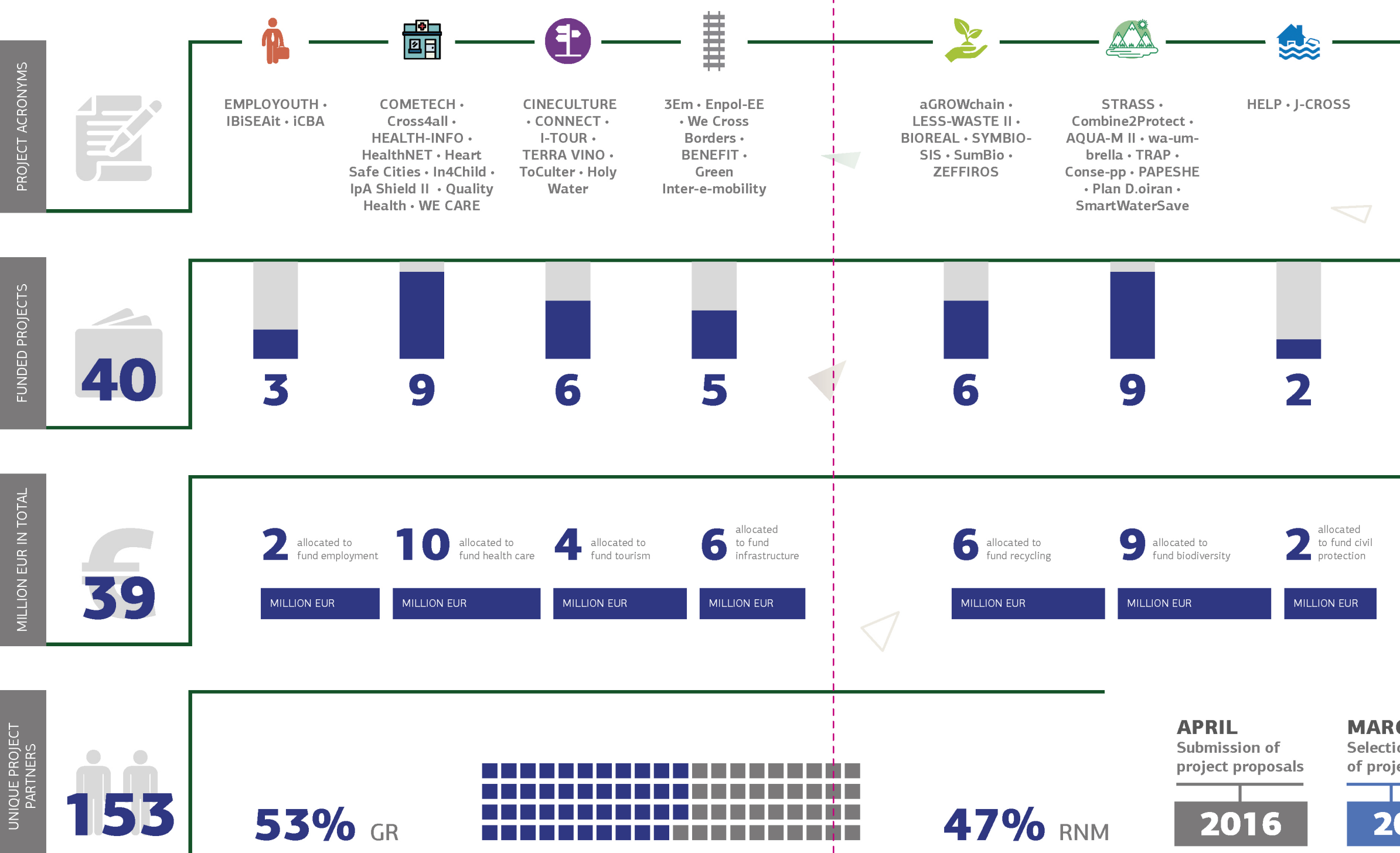
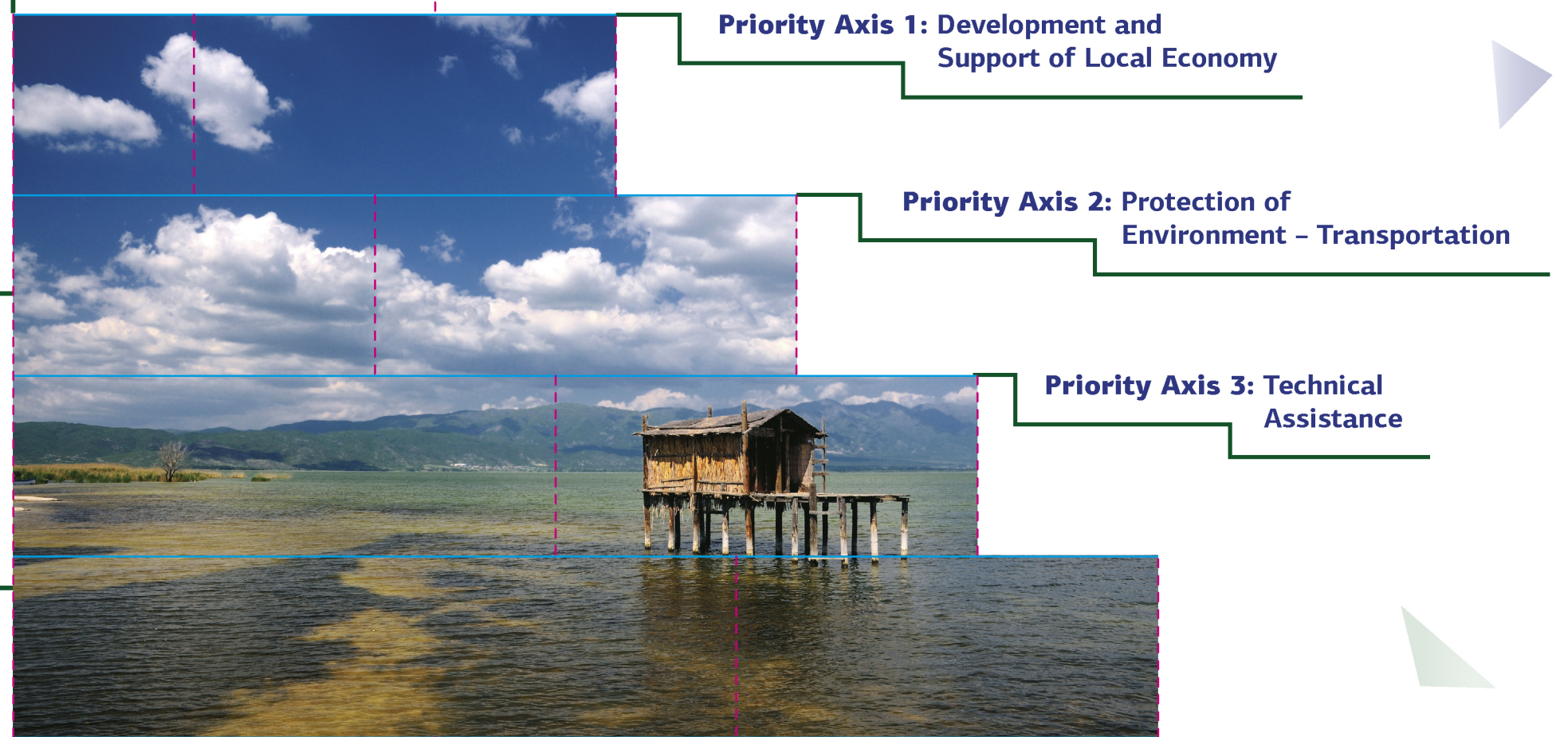


