



How some European programmes and funds can support cross-border cooperation to achieve the biodiversity targets?

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The EU INTERREG Programmes in support of Natura 2000 and Biodiversity (2000-2020)

Track record

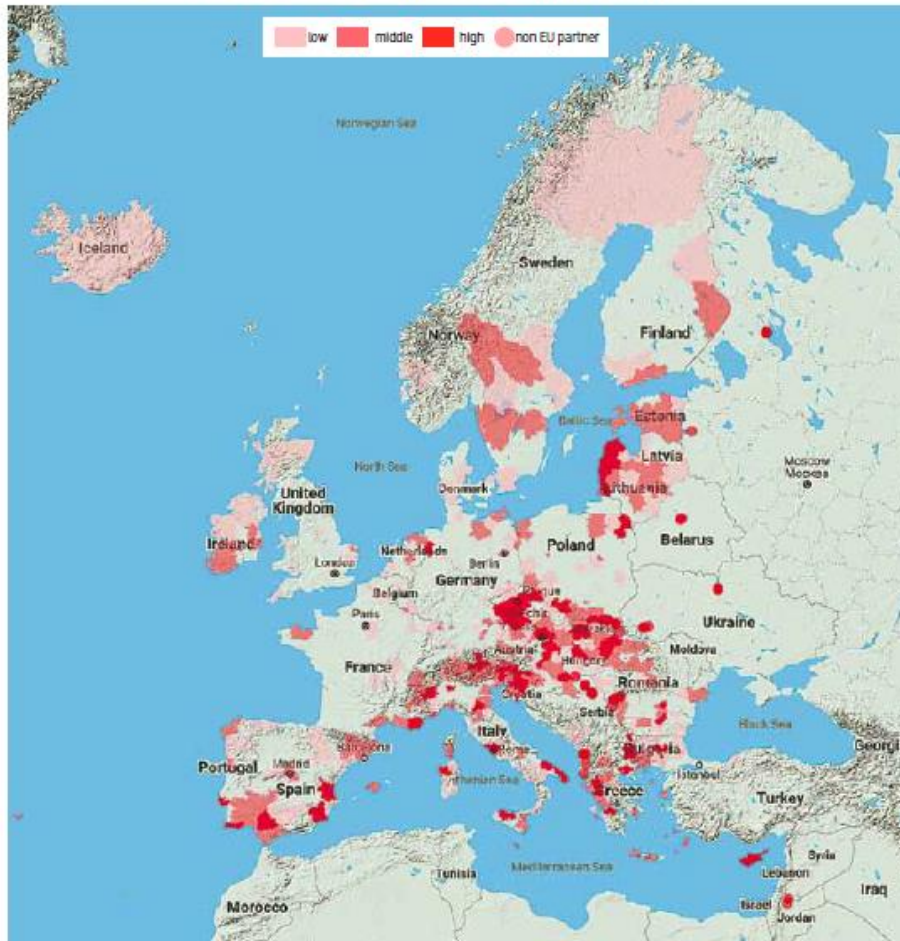
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The EU INTERREG Programmes in support of Natura 2000 and Biodiversity (2000-2020)

- Under the current Interreg V programme (2014-2020) funding can be targeted at the protection and restoration of biodiversity and soil, and the promotion of ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure:
 - Around €581 million is foreseen for this, of which €163 million is specifically for the protection, restoration and sustainable use of Natura 2000 sites.
 - According to the EU Keep Database at least 190 projects involving Natura 2000 sites have been funded since 2000 representing a total investment of almost €280 million to which the EU provides funding of €200 million.

Interreg projects involving Natura 2000

Figure 7. Heat map of Natura 2000 projects under Interreg since 2000. The shades of red on the map show the different concentration of partners versus the average ('middle') for the search parameters.



- Interreg projects involving Natura 2000 sites are :
 - not just about conserving biodiversity
 - but also about its integration into wider socio-economic development objectives at the local or regional level.

A sample of Interreg IPA programmes in support of Natura 2000 and Biodiversity

Main Activities Types	Project actions	Interreg projects examples (Interreg IPA programme / Total Budget in EUR)
Species conservation and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing common species monitoring methodologies • Drawing up joint or coordinated species action plans and strategies • Stakeholder dialogue and engagement • Exchange of knowledge • Improving connectivity and population status (e.g. fauna passages, reintroduction) 	NETCET (IPA Adriatic 2007-2013 / €2,322,660)
Natura 2000 network coherence and connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring ecological corridors, (e.g. by removing barriers from river habitats) • Assessment and monitoring of barriers • Definition of restoration methodologies and concepts for habitat corridors based on habitat and species dynamics • Stakeholder dialogue and exchange of experiences 	DANUBEPARKS (Danube 2014-2020 / approx. €5,000,000) ConnectGREEN (Danube 2014-2020 / €2,462,923.53) BioREGIO-Carpathians (2007-2013 South-East Europe / €2,586,260)

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Natura 2000 sustainable development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic valuation of Natura 2000 • Promotion of Sustainable Tourism and Cultural Heritage • Promotion of local products • Action plan for nature-based coordination territorial development 	LENA (Danube 2014-2020 / approx. €2,456,291) EcoKARST (Danube 2014-2020 / approx. €2,263,661)
Exchanging knowledge and engaging stakeholders from other sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation conflict with stakeholders (e.g. different economic and conservation interests) • Awareness raising • Stakeholders training and capacity building • Improve cooperation among regional, local administrations and site management 	LINKPAS (Espon) 4GreenInn (Black Sea 2007-2013 / €481,086)
Marine Monitoring, planning and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated management of marine sites • Coordinated monitoring • Conflict identification and stakeholder engagement in marine areas • Creation of information and decision support tools (Webgis) 	NETCET (IPA Adriatic 2007-2013 / €2,732,541) AMARe (Interreg MED 2014-2020 / €2,700,000) PHAROS4MPAS (Interreg MED / €1,179,497) PANACeA-MBPC (Interreg MED / €1,500,000)

