

# Interreg - IPA CBC



## Greece - Republic of North Macedonia



### Basic Facts

People living in 5 border regions in **Greece** and 4 regions in the **Republic of North Macedonia** are benefiting from the **Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme**. The Programme is worth more than EUR 45 million and offers ample opportunities for cooperation, good neighborly relations and socio-economic development.

#### NUTS III Eligible regions



Serres, Thessaloniki, Kilkis, Pella, Florina



Southeast, Vardar, Pelagonia, Southwest



The Programme is built upon the following three Priority Axes (P.A) and seven specific objectives (S.O);

#### Priority Axis 1: Development & support of Local Economy

- Employment
- Health care & social services
- Promote tourism

#### Priority Axis 3: Technical support

#### Priority Axis 2: Protection of Environment - Transportation

- Upgrade of public infrastructure
- Recycling of bio-wastes
- Sustainable environmental management & ecodiversity
- Prevention & management of natural disasters



# Annual Implementation Report 2019

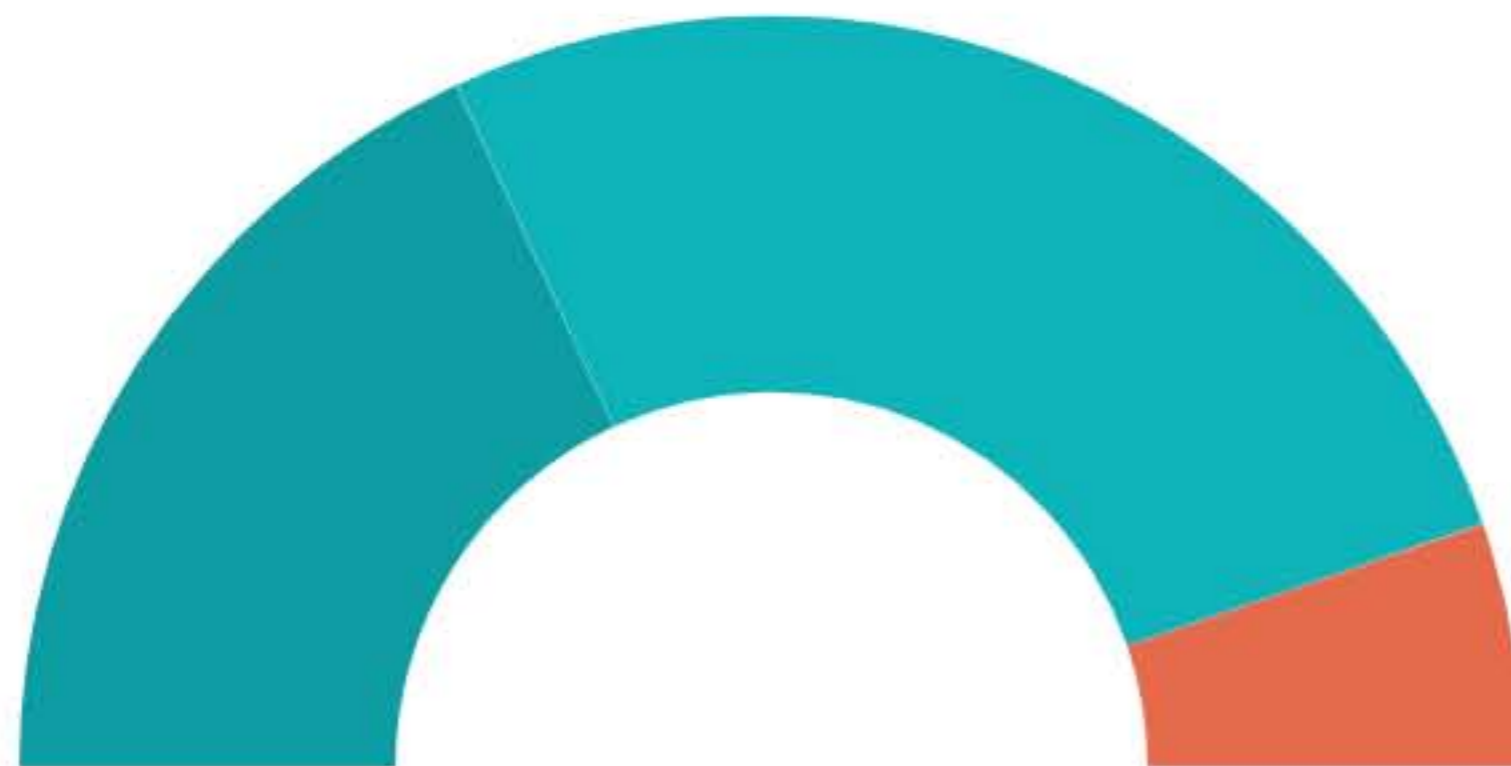
## CITIZEN SUMMARY



Funding  
dynamics

**40**  
funded projects

in 2019



■ PA1 (36.26%) ■ PA2 (53.24%) ■ PA3 (10.5%)

**43.3 million €**



BUDGET ALLOCATED

More than 95% of the total Programme's budget has been activated in 2019 in all three Priority Axes

In total, **153 unique beneficiaries** from both countries are funded under the 1st Call for proposals



## Social media



interreg-ipa-cbc  
414 connections



@InterregIPACBC  
231 followers

The Programme incorporates best practices in its approach to social media and gets the maximum benefit from social media initiatives



years of operation

## Online presence / website

[www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu](http://www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu)

# 11,462

NEW USERS

- 56,852 pageviews
- 1,852 returning visitors
- 2.24 minutes average time on page
- 25-34 most popular age group of visitors

