

TOWARDS CONTEST ANALYSIS 2021-2027: FIRST IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS FINANCED BY INTERREG ITALY-SLOVENIA 2014-2020

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FOREWARD

This context analysis is drafted in the framework of the INTERREG V-A Italy-Slovenia 2014-2020 Cooperation Programme on the basis of the quantitative data collected by the Programme during its implementation and taking into consideration the seven public calls launched from 2016 to 2019, as well as the one specific call for I.T.I. projects.

The aim of this analysis is to be a first assessment of figures drawn from projects financed by the Programme as useful starting element for the new programming phase.

This context analysis has adopted a quantitative approach. A more qualitative-oriented meaningful analysis might be drafted when a comprehensive impact assessment on projects will be possible or after closure of all projects. In the meanwhile, however, a qualitative analysis aimed to collect the perception on the added-value of cross-border cooperation and its related aspects (such as, for example, effectiveness of partnership relations and outputs, concrete experience valuable for dissemination or replication, etc.) will be managed through the submission of a questionnaire to beneficiaries at a more mature phase of projects implementation (forecasted at the end 2020).

As for the adopted methodology, data on projects are taken from the Programme e-system GGP2, while demographic figures have EUROSTAT source at 31/12/2018.

It is worth to remind that the Programme has chosen to adopt a top-down strategic approach by financing and implementing 10 strategic projects, to which 37% of programme funds are allocated and by supporting the integrated approach of the functional urban region of Gorizia, Nova Gorica and Šempeter-Vrtojba by financing two I.T.I. (Integrated Territorial Intervention) projects. Both I.T.I. projects are managed by the EGTC GO (GECT GO/EZTS GO) acting as “sole beneficiary” and are absorbing a 12% of funds. The EGTC GO is established among the three municipalities of Nova Gorica, Gorizia and Šempeter Vrtojba with the objective of responding to the common challenges of the area, which, despite the border, is actually a unique territory.

Therefore, in this analysis, I.T.I. projects are considered as 2 projects included in a typology called “I.T.I.” and considered on its own. Each I.T.I. project has the EGTC GO as sole beneficiary, in charge of their management.

In graphs and tables, I.T.I. has been evidenced as a specific, separated “I.T.I typology”, as stated in CP, chapter 5.3.2.a .

As for the public call 07/2019, in the analysis 16 projects have been included, both the 14 totally and the 2 partially financed.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROGRAMME AREA

The 2014-2020 Programme area extends over a total surface of 19.841 km² and has a total population of 3.098.055 inhabitants (see next paragraph). The entire Programme area includes **5 Italian NUTS3 regions** (Provinces of Venice, Udine, Pordenone, Gorizia and Trieste) and **5 Slovenian NUTS3 regions** (Primorsko-Notranjska, Osrednjeslovenska, Gorenjska, Obalno-kraška and Goriška). On NUTS2 level, on the Italian side, the Regions involved are Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia, while for the Slovenian side, Western Cohesion Region and Eastern Cohesion Region.

On the border between Italy and Slovenia, it is situated the functional urban area of Gorizia, Nova Gorica and Šempeter-Vrtojba where, drawing on the experiences achieved through several European cross-border projects, an EGTC (European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation) has been established in 2011.



Figure 1: map of the Programme area

The Programme area has an inhomogeneous population density among provinces and regions with a population of 2.068.588 inhabitants on the Italian side and 1.029.497 on the Slovene one. According to EUROSTAT data at 31/12/2018, detailed demographic data are represented in the following table.

ITALIAN NUTS III	POPULATION (inhabitants)	SURFACE (km ²)	DENSITY (inhabitants/km ²)
Trieste	234.493	212,5	1.103,50
Udine	528.791	4.969,0	106,42
Gorizia	139.403	467,1	298,44
Pordenone	312.533	2.275,0	137,38
Venezia	853.338	2.467,0	345,90
TOTAL	2.068.558	10.390,6	199,1

SLOVENIAN NUT III	POPULATION (inhabitants)	SURFACE (km ²)	DENSITY (inhabitants/km ²)
Primorsko-Notranjska	52.334	1.456,0	35,94
Osrednjeslovenska	542.306	2.334,0	232,35
Gorenjska	203.636	2.137,0	95,29
Obalno-kraška	113.961	1.044,0	109,16
Goriška	117.260	2.325,0	50,43
TOTAL	1.029.497	9.296,0	110,7

Table 1. Population in Programme area

THE PROGRAMME INTERREG IT-SI 2014-20 IN FIGURES

Since 2016 the Programme has launched seven public calls (five for standard projects and two for strategic projects) as well as one specific call for I.T.I. projects. As a result, € 72.651.995,88 ERDF has been allocated to projects, excluding the amount allocated to the five Technical Assistance projects within Programme Priority Axis 5.

It has to be mentioned that the Programme document already defined the allocations per Axis, which proportionally were proposed inside the calls.

Out of the calls, within 4 Programme Priority Axes, n. **55 projects** have been financed, involving a total of **347 beneficiaries**, with the breakdown per Axis as described in the table below.

PRIORITY AXIS	ERDF	%	PROJECTS	%	BENEFICIARIES	%
Axis 1	18.650.904,63	26%	16	29%	111	32%
Axis 2	11.662.447,67	16%	7	13%	46	13%
Axis 3	27.079.420,96	37%	19	35%	120	35%
Axis 4	15.259.222,62	21%	13	24%	70	20%
TOTAL	72.651.995,88	100%	55	100%	347	100%

Table 2. ERDF allocation, number of projects and number of beneficiaries per Axis.

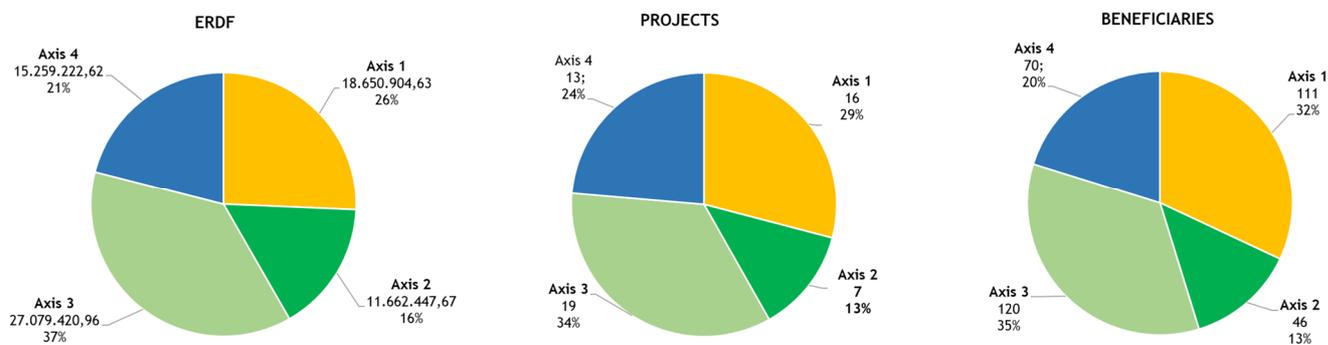


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The main contents of financed projects, divided per priority axes, has been analysed in order to provide an overview of the fields mainly addressed by beneficiaries of the Programme area. The list of financed projects is reported in Annex 1 to this analysis.

In **PA 1**, the most cases of cooperation regard medical cooperation and transfer of knowledge among University/research centres and economic actors in the **health sector** (7 projects out of 16).

Innovation, nanotechnologies and sustainable productions in primary and secondary sectors are also well-represented thanks to the existence of a good R&D and Innovation system on both sides of the border characterized by the presence of several universities, research institutes, scientific and technological parks, with a good degree of cooperation.

In **PA 2** a huge interest was experimented in the field of multimodal mobility, sustainable transports, walking and cycling routes and energy efficiency fields. Tourism energy reduction in buildings and transport are the main transversal sector addressed by the PA2 projects.

In **PA 3**, subdivided into three specific objectives, 6c, 6d and 6f, topics are represented by sustainable and cultural tourism, natural and cultural heritage, rivers, wetlands and biodiversity management, risks prevention and management and green infrastructures, Agri-food and itineraries.

In **PA 4**, main addressed topics are healthcare, social care and civil protection, as well as cooperation among maritime ports Koper-Trieste-Venice.

Out of 55 cofinanced projects almost all projects declared to represent a continuation of 2007-2013 projects. In some cases, this bridge is clear and concrete, i.e., NUVOLAK 2, TRANSLIOMA, AGROTOUR 2 and INTERBIKE 2, PRIMIS (JEZIK/LINGUA), Geokarst (CARSO-KRAS), while CROSSMOBY capitalizes on both 2000-2006 (CROSS V) and on 2007-13 (ADRIA-A).

To better understand the main addressed fields by financed projects, the system of Programme **indicators** and how they have been addressed by the projects has also been analyzed.

It is useful to stress that a more careful address to indicators has been steered by the Monitoring Committee with the last call for standard projects no. 07/2019 according to a gap-analysis provided by the JS. This had detected a rather poor understanding on indicators during previous calls. The contribution especially by the large strategic projects has been evaluated to be rather poor compared to their financial dimension also by the independent Programme evaluator.

Please find hereafter the progress towards target values at 31/12/2019 per indicator, per call and per Axis.

Table 3. Indicators PA 1

PA	Id	Indicator	Measure	Implemented at 31/12/2019				Target 2023	Forecast call 07/2019
				Standard	ITI	Strategic	Tot.		
1	CO26	Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions (Common Indicator)	Enterprises	29	0	0	29	38	14
1	1.1.1	Number of innovative services, products and tools transferred to enterprises	Number	15	0	5	20	10	5
1	CO42	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisation	24	0	11	35	27	19

All PA 1 indicators are likely to be overreached by projects but the most naturally addressed indicators have been CO42 and 1.1.1.

In order to reach also the indicator CO26 a specific targeted call has been launched (targeted call for standard projects n. 7/2019) to foster the participation and direct involvement in project activities of enterprises.

Table 4. Indicators PA 2

PA	Id	Indicator	Measure	Implemented at 31/12/2019				Target 2023	Forecast additional activities
				Standard	ITI	Strategic	Tot.		
2	2.1.1	Number of implemented actions towards the decrease of annual primary energy consumption in existing public buildings	Number	5	0	0	5	25	25
2	2.1.2	Pilot implementation of innovative services for smart low carbon mobility	Number	8	0	2	10	5	-

All PA 2 indicators are likely to be reached by projects. The most naturally addressed indicator has been 2.1.2. while indicator 2.1.1 needed an additional action. A specific invitation approved by the MC addressing PA2 projects only has been launched to finance additional activities to reach the indicator.