The new generation of Interreg IPA programmes

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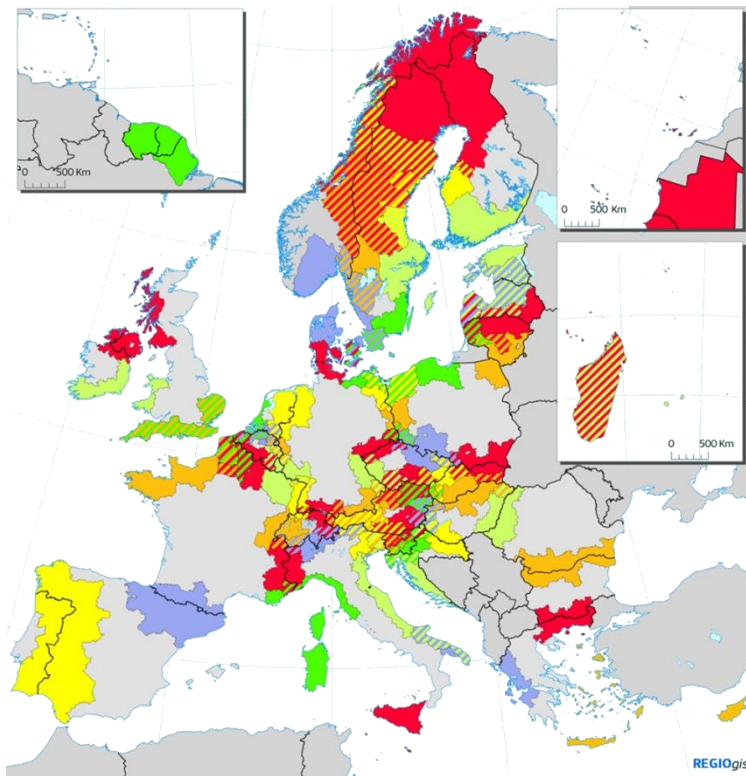
New architecture of Interreg IPA programmes

Reference to “strands” as in 2014-2020

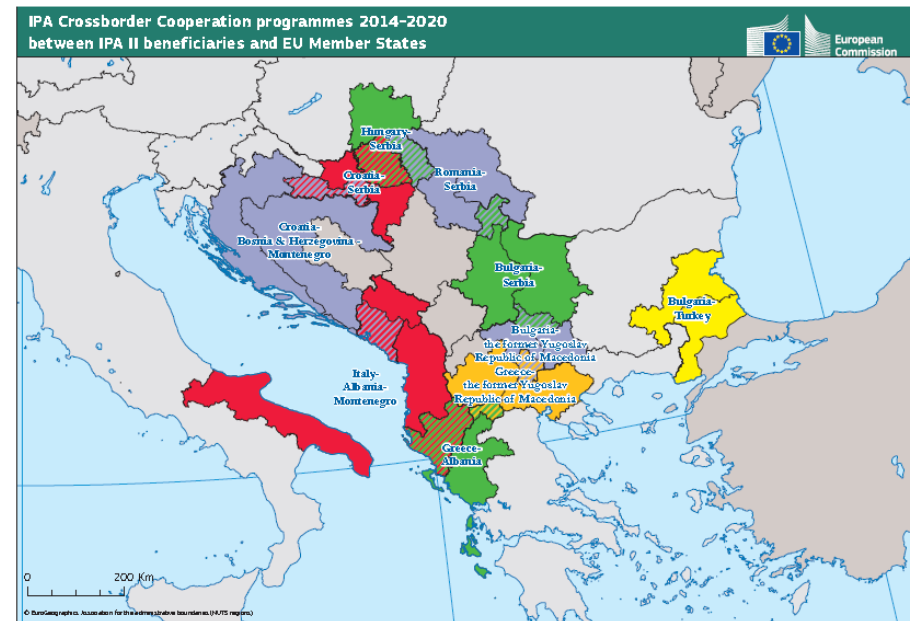
- Cross border cooperation (Interreg Strand A)
 - Internal (also 3rd countries without EU funds)
 - External: **IPA CBC**, NDICI/NEXT CBC
- Transnational cooperation (Interreg Strand B)
- Interregional cooperation (Interreg Strand C)
 - INTERACT, Interreg EUROPE, ESPON & URBACT
- One new strand Interreg D: outermost region cooperation
- Inclusion of external Funds (IPA III, NDICI, Funding for OCTs) under one umbrella

