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INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA

Synergies and complementarities in our
Programme

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South-East Europe – Sarajevo 25-26/09/2024

Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme

✓ Approved in August 2022 – Budget **222,7 MEUR TOT**

Programme vision is to focus on **blue economy**, capitalising previous cooperation experiences and creating **stronger synergies with EUSAIR**

✓ **5 priorities:**

- **1 Sustainable growth in the blue economy**
- **2 Green and resilient shared environment**
- **3 Sustainable maritime and multimodal transport**
- **4 Culture and tourism for sustainable development**
- **5 Integrated governance for stronger cooperation**





Our strategy in terms of synergies and complementarities

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Multi-programme Coordination Mechanism

Interact Med-Lab
Community + Pilot Index

Italian Cap
Community

Excercise on
Embedding with
mainstreams

Inter-
programmes
presentations at
events

Joint Interreg
events at EU
Week of Regions





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Link to our capitalisation plan

Capitalisation plan activities

1	Establishment of specific criteria for selection of outputs based on the principle of reuse and transfer
2	Drafting methodological paper for the production of quality outputs
3	Organization of capitalisation workshops
4	Guiding LPs in the publication of content in the digital library according to the type of outputs/deliverables
5	Integration of a capitalisation section in the Standard projects proposals Application Form and Project report
6	Revision of methodological paper for the production of quality outputs
7	Revision of the specific criteria for selection of outputs based on the principle of reuse and transfer
8	Integration of a capitalisation guidance into LP seminar
9	Integration of a capitalisation requirement in the OSI projects proposals Application Form (set up their own capitalisation plan) and Project Report
10	Embedding (and updating) the digital library/catalogue into the Programme website
11	Ad hoc Programme support to Associated Partners in capitalisation (reuse of outputs)
12	Identification/Mapping of 'Takers'/network leaders
13	Involvement of MC members in the identification of 'Takers'
14	Set up the communication strategy towards the 'Takers'
15	Have a targeted communication strategy towards 'Takers'
18	Join the Pilot Multi-programme Coordination Mechanism in the Mediterranean Sea Basin on sustainable tourism
20	Participation in initiatives/events with other programmes/at national and/or EU level

Capitalisation Plan approved in November 2022 and updated in June 2024

CAPITALISATION OFFICER DEDICATED WITHIN THE JS

Activity anticipated
Joined in November 2023

Activity related to synergies and complementarities
Interact MED Lab and INDEX pilot, EUSAIR Action Labs, etc



Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism

- ✓ The Mechanism wants to contribute to the **embedding of current and future strategies** in the Mediterranean, stemming from the request of the Commission to improve complementarity and synergies between Interreg programmes
- ✓ A pilot was carried out on in 2022/2023 on a topic transversal to all policy objectives: **sustainable tourism** in its wider understanding has been identified as a first specific field of experimentation, while new fields of implementation could be embedded
- ✓ Link to **capitalisation** activities is underlined and focus on **results** achieved is central
- ✓ The governance of the Mechanism foresees a light but structured coordination that, while respecting the governance and operational prerogatives of each Programme, encourages a reinforced collaboration and the achievement of common goals



Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism



Main challenges:

To **structure the coordination** with other Programmes and initiatives to gather the **best results** achieved by their projects

To **maximize the impact** of the INTERREG Programmes **in the territories of the participating countries** through the respective capitalization experiences

To promote the **synergies** among **different actors working** on the same thematic objectives



Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism



Main objectives:

Reinforcing the policy **contribution** of each single Programme **by improving the quality and richness** of the existing knowledge related to a specific topic.

Enhancing the impact of **innovative solutions tested at local level**, by creating a **value chain among projects**, thus fostering processes of transferring, scaling-up and mainstreaming

**Pilot
topic**

Sustainable tourism

(other topics may be targeted)

Each programme will **contribute through its previous experience** (thematic projects, clusters etc.)



Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism



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Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism

Founding Members

**Euro-
MED**

**NEXT
MED**

**Italy-
France
Maritime**

New members

**Italy-
Croatia**

**Greece-
Cyprus**

**Italy-
Malta**

**Italy-
Tunisia**

Observers

**IPA
ADRION**

**Italy-
Slovenia**

**South
Adriatic**



Action Plan 2024-25 main objectives



Screening

according to common criteria - of the **promising/best results** (flagships) achieved by each programme and sharing for **external public evidence** (stakeholders to be selected by the programmes)

Sharing communication

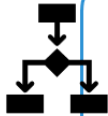
of the **best selected inter-programme mechanism/thematic projects outputs**



Drafting

of **future shared terms of reference (ToRs) on results** valorisation based on projects':