Table 5. Indicators PA 3

PA / IP	Id	Indicator	Measure	Implemented at 31/12/2019				Target 2023	Expected forecast ongoing projects and call 07/2019
				Standard	ITI	Strategic	Tot.		
6c									
3	CO09	Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	3.050	0	5.000	8.050	20.000	Expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by running projects
3	3.1.1	Number of investments implemented or services/products created supporting preservation/restoration of natural and cultural heritage	Number	12	2	1	15	30	Expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by running projects
3	3.1.2	Km bicycle path/lane completed	Km	0	3	0	3	12	Expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by running projects
6d									
		Surface area of habitats supported in		2.750	0	0	2.750	6.000	17.500

3	CO23	order to attain a better conservation status (Common indicator)	Hectares						
3	3.2.1	Tools and services developed for assessing and promoting ecosystem services	Number	2	0	1	3	7	Expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by running projects
3	3.2.2	Cross-border pilot actions to support biodiversity	Number	6	0	0	6	48	21
3	3.2.3	Participants to educational and divulgative events	Number	3.472	0	0	3.472	8.500	8.800
6f									
3	3.3.1	Number of innovative green technologies tested and implemented	Number	2	0	0	2	13	3
3	3.3.2	Number of enterprises applying new green innovation solutions	Number	4	0	0	4	7	17
3	CO20	Risk prevention and management: Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	0	0	0	0	1.111	500 Expected by call 7 and expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by VISFRIM

As regards IP 6c, all indicators are expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by running projects.

As for IP 6d, indicator 3.2.1 is expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by running projects. Indicators CO23, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 were not naturally enough addressed by the territory and were all included in the specific targeted call no. 7/2019. Still indicator 3.2.2. is not likely to be fully fulfilled although its target is expected to be approached.

As for IP 6f, indicator CO20 is expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by one single strategic running project (VISFRIM). Indicators 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 were not naturally enough addressed by the territory and were all included in the specific targeted call no. 7/2019. Still indicator 3.3.1. is not likely to be fully fulfilled although its target is expected to be approached.

Table 6. Indicators PA 4

PA	Id	Indicator	Measure	Implemented at 31/12/2019				Target 2023	Expected forecast ongoing projects and call 07/2019
				Standard	ITI	Strategic	Tot.		
4	4.1.2	Joint solutions increasing integration, coherence, harmonization of the Programme area governance	Number	18	0	0	18	11	15

4	4.1.4	Number of cross-border medical-social teams full-formed and operational	Number	3	3	0	6	5	-
4	4.1.3	Number of beneficiaries participating in joint training schemes	Number	1136	0	45	1.181	400	-
4	4.1.1	Cross-border agreement and protocols signed	Number	5	3	0	8	10	9

As regards IP 4, all indicators are expected to be fulfilled on the basis of 2023 forecasts given by running projects. They will be all over-fulfilled by the end of the Programme, thanks also to the specific targeted call no. 7/2019 which addressed additionally the Indicators 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.

The most likely addressed indicators by the financed projects were the following:

Table 7. Indicators mostly addressed by financed projects

IP	INDICATOR
1	1.1.1 Number of innovative services, products and tools transferred to enterprises
1	CO42 Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects
2	2.1.2 Pilot implementation of innovative services for smart low carbon mobility
3	3.1.1 Number of investments implemented or services/products created supporting preservation/restoration of natural and cultural heritage
3	CO23 Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status
4	4.1.2 Joint solutions increasing integration, coherence, harmonization of the Programme area governance
4	4.1.3 Number of beneficiaries participating in joint training schemes

On the contrary, the indicators which demonstrated to be more difficult to be addressed were the following:

Table 8. Indicators less addressed by financed projects

IP	INDICATOR
1	CO26 Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions (Common Indicator)
2	2.1.1 Number of implemented actions towards the decrease of annual primary energy consumption in existing public buildings
3	CO09 Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions
3	3.2.1 Tools and services developed for assessing and promoting ecosystem services
3	3.2.2 Cross-border pilot actions to support biodiversity
3	3.2.3 Participants to educational and divulgative events
3	3.3.1 Number of innovative green technologies tested and implemented
3	3.3.2 Number of enterprises applying new green innovation solutions
4	4.1.1 Cross-border agreement and protocols signed

Table 8 does not necessary represent a “zero-interest” from the territory for these indicators (they have been addressed in any case), but likely their target values, set during the programming phase, were too challenging with regard both to projects duration and funds granted to projects.

Regarding the analysis per call hereafter, it has to be highlighted the approaches adopted by the Programme.

Since the beginning in the programming phase, the Cooperation Programme (i.e. the Programme document) defined the **top-down approach** for strategic projects, by identifying their number per axis and their ERDF dimension. The two strategic calls (n. 5-6) launched in 2018 perfectly stick to what the Programme document foresees for this typology of projects (e.g. identified key features for their identification such as greater strategic relevance, stronger cohesion, significant resources on specific thematic issues, long-lasting outcomes in the entire area, joint experimentation and implementation, specific institutional / technical competences, deeper impact) and to the principle of equal partnership (compulsory two Italian project

partners (one from Friuli Venezia Giulia and 1 from Veneto Region) and at least 2 Slovenian (one from West Cohesion Region and one from East Cohesion Region) as minimum requirement. The selected approach took long and demanding procedures and created concerns, therefore the identified bottlenecks should be taken into account in the debate on next programme. The outcomes had been rather low, especially due to allocated funds.

Also, the **identification of I.T.I. interventions** in the Programme already identifies the content of the pilot actions, their number and their financial allocation.

On the other hand, the approach adopted for standard calls is **bottom up**, to consider and stimulate territorial needs, skill attitudes and expectations.

The public calls for standard projects launched in 2016 (n. 1-2-3-4) adopted a “pure” bottom up approach, meaning there were no specific requirements/obligations nor restrictions to be fulfilled by applicants to participate to the calls, apart from coherence to Programme rules (broad typology of actions, beneficiaries and target groups per Axis as defined in section 2 of Programme document).

The call for standard projects launched in 2019 (n. 7) has been shaped on the basis of the Programme outcomes/results reached so far, therefore it has been targeted according to the Programme performance framework to criteria (top-down defined by the Monitoring Committee) regarding project partnership, as well as project expected contents and output as response to lagging behind Programme output indicators. In detail, in order to improve Programme performance and in light of contributing a more cohesive area it was decided that projects had to be targeted to the fulfilment of identified specific indicators and mandatory involving at least one partner from the Province of Venice and at least one from a border Slovene Region of either Gorenjska, Obalno-kraška or Goriška.

CALL	ERDF	%	PROJECTS	%	BENEFICIARIES	%
STANDARD 1-2-3-4	26.460.154,92	36%	27	49%	156	45%
STRATEGIC 5-6	26.541.649,82	37%	10	18%	105	30%
STANDARD 7	11.150.191,14	15%	16	29%	84	24%
ITI	8.500.000,00	12%	2	4%	2	1%
TOTAL	72.651.995,88	100%	55	100%	347	100%

Table 9. ERDF allocation, number of projects and number of beneficiaries per Call

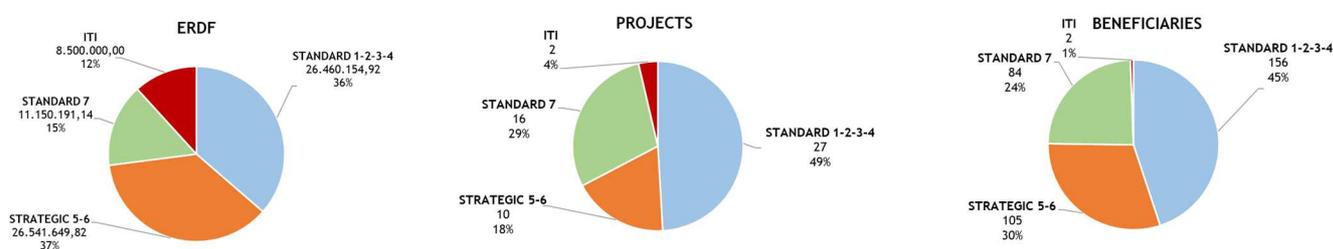


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CALL / AXIS	BENEFICIARIES	
STANDARD 1-2-3-	156	45%
Axis 1	51	33%
Axis 2	28	18%
Axis 3	37	24%
Axis 4	40	26%
STRATEGIC 5-6	105	30%
Axis 1	25	24%
Axis 2	18	17%
Axis 3	53	50%
Axis 4	9	9%
STANDARD 7	84	24%
Axis 1	35	42%
Axis 3	29	35%
Axis 4	20	24%
ITI	2	1%
Axis 3	1	50%
Axis 4	1	50%
OVERALL TOTAL	347	

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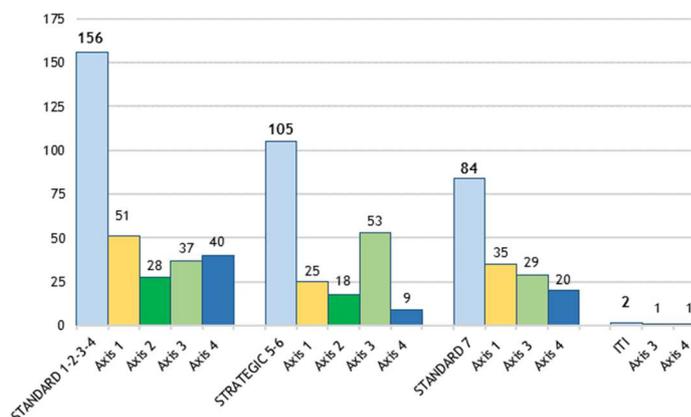


Table 10. Number of beneficiaries per Call and Axis

Figure 4. Number of beneficiaries per Call and Axis

The above-described approaches adopted by the Programme calls, in particular the targeted approach for standard call no. 7, had an impact in terms of participation in particular on the Italian side in terms of shares between FVG and Veneto Region, as represented in the table below.

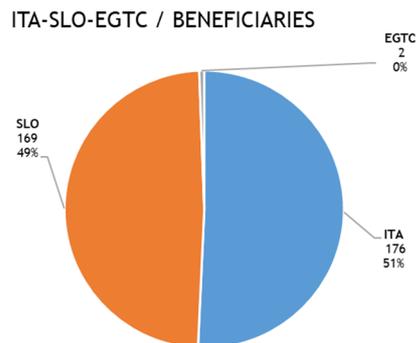
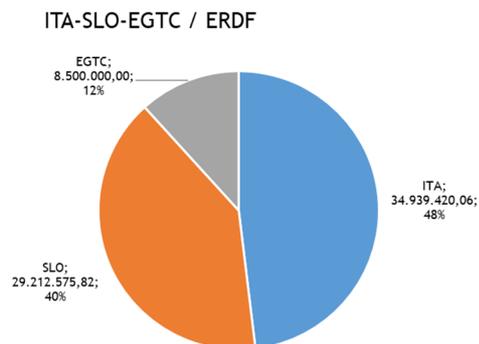
NUTS III	% BENEFICIARIES ALL CALLS	% BENEFICIARIES STANDARD 1-2-3-4	DIFFERENCE
ITA	51,0%	50,6%	0,4%
VEN	18,8%	11,5%	7,3%
VENEZIA	17,4%	10,9%	
OUT (PADOVA / BELLUNO)	1,4%	0,6%	
FVG	32,2%	39,1%	-6,9%
GORIZIA	3,2%	3,8%	
PORDENONE	2,9%	4,5%	
TRIESTE	20,3%	24,4%	
UDINE	5,8%	6,4%	
SLO	49,0%	49,4%	-0,4%
ZAHODNA SLO	45,5%	48,7%	-3,2%
GORENJSKA	1,4%	1,3%	
GORIŠKA	11,6%	8,3%	
OBALNO-KRAŠKA	13,6%	17,3%	
OSREDNJESLOVENSKA	18,8%	21,8%	
VZHODNA SLO	3,5%	0,6%	2,8%
PRIMORSKO-NOTRANJSKA	3,2%	0,6%	
OUT (SAVINJSKA)	0,3%	0,0%	

Table 11. Trend of the share of beneficiaries per NUTSIII in projects, from calls 2016, 2018 till the call 07/2019

Apart from this trend, a picture can be globally made on the areas at NUTSIII level which have been more participative and proactive towards the calls launched by the Programme. The picture is given by the table and figures below.