Emphasis on the coherence and continuity of cooperation programme areas

Internal Interreg CBC programmes



Interreg IPA CBC programmes

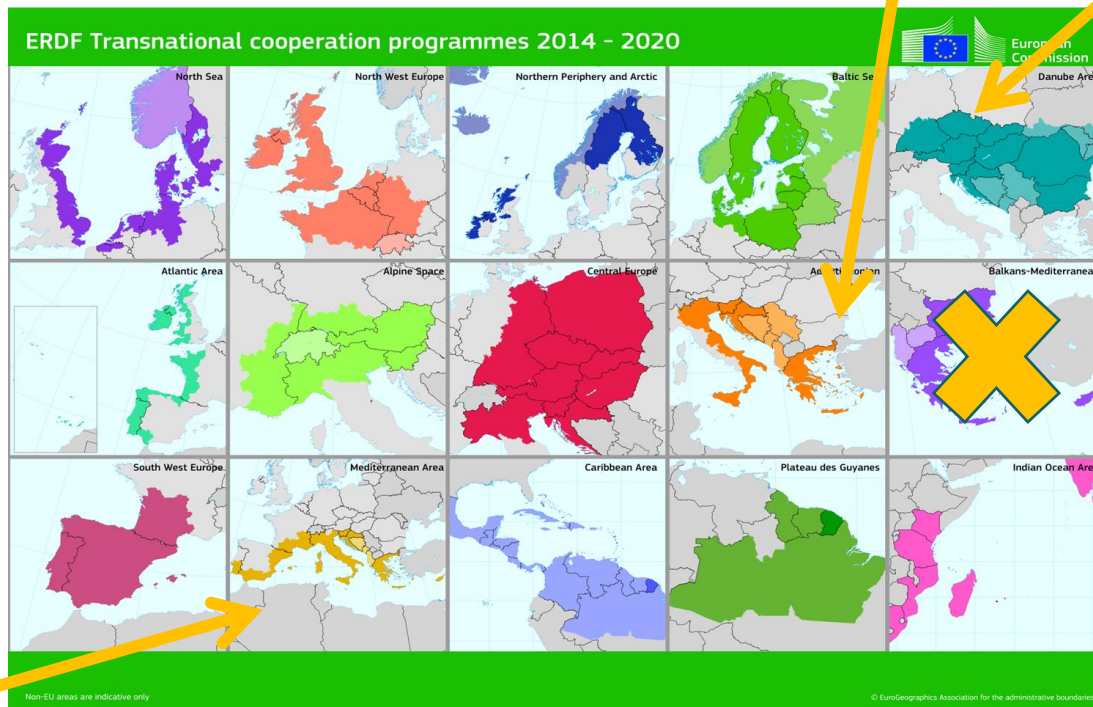


Transnational Cooperation

- Promotes cooperation among greater European regions, including the ones surrounding sea basins (e.g. Baltic Sea Region, and Atlantic Area) or mountain ranges (e.g. Alpine Space)
- 17 TN programmes in the post 2020 period :

14 External Interreg IPA & Internal TN programmes

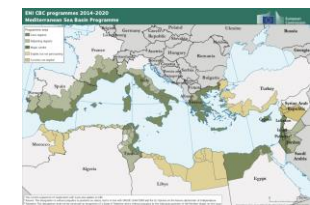
3 External Interreg NDICI TN programmes



Black Sea Basin



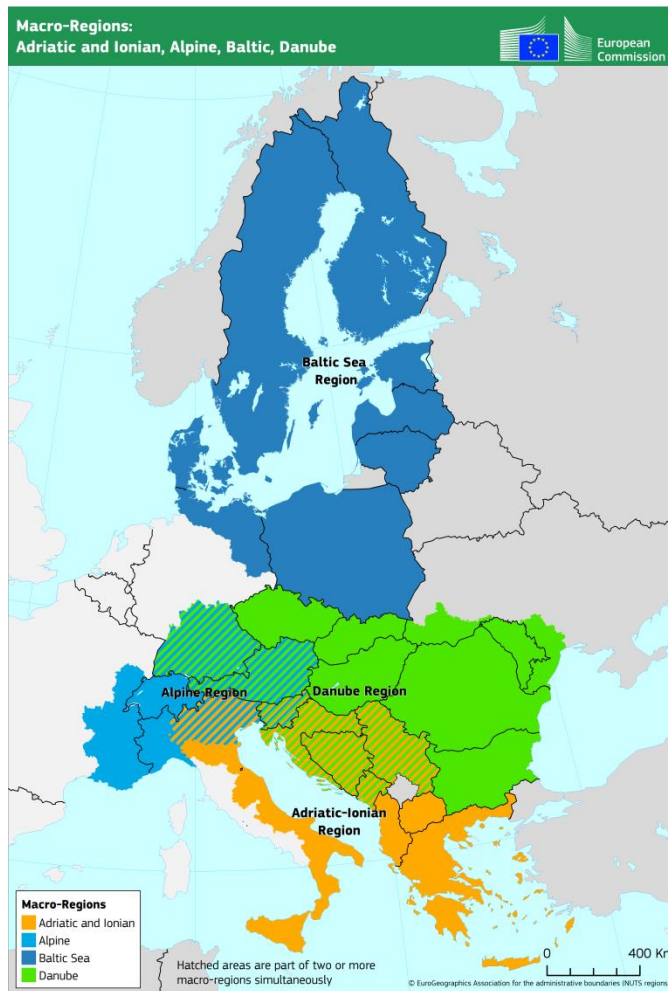
ENI MED Basin



+ Mid-Atlantic

EU Macro-regional strategies

4 MRS, 19 EU MSs, 9 non-EU countries



Interregional Cooperation

C: Interregional – Four "networking" programmes

ESPON

European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion
(studies, spatial planning)

URBACT

Exchange between Europe's cities on integrated urban development.

INTERACT

Cooperation and exchange network for territorial Interreg programmes.

Interreg Europe

Capitalisation among all EU regions

11 policy objectives are simplified and consolidated into 5:



A FOCUS ON FIVE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES, WHERE THE EU IS BEST PLACED TO DELIVER

Five main objectives will drive EU investments in 2021-2027:



a **Smarter Europe**, through innovation, digitisation, economic transformation and support to small and medium-sized businesses



a **Greener, carbon free Europe**, implementing the Paris Agreement and investing in energy transition, renewables and the fight against climate change



a more **Connected Europe**, with strategic transport and digital networks



a more **Social Europe**, delivering on the European Pillar of Social Rights and supporting quality employment, education, skills, social inclusion and equal access to healthcare



a **Europe closer to citizens**, by supporting locally-led development strategies and sustainable urban development across the EU.

Horizontal issues: administrative capacity building, cooperation outside the programme area

Policy Objective 2 (compulsory for Interreg programmes) (Reminder)

- A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk prevention and management
- PO2 Specific Objectives (SOs) [*Text still under final review by lawyers-linguists*]:
 - i. Promoting energy efficiency measures and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
 - ii. Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein
 - iii. Developing smart energy systems, grids and storage outside TEN-E
 - iv. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches
 - v. Promoting access to water and sustainable water management
 - vi. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
 - vii. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**
 - viii. Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility, as part of transition to a net zero carbon economy

Two new Interreg specific objectives (5 POs + 2 ISOs)

- **ISO1: Better cooperation governance**
 - Focus on support to cross border cooperation beyond funding
 - Link with actions under the Border Focal Point
 - Not an extension of TA

- **ISO2: Safer and more secure Europe**
 - Including protection and economic and social integration of third country nationals including migrants and beneficiaries of international organisations

