

Interreg - IPA CBC



Greece - The former Yugoslav Republic of 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
- Tourism promotion

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 2018

CITIZEN SUMMARY



Funding
dynamics

37

funded projects

in 2018

36.3 million €



BUDGET CONTRACTED

Almost 80% of the total Programme's budget has been activated in 2018

Budget contracted per Priority Axis



PA1 (39.31%) PA2 (60.69%)



In total, **144 unique beneficiaries** from both countries are funded under the 1st Call for proposals

Social media



interreg-ipa-cbc
339 connections



@InterregIPACBC
161 followers



year of operation

Online presence / website

www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu

7,819

NEW USERS

37,07%

users from Greece

22,95%

users from North Macedonia

- 49,967 pageviews
- 1,745 returning visitors
- 1,34 minutes average time on page
- 25-34 most popular age group of visitors

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



Brand activation in 2018



Training seminars for final beneficiaries



Bitola
Strumica
Thessaloniki
Florina

May - June 2018

Project implementation



Athens
Thessaloniki

Oct. - Nov. 2018

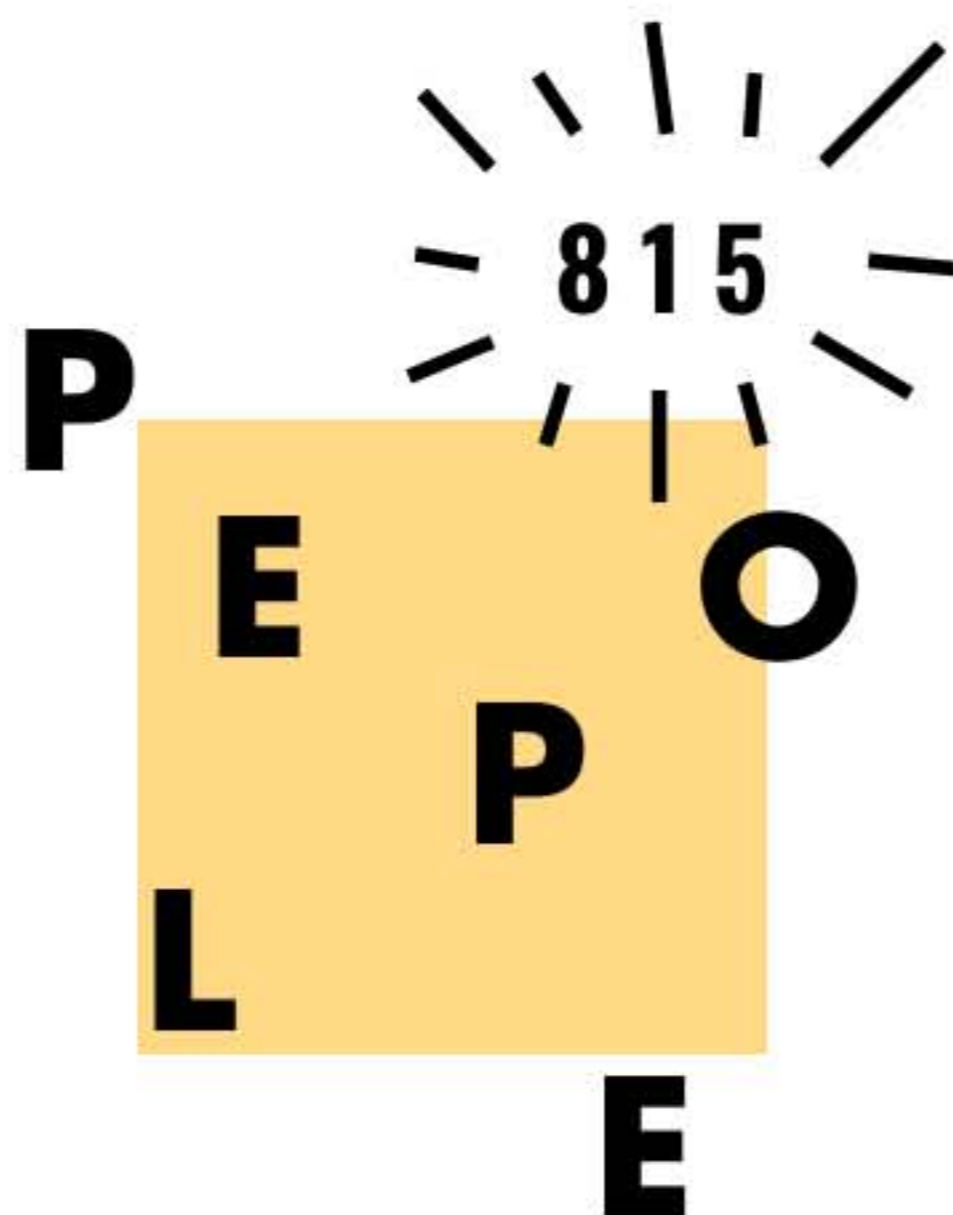
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Ohrid
Bitola
Kavadarci
Gevgelija