NUTS III	ERDF	%	BENEFICIARIES	%
ITA	34.939.420,06	48,1%	176	50,7%
VENEZIA	10.754.894,51	14,8%	60	17,3%
OUT (PADOVA / BELLUNO)	806.193,90	1,1%	5	1,4%
GORIZIA	3.052.281,30	4,2%	11	3,2%
PORDENONE	1.816.200,52	2,5%	10	2,9%
TRIESTE	14.383.381,42	19,8%	70	20,2%
UDINE	4.126.468,41	5,7%	20	5,8%
SLO	29.212.575,82	40,2%	169	48,7%
GORENJSKA	727.728,35	1,0%	5	1,4%
GORIŠKA	8.117.263,02	11,2%	40	11,5%
OBALNO-KRAŠKA	8.617.524,75	11,9%	47	13,5%
OSREDNJSLOVENSKA	10.189.900,00	14,0%	65	18,7%
PRIMORSKO-NOTRANJSKA	1.470.289,33	2,0%	11	3,2%
OUT (SAVINJSKA)	89.870,37	0,1%	1	0,3%
EGTC	8.500.000,00	11,7%	2	0,6%
TOTAL	72.651.995,88	100%	347	100%

Table 12. Share of allocated ERDF and number of beneficiaries per NUTSIII.



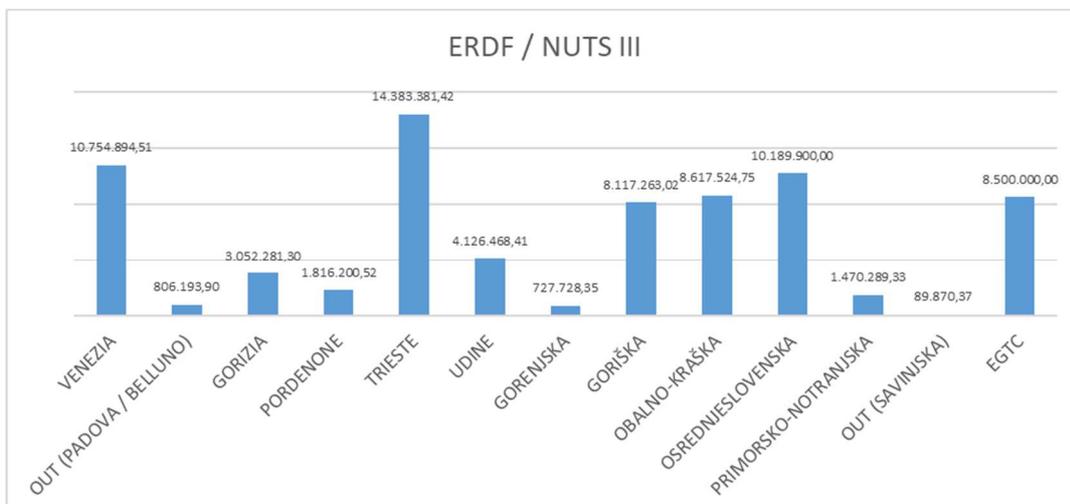


Figure 5. Allocated ERDF per NUTSIII

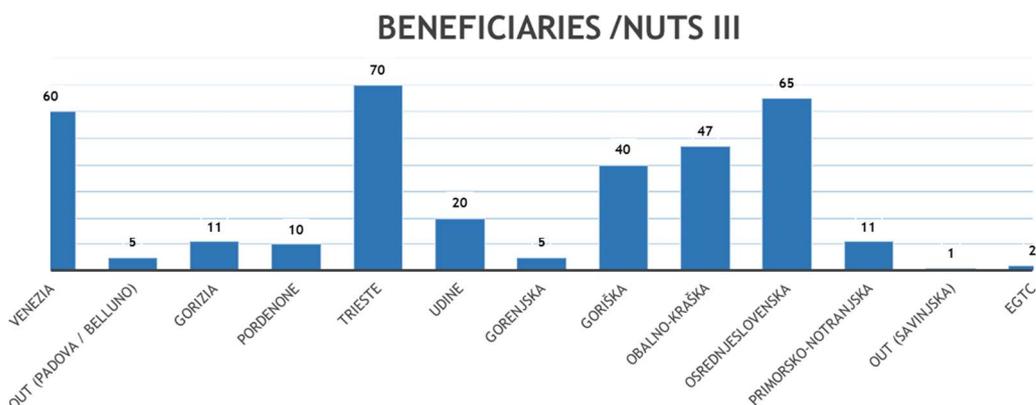


Figure 6. Number of beneficiaries per NUTSIII

At NUTSIII level, Programme areas which proved to be more participative are Provinces of Venice and Trieste and regions Osrednjeslovenska, Obalno-kraška and Goriška, which all together absorb the 71,7% of the Programme funding.

Deepening the analysis to the NUTSIV level, the beneficiaries coming from the territory of each municipality are shown below:

MUNICIPALITIES	ERDF	%	BENEFICIARIES	%
ITALIA	34.939.420,06		176	
VENETO	11.561.088,41		65	
VENEZIA	10.754.894,51		60	
Caorle	176.991,25	2%	1	2%
Mira	94.460,50	1%	1	2%
Portogruaro	925.141,87	9%	4	7%
San Dona' di Piave	277.737,50	3%	2	3%
Venezia	9.280.563,39	86%	52	87%
OUT (PADOVA / BELLUNO)	806.193,90		5	
Belluno	209.163,75	26%	1	20%
Padova	597.030,15	74%	4	80%
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	23.378.331,65		111	
GORIZIA	3.052.281,30		11	
Cormons	52.484,10	2%	1	9%
Doberdò del Lago	170.000,00	6%	1	9%
Gorizia	2.075.228,25	68%	4	36%
Medea	167.911,48	6%	1	9%
Monfalcone	268.071,08	9%	2	18%
Ronchi dei Legionari	199.750,00	7%	1	9%
Staranzano	118.836,39	4%	1	9%
PORDENONE	1.816.200,52		10	
Budoia	518.032,00	29%	1	10%
Cimolais	182.197,50	10%	1	10%
Pordenone	1.115.971,02	61%	8	80%
TRIESTE	14.383.381,42		70	
San Dorligo della Valle-Dol	118.175,50	1%	1	1%
Sgonico	340.042,50	2%	2	3%
Trieste	13.925.163,42	97%	67	96%
UDINE	4.126.468,41		20	
Colloredo di Monte Albano	297.712,50	7%	1	5%
Lignano Sabbiadoro	194.522,50	5%	1	5%
Palmanova	882.130,00	21%	2	10%
Pavia di Udine	105.655,00	3%	1	5%
Ragogna	59.500,00	1%	1	5%
Resia	273.761,63	7%	1	5%
Udine	2.313.186,78	56%	13	65%
SLOVENIJA	37.622.705,45		169	
GORENJSKA	727.728,35		5	
Bled	85.006,80	12%	1	20%
Jesenice	115.435,95	16%	1	20%
Kranj	108.630,00	15%	1	20%
Naklo	127.780,50	18%	1	20%
Radovljica	290.875,10	40%	1	20%
GORIŠKA	8.117.263,02		40	
Miren-Kostanjevica	243.100,00	3%	1	3%
Ajdovščina	954.169,66	12%	5	13%
Brda	100.000,80	1%	1	3%
Kobarid	325.252,50	4%	1	3%
Miren	928.752,50	11%	2	5%
Nova Gorica	4.509.094,71	56%	24	60%
Šempeter-Vrtojba	535.879,25	7%	3	8%
Tolmin	420.713,60	5%	2	5%
Vipava	100.300,00	1%	1	3%
OBALNO-KRAŠKA	8.617.524,75		47	
Ankaran-Ancarano	627.072,62	7%	4	9%
Divača	689.397,13	8%	3	6%
Izola-Isola	171.147,50	2%	2	4%
Komen	202.725,00	2%	1	2%
Koper-Capodistria	5.427.552,70	63%	29	62%
Kozina	100.000,79	1%	1	2%
Piran-Pirano	848.813,40	10%	4	9%
Sežana	550.815,61	6%	3	6%
OSREDNJESLOVENSKA	10.189.900,00		65	
Domžale	50.651,50	0%	1	2%
Ljubljana	10.054.112,50	99%	63	97%
Logatec	85.136,00	1%	1	2%
PRIMORSKO-NOTRANJSKA	1.470.289,33		11	
Ilirska Bistrica	170.000,00	12%	1	9%
Pivka	851.505,77	58%	6	55%
Postojna	448.783,56	31%	4	36%
OUT (SAVINJSKA)	89.870,37		1	
Velenje	89.870,37	1%	1	100%
EGTC	8.500.000,00		2	
EGTC	8.500.000,00	100%	2	100%
TOTAL	72.562.125,51		347	