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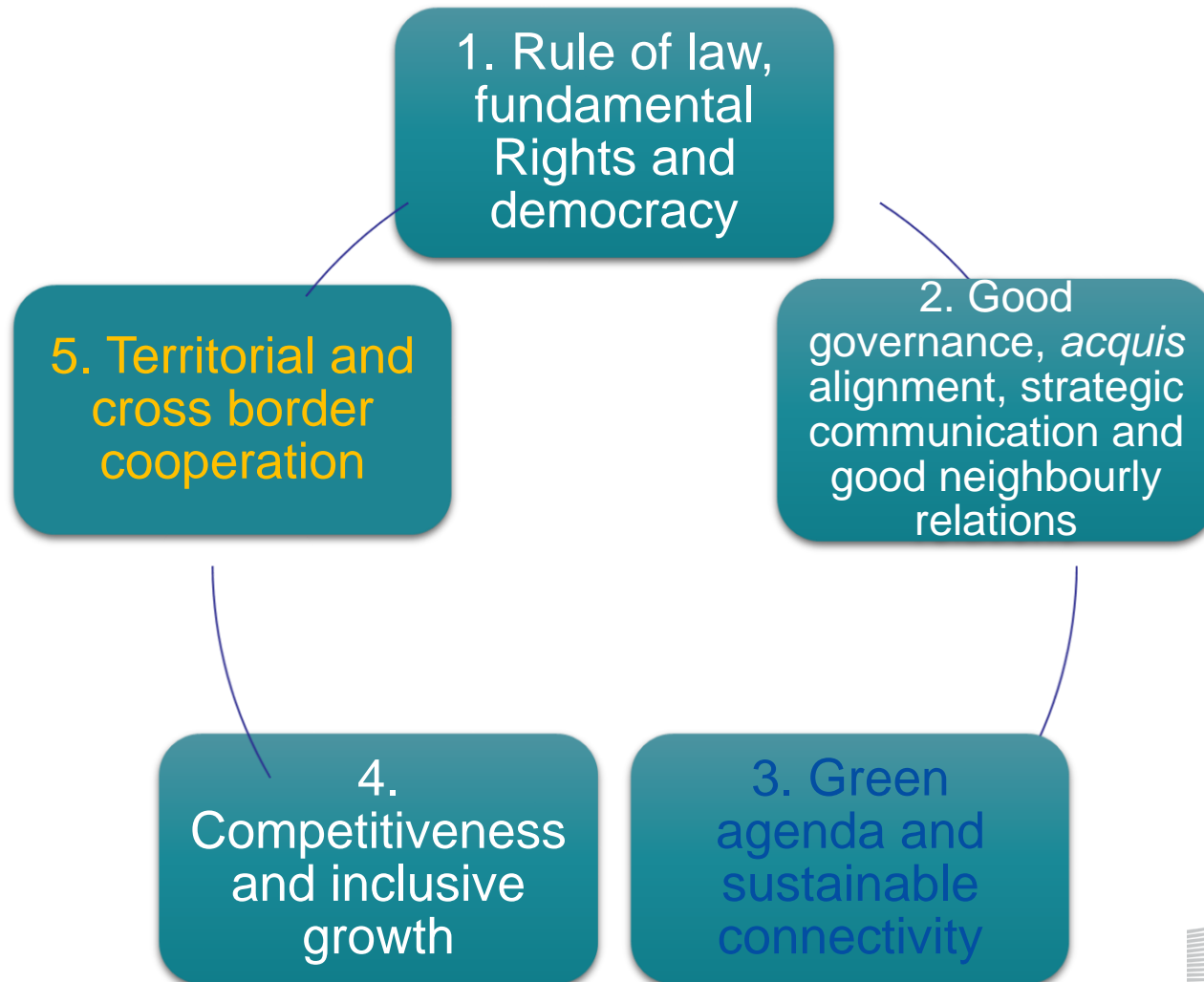
DRAFT IPA III Programming Framework (Art.10 ETC)



IPA III in a nutshell

- No country allocation defined upfront
- 5 thematic windows
- Performance-based:
 - **Policy relevance**
 - **Technical maturity**
 - **Performance in enlargement agenda, i.e. commitment and progress in implementing reforms**
- Fair-share

IPA III Windows



IPA III Programming Framework & Indicative allocation

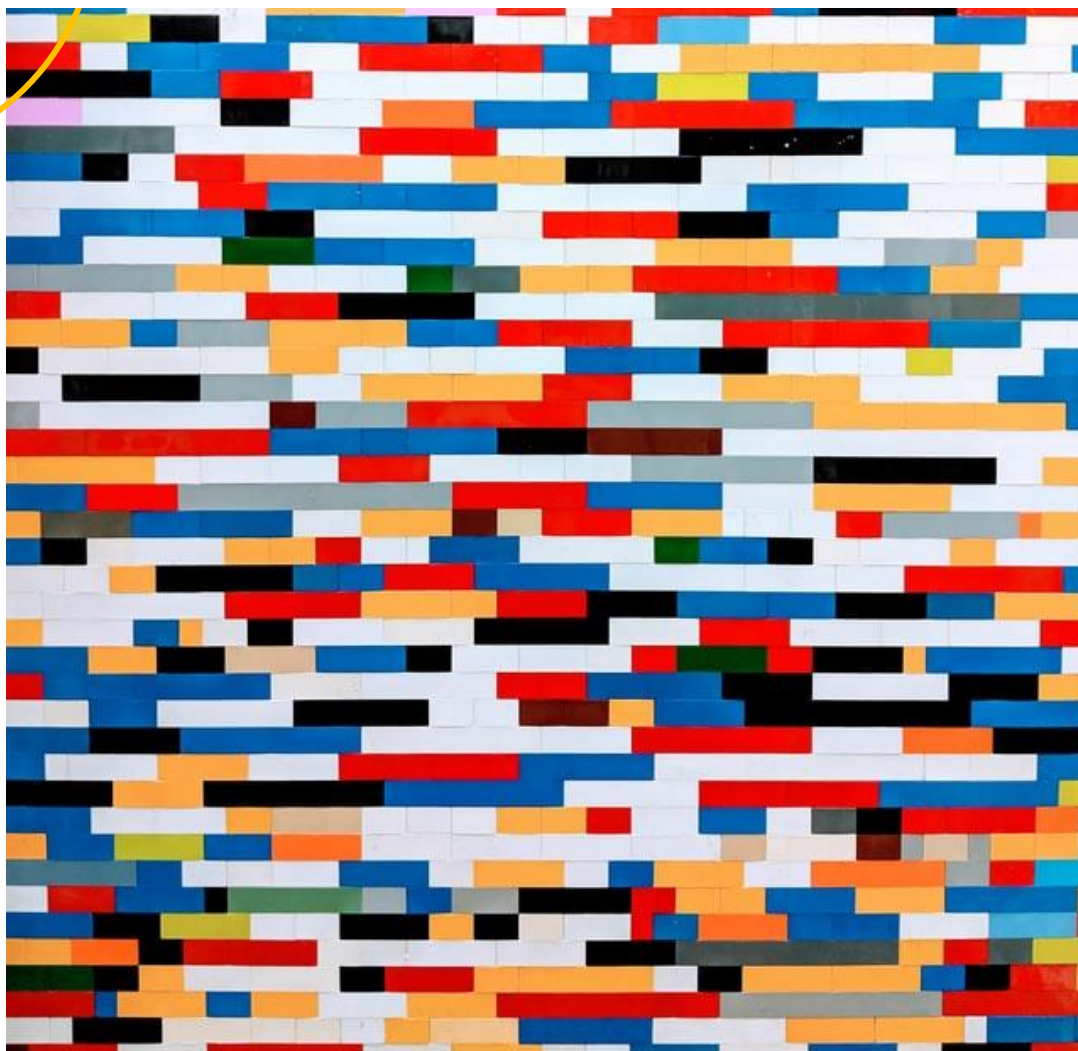
IPA III Windows	%	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Window 1: Rule of law, fundamental rights and democracy	15,13	281	287	293	299	304	311	317	2.091
Window 2: Good governance, acquis alignment, good neighbourly relations and strategic communication	16,59	308	315	321	327	334	341	348	2.293
Window 3: Green agenda and sustainable connectivity	42,45	789	805	821	837	854	871	889	5.867
Window 4: Competitiveness and inclusive growth	22,31	415	423	432	440	449	458	467	3.083
Window 5: Territorial and cross-border cooperation	3,51	65	67	68	69	71	72	74	485
Total Operational Budget	100,0	1.858	1.896	1.934	1.973	2.012	2.053	2.095	13.820
Administrative Appropriations	n/a	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	342
Total	100,00	1.904	1.943	1.982	2.022	2.062	2.104	2.147	14.162