December 2018

Financial management



The Interreg IPA CBC Programme organized numerous seminars for final beneficiaries under the 1st Call for Proposals, in a balanced geographical allocation manner and in both sides of the borders

European Cooperation Day 2018

**LET'S
GET
THE
WHEELS
TURNING!**

- European Cooperation Day 2018 - Event slogan

On the occasion of celebrating European Cooperation Day, the Programme organized **a bike tour by the lake** in Municipality of Dojran on October 12, 2018.

Participants were invited to bring their own bicycles, learn basic mechanisms by professional cyclists and enjoy a fabulous opportunity to cycle in one of the most enchanting cross-border areas.

More than 150 local people participated in the event.



CELEBRATE EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY

Get your bikes tuned up, learn basic mechanisms by experienced cyclists and marvel in the beautiful landscape on two wheels!

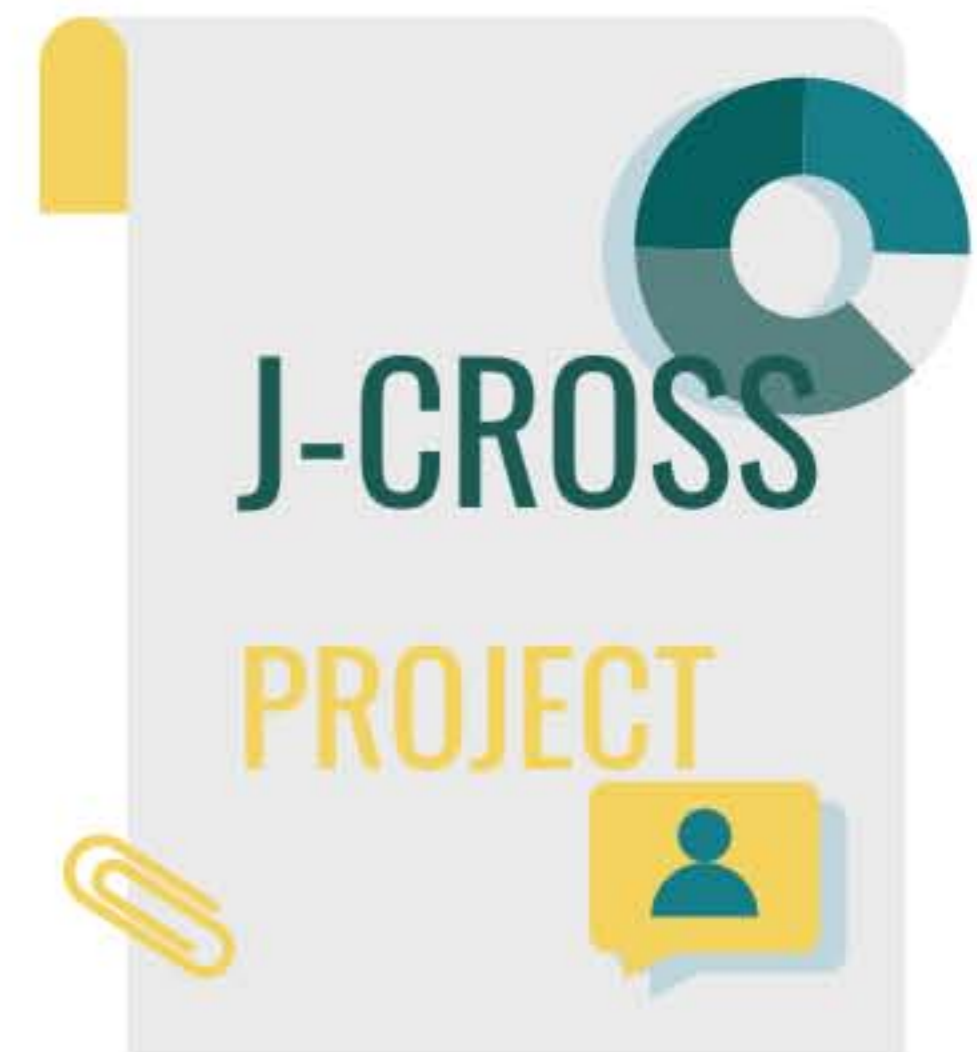
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Promising projects

More than 144 partner organisations were involved in 37 projects running in 2018. 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. J-CROSS project is an example.