Table 13. ERDF absorption and number of beneficiaries and their per NUTs4

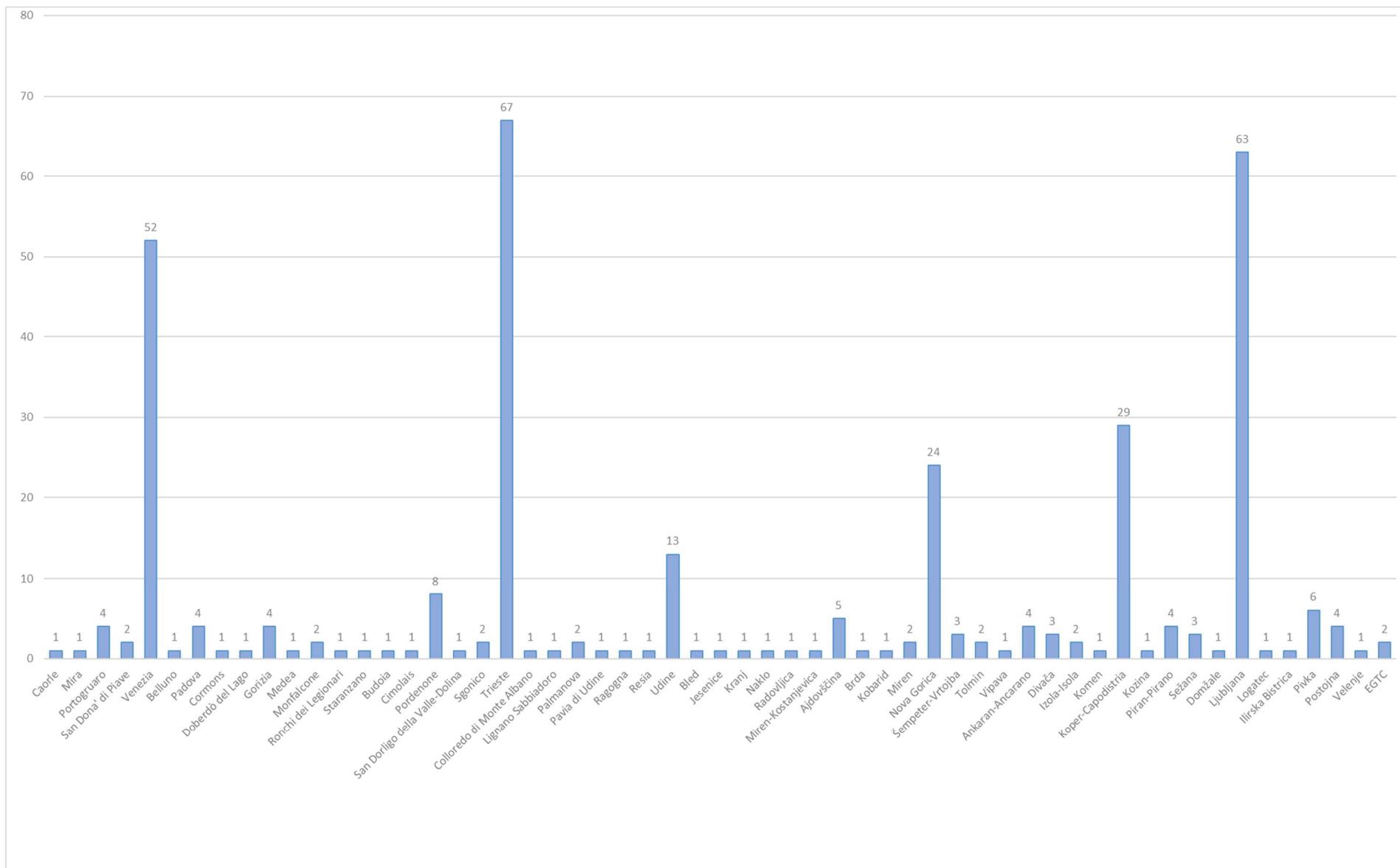


Figure 7. Number of beneficiaries per NUTs4

From table and figure below, it can be noted that, considering the I.T.I. under the EGTC GO, the major urban centres absorbed 76% of Programme funding (55 M€ on 72 M€).

MAJOR URBAN CENTRES	ERDF	%	BENEFICIARIES	%
Venezia	9.280.563,39	16%	52	20%
Pordenone	1.115.971,02	2%	8	3%
Trieste	13.925.163,42	24%	67	26%
Udine	2.313.186,78	4%	13	5%
Gorizia	2.075.228,25	4%	4	2%
Nova Gorica	4.509.094,71	8%	24	9%
Koper-Capodistria	5.427.552,70	9%	29	11%
Ljubljana	10.054.112,50	18%	63	24%
EGTC	8.500.000,00	15%	2	1%
TOTAL MAJOR URBAN CENTRES	57.200.872,77	100%	262	100%

Table 14. ERDF allocation and number of beneficiaries in the major urban centres

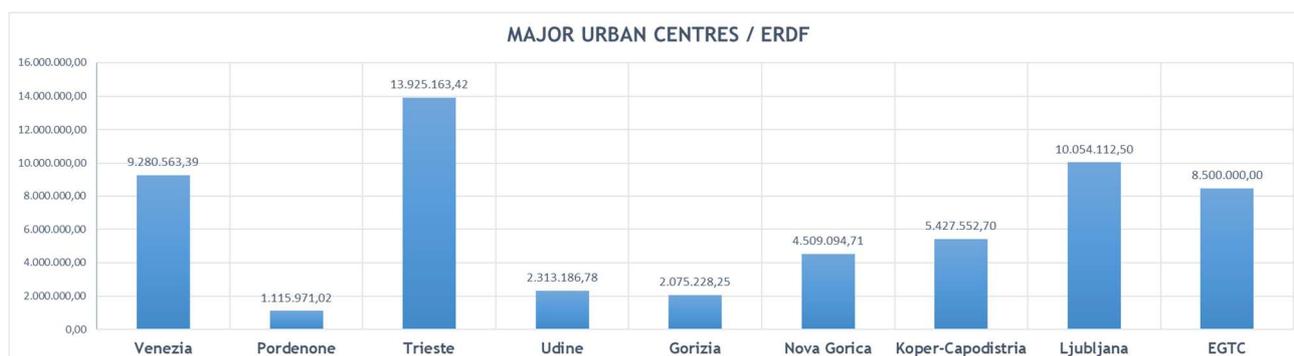


Figure 8. ERDF allocation in the major urban centres

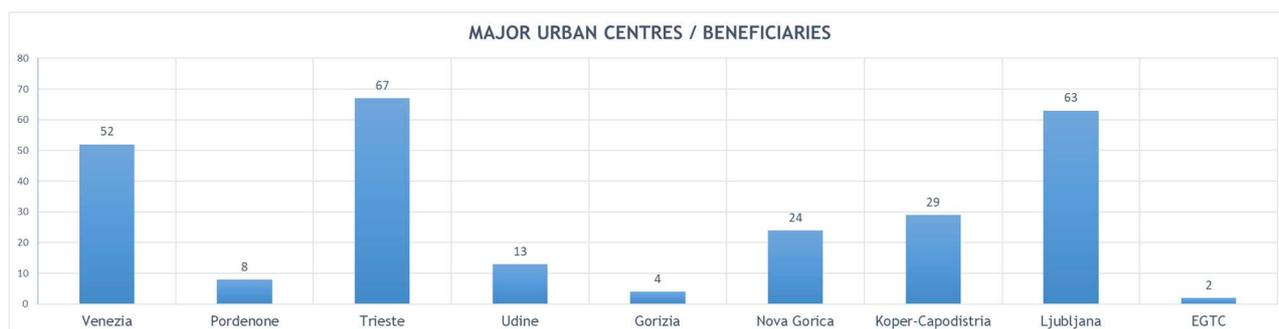


Figure 9. Number of beneficiaries in the major urban centres

Programme areas which proved to be more participative are Provinces of Venice and Trieste and regions Osrednjeslovenska, Obalno-kraška and Goriška, which all together absorb the 71,7% of the Programme funding. Participation of border areas in Province of Udine seem rather low and disproportionate to the degree of proximity to the border.

FURTHER IN DEPTH QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

A more in-depth-analysis on the typology of Programme beneficiaries can be made as well. A first distinction can be done among public and private sector beneficiaries.

In private sector are included companies, private research centres, private associations/organizations.

In public sector are included Municipalities, Regions, Ministries, Universities and public schools, public research centres, hospitals, Regional Development Agencies, Natural Parks, EGTC.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE / AXIS	ERDF		BENEFICIARIES	
PRIVATE	12.967.697,22	18%	80	23%
Axis 1	5.949.839,55		44	
Axis 2	425.501,76		3	
Axis 3	4.867.201,29		23	
Axis 4	1.725.154,62		10	
PUBLIC	59.684.298,66	82%	267	77%
Axis 1	12.701.065,08		67	
Axis 2	11.236.945,91		43	
Axis 3	22.212.219,67		97	
Axis 4	13.534.068,00		60	
TOTAL	72.651.995,88		347	

Table 15. ERDF allocation and number of beneficiaries per axis and per public and private typology

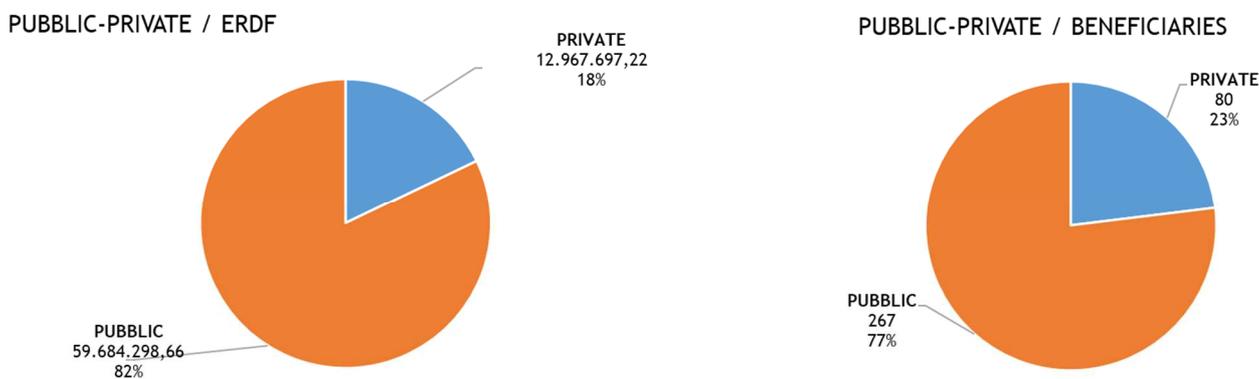


Figure 10. ERDF allocation and number of beneficiaries per public and private typology.

From the table/figure above, it can be noted that public sector absorbs the largest part (82%) of ERDF Programme funds and the majority (77%) of Programme beneficiaries come from public sector.

A clearer evidence of WHO are the main actors within the Programme can be drawn, dividing beneficiaries in macro-typologies as shown below.

TYPE OF BENEFICIARIES	ERDF	%	BENEFICIARIES	%
01 MINISTRIES / REGIONS	7.009.104,19	10%	27	8%
02 LOCAL AUTHORITIES	8.241.635,75	11%	43	12%
03 HEALTH INSTITUTIONS	3.523.584,36	5%	25	7%
04 EGTC	8.602.830,87	12%	3	1%
05 UNIVERSITIES	9.748.653,16	13%	57	16%
06 R&I CENTERS	11.601.820,38	16%	61	18%
07 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES	1.943.171,05	3%	11	3%
08 TRADE ASSOCIATIONS	2.567.977,78	4%	17	5%
09 ASSOCIATIONS / ORGANIZATIONS	2.128.811,04	3%	9	3%
10 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	485.795,40	1%	3	1%
11 COMPANIES	7.194.529,33	10%	49	14%
12 PORTS	1.158.101,25	2%	6	2%
13 NATURAL PARKS	1.230.363,06	2%	6	2%
14 OTHER	7.215.618,26	10%	30	9%
OVERALL TOTAL	72.651.995,88	100%	347	100%

Table 16. ERDF absorption and number of beneficiaries per typology. There are n. 3 beneficiaries catalogued under the category “EGTC” because in addition to the 2 ITI projects there is also the EGCT EUREGIO WITHOUT BORDERS (PP8 in the strategic project CROSSMOBY).