## 34,65%

users from Greece

## 26,34%

users from North Macedonia



Brand  
activation in  
2019



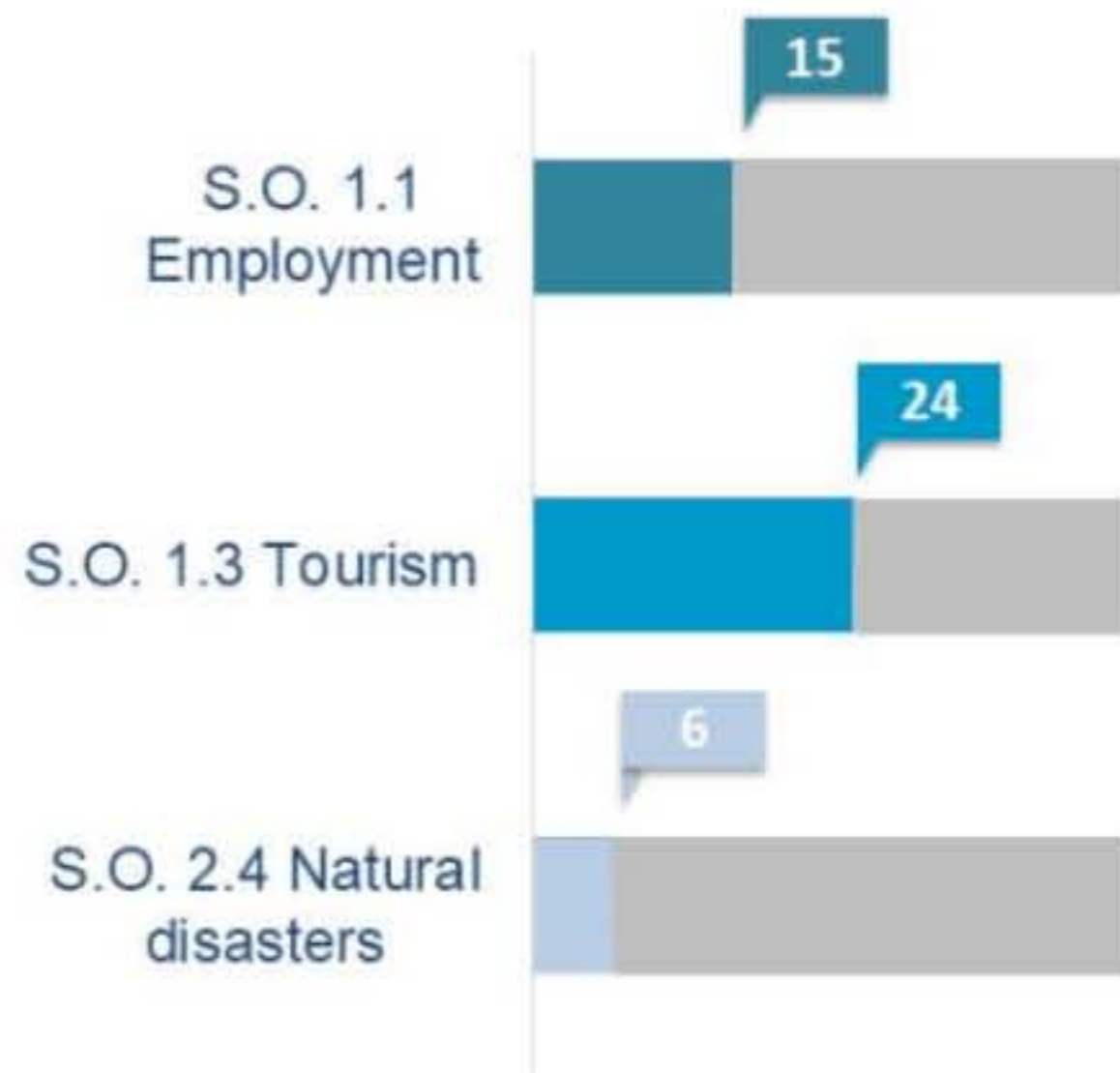


## Publication of the 2nd Call for project proposals



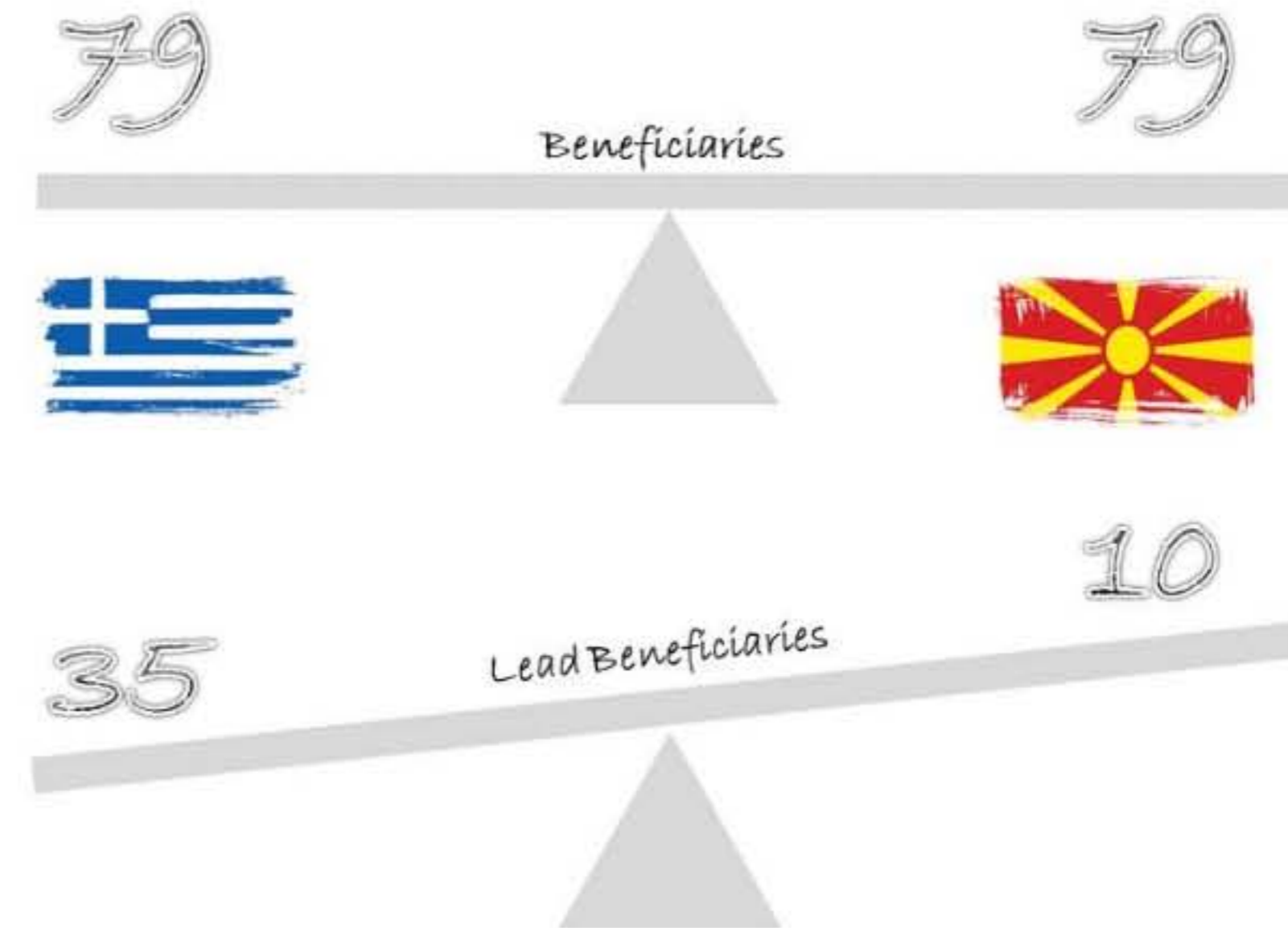
The 2nd Call for proposals (indicative budget 6M€) was published in December 2019 and focused on three Specific Objectives. Applicants were required to formulate projects that clearly produce positive impact on the selected output and result indicators. A total number of **45 project proposals were submitted**, from which 39 proposals under priority Axis 1 and 6 proposals under priority Axis 2.