FIRST CALL OVERVIEW

We fund cooperation projects following open Calls for proposals. Our First Call was open to new ideas in the fields of employment, health care, tourism, infrastructure, recycling, biodiversity and civil protection.



The Programme is built upon the following three Priority Axes and several specific objectives.



Priority Axis 1: Development and Support of Local Economy

Priority Axis 2: Protection of Environment – Transportation

Priority Axis 3: Technical Assistance

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Employment
- Health Care
- Tourism
- Public Infrastructure
- Recycling
- Biodiversity
- Civil Protection

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People living in five border regions in Greece and four regions in the Republic of North Macedonia are benefiting from the **Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme “Greece- Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020”**. The Programme is funded by the European Union and approved by the European Commission. It generates ample opportunities for joint cooperation among public authorities, institutions and private non-profit organizations from seventy-one municipalities in the cross-border region.

With a budget of more than EUR 45,5 million, the Programme launches Calls for project proposals to build up partnerships on common key challenges and opportunities. To date, one regular Call for projects has been published and a second targeted Call is in the pipeline.

We are currently funding **40 cooperation projects** across the two partner countries. Project partnerships involve at least two beneficiaries from each country. Project budgets range between EUR 0,4 and 1,5 million for four to six partners working together for two years.

In total, around **EUR 38,6 million EU contribution** will be transferred to cross-border partnerships in the coming years. The projects address shared common challenges in the fields of employment, health care, tourism, public infrastructure, recycling, biodiversity and management of natural disasters.

With our funding, we support cross-border cooperation like yeast supports baking. We are the important ingredient that facilitates **innovative ideas grow**; into jointly developed, comprehensive and elaborated solutions for a better region.