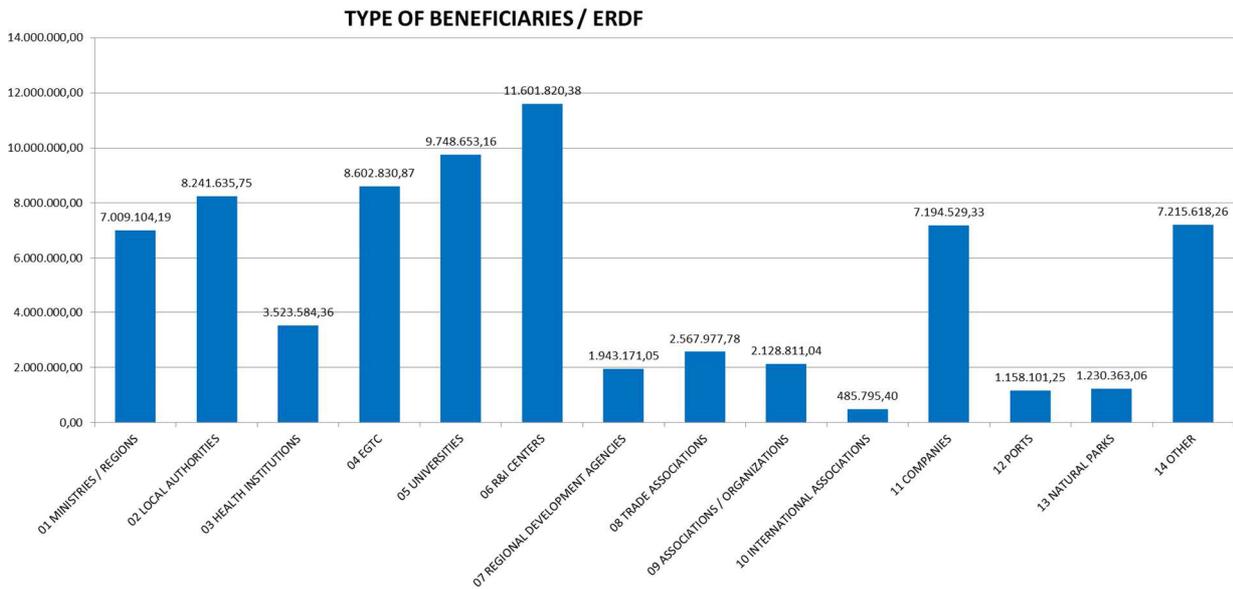


Figure 11. ERDF absorption per typology of beneficiaries

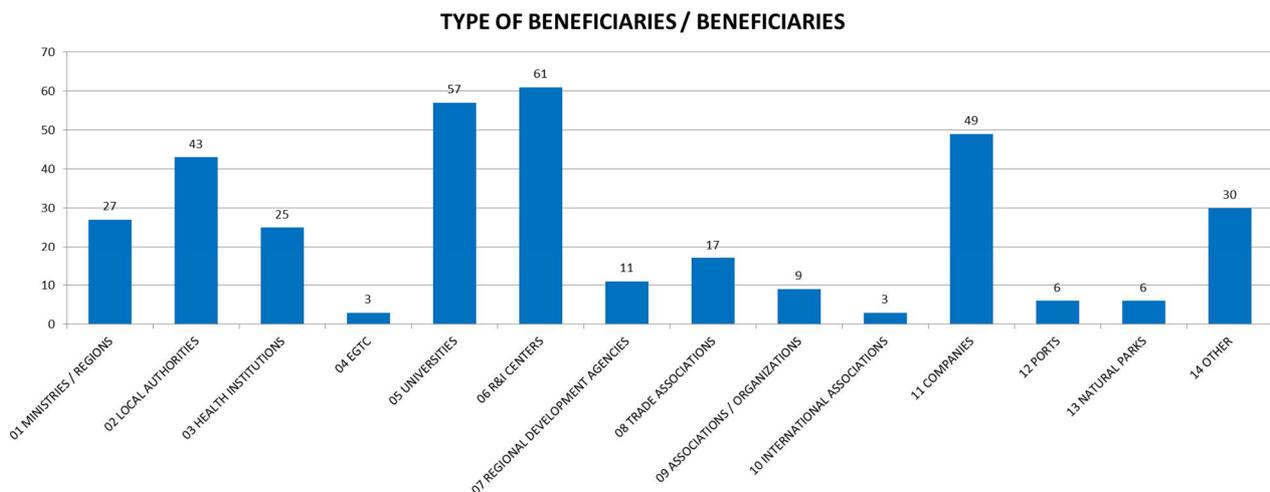


Figure 12. Number of beneficiaries per typology

Analysing the public sector only, Universities, Research Centres and Municipalities play a key role, representing 45% of all beneficiaries.

Considering the private sector, there is a wide variety of actors but a key role is played by companies which represent 14% on the total of beneficiaries.

Regarding State Aid, the Programme worked within the framework of State Aid Exemption Regulation 651/2014 (GBER) and within de minimis rules. In particular, the Programme adopted a specific State Aid Exemption Umbrella Scheme (No. SA.47280), communicated to the European Commission in compliance with (EU) Regulation No. 651/2014. The State aid and de minimis rules apply when the beneficiary is an ‘undertaking’, according to EU definition, i.e. whether it carries out an ‘economic activity’, independently from its legal status (private or public).

Projects beneficiaries (lead partners or project partners) status have been assessed (if they are ‘undertaking’ or not) prior to the signature of the Subsidy Contracts to verify their compliance with the State Aid rules.

The analysis shows that activities implemented by enterprises within projects in most cases are to be considered as State Aid relevant, to be treated according either to de minimis or under the Programme Umbrella Scheme.

Considering the total number of enterprises partner of projects (49), 24 of them have been identified as State Aid relevant (around 50% of the cases). All these cases are financed under PA1 and PA3.

PRIORITY AXIS	STATE AID	TOTAL	%
Axis 1	18	31	58%
Axis 2	0	1	0%
Axis 3	6	10	60%
Axis 4	0	7	0%
TOTAL	24	49	49%

Table 17. State aid relevant beneficiaries

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the available figures, analysis conducted so far shows that most involved beneficiaries in Italy-Slovenia projects are in the major urban centres, such as Trieste, Udine, Pordenone and Venice, on the Italian side and Ljubljana, Koper and Nova Gorica on the Slovene side, where the lead-project partners have their headquarters. Data show that 78,8% of Programme ERDF have been allocated there. In addition, actors of public nature absorbed 82% of the Programme financial allocation.

The analysis clearly shows the gap in northern part of the programme, which presents a valuable input for further orientations for the next programme. Gorizia/Nova Gorica were interested by the two I.T.I. projects. Their territory was also involved in other projects too, especially Nova Gorica (see table 14).

Figure 13 represents the concentration of participants in the areas covered by the Programme. As detailed in the table annexed to the figure, the graphic representation is drafted on the basis of number of beneficiaries coming from the territory of each Municipality, in order to have a territorial analysis as detailed as possible.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 - List of financed projects under INTERREG ITALY-Slovenia 2014-2020

No.	Acronym/Typology	Theme	State of art* <small>* Updated at March 2020</small>
PA 1			
1	ARTE/standard	Ecosystem for advanced regenerative medicine therapies (innovative treatments for osteoarthritis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The multicenter clinical study was initiated by the Friuli Centrale University Health Service (PP5) and the Valdoltra Hospital (PP3), The first patients have already been treated in Slovenia and the observation of clinical results is ongoing. The cross-border network of SMEs has been activated, the selected SMEs have started collaborating with project partners and research centers Seminars on regenerative medicine were organized Workshops and meetings were held with companies <p>The ecosystem created has allowed some SMEs and institutions cooperating within ARTE (Educell, TP-LJ, VivaBioCell S.p.A. and Friuli Centrale Hospital) to present a joint project for COVID 19 at IML - European Innovative Medicines Initiative (Horizon 2020) and to treat first patients</p>
2	BIOAPP/standard	Trans-regional platform for the transfer of technological biopolymers from research to the market (cooperation research organisations / economic stakeholders, development of pilot technologies and commercial initiatives for innovative biopolymers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various biopolymer materials have been developed and their use in food, cosmetic and biomedical industries have been reported. The online BioApp platform has brought many stakeholders into efficient communication by carrying out the technology transfer from the laboratory to the market. The cooperation will be active after the end of the project, also with new start-ups, to facilitate the transfer of pilot technologies on advanced biopolymers developed by BioApp project to various sectors.
3	CAB/standard	Cross-border business accelerator for intelligent specialization strategies (promotion of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the acceleration model developed by the CAB project, project partners

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		investments in the development of new products and innovative services and transfer of technologies from R&D centres to SMEs)	<p>successfully implemented the “Crossborder acceleration programme” (pilot action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the two calls promoted by the 3 “CAB Points”, 20 companies (15 start-ups and 5 SMEs) were given access to the combined cross-border package - online and on site for a value of € 200,000 € • Over 40 mentor-team combinations in Slovenia and Italy, activated for the development and “Go to market” of the selected projects • Published 1 Compendium with the results of research on business acceleration. • The final “CAB-EXPO” event was held on 11 September 2019 in Venice
4	FISHAGROTECH/standard	Fishing - agriculture: cross border participation and innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluded the mapping of needs for innovation expressed by fisheries - aquaculture and agriculture sectors companies and identified possible practical technological innovative solutions • Companies, organizations, institutions, promoters and developers of innovation have been involved at cross-border level through seminars, B2B - R2B events and individual meetings • Cross-border pilot actions in progress
5	NUVOLAK2/standard	Innovative marketing tools for the global competitiveness of the SMEs in the cross-border area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mikrobiz.net platform has been updated and enhanced with new tools: new approach for brand development, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a benchmarking tool, • a database of institutions and mentors. • 50 innovative SME practices and 2 SME-friendly-contexts were examined • Most of the morning coffees (INNOtalk) and blog posts have been completed, exceeding 3000 likes • The FestINNO event was held, the third edition of which, as well as the remaining events and workshops, will be held online in 2020 (http://www.inno.si). <p>The preparation of the final report related to quantitative research and to implementation of workshops and business consultancy is underway</p>
6	SUSGRAPE/standard	Promoting sustainable viticulture through ICT in the ita-slo cross-border areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project created a Decision Support System (DSS) with the activation of 42 monitoring stations and of the WiForAgriSUSGRAPE web platform. The platform displays phytopathological forecasting models against late blight and hatred for the areas of the Collio and the Slovenian coast, and tests on output in 4 experimental vineyards

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A microbiomic study on vine leaves was carried out to screen the bacterial collection
7	TRAIN/standard	Big data and disease models: cross-border platform of kits validated for industry (cooperation among research institutes/universities/companies for innovation in biomedical research sector in cell biology and large-volume data analysis, for cardiological and inflammatory diseases)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the project, 'high-throughput screening' with 'machine learning' and 'big data' processing were combined to improve the diagnosis and therapy of various pathologies • Essays have been developed to be used in kits for the detection of any contaminants in foods and in the study of in vitro disease models • Numerous collaborations have been activated with companies aimed at the transfer of knowledge • A virtual reality experience has been developed to represent what has been achieved by the TRAIN project
8	TRANSGLIOMA/standard	New therapies for glioblastoma through a translational cross-border research platform (transfer of knowledge in innovative medical biotechnologies for brain cancer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners of the cross-border consortium have enriched the cross-border brain tumor bank GLIOBANK with unified laboratory protocols and ongoing sample processing, while developing open source software for analysing the collected data • At the cellular level, a series of potential specific biomarkers of stem cells from glioblastoma have been identified and experimentally validated • Two direct release systems for nano-bodies have been identified and experimentally validated • Experiments on the therapeutic action of nano-bodies in vivo on selected animal models started. Volunteers also participate in the experiments through the IVY INTERREG Foundation, supported by the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
9	DIVA/strategic	Development of ecosystems and innovation value chains: supporting cross-border innovation through creative industries (development opportunities for high-tech companies , cooperation between innovative platforms, educational and training institutions and SMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off event (Mestre, 18 March 2019) • Implementation of various promotional material (posters, roll-ups, flyers, project sites and social networks) • Cultural and creative enterprises have been mapped by gathering qualitative and quantitative information to draw their needs profile and their willingness to collaborate among each other and with traditional enterprises for their involvement in the project • Workshops were held to present the project, the first results and raise public awareness on potentials by artistic innovations • The definition of a "Collaboration Model" capable of facing social and economic challenges are being finalized