- joint mapping
- joint peer reviews and monitoring
- joint living labs
- joint evaluations



Transferring

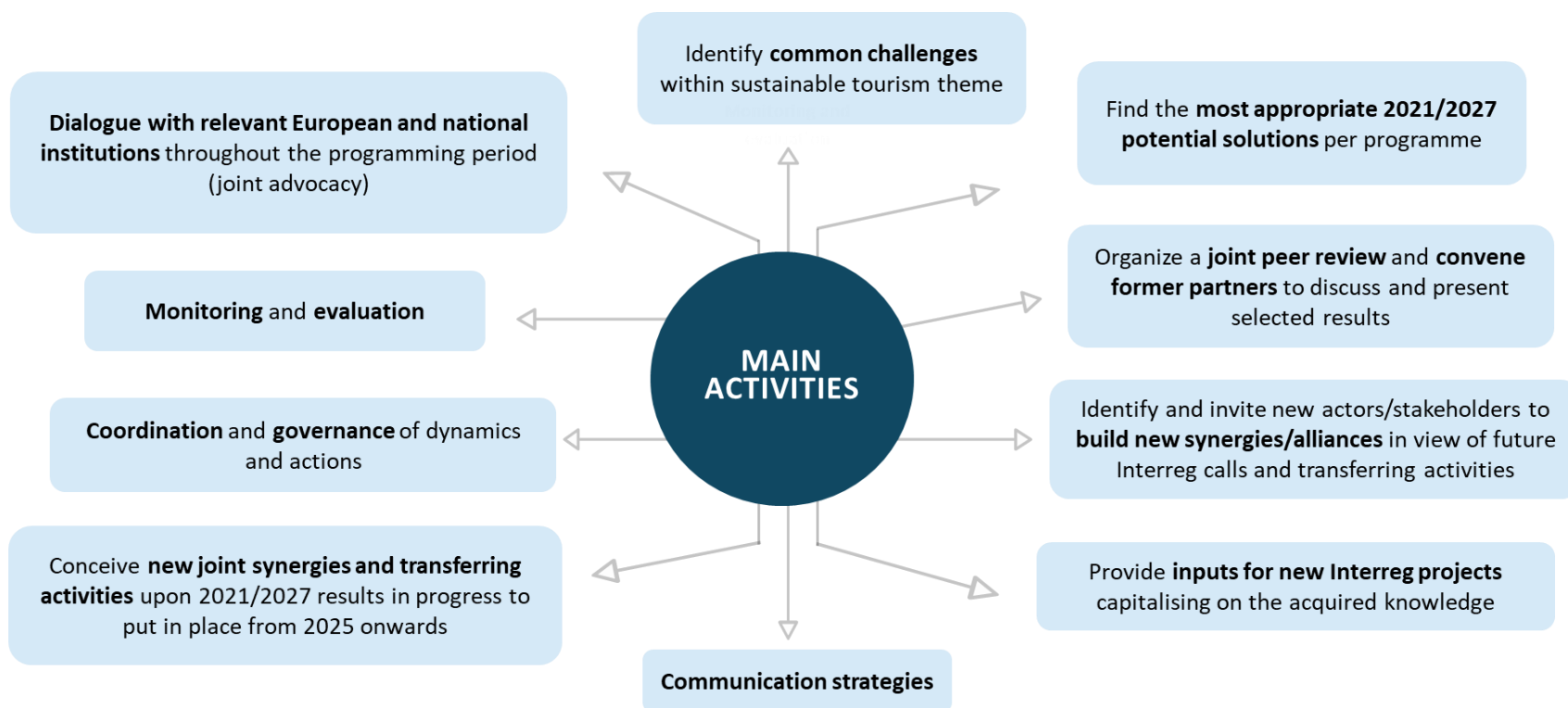
of identified **best joint projects/ practises/ milestones/ final results** towards shared stakeholders /territories



Advocating / disseminating joint outcomes

of the carried-out approach as direct follow-up of the coordination mechanism towards European and national organisms, networks

Main activities 2024-25





Next steps

- ✓ Following a meeting with the **European Commission in Brussels in June 2024, the Action Plan was approved by the MCs of the participating Programmes**
- ✓ Ad hoc **communication actions** will be jointly carried out and sustained by the different Programmes through their TA and/or ISO1 activities (joint events, videos, infographics, etc.): COMM WG just started to work on it with the aim of organizing a public event in 2025
- ✓ We will continue to set up **smaller WGs** to work on the different activities
- ✓ Ambition to coordinate **Calls for Proposals** focusing on capitalisation of results in the second part of the programming period (from 2026)



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