The table above shows the indicative allocation for the period 2021-2027 to support the thematic priorities of IPA III programming framework. Prices are expressed in million Euro. *Current prices are calculated by applying annually a fixed deflator of 2% to the amounts in 2018 prices. Totals do not tally due to rounding.*



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More coherence with IPA-IPA CBC Programmes



Programme areas

AL-KS

Same as IPA II



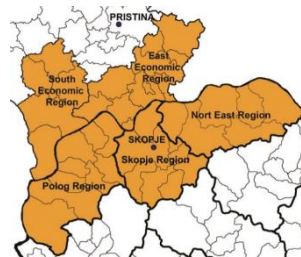
BiH-ME

Same as IPA II



KS-MK

Same as IPA II



ME-AL

Inclusion of the municipality of Kolašin



ME-KS

Inclusion of 3 additional ME municipalities



MK-AL

Same as IPA II



RS-BiH

Same as IPA II



RS-ME

Same as IPA II



RS-MK

Inclusion of 4 additional municipalities of the City of Skopje

Programme resources and priorities

	AL - KS	BiH-ME	MK-AL	ME-AL	ME-KS	RS-BiH	RS-ME	RS-MK	KS-MK
Management mode	Direct	Direct	Direct	IMBC	IMBC	IMBC	IMBC	IMBC	Direct
Resources in M€ over the period 2021-2027									
Thematic priorities (EU co-financing)	7,56	7,56	10,80	10,71	7,56	12,60	7,56	3,15	7,56
Technical assistance (100% EU funded)	0,84	0,84	1,20	1,19	0,84	1,40	0,84	0,35	0,84
Total	8,40	8,40	12,00	11,90	8,40	14,00	8,40	3,50	8,40
National co-financing	1,334	1,334	2,12	1,89	1,334	2,22	1,334	0,555	1,334
Grand total	9,73	9,73	14,12	13,79	9,73	16,22	9,73	4,06	9,73
Selected priorities per CBC programmes									
TP 1: Employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders;					X		X	X	X
TP6: Youth, education and skills;						X			
TP2: Environment protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management	X	X	X	X					X
TP5: Tourism and cultural and natural heritage;	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
TP8: Competitiveness, business and SME development, trade and investment;	X								
TP7: Governance, planning and administrative capacity building of local and regional authorities; (Mainstreamed)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

5 Embedding EUSAIR & EUSDR, and indirectly the Investment Plan for the WB



EUSDR EMBEDDING – FROM WORDS TO ACTION!