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIVA hubs are under definition
10	NANOREGION/strategic	NANO-REGION: an open network for innovation through nanotechnologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the first year of the project, actions aimed at integrating and adapting tools and creating interfaces and communication strategies with SMEs • Activities for cross-border standardization have started • The consortium has been extended to neighboring Croatia with the entrance of the University of Rijek • Three proposals for feasibility studies were collected and others were being finalized
11	DuraSoft/ standard	Innovative technologies to improve the durability of traditional wooden structures in sensitive environment	<p>project start date: 01/03/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <p>At present, details on the types and quantities of materials to be tested and to be analysed have been agreed. The production of finished materials is subject to the availability of some raw materials and products which has presently been greatly reduced. The Kick-off meeting has been adapted to the online mode</p>
12	CONSTRAIN/ standard	Sharing and application of innovative strategies for seismic protection of buildings	<p>project start date: 01/03/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <p>Project activities have just started. Partners met and developed a program of activities with regard to the collection of seismic vulnerability reduction techniques available in the literature and / or applied in practice. Definition of geometries of the masonry samples to be subjected to experimental testing also started, as well as definition of characteristics of materials to be used in these samples</p>
13	ISE-EMH/ standard	IT-SI ecosystem for electronic and mobile health	<p>project start date: 01/03/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p>
14	IMBI/ standard	Diagnosis of prosthetic infections in orthopedics with innovative methods based on the use of bacteriophages	<p>project start date: 01/01/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <p>Partners met to define responsibilities and activities, as well as technical issues related to project implementation. A board of directors and</p>

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			a committee responsible for communication has also been appointed.
15	IMMUNO-CLUSTER/ standard	Pilot project to improve quality and life expectancy of women affected by Triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC).	<p>project start date: 01/01/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <p>The kick-off meeting took place on 14 January 2020 during which the project was presented and start-up activities described, including the preparation of the clinical protocol and the protocol for the validation of cell vaccine preparation technologies</p>
16	CATTEDRA/ standard	Innovative diagnosis of rare diseases in pediatrics	<p>project start date: 28/01/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p>
PA 2			
1	ENERGYCARE/standard	Energy efficiency of public residential and school buildings and sustainable mobility with community involvement (promotion of sustainable mobility in urban and peripheral areas, innovative participatory actions in the territories of Trieste, San Donà di Piave and Koper, energy saving to contrast energy poverty in the Programme area, construction of a new cycle/pedestrian path)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the 3 pilot areas, participative activities involving the residents have been concluded • Definition of the project for the cycle path (San Donà di Piave) and for the pedibus line (Koper) • In Trieste the PonzianaLAB is active as an Infopoint dedicated to the project open to the public • Environmental awareness-raising meetings with citizens continue • Infrastructural interventions in Koper, Trieste and San Donà have been concluded • CAP & COM pilot actions involvement and project communication activity are intense and constant
2	INTERBIKE II/standard	Development of multimodal connections along the Adriabike cycle path from Kranjska Gora to Ravenna (promotion of cycling for sustainable daily mobility and for tourist, creation of 4 multimodal transport service points for bikes, buses and boats)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During summer 2018 and 2019, the bus service with bike transport between Koper / Capodistria, Grado and Cormons was tested • Boat and bicycle service was introduced along the Lemene river • The maritime service between Bibione and Caorle is currently active • A new cycling route platform is developing in western Slovenia • A new section of the cycle path will be built in Crevatini • In the Eastern Veneto, electric charging stations will be set up

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3	Lightning-solution/standard	Innovative solutions for energy efficient lighting of public buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> investment management for the pilot activities communication activities scheduled until the end of the project implementation of additional activities and CAP & COM pilot actions involvement Partners aware on completing remaining activities to complete the project. (two have already completed planned activities to reduce annual primary energy consumption in public buildings, two are still finalizing their activities). Despite measures due to coronavirus, partners are confident project objectives will be achieved.
4	MOBITOUR/standard	Sustainable mobility of coastal tourist areas and the cross-border hinterland (definition of 3 UPSM - urban plans for sustainable mobility (Lignano, Caorle, Pirano); implementation of 5 'park & drive' pilot systems (electric vehicles, electrical pillars) and 2 sustainable mobility plans (Park Škocjanske jame and Kobilarna Lipica)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project, which envisages the creation of 5 "park and drive" pilot systems to promote sustainable mobility, has reached the final stage. 19 vehicle charging stations were positioned and 6 electric cars, 1 minivan and 366 bicycles were purchased a digital platform was created for sharing information on tourist routes/itineraries, public transport and sustainable mobility services (www.crossmobility.eu) CAP & COM pilot actions involvement
5	MUSE/ standard	Cross-border collaboration for energy efficient sustainable university mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for Public Administrations and the Cross-border Action Plan drawn up The "MUSE Winter School" organized by the LP in Bohinj (January 2020) with participation of mobility experts, university students and stakeholders Pilot projects under way: a secure solar-panelled e-bike deposit inaugurated in Grosuplje in June 2019; two photovoltaic stations for charging electric vehicles (Trieste, December 2019 and Roveredo in Piano, February 2020)
6	CROSSMOBY/strategic	Mobility planning and sustainable, cross-border and passenger transport services, in the pursuit of intermodality (coordinated planning of sustainable mobility, experimentation of cross-border rail services for passengers of public transport along the Venice-Trieste-Ljubljana axis, a cross-border strategic action plan on sustainable mobility based on the already existing SUMP (Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans) methodology	<p>After the reactivation of the Udine-Trieste-Ljubljana cross-border railway link, the CROSSMOBY project also launched the following pilot actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an analysis for a cross-border strategic reference framework, the creation of a stakeholders platform for dialogue and cross-border planning, a study on sustainable urban mobility, a project on traffic monitoring. <p>Furthermore, a call for a bike sharing service was published at the railway stations between the Municipalities of Divača, Hrpelje-Kozina, Komen</p>

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		applied to a limited number of pilot projects)	and Sežana and a call for a maritime passenger service on the Ankaran-Koper-Izola-Piran line The new Bovec-Kranjska Gora bus line was established for months of July and August and a shuttle service on the Julian Alps path on the occasion of the European Mobility Week
7	SECAP/strategic	Support for energy and climate adaptation policies (transition of several SEAPs (Sustainable Energy Action Plan) to APSECs (Action Plan for Sustainable Energy and Climate); pilot actions for a APSECs adapted to local needs, small infrastructure investments to monitor emissions into the atmosphere and energy consumption)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off event in February 2019 • Start of data collection and of elaboration of the scenarios envisaged by the project • First public event held in Trieste in May 2019 with attendance of the EC's Joint Research Centre and of the Covenant of Mayors • Approval of a shared methodology for the selection of the Italian and Slovenian pilot Municipalities with which to collaborate for the adoption of the respective SECAPs • Preparatory work and operational support measures started for the elaboration of the SECAPs to the Municipalities for mitigation actions (Help desk, workshop, coaching)
PA3			
1	AGROTOUR2/standard	Sustainable development of agriculture and tourism in the cross-border karst region (implementation of the e-Karst application for monitoring the condition of vineyards, optimisation of wine and ham production processes, creation of new itineraries along with promotion of local products)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final phase of the project involves the setting up of the Center for the promotion of typical local products with a wine cellar of regional wines in the Štanjel Castle • Irrigation tests were conducted in two vineyards to assess the cost-benefit ratio • Updates to the e-Karst application (https://e-karst.eu) were developed to monitor agro-meteorological parameters and wine-growing technologies as well as to optimize and standardize technologies in the production of Terrano wine on the cross-border karst territory • Monitoring of the quality of the Karst raw ham ("Kraški pršut"), produced from exemplary indigenous-bred-pigs <p>Electronic mapping of thematic itineraries and drafting of two brochures highlighting project results in relation to the improvement of the quality of Terrano wine and of Karst raw ham ("Kraški pršut") and tourist activity on the Karst</p>
2	BLUEGRASS/standard	Promoting the development of green agri-food activities through the introduction of aquaponics for reduction of environmental impacts of the agri-food sector (This technique involves growing vegetables without the use of land and with reduced water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer demand for aquaponics products evaluated • Two working groups established for collecting recommendations for implementation of two pilot plants • Two pilot plants started in Koper and in Porcia (inaugurated in December 2018) and used throughout 2019 to define production

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		consumption, recycling organic waste water from fish farms. The project aims at launching a market analysis to assess territorial interest/needs of aquaponics products, testing 2 pilot installations; involving farmers, breeders and researchers; increasing consumer awareness)	<p>management and monitoring models and to study their sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The systems hosted training and distribution activities targeting breeders, farmers, schools and purchasing groups • An intense social activity was conducted on FB and Instagram and the results were presented at the international aquaculture and vertical farming fair aquafarm / novelfarm 2020. • A final event to share the results of the project has been scheduled for May 2020 in Trieste, in the context of Pro-Esof
3	CONA/standard	Improvement of the ecological state of the Corno river and the area of the mouth of the Isonzo river in the Adriatic - Cona area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2019, partners completed almost all planned activities • Improvement of the chemical and physical condition of the waters • Preparation of the design for revitalisation of the flow of the Koren creek • Application for online data monitoring from all weather stations is available on the Nova Gorica school center website • "Mlinček na vodo - Water mill" competition held for primary schools • Secondary school students performed analyses on the flow of the Koren creek • Production of project documentation for the reconstruction of lightening discharges along the Corno in Italy • Proposal of measures for sustainable regulation (green infrastructure) along the Corno in Slovenia. • Meteorological stations built and currently connected to the SCADA system for the Nova Gorica wastewater treatment plant. • the CNS system was extended to manage and contain the first wave of precipitation in the Corno stream. • In the coming year, partners will complete the investment work in the cross-border area
4	ISONZO-SOČA/I.T.I.	ISONZO-SOČA cross-border park (construction, in Gorizia, Nova Gorica and Šempeter-Vrtojba, of a cross-border network of cycle and pedestrian paths along the Isonzo river and along the State border connecting Salcano to Šempeter-Vrtojba and Miren. Infrastructural works to improve the usability of the area by citizens and tourists)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works of Lot 1 "Vrtojba recreational area" completed • Work on Lot 2 "Isonzo walkway at Salcano-Solkan" is currently underway and will be completed by 2020 • Publication of call for bids for engineering services and architecture of Lot 3 - "Realization of a cycle route along the state border" • Creation of the first 2 km of cycle path • Awarded the engineering and architecture services of Lot 3 - "Creation of a cycle route along the state border" • The conference of services for the approval of the final project for Lot 4 "Construction of