### NUMBER OF SUBMITTED PROPOSALS PER SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE



### REPRESENTATION OF COUNTRIES

*In total, 158 bodies participated to the call, equally based in both Programme countries*





# Projects with results

More than 150 partner organisations were involved in 40 projects running in 2019. Citizens from those regions are soon to benefit from the results of the projects. Some projects already have information to share about the results of their work. ENPOL-EE project is an example.



**Project title:**

**Lead beneficiary: Municipality of Pella**

**Beneficiaries:** Culture and Development Public Benefit Corporation of the Municipality of Pella , Municipality of Negotino, Secondary Municipal School,,St.Kiril and Metodij- Negotino

**Budget:** 849.900,15 €

The main objective of the project is to highlight the importance of the energy efficiency as a factor of the protection of the environment, in public and private spaces. The project focused on the following outputs during 2019;

- Energy efficiency upgrade in 3 schools; one in the village Kariotissas in Pella, one in the village Neos Milotopos in Pella and one in Negotino
- Energy efficiency upgrade in a municipal building in Negotino
- Energy efficiency upgrade in the public space of Negotino with the improvement of the public lights
- Research for the energy efficiency upgrade of a public space in Giannitsa

The project plan also included actions to increase the high awareness on energy efficiency factors in the cross border area, ie. round table for environmental policy in Pella, info days for the local population with emphasis on the private buildings energy consumption and info events for school students



# Projects with results

**Project title:** Improving the conservation of the priority plants in the cross border area (acronym Conse-pp)

**Lead beneficiary:** Institute of Plant Breeding and Genetic Resources, Hellenic Agricultural Organization

**Beneficiaries:** Municipality of Debarca, Municipality of Thermi, Public Enterprise for Managing and Protection of the Multipurpose Area- JASEN, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius – Faculty of Forestry in Skopje

**Budget:** 1.189.618,29 €

The central idea of the project is the improvement of the conservation status of the prioritized plants in the cross border area, using;

- research activities for the prioritization and conservation of the endangered flora species,
- the development of conservation structures involving digital applications and infrastructures and
- awareness and education actions that will outspread the importance of these flora species and the flora biodiversity as a whole.