Discussion Paper

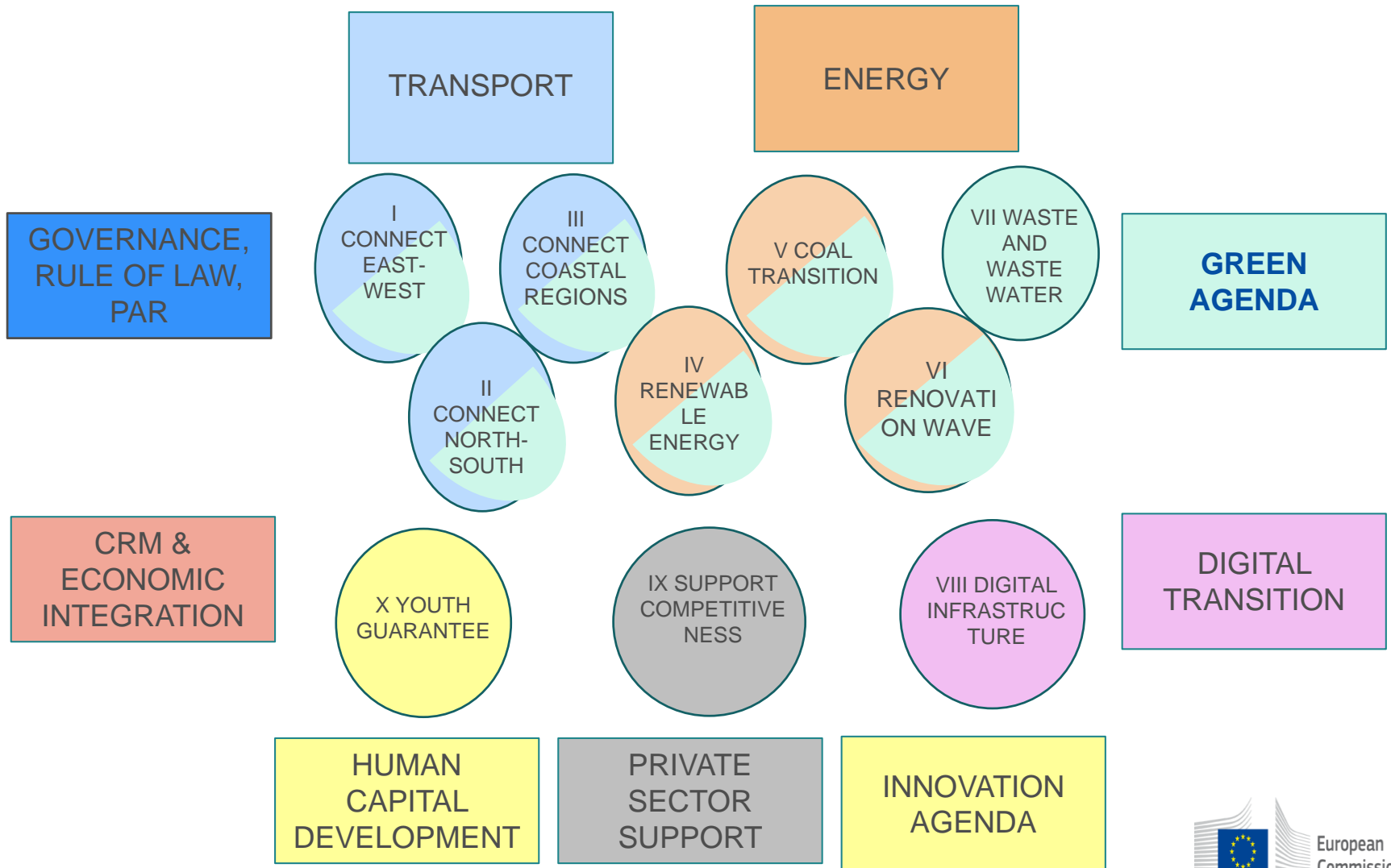
February 2021

More than a year has passed since the discussion on the *Guidance Paper for Embedding of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) into EU Programmes*¹ at the meeting of EUSDR National Coordinators in November 2019 in Zagreb. With the support of the EUSDR National Coordinators and the Danube Strategy Point, the *Task Force Embedding (EMB-DR)* has been set up to coordinate the activities of EUSDR stakeholders for integrating the Strategy efficiently and effectively into the European Structural and Investment Funds in the 2021-2027 programming period.

From the very beginning, it was clear that the revised EUSDR Action Plan² would play a key role in the embedding process. However, during the first two EMB-DR meetings in January and February 2020, it



EIP: 8 Priorities and 10 Flagships at a glance



Links between EIP flagships and EUSAIR flagships

EUSAIR 2021-2027 FLAGSHIPS															
PILLAR 1: BLUE GROWTH			PILLAR 2: CONNECTING THE REGION				PILLAR 3: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY			PILLAR 4: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM					
Flagships from Annex	FOSTERING QUADRUPLE HELIX TIES IN THE FIELDS OF MARINE TECHNOLOGIES	PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSIFICATION AND COMPETITIVENESS IN THE FISHERIES AND	BOLSTERING CAPACITY BUILDING AND EFFICIENT COORDINATION OF PLANNING AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT	THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN MULTI-MODAL CORRIDORS	POWER NETWORKS AND MARKET FOR A GREEN ADRIATICIONIAN REGION	INTEGRATED NATURAL GAS CORRIDORS AND MARKET FOR A GREEN ADRIATICIONIAN REGION	DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF LOGISTICS FOR DIRECT LNG USE AS A CLEAN FUEL FOR THE	DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ADRIATIC-IONIAN SUB/REGIONAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN	PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATURAL TERRESTRIAL HABITATS AND ECOSYSTEMS	PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH OF THE AI REGION BY IMPLEMENTING ICZM AND	DEVELOPMENT OF THE NETWORK OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM BUSINESSES AND	RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SME'S PERFORMANCE	TRAINING AND SKILLS IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM BUSINESSES (VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL	EXPANDING THE TOURIST SEASON TO ALL-YEAR ROUND	DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE AND THEMATIC CULTURAL ROUTES/CONNECTING CULTURAL
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#2 - CONNECTING NORTH TO				Strong link											
#3 - CONNECTING THE COASTAL				Strong link											
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#5 - TRANSITION FROM COAL					Strong link	Strong link	Strong link								
#6 - RENOVATION WAVE															
#7 - WASTE and WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT			Some links					Strong link		Strong link					
#8 - DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE	Strong link				Strong link	Strong link									
#9 - INVESTING IN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR	Strong link	Strong link									Strong link	Strong link	Strong link		Some links
#10 - YOUTH GUARANTEE															

Protection and enhancement of natural terrestrial habitats and ecosystems

Development of the network of sustainable tourism business and clusters

Credits:Igor Zidarič

Links between EIP flagships and EUSDR flagships

	EUSDR FLAGSHIPS																																				
	PA 1a - Water Mobility			PA 1b - Rail Road Air Mobility			PA 2 - Sustainable Energy			PA 3 - Culture and Tourism			PA 4 - Water Quality			PA 5 - Environmental Risks			PA 6 - Biodiversity, Landscapes, Quality of Air and Soils			PA 7 - Knowledge Society			PA 8 - Competitiveness			PA 9 - People and Skills			PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation			PA 11 - Security			
	ACTION 1: Contribute to improve waterway and port infrastructure & management	ACTION 2: Facilitate fleet modernisation	ACTION 3: Contribute to the enhanced quality of education and jobs	ACTION 4: Improve the regional/local cross-border infrastructure and the access to rural areas by facilitating secondary and tertiary transport	ACTION 5: To develop further roads planning for multimodality	ACTION 6: To enhance cooperation between stakeholders in order to improve regional connectivity and propose a plan to increase the	ACTION 7: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 8: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 9: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 10: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 11: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 12: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 13: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 14: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 15: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 16: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 17: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 18: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 19: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 20: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 21: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 22: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 23: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 24: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 25: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 26: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 27: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 28: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district	ACTION 29: To explore new and innovative solutions of (sub)surface energy storage	ACTION 30: To promote energy efficiency and use of clean renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including district							
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PA 6 - Biodiversity, Landscapes, Quality of Air and Soils

