

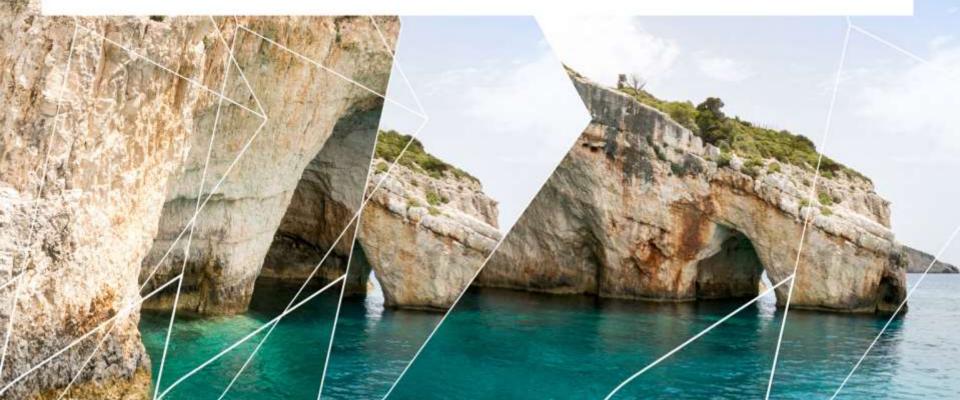


Italy – Croatia

## Rimini, 7th July 2023

### Towards the future of blue growth in the Adriatic and Ionian Basin

Session 2: European Territorial Cooperation Programmes - How Interreg can implement strategies and answer to territorial needs of Italian regions







## Interreg IT-HR 2014-2020 main results:



PA 1 **BLUE INNOVATION** 

#### 50 1.1

Enhance the framework conditions for innovation in the relevant sectors of the blue economy within the cooperation area

24,2 M € 12% of total ERDF

#### 14 projects

to support innovation and "blue growth"

















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# THE SEA OF SUSTAINABILITY A new vision for the Italy-Croatia Blue Economy

Visit the webdoc in programme website for main project results for the 14-20 programming period:

Sea economy - Italia-Croatia (italy-croatia.eu)



Programme results webpage: <u>Programme results - Italia-Croatia (italy-croatia.eu)</u>





Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027

The Italy-Croatia Programme has a focus on the Blue Economy. It is a vital resource for Italy and Croatia, but the joint Adriatic Sea basin faces challenges with overfishing, pollution and climate change, which require sustainable management.

Italy-Croatia programme **approach** to blue economy:

The blue economy involves using marine resources in a sustainable way to foster economic growth, improve people's livelihoods and employment prospects, and maintain healthy marine ecosystems.



### Blue economy in the Interreg IT-HR 21-27 Programme IP content:

#### JOINT PROGRAMME STRATEGY: MAIN DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES AND POLICY RESPONSES

«Blue economy represents a crucial sector for the Programme area.

**Blue Economy** should play an **important role**, as reported during the consultation process, due to its strong focus on marine living resources, coastal and island tourism, maritime transport, extraction of natural resources.»

#### COMPLEMENTARITIES AND SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PROGRAMMES & MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES

«At the project level, lessons learnt stemming from the 2014-2020 programming period show a convergence of common issues for the Adriatic area that could represent a starting point for boosting synergies among programmes:

Innovation in the blue economy;»

#### PROGRAMME VISION/THEMATIC SCOPE:

"the emphasis on the maritime dimension of the Programme ensures continuity with the 2014-2020 Italy-Croatia Programme, which has focused itself on the **blue growth** potential of the area"

The Programme vision can be enclosed in the following statement: "Focusing on innovation and sustainability in the blue economy, capitalising previous cooperation experiences, creating synergies with EUSAIR."





