written (at [jts-ipa-cbc@mou.gr](mailto:jts-ipa-cbc@mou.gr)) via an e-mail to the Managing Authority, no later than fifteen (15) calendar days before the deadline for the submission of proposals. Answers shall be published no later than seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission of Project Proposals. As the FAQ is regularly expanded and updated, please revisit the programme website regularly for retrieving the most up-to-date information.
- *Helpdesks for technical support* - For questions related to the application system, contact MIS helpdesk ([ikalaitzoglou@mou.gr](mailto:ikalaitzoglou@mou.gr)) by email or consult the MIS user manual.
- *National support by Antenna Office* - Applicants can also reach out to Antenna Office in North Macedonia. It offers national support regarding the calls and provide information in national languages on primarily national application issues.

Applicants are invited to regularly consult the official Programme website for updates and further details regarding all support measures.



## 11. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

11.1 The Managing Authority that holds the position of "controller" declares that:

- is aware of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, the Hellenic Legislation - Law 4624/2019 and the relevant instructions and decisions of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority, which govern the legal execution of the Call, and
- fully undertakes the obligations deriving from the legislation, regarding the protection and security of personal data, which may be processed and/or come to its knowledge in any way.

11.2 The processing by the beneficiaries (acting as processors) is governed by a legal act that falls under the European Union law and the Hellenic law, which binds the processor in relation to the controller and determines the object and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data and the categories of data subjects, as well as the obligations and rights of the controller and the processors. This legal act, takes the form of the Subsidy Contract between the Managing Authority and the Lead Beneficiary (Lead Partner) of a project - following the Decision of the Monitoring Committee, where all the provisions related to the protection of personal data are provided.

**The General Secretary of PA**

**Vasiliki PANTELOPOULOU**

Attachments:

1. Annex I: Tables 1-4
2. Annex II: Table of Recipients

Internal Communication (e-copy):

1. General Secretariat for PA, Ms. V. Pantelopoulou
2. MA of INTERREG 2021-2027: Head of MA, Units A & B
3. JS Greece-North Macedonia

**ANNEX I: DETAILS OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME ON THE ANNOUNCED ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESENT CALL**
**Tables 1-4**
**Table 1: CALL-SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

COOPERATION PROGRAMME: Interreg VI-A IPA Greece-North Macedonia							CODE: 628	
POLICY OBJECTIVE	CODE	PRIORITY	CODE	FUND	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	CODE	INTERVENTION CATEGORY	CODE
Greener Europe	2	Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	PR1	IPA III	Circular economy	RSO 2.6	Support to entities that provide services contributing to the low carbon economy and to resilience to climate change, including awareness-raising measures	046
Greener Europe	2	Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	PR1	IPA III	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: floods and landslides (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)	058
Greener Europe	2	Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	PR1	IPA III	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: fires (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)	059
Greener Europe	2	Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	PR1	IPA III	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Water management and water resource conservation (including river basin management, specific climate change adaptation measures, reuse, leakage reduction)	064
Greener Europe	2	Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	PR1	IPA III	Circular economy	RSO 2.6	Support to environmentally-friendly production processes and resource efficiency in SMEs	075
Greener Europe	2	Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	PR1	IPA III	Nature protection and biodiversity	RSO 2.7	Nature and biodiversity protection, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure	079

Social Europe	4	Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	Access to health care	RSO 4.5	Health infrastructure	128
Social Europe	4	Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	Access to health care	RSO 4.5	Health equipment	129
Social Europe	4	Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	Access to health care	RSO 4.5	Digitalisation in health care	131
Social Europe	4	Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	Access to health care	RSO 4.5	Measures to improve the accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems (excluding infrastructure)	160
Social Europe	4	Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	Culture and sustainable tourism	RSO 4.6	Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets and tourism services	165
Social Europe	4	Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	Culture and sustainable tourism	RSO 4.6	Protection, development and promotion of cultural heritage and cultural services	166
Social Europe	4	Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	Culture and sustainable tourism	RSO 4.6	Protection, development and promotion of natural heritage and eco-tourism other than Natura 2000 sites	167

Detailed reference is provided in *IP* and *Programme Manual*.

Table 2: CALL-SPECIFIC BUDGET

COOPERATION PROGRAMME: Interreg (VI-A) IPA CBC "Greece-North Macedonia"			CODE: 628
PRIORITY	CODE	FUND	ERDF & NATIONAL BUDGET
PRIORITY 1 - Transition to a Low Carbon Economy (PO2)	PR1	IPA III	10.613.636,25 €
<i>RSO2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy.</i>			5.306.818,13 €
<i>RSO2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution.</i>			5.306.818,12 €
PRIORITY 3 - Support and Upgrade of Health and Social Services	PR3	IPA III	7.431.819,25 €
<i>RSO4.5. Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care</i>			3.715.910,50 €
<i>RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation</i>			3.715.908,75 €

Detailed reference is provided in *Programme and Project Implementation Manual*.

**Table 3: CALL-SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS**

<b>COOPERATION PROGRAMME: Interreg VI-A IPA Greece-North Macedonia</b>		<b>FUND: IPA III</b>		
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>INDICATORS</b>		
		<b>CODE ID</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>MEASUREMENT UNIT</b>
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.6	RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	Entity
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.6	RCO107	Investments in facilities for separate waste collection	Euro
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.6	RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised	Number
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.7	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	Number
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.7	RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	Entity
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.7	RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised	Number
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.5	RCO69	Capacity of new or modernised health care facilities	Individuals /year
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.5	RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders	Number
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.5	RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	Entity
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.6	RCO77	Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	Number
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.6	RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders	Number
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.6	RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	Entity
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.6	RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised	Number

Detailed reference is provided in *Programme Output & Result Indicators guide*.

**Table 4: CALL-SPECIFIC RESULT INDICATORS**

<b>COOPERATION PROGRAMME: Interreg VI-A IPA Greece-North Macedonia</b>		<b>FUND: IPA III</b>		
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>INDICATORS</b>		
		<b>CODE ID</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>MEASUREMENT UNIT</b>
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.6	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	Entity
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.7	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	Entity
Transition to a low carbon economy (PO2)	RSO2.7	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	Number
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.5	RCR72	Annual users of new or modernised e-health care services	Users per year
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.5	RCR73	Annual users of new or modernised health care facilities	Users per year
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.5	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	Entity
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.6	RCR77	Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported	Annual number of Visits
Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services	RSO4.6	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	Entity

Detailed reference is provided in *Programme Output & Result Indicators guide*.