



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

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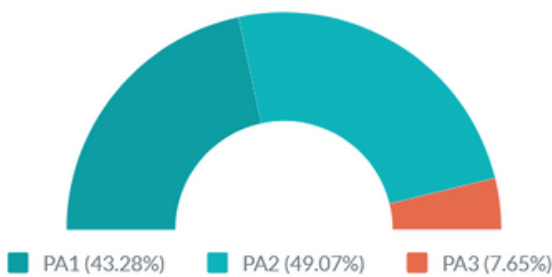
CITIZEN SUMMARY



Funding dynamics

63 +2
funded projects

in 2022
34 projects in PA1
29 projects in PA2
2 projects in PA3- Technical Assistance



59.4 million €

BUDGET ALLOCATED

130.76% of the total Programme's budget (45.470.066€) has been activated until the end of 2022 in all three Priority Axes

In total, 282 beneficiaries from both countries participate in all Calls for proposals

Social media



interreg-ipa-cbc
961 connections



@InterregIPACBC
320 followers

5

years of operation

Online presence / website

www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu

11,079

NEW USERS

32,71%

users from Greece

22,56%

users from North Macedonia

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

- 41,406 pageviews
- 1,496 returning visitors
- 1.40 minutes average time on page
- 35-44 most popular age group of visitors



Brand activation in 2022

360°

Interreg Youth Road Show



On the occasion of the **European Year of Youth (2022)**, INTERACT Programme organized on the 7th and 8th of November the **Youth Road Show in Southeast Europe**, one of the four (4) areas in Europe with the most youth-related projects financed by **Interreg** during the 2014-2020 period.

EMPLOYOUTH project was visited by a group of representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the local and regional authorities and the Managing Authority of the Programme.

Strategic project

The **BorPres** project (3rd Call) is the first stage of an integrated planning for the opening of the border crossing point in Lemos/Markova Noga. It regards the maturation of the studies needed for the implementation of the project that will be implemented during the programming period 2021-2027.



Project title: Prespa Lake Area border guard station: Preparatory activities for the establishment of the border crossing point between Greece and the Republic of North Macedonia at the Prespa Lake Area

Lead Beneficiary: **Region of Western Macedonia**

Beneficiaries: **Hellenic Ministry of Interior (sector Macedonia & Thrace), ANKO Western Macedonia S.A. Organisation for Local Development, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of North Macedonia**

Budget: 690.000,00 €

The outputs for Greece concern topographic works, supporting studies (geotechnical study, hydrological study for stream definition, stream delimitation study, study of technical works of stream) studies of buildings and shelters at the border crossing, environmental spatial studies and environmental licensing. The surface covered by the improved cross-border road and infrastructure will be 555,00 m².

The outputs for the Republic of North Macedonia concern preparatory activities for reconstruction/renovation of the State border security police station at Markova Noga, where the future border crossing point will be established. These activities are analysis of the current condition, survey and needs assessment of reconstruction/renovation works that need to be undertaken for supply of equipment, design/re-design/drawing of the structural/architectural parts of the construction, design of the installations (electrical, mechanical, sewerage/water supply, thermal installation and installation of photovoltaic panels).

In parallel, communication and dissemination activities will be implemented including the studies of the Prespes Destination Branding and the Management Plan for touristic flows.

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Project with results

HOLYWATER project focused in an integrated approach of tourism development in the cross-border area of Prespa through the promotion of local cultural and environmental resources. The visitors' experience is enhanced through easily accessible information about the region's monuments and points of interest.



Project title: Enhancing the cultural touristic product of the cross-border area of Prespes through the promotion of the natural and cultural heritage

Lead beneficiary: **Municipality of Prespes**

Beneficiaries: **Municipality of Resen, Ephorate of Antiquities of Florina, NI Institute & Museum Bitola, The society for the Protection of Prespa**

Budget: 734.821,20 €

The project's significant innovation result is the creation of a 3D representation and a virtual reality video of the Basilica of St. Achilleios. The Basilica of Agios Achilleios, perhaps Prespa's most famous monument, is a 10th century Christian church whose ruins are located on the island of Agios Achilleios in Lake Mikri Prespa. The current image of the ruins of the temple, with the preserved parts of the exterior and interior masonry, do not help to fully understand its dimensions. However, this has been achieved in HOLY WATER through the digital representation of the monument, created in collaboration with archaeologists, architects and 3D designers. The existing monument was scanned with special laser systems, while special aerial photographs were taken.

In the region of Resen, five important monasteries were connected in a footpath network and a Byzantine church was restored.

In Laimos in Prespes, specific equipment was purchased and a visiting place has been established. Moreover, an educational game and a video presentation of Prespa were created, whereas in the Byzantine Collection of Agios Germanos, the byzantine heritage of Prespa is presented.

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