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			cycle paths along the Isonzo river" was successfully concluded
5	MEDSGARDEN/standard	An indigenous Mediterranean garden and culinary art for the conservation of the typical regional identity (sustainable management of a network of the Mediterranean Gardens of the northern Adriatic: joint promotion of innovations and learning tourism, to create a recognizable green destination in Europe. The project aims at the development, conservation and attractiveness of the cultural landscape, also through an innovative educational tourism related to native plants, local cuisine and products of the northern Adriatic. The project intends to integrate indigenous Mediterranean plant crops into sustainable tourism development, to engage the public in creating the surrounding environment and to preserve and promote the high-quality cultural landscape	<p>The project is concluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Mediterranean Gardens have been opened to the public, three in Slovenia (Purissima - Škofije, Boršt and Bertoki) and two in Italy (Orto del Brenta - Mira and Friül - Pordenone) • Gardens - open to the public upon notification of the visit - offer training, teaching, courses, cooking workshops and guided tours for visitors of various types: children, students, technicians and professionals from the agricultural world, tour operators and tourists
6	NAT2CARE/standard	<p>Mobilising citizens for the restoration and conservation of the N2K crossborder area.</p> <p>Nat2Care focuses on the protection and enhancement of biodiversity in the Natura 2000 areas of the mountain territory in Friuli Venezia Giulia and Slovenia. It envisages exchange of information and development of common methodologies for the management of species and habitats; evaluation of ecosystem services; awareness raising for stakeholders, citizens and young generation on natural heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing and fine-tuning cross-border monitoring focusing on the rock ptarmigan and the Alpine longhorn beetle • Initiatives for active management of habitats • Collection of data for the evaluation of the ecosystem services • Involved more than 2,000 people • Awareness raising activities to improve knowledge and conservation of the Natura 2000 areas of the cross-border area • Development of common monitoring protocols for fauna (large carnivores, ungulates, avifauna and alpine rosalia) and periglacial flora. Pilot actions have been carried out for the management of significant habitats and defined methodologies for assessing ecosystem services. The information awareness activities involved around 4,000 people, especially young people
7	RETRACKING/standard	Towards the circular economy: traceability of fibre-reinforced composites (FRC) - Products manufactured with recycled FRC can be recovered several times, thanks to better traceability. The project intends to develop an	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a new management model for the recovery, treatment and transformation of Reinforced Fiber Composites, thanks (1) to a pilot plant capable of recycling production waste and scraps, and to produce new 100% recyclable products from secondary raw materials, and (2) to an ICT

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		innovative management strategy for the recovery of FRC waste, based on the analysis and registration of materials and traceability of “secondary raw material”, as well as testing of innovative technologies for waste management, creating the conditions for moving from a linear economy to the circular economy	platform for process management enabling the traceability of new products marked with RFID and the management of the life cycle of new products
8	TARTINI/standard	Cultural tourism in the pursuit of GIUSEPPE TARTINI (conservation and promotion of cultural heritage in the border area, linked to the musician Giuseppe Tartini, born in Piran in 1692, increase of the demand for sustainable cultural tourism in the Tartini’s creative triangle involving Piran, Koper, Venice, and Padua; creation of the TARTINI product)	<p>Project activities concluded at the end of February 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Piran birthplace of Giuseppe Tartini has been renovated • An innovative cross-border tourist-cultural product has been created with the TARTINI brand, was created • Despite the vastness of the materials available, a paper publication was created containing the correspondence of Giuseppe Tartini, which includes 187 letters (the complete collection is available on digital media) • The recordings on vinyl records have been transposed in digital format accessible to the public and uploaded on the portal www.discovertartini.eu, where all project results and other information on Giuseppe Tartini are also presented • Many promotional, popular and cultural events have been organised, with three major events (Piran, Trieste, Ljubljana) but also in August 2019, the Chamber Orchestra of the La Scala Theatre in Milan performed with the soloists Massimo Mercelli and Massimo Quarto and with Giuseppe Tartini’s repertoire) • The Tartini cross-border cultural route was developed, connecting the places where Tartini was born, lived and created. This new cross-border cultural journey begins or ends in the Casa Tartini with the visitor center and the new multimedia museum route that will guide future visitors through the composer’s birthplace
9	GREVISLIN/strategic	Green infrastructures for the conservation and improvement of the condition of habitats and protected species along the rivers (creation of green infrastructures in NATURA 2000 in the Isonzo area, activation of pilot activities, identification of best practices for awareness raising for local communities, agricultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventories of the mapping of green infrastructure zones in the cross-border area • Monitoring of the basins of Isonzo, Vipacco and Livenza rivers as for surface waters and fish communities • Harmonization of Slovenian and Italian methodologies for assessing the state of the waters

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		operators and visitors with regard to the efficiency of ecosystem services, clear long-term strategy in the integrated management of green infrastructures and of the ecosystems for sustainable development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First collection of data on common pests in agriculture with the aim to create a virtual model of an intelligent farm • Seminars were organized and training for farmers and students started to promote the use of sustainable agricultural practices • A system of pest control stations is also underway in the Vipacco river valley • In the municipality of Postojna, a pedestrian walkway was inaugurated near the Pivka river
10	MERLIN CV/strategic	Multisensorial experiences linked to the castles and villas of the cross-border area (increasing recognition of the crossborder tourist region, enhancing the value of its cultural, natural and gastronomic heritage, development of innovative thematic tourism products, creation of a web and mobile application database for tourist itineraries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial communication activities for the main stakeholders/target groups • First workshops and first conference organised, from which the marketing strategy will be launched and examples of best practice and systematic marketing activities will be presented • Investments for innovative marketing products • preparations are underway in view of the first scientific conference, on the basis of which technical-specialist content will be developed for the enhancement of cultural heritage • The first systematic marketing actions were carried out (on social networks, important portals such as that of the broadcaster RTV SLO and print media - the project was presented in the Platinum magazine, attached every week to the newspaper Il Sole 24 Ore) • Preparation of the reports as basis for investments • Harmonisation of criteria for creating a virtual platform for excellence in tourism for promotion and dissemination of project results
11	PRIMIS/strategic	Multicultural journey between Italy and Slovenia through the prism of minorities (enhancement of the linguistic, cultural and natural heritage of the language communities in the area: Slovenian and Italian national minorities and language communities such as Cimbri, Ladin, Friulian; multiculturalism and multilingualism as basis of sustainable cultural tourism; creation of 4 multimedia centres, a multimedia platform and a digital guide; promotion of cultural events; information/training activities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataloguing of tangible and intangible assets typical of the national, linguistic, cultural and ethnic communities • The places where the 4 Multimedia centres dedicated to the national and linguistic minorities in the Upper Adriatic area have been identified. These will be located at the Bibione lighthouse (PP10), in Santo Stefano di Cadore (PP9), at the "Narodni Dom" of Trieste (PP2) and at the "Gravisi-Buttorai" Palace in Koper (LP). In this last location, the archaeological research works functional to the redevelopment of the building are almost completed • Under finalisation the identification of PIs (Points of interest), functional to the

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			creation of the multimedia platform and related digital tourist guide
12	VISFRIM/strategic	<p>Water-related risk management for the Vipava river basin and other cross-border basins (joint measures of mitigation of hydro-geological risk due to urbanisation and climate change in the international basins of the Isonzo and Vipacco rivers and in the inter-regional basin of the Lemene river, shared data and development of models for simulating flooding; green IT tools to promote active participation of citizens; environmental monitoring and small structural works with low environmental impact; methodologies and operational technological tools for the implementation of the existing flood risk management plans)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection harmonisation and sharing of environmental data and studies concerning floods, Data have been used for development of shared hydrological and hydraulic models for the Lemene basin, through which simulations of alluvial processes can be carried out for assessing water-related hazards • Within Lemene basin two new hydrometric stations have been installed • Some Slovenian municipalities published public procurement procedures for the construction of the structural investments envisaged in the project (three construction sites are currently active)
13	WALK OF PEACE/strategic	<p>The sustainable development of First World War heritage between the Alps and the Adriatic (increase of the use of WW1 heritage for sustainable cultural tourism, through studies, exhibitions, cultural and commemorative events, targeted training activities for tour operators. A “Path of Peace” trademark will be introduced, with marketing guidelines, website and promotional material. New thematic itineraries, info-points and interactive centres will be organized)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of the "Walk of Peace" brand, • Extension of the "Walk of Peace" path - which now includes 400 km from the Alps to the Adriatic and which will be suitably signposted within the start of the tourist season • Restoration of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Javorca completed • Creation of a new interactive web page www.thewalkofpeace.com • Implementation of researches and investments on the heritage of the First World War • Organization of events that attracted people from the entire Program area (concert for peace, held in Kobarid in August 2019 dedicated to the memory of all the victims of 1WW and for the value of peace for modern generations; cross-border conference "Why the path of peace" held in Nova Gorica late November 2019)
14	ENGREEN/standard	<p>Strengthening of green infrastructures in the cross-border environment of IT-SI (to guarantee a good state of conservation of protected species)</p>	<p>project start date: 01/04/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities are underway for establishing project team and board of directors, as well as for organizing the kick-off event. Project management and communication tools are being prepared, such as the Board of Directors Regulation, the evaluation plan

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			and the project communication strategy, the activity plan for the first period. Documentation has being prepared to start the contracts for external services and for the purchase of equipment
15	TRETAMARA/standard	Management proposals of marine environments of the upper Adriatic (for an integrated management plan of marine habitats with high ecological value)	project start date: 03/02/2020 The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 16/01/2020 project partners met to define times, roles and activities, and the organization of the project kick-off event scheduled for spring, however slowed down due to the current health emergency. The first contacts with the Public Administrations were also started and the study on the state of affairs of the Management Plans of the N2K areas involved in the project is being finalized
16	BEE-DIVERSITY/standard	Biodiversity improvement through innovative ecosystem management and bee monitoring (for an innovative cross-border system for the improvement and monitoring of biodiversity)	project start date: 01/02/2020 The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is in the initial phase: the operating protocols are being defined aimed at identifying the different study areas and within them the identification of the objectives. An evaluation on which is the best technological solution for the detection of data supplied by beekeeping stations is under way (one proposal is to use the Melixa system already in use at Veneto Agricoltura, which guarantees a high quality of data). The project kick-off event took place on 13 and 18 March 2020 via Skype
17	GREENHULL/standard	Green technologies for ecological cleaning of biological incrustation on hulls in the Upper Adriatic (improve environmental protection by developing solutions for effective cross-border management of marine waste water and hazardous waste generated; 2 pilot will be developed, tested and applied to control, monitor and manage the waste for conservation of the marine environment)	project start date: 01/03/2020 The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial activities of GreenHull project, launched on March 1, 2020, relate to the analysis of European and national Italian and Slovenian legislation for the sector. A pilot underwater cleaning system and a modular wastewater treatment plant are foreseen. Activities on the field are also planned
18	ACQUAVITIS/standard	Innovative solutions for the efficient use of water in cross-border viticulture (development	project start date: 01/01/2020

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		and testing of joint innovative technologies and solutions for the efficient use of water resources, risk planning, associated with extreme events, to face climate change, exchange of experiences between research centres and grapevines companies in order to implement effective economic management models	<p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is in its early stages. The initial press conference was held on 20 February 2020 in Dornberk • 3 meetings among project partners occurred to define the conceptual design and framework of the Acquavitis online platform, as well as the method of data acquisition. The platform will be operational by August 2020 • Vineyards for monitoring water stress have been selected. • Monitoring of the water cycle began and rainwater collectors were installed in 6 vineyards in the cross-border area (Valle del Vipava, Carso, Friuli) • a series of irrigation and soil tillage experiments aimed at obtaining better soil water retention and better grape quality are being prepared
19	ECO SMART/standard	Market of Ecosystem services for an Advanced NATURA2K Area Protection Policy (Contribute to the conservation of the biodiversity of NATURA 2000 ITA-SLO sites thanks to the development and pilot application for the drafting of adaptation plans to climate change	<p>project start date: 01/02/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up activities are currently underway by all partners • The Management Committee, the Technical Management Council and the Team for internal communication have been established • Technical activities have been planned and shared. Methodologies were planned, areas of activities and necessary equipment have been identified and managers contacted
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1	CB-WBL/standard	Italian-Slovenian alliance for learning based on work in the cross-border environment (the availability of European technical frameworks of reference (EQF, ECVET) was not enough to produce an increase in cross-border student mobility in the Programme area. The focus of the project was to facilitate cross-border collaboration for vocational training. A memorandum of understanding was stipulated between public authorities and trade associations to promote learning mobility, while proposals	<p>The project is concluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CB_WBL project, inaugurated on 10/19/2017, ended in July 2019 • Three joint workshops were held in Nova Gorica, Udine and Vila Vipolže entitled "Development of cooperative capacities in VET" which improved collaboration between key figures in vocational training and economic sector • The training activity was entirely successful and contributed to achieving and exceeding the target indicator (cross-border courses in Nova Gorica, Udine and Sagrado entitled "Cross-border learning paths at work")