6 Need for reinforced cooperation between EU programmes – Benefits for ALL!

STORIES OF
COOPERATION
FOR A GREENER EUROPE

#MadeWithInterreg

#EUGreenDeal

Interreg IPA Programmes and other Union programmes



INTERREG IPA

Other Union Programmes, including

Digital Europe	InvestEU	LIFE	Innovation Fund	Horizon Europe
IPA III "mainstream"	ESF+	IPARD / Common Agricultural Policy		ERDF "mainstream"
Maritime & Fisheries Fund	EU4Health	Space Programme	Single Market Programme	
Connecting Europe Facility	AMF, ISF & BMVI	ERASMUS+	Creative Europe	

Enhanced synergies

COMPATIBILITY
Harmonisation of funding rules; flexible co-funding schemes; pooling resources at EU level

COHERENCE & COMPLEMENTARITY
Alignment of strategic priorities in support of a common vision

Just Transition Mechanism

Recovery and Resilience Facility

Need for reinforced working cooperation

Strategic and targeted cooperation between DG REGIO and other line DGs (NEAR, AGRI, RTD, HOME, MARE, etc) during the PA negotiation and the overall programming process

Streamlining funding support under the key horizontal political priorities at programme level and enhance complementarity on funding

Encourage Member States' Managing Authorities to closely collaborate with other ESIF Managing Authorities, NIPACs & others to establish coherence and synergies between the different funds

Continuous collaboration between DG REGIO and other line DGs (NEAR, AGRI, RTD, HOME, MARE, etc) regarding Implementation, communication and monitoring

The critical success factors

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Principles underlying the strategic approach

- Partnership and transparency principles into real actions
- Critical role of social partners and other CSOs in promoting regional cooperation and people-to-people relations -> building bridges.
- Development of policy solutions through joint efforts across regional borders.
- Need for more:
 - Bottom-up cooperation involving the social partners, socio-economic agents and civil society organisations, as well as any engaged actors from the entire geographical area, using the quintuple helix approach (university-industry-government-public-environment).
 - Extensive and regular cooperation with the European Commission and its delegations.
 - Cross-sectoral and cross-territorial coordination, particularly with respect to institutional capacity building
 - Leveraging of other EU, local and/or private resources
 - Coordinated action aimed at reducing bureaucratic obstacles

Coordination mechanisms at different levels

- Programming -> potential synergies with national or other EU funds.
- Implementation -> through coordinated calls for proposals that are either joint calls, logical sequence of calls and/or coordinated selection criteria.
- Projects -> coordination among beneficiaries to achieve the highest possible level of synergies.

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Stronger need for strategic and territorial focus



Project EU
Environment
Partnership
Programme for
Accession (EPPA): an
example for a more
strategic approach

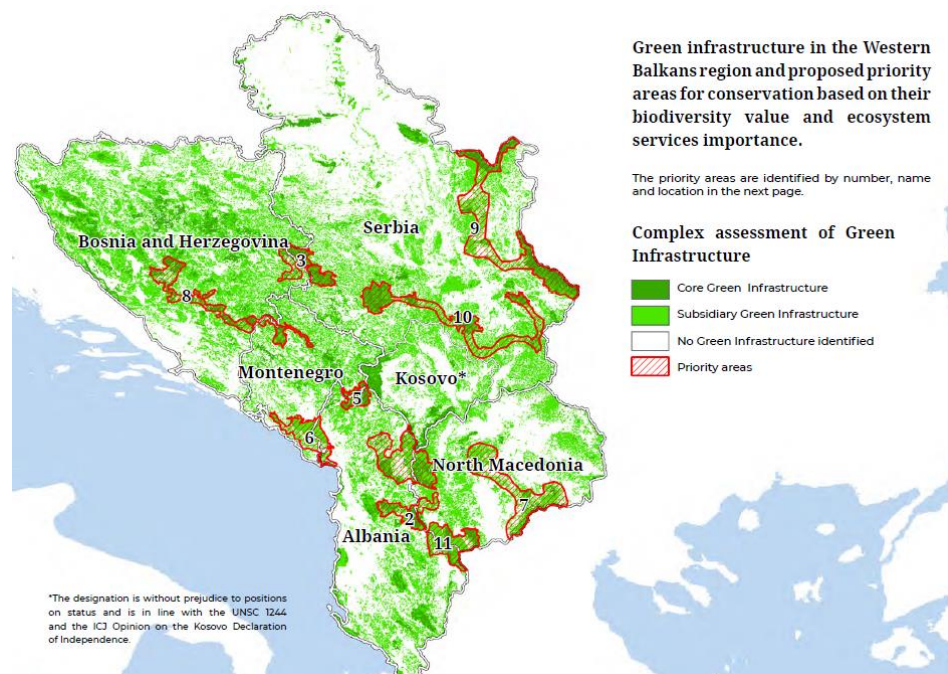
EPPA project (2019-2022)

- Overall objective:

- To strengthen the implementation of the EU environmental acquis in the Western Balkans and Turkey in areas relevant for addressing trans-boundary environmental issues.

The following areas have been identified as having an unique value as transboundary sites of protected areas, hosting large carnivores and providing important ecosystem services.

