

## Official launch of Stage B of the 1st Call for proposals

*Deadline on November 11th, 2024*

The Managing Authority of Interreg Greece-Italy Programme is launching the **1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals of Common Projects – STAGE B**, with a **substantial budget of €45 million**.

Geographical coverage of the call extends to over 6 regions from **2 EU countries, Greece and Italy**.

The EU financial support will range from **€900,000 to €2.5 million** per project. The EU contribution is 75% of the project total eligible costs and the project co-financing is 25% of the total eligible costs.

In the context of the present **Call -Stage B**, the potential Lead Beneficiaries with the relevant partnership schemes of the proposed projects as approved to participate in Stage B, according to Annex II: Table of LB Recipients of the Call are **EXCLUSIVELY** invited to submit a detailed Project Proposal (Application Form with all mandatory documents) - exclusively via MIS.

The 1st Call for Project Proposals intends to select high quality cross-border projects, in which relevant institutions cooperate to make border regions more resilient to common challenges, find shared solutions in fields such as environment, research, education, transport, sustainable energy, tourism, health and more, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas, while enhancing the cooperation process for the purposes of the overall harmonious development of the Union.

Within the 1st Call for Project Proposals, proposals can be submitted under the three Programme Priorities, **P1-Competitive & Smarter GR-IT area, P2-Greener & Low Carbon GR-IT area & P3-Social & Inclusive GR-IT area**, and eight Specific Objectives, **RSO1.1-Research & Innovation capacities, RSO1.2-Digitalisation, RSO2.4-Climate change, RSO2.6-Circular Economy, RSO2.7-Protection of Nature & Biodiversity, RSO4.2-Education, training & life-long learning, RSO4.5-Health care & RSO4.6-Culture & Sustainable Tourism**, (as listed in §2 of ToR).

Project applicants are invited to submit in Stage B their detailed proposals **under one (1) of the Specific Objectives as submitted in Stage A and under one (1) Intervention Field**. In case of multiple intervention fields declared in Stage A, the one having the biggest budget must be selected and declared in Stage B. The project objectives and the proposed activities shall be clear and in-line with the Programme priorities, contribute to the achievement of Programme indicators and both shall have an impact on Greece-Italy area.

Potential Applicants, in order to understand the main features of the Call, develop their project ideas and draft their detailed proposals, are encouraged to carefully read:

- ✓ the Terms of Reference of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Project Proposals – STAGE B [here](#),
- ✓ the Application Package / Supporting documents & guides [here](#).

Applicants should send their questions electronically to the email [info@greece-italy.eu](mailto:info@greece-italy.eu). All questions will be grouped and the answers will be uploaded at the website of the Programme.

The dates for the submission of the Concept Note via MIS are:

- from **10/09/2024** (start date for submission of proposals), time **14:00 Greek local time (CET+1)**
- until **11/11/2024** (deadline for submission of proposals), time **14:00 Greek local time (CET+1)** at the latest.