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		<p>were made to facilitate collaboration. The aim of the project was to strengthen cooperation between public training institutions and companies in the Programme area in work-based learning with the help of innovative approaches and shared standards for the implementation of cross-border mobility programmes. The Project brought about effective collaboration between training institutions and SMEs for cross-border mobility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A memorandum of understanding was stipulated between public institutions and stakeholders on work-based learning in a cross-border context and press conference organized • Design and promotion of the digital platform INPRAXI.INFO, accessible through the domain www.inpraxi.info • To support the results of the project, the strategy envisages further platform promotion events, together with its maintenance; in addition, the stable cooperation network, set up between the signatories of the protocol, will make it possible to continuously improve and update the results on an annual basis
2	CROSSCARE/standard	<p>Integrated cross-border approach in care of the elderly (the project introduced an innovative shared multidimensional evaluation scale to identify needs, resources and desires of elderly people, as well as personalised planning, ongoing monitoring and final evaluation of the results of the care programmes). The care manager worked in the Elderly Service Points (ESP), guaranteeing personalised responses to the requests of elderly people and their families and, if necessary, set up home automation and assistive devices.</p> <p>CrossCare has facilitated institutional cooperation between territorial services dedicated to the care of the elderly in order to encourage the planning of joint solutions to ageing, through a cross-border model of assistance for the elderly. The model identified the new professional figure of the “care manager”, envisaging the establishment of Elderly Service Points within Retirement Homes and qualified home service as a key element in active ageing strategies</p>	<p>The project is concluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project ended with the signature of the cross-border Protocol by all the Partners (and Associated Partners) • The cross-border model of personalized management of the frail elderly people was successfully tested in the Elderly Service Points (ESPs) started up in Italian and Slovenian Retirement Homes • The polar diagram, as a monitoring and evaluation tool, has proved to be an extremely useful and effective tool • The training courses involved over 400 people
3	EDUKA2/standard	<p>Cross-border governance of education (schools and universities benefited from the institutional cooperation in the education sector. Some key operators became mobilised, including research centres and national and linguistic</p>	<p>The project is concluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic document containing shared educational models produced - with 41 teaching units for schools and various e-learning courses for teachers -

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		<p>minority institutions involved in education.</p> <p>The EDUKA2 project aimed to strengthen cross-border cooperation and governance in the education sector through the creation of didactic tools and shared training models. Joint solutions were planned and implemented for the development of joint governance tools and shared educational models</p>	<p>promotes the knowledge of the unity of the cross-border territory and the consolidation of linguistic-cultural skills among young people. The strategic document with guidelines for providing concrete assistance to cross-border students and graduates is aimed at individuals and universities in the procedures for cross-border recognition of certifications and professional qualifications. The material is available at www.eduka2.eu</p>
4	HARMODATA/standard	<p>Harmonisation of data for cross-border territorial management.</p> <p>A common challenge in the cross-border area between Slovenia and Italy is the non-harmonised territorial management system that slows down the acquisition of information by public institutions and local, regional and national authorities. The project aimed to create a joint land management model and guidelines for cross-border territorial planning and harmonisation of systems (creation of a cross-border platform for the harmonisation of territorial data)</p>	<p>The project is concluded</p> <p>Among the concrete results achieved by the project, which was characterized by the creation of a cross-border model for the management of the cross-border territory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cross-border model for land management, also through the creation of a cross-border data harmonisation platform (www.harmono-data-geoportal.eu) was implemented • The platform will also be integrated and developed in the future thanks to a memorandum of understanding signed by partner institutions during project implementation • An intensive educational programme was implemented to strengthen the ability of the public service and civil society in multi-level management of the territory
5	INTEGRA/standard	<p>Cross-border network for migrant women: social integration, sexual and reproductive health</p> <p>The INTEGRA project aimed to the protection of sexual and reproductive health of migrant women from cultures with a strong patriarchal influence. The project adopted an interdisciplinary approach, by involving universities, health facilities and local associations, and the possibility of transferring best practices to Slovenian facilities.</p> <p>The overall goal of the project was to increase the knowledge and cross-border cooperation of health workers on the topic of sexual and reproductive health of migrant women, in particular those at risk of female genital mutilation and forced marriages, through the</p>	<p>The project is concluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After data collection during the interdisciplinary study phase, joint guidelines and an indicator of sexual and reproductive health of migrant women were formulated • Training seminars for socio-health workers, four events for spreading project results and two final events for the public and health/social workers were organised • Ad hoc informative material was also produced for migrant women

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		development of common guidelines and an indicator of sexual and reproductive health. This allowed health professionals to face this increasingly current challenge, by making use of a common intervention protocol	
6	MEMORY-NET/standard	<p>Network for mental and motion rehabilitation following a stroke (improving post-stroke rehabilitation management strategies and establishing common diagnostic and therapeutic protocols based on the most advanced scientific knowledge and best international practices. With over 4000 new cases per year within the programme area, the stroke is one of the leading causes of intellectual and motor disability. Since a stroke can affect people of productive age, it has an impact upon families, healthcare system and the entire local economy.</p> <p>All the centres involved in the various phases of rehabilitation will adopt a common Diagnostic, Therapeutic and Assistance Programme (DTAP) with standardised protocols for evaluating patient deficits and for integrated cognitive-motor rehabilitation, and an ICT platform to facilitate cooperation between institutions, stakeholders and families</p>	<p>The project is concluded</p> <p>The project has generated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Common Operating Protocol for cognitive and motor rehabilitation signed by the hospitals of Trieste, Isola, Sezana and Portogruaro; • 1 ICT platform for data collection and analysis; 1 Innovative eHealth Solution (Neurofeedback); • 10 APPs for cognitive rehabilitation; • 12 Harmonised diagnostic questionnaires; • 50 Patients treated with the new protocol; • 200 communications with 6000 contacts reached; • 200 citizens involved in informative events; • 400 professionals from medical teams trained; • 20 young people trained
7	SALUTE/SDRAVSTVO/I.T.I.	<p>Construction of a network of cross-border health services</p> <p>The project involves the establishment of joint cross-border medical teams in the field of mental health, autism and normal pregnancy, as well as the creation, on an experimental basis, of a Single Centre for cross-border reservations. The project dedicates a pilot action to cross-border services and interventions for the inclusion of vulnerable groups in the population living in the area of the EGTC GO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health: signed the contract for the "individual health budget" projects, signed a cross-border agreement, created a training course for non-mental health workers and a training course for the cross-border medical team • Autism: created a training course on the ESDM method, medical protocol for the treatment of autistic children and adaptation of rooms in Gorizia for the operation of integrated teams • Physiological pregnancy: a cross-border agreement has been signed; start of courses and activities (also online) • Social inclusion: training event, seven thematic workshops and conclusion of work for the construction of an info-point in Gorizia

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8	SECNET/standard	<p>Cross-border institutional cooperation for the strengthening of port security</p> <p>Uncoordinated security measures often translate into slower movement of goods and less appeal of ports, to the detriment of the economic development in the territories. SECNET aimed to strengthen the institutional capacity and cross-border governance of port security, increasing the competitiveness of the three main ports of the Programme Area through innovative ICT tools, jointly developing action plans and long-term strategies</p>	<p>The project is concluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cross-border action plan has been drawn up • Each port has implemented concrete pilot actions on both physical security and cybersecurity • A common strategy was developed, which served as the basis of the protocol for the institutionalization of a cross-border cooperation system in the context of port security (signed at the final project conference, held in Trieste on 28 March 2019)
9	CROSSITSAFER/strategic	<p>Cross-border cooperation between Slovenia and Italy for a safer region</p> <p>To strengthen institutional cooperation in the field of civil protection, a cross-border protocol is planned to be signed for the harmonisation of measures in the event of natural emergencies, the coordination of interventions according to cross-border standard operational joint rescue and risk management procedures, and better coordination in joint civil protection training programmes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kickoff event (Udine, 20/02/2019) • Meeting on cross-border protocols (Nova Gorica 20/03/2019) • Meeting focused on the guidelines for emergency mapping (Palmanova, 13/03/2019) • Meetings in Ajdovščina (20/06/2019) and in Sežana (27/06/2019) on unmanned aircraft • All partners performed all the necessary activities with the aim of creating a common cross-border protocol • In order to strengthen cross-border collaboration, data exchanged for the assessment of seismic risk and fire risk • In progress the creation of common cartographic layers • Organisation of exercises for Civil Protection Units • Public awareness raising activities
10	GEOKARST /standard	<p>Establishment of the cross-border geopark on the Karst</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project start date: 03/02/2020 <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <p>The expected results in this phase include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act establishing the cross-border geopark of the Classic Karst • Greater consistency and coordination in the management of the area in order to increase the intensity of cooperation
11	FORTIS/standard	<p>Strengthening institutional cooperation in the cross-border area through innovative solutions in</p>	<p>project start date: 02/03/2020</p>

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		public transport and civil motorization procedures (the project intends to promote institutional cooperation for improving cross-border public transport services in favour of sustainable and efficient mobility and promoting the harmonization of the civil motorisation procedures)	<p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FORTIS project officially started on March 9, 2020 with the Kick off meeting in WebConference mode. During the meeting, partners first examined the possible solutions to carry out the initial activities and avoid delays in consideration of the emergency due to COVID-19. The partnership defined a roadmap and the ways to dialogue with stakeholders. Technical activities will start with the assessment of the needs for cross-border public transport connections. The results of this analysis will serve to correctly target pilot activities aimed at improving existing connections and proposing new ones. Partners also discussed about which actors to be involved in the round table on civil motorization
12	NEXT AID/standard	Cross-border network on health emergency systems and management of maxi emergencies	<p>project start date: 01/01/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 7 February 2020, the kick-off event and press conference took place in Mestre (Venice), at the Ospedale dell'Angelo. Members of the Management Committee were designated and the working groups for the individual implementation phases were identified. Time schedules were approved for each working group and the first planned project activities started. In particular, procedures have been launched for the selection of personnel and for the purchase of equipment, as well as for the implementation of the communication strategy
13	CLEAN BERTH/standard	Cross-border institutional cooperation for environmental sustainability and energy efficiency of ports	<p>project start date: 01/03/2020</p> <p>The project is in the initial implementation phase, during COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the virtual Kick-off meeting, held on March 25, 2020, project partners have started to jointly work on the first technical activities