- 1 Mavrovo (North Macedonia) – Korab Koritnik (Albania) – Munella Mountain (Albania)
- 2 Mali me Gropa-Bize-Martanesh (Albania) – Shebenik-Jabllanice (Albania) – Mavrovo (North Macedonia)
- 3 Tara (Serbia) – Drina (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- 4 Durmitor (Montenegro) – Sutjeska (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- 5 Prokletije (Montenegro) – Valbona Valley (Albania) – Gashi River Reserve (Albania)
- 6 Buna River-Velipoja (Albania) - Lake Skadar (Albania, Montenegro) – Lovcen (Montenegro)
- 7 Nidze-Kozuf – Jakupica (North Macedonia)
- 8 Sutjeska – Gornji Tok Neretve – Vranica (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- 9 Djerdap – Stara Planina (Serbia)
- 10 Golija – Suva planina (Serbia)
- 11 Ohrid – Prespa - Pelister (Albania, North Macedonia)

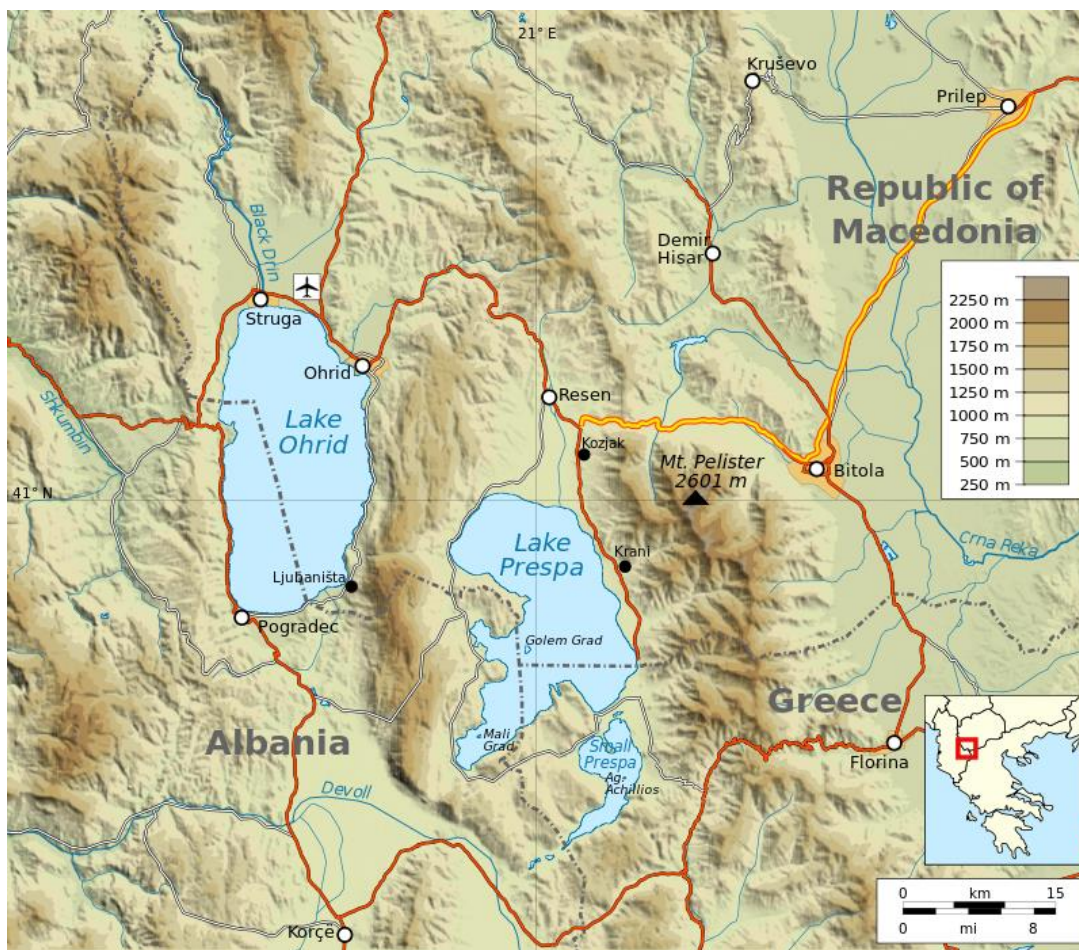


Prespa area: an example of possible territorial focus

EU for Prespa

- Possible combined operations with IPA III AAP 2021 Prespa AD and/or IPARD:

- Construction of a border crossing point with Greece (Markova Noga)
- Decreased pollution resulting of human activities
- Increased share of Environmentally Friendly Agriculture
- Sustainable tourism product promoted and diversified
- Strengthened cross-border exchange



Conclusions

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More strategic approach– Benefits for ALL!

1. Benefits for your Interreg IPA programmes:

- Bigger impact (more ambitious projects)
- Bigger projects pipeline (better absorption)
- Higher visibility (political leaders, citizens, EU, etc.)
- Better links to policy-makers

2. Benefits for the macro-regions:

- Development of the macro-regions
- A more horizontal EU accession process for WB6
- Experience from the programmes (knowledge of the issues)
- Contacts with policy-makers
- Funding

More strategic approach – Benefits for ALL!

3. Benefits for the potential applicants:

- Alignment of the requirements
- Higher visibility
- Access to post 2020 European Territorial Cooperation policy innovations:
 - Simple financial instruments with a grant component
 - Joint territorial instruments
 - Small project funds, projects of limited financial volumes or people-to-people projects
- Promotion of cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation

In recognition of the fact that natural areas do not end at the border, in the future, more importance should be given to cooperative work beyond borders !

The 2 relevant MRS (EUSAIR & EUSDR) and the related TN programmes can support the development of environmental networks and ecological connectivity elements between them i.e. green corridors!

Next generation IPA programmes' expected results

- Capitalise on 2000-2020 track record about:
 - **Species conservation and monitoring**
 - **Protected areas' site management and restoration**
 - **Protected areas' network coherence and connectivity**
 - **Promotion of transboundary sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and circular economies**
 - **Exchanging knowledge and engaging stakeholders from other sectors**
 - **Marine Monitoring, planning and management**
- Enhance complementarity and cooperation between EU territorial policies, Natura 2000 and other EU funds requirements.
- Be key in promoting the coherence and connectivity of the Natura 2000 Network.

Questions & feedbacks



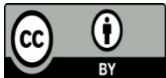
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