# PRIORITY 1 Sustainable growth in the blue economy

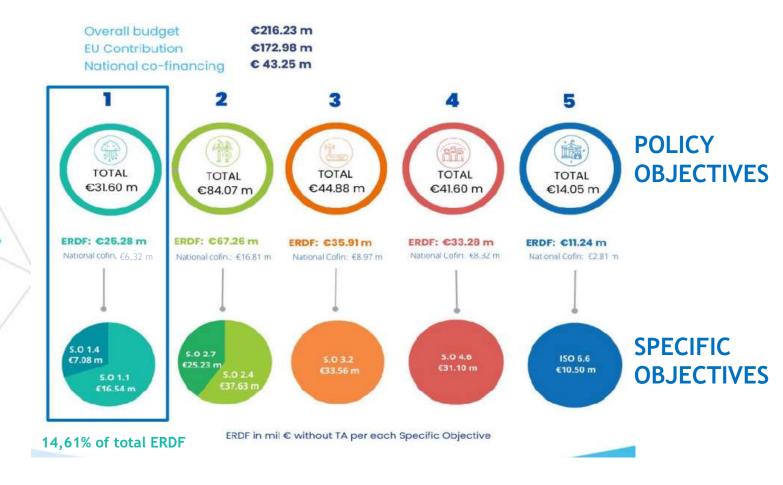
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Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

Specific Objective 1.2.

Developing skills for smart specialisation industrial transition and entrepreneurship

## Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027: financial allocation



# Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027: SO1.1.

Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

Expected Result 1

Improved performances related to applied research and technological transfer also through a stronger collaboration among quadruple helix

actors



and STEM PhD students

Support to researchers

# Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027: SO1.2.

Developing skills for smart specialisation industrial transition and entrepreneurship

Expected Result 1

Strengthened innovation capacities of SMEs, especially in Blue economy domains

Innovation and digitalization skills

Expected Result 2

Increased internationalisation capacities of SMEs, especially in Blue economy domains

Internationalisation

# Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027: SO1.2.

Developing skills for smart specialisation industrial transition and entrepreneurship

Expected Result 3

Higher consistency of smart specialisation strategies, with a major focus on the maritime dimension of the Programme area

> Smart specialization and transformative changes

Expected Result 4

Higher preparedness of businesses for smart specialisation in terms of qualified human capital and appropriate entrepreneurial skills mainly in the Blue economy domains

Entrepreneurial skills



### Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027: 1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS - selection criteria

Quality Assessment Strategic assessment criteria

2.2 Is the project <u>clearly</u> contributing to a **wider strategy** on one or more policy levels (EU/national /regional)?

2.3 Is the project <u>clearly</u> and <u>consistently</u> contributing to specified EUSAIR macro-regional strategy pillar objectives and flagships?

2.4 Are **complementarities** and **synergies** between the project proposal and projects <u>supported by other programmes</u> and initiatives clearly demonstrated?



### Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027: 1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS - STANDARD

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161 Proposals

Co-funded by the European Union 1st Call for proposals Standard projects

1.106 Partners

### €309.683.069,78 Total budget requested

#### **Lead Partners**

Italian: **107** Croatian: **54** 

Public sector: **144** Private not-for-profit: **13** Private for-profit: **4** 

### Proposals per specific objective

- 1.1 Research&Innovation: 15
- 1.2 Smart specialisation: 8
- 2.1 Climate change: 30
- 2.2 Protection of nature: 39
- 3.1 Cross-border mobility: 13
- 4.1 Culture&Tourism: **56**

# Interreg IT-HR CBC Programme 2021-2027: Operations Of Strategic Importance (OSI)

Foreseen by Regulation 1060/2021 as «operations that provide a **significant contribution** to the achievement of the objectives of a Programme and which is **subject to particular monitoring and communication measures**» (art. 1)

The foreseen categories of OSIs are the following two:

- 1. SMEs Facility. The aim of this instrument is to target specific domains of the <u>Blue Economy</u> with a high potential in terms of growth, innovation and reinforcement of skills based on CB business cooperation between SMEs/start-ups
- 2. Further Operation(s) of Strategic Importance that could be funded in relation to the topics proposed in <u>the EUSAIR</u> <u>flagship themes</u> mentioned for each SO (excluding SO 1.1, 1.4 and ISO1



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