Priority Axis 2: Protection of Environment - Transportation

Specific Objective: Prevention, mitigation and management of natural disasters, risks and hazards

Start date: July 4, 2018

Lead beneficiary: Region of Western Macedonia

Beneficiaries: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Special Account for Research Funds- Department of Geology, Center for Development of Pelagonia Region, Crisis Management Center, National Observatory of Athens

Budget: 935.389,72 €

J-CROSS addresses the challenge for effective and efficient Disaster Risk Reduction strategy in the cross border area of Western Macedonia and Pelagonia regions. Through joint training events and realistic well-planned exercises strengthens the cooperation among civil protection authorities, volunteers' organizations and local communities. Optimizing risk assessment and emergency plans for major risks, threatening critical infrastructures such as dams, power plants, hospitals and cities, makes both regions safe for citizens, visitors and investors. An MOU coupled with action plan, financed by own resources aims at capacity building through prioritized interventions and investments. Common decision support systems, standard operating procedures and joint infrastructure works in Sakouleva river, make such willingness a reality. A transferrable example for the whole cross border area and beyond.

Promising projects

Nine projects funded under the Specific Objective "Improvement of preventive health care and social services of children and elderly population", highlight a number of existing forms of cooperation, that offer innovative schemes for increasing access or improving provision of healthcare in the border region.



The HEALTH-INFO project's cooperation, provides a structured and institutionalised model of such an arrangement. The National Organization for Health Care Services Provision in Greece in close partnership with the Ministry of Health in the Republic of North Macedonia, three hospitals in the region and an academic department, implement the project in order to develop a fully interconnected integrated information system (e-platform) to facilitate health needs across the two sides of the border. Coordination and sharing of e-health solutions, as the above, can fast-track implementation of this technology, facilitating the delivery of high quality services.

A visionary ultimate goal of HEALTH - INFO would be a framework agreement on cross-border health cooperation between the two countries, in which certain areas of organised access to cross-border healthcare could be created. The patients in those health zones could receive care on both sides of the border without any administrative or financial barriers.

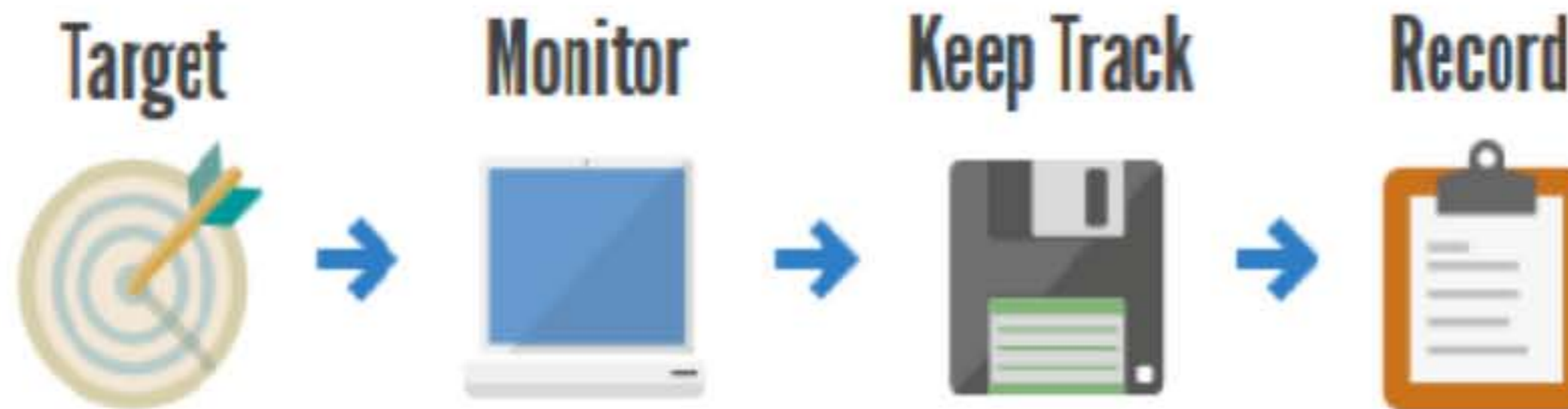
QUALITY HEALTH, a joint medical project of principal hospitals in Pella, Thessaloniki and Orid, together with an NGO will make it possible to mitigate shortages of equipment and infrastructure on one or other side of the border. This project relies heavily on purchase and installation of hospital equipment and materials for public emergency response services.

These collaborative projects, supported by the Interreg IPA CBC Programme, play a key part in improving the health and well-being of people living in the region by enabling them to access quality health and social care services in the most appropriate setting to their needs. They will result in an increased number of 'episodes of care' delivered on a cross-border basis.



Target Results

Set targets and measure performance



The **Performance Framework** monitors the achievement of milestones, which have been set for Priority Axes 1 and 2. This facilitates the monitoring of the progress towards the attainment of the priorities' relevant objectives and targets.

Milestones in 2018 according to the Performance Framework



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