## Έρευνα πεδίου - Συλλογή - Τεκμηρίωση Field research - Collections - Documentation

**3+10**

κατηγορίες και υποκατηγορίες φυτών με προτεραιότητα διατήρησης  
categories and subcategories of conservation priority plants

**20**

ανεξάρτητες βοτανικές αποστολές  
independent botanical expeditions

**70**

ημέρες ερευνών πεδίου  
days of field research

**1000**

εκτάρια ερευνηθέντων οικοτόπων  
ha of habitats surveyed

**25**

περιοχές που εξερευνήθηκαν στη Δημοκρατία της Βόρειας Μακεδονίας  
areas explored in the Republic of North Macedonia

**50**

περιοχές που εξερευνήθηκαν στην Βόρεια Ελλάδα  
areas explored in Northern Greece

**450**

ανεξάρτητες συλλογές φυτών προτεραιότητας  
independent collections of plants

**200**

αποξηραμένα δείγματα από είδη-υποείδη προτεραιότητας  
dried herbarium specimens collected

**300**

ανεξάρτητες συλλογές σπερμάτων (σπόρων)  
seed lots collected

**150**

συλλεγμένα είδη-υποείδη φυτών με προτεραιότητα διατήρησης  
plant species and subspecies collected

**130**

ειδικά προφίλ απειλών-κινδύνων για φυτά προτεραιότητας  
species-specific profiles of threats-risks for priority plants

**4x4**

Όχημα για τις έρευνες πεδίου  
vehicle for field surveys

**7000**

φωτογραφίες φυτών προτεραιότητας και οικοτόπων τους  
photos of wild growing plants and habitats

## Εκτός τόπου προστασία Ex-situ conservation

**3**

μέθοδοι πολλαπλασιασμού  
propagation methods

**150**

είδη-υποείδη προτεραιότητας σε εκτός τόπου διατήρηση  
priority species-subspecies under ex-situ conservation

**530**

κώδικοι αναφοράς τεκμηριωμένου φυτικού υλικού  
accession numbers of documented plant material

**2600**

καινούρια φυτά από μοσχεύματα (αγενής πολλαπλασιασμός)  
new plants from cuttings (asexual propagation)

**600**

καινούρια φυτά από διαίρεση ριζωμάτων (αγενής πολλαπλασιασμός)  
new plants by root division (asexual propagation)

**1150**

καινούρια φυτά από σπέρματα (εγγενής πολλαπλασιασμός)  
new plants raised from seeds (sexual propagation)

Ανάπτυξη σχεδίων φύτευσης  
Design of planting plans

Πιλοτική εγκατάσταση φυτών προτεραιότητας σε χαμηλό υψόμετρο  
Pilot establishment of priority plants at low altitude

Ανάπτυξη έρευνας για τη δημιουργία αστικού δικτύου πάρκων «τσέπης»  
Development of an original research of an urban pocket park network

Κατασκευή βοτανικού πάρκου στη Καρδία  
Development of a botanic park in Kardia

Μετατροπή κτιρίου ως εκθεσιακού κέντρου για την τοπική κληρονομιά στο Δήμο Debrca  
Redevelopment of the building as an exhibition centre for the local flora in the Municipality of Debrca

Δράσεις ευαισθητοποίησης κοινού  
Public awareness actions

**1000**

φυτά έτοιμα για παράδοση στο βοτανικό πάρκο Καρδίας  
plants ready to be delivered to the Kardia Botanical Park

**209**

ενημερωτικές πινακίδες και ταμπέλες ταυτότητας ειδών-υποειδών  
informative labels and plant identity signs

Ανάπτυξη εφαρμογών GIS  
Development of GIS applications





## European Cooperation Day 2019

**ARE  
YOU  
PREPARED  
TO SAVE  
A LIFE?**

- European Cooperation Day 2019 - Event slogan

On the occasion of celebrating European Cooperation Day, the Programme organized in Thessaloniki, a **Basic Life Support** live hands-on demonstration for the community, delivered by certified instructors.

In Bitola, an outdoor event exhibition was organised with numerous interactive panels on European Cooperation.

More than 800 local people participated in both events.





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