



Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Greece-Italy
(EL-IT) 2014-2020

Information Note

*On the results of the electronic submission of
proposals under the 1st call for ordinary projects
proposals*

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The 1st call for ordinary project proposals of the Co-operation Programme Interreg V/A Greece-Italy (EL-IT) 2014-2020 was officially launched on 22/07/2016. Applicants were invited to submit their Project Proposals from 01/09/2016 until 15/12/2016.

In the framework of this Call the total available budget is 53.148.184€ (Union Support and National Counterpart). The Call was open to all three Priorities Axes, all four Thematic Priorities and all seven related Specific Objectives of the Programme:

Priority Axis	Thematic Objective	Specific Objective
PA 1: Innovation and Competitiveness	1 strengthening research, technological development and innovation	1.1 Delivering innovation support services and developing clusters across borders to foster competitiveness
	3 enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises	1.2 Supporting the incubation of innovative specialized micro and small enterprises in thematic sectors of interest to the Programme Area
PA 2: Integrated Environmental Management	6 preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	2.1 Valorisation of cultural heritage and natural resources as a territorial asset of the Programme Area
		2.2 Improvement of joint management and governance plans for biodiversity of coastal and rural ecosystems, paying attention on natural resources and protected areas and development of environmental protection measures
		2.3 Developing and testing of innovative technologies/ tools to reduce marine and air pollution
PA 3: Cross Border and Sustainable Transport System	7 promoting transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures	3.1 Boosting maritime transport, short-sea shipping capacity and cross-border ferry connectivity
		3.2 Improving cross-border coordination among transport stakeholders on introducing multimodal environmentally-friendly solutions

Four information sessions took place in both countries, in order for the potential beneficiaries to be activated, supported and updated. The dates and venues of the events were announced on the Managing Authority's, on the Programme's website as well as on the site of the Puglia's Region in Italy.

Potential applicants posed their questions in writing to the Managing Authority. A total of 114 questions were answered and these answers were published on the Programme's website. Additionally, a partner search facility was operating in the

Programme's website. Potential beneficiaries could submit their project ideas in order to find potential partners or contact the beneficiaries responsible for project ideas already published, in order to participate in their project.

The proposals of applicants submitted electronically via a web application of MIS. The application opened on 1st September 2016 and the applicants had the opportunity to develop process and store their proposals, while from early October, applicants had the opportunity to submit their proposals. The deadline for submitting proposals was initially the 15th of October, but by decision of the Monitoring Committee the deadline was extended twice, until November 30 and December 15, respectively.

The first proposal was submitted electronically on November 27th 2016, while the latter was only ten minutes before the deadline. The graph below (fig. 1) illustrates the timing for submission of proposals, from which it follows that the majority of applicants (almost 45%) chose to submit their proposal on the last day. In the graph, eight (8) proposals appear to be submitted on 16/12. The reason has to do with the time difference between Greece and Italy. Actually, the deadline for the monitoring system was on 16/12 at 01:00 hour.

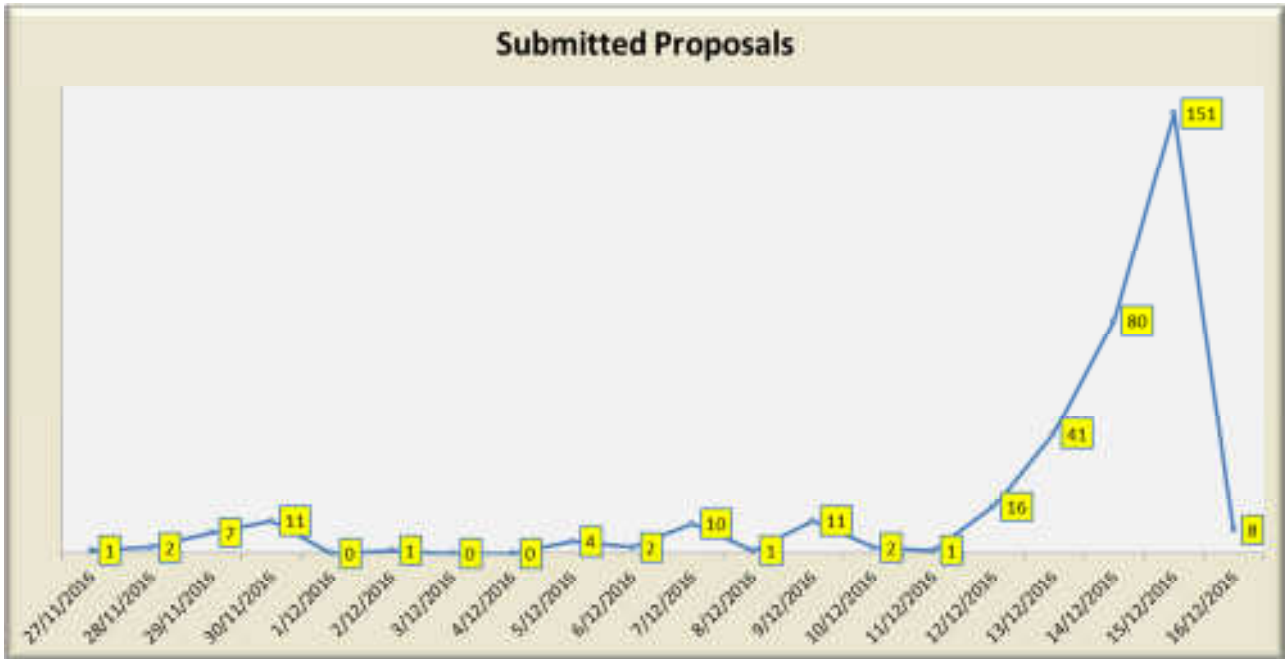


Figure 1

In total, 349 proposals were submitted. 184 of them represent partnerships with potential lead beneficiaries located in Greece and 165 candidates with lead beneficiaries located in Italy.

Regarding the preferences of applicants and program priorities, it appears that the most popular is the second axis. Overall 189 proposals (about 54%) targeted axis *Integrated environmental management*. The first axis *Innovation and competitiveness* concentrated 38% of preferences, since a total of 131 proposals were submitted. Also, 29 proposals (almost 8%) were submitted to the axis 3 *Cross border and sustainable transport system*. The graph below (fig.2) shows the distribution of the proposals to the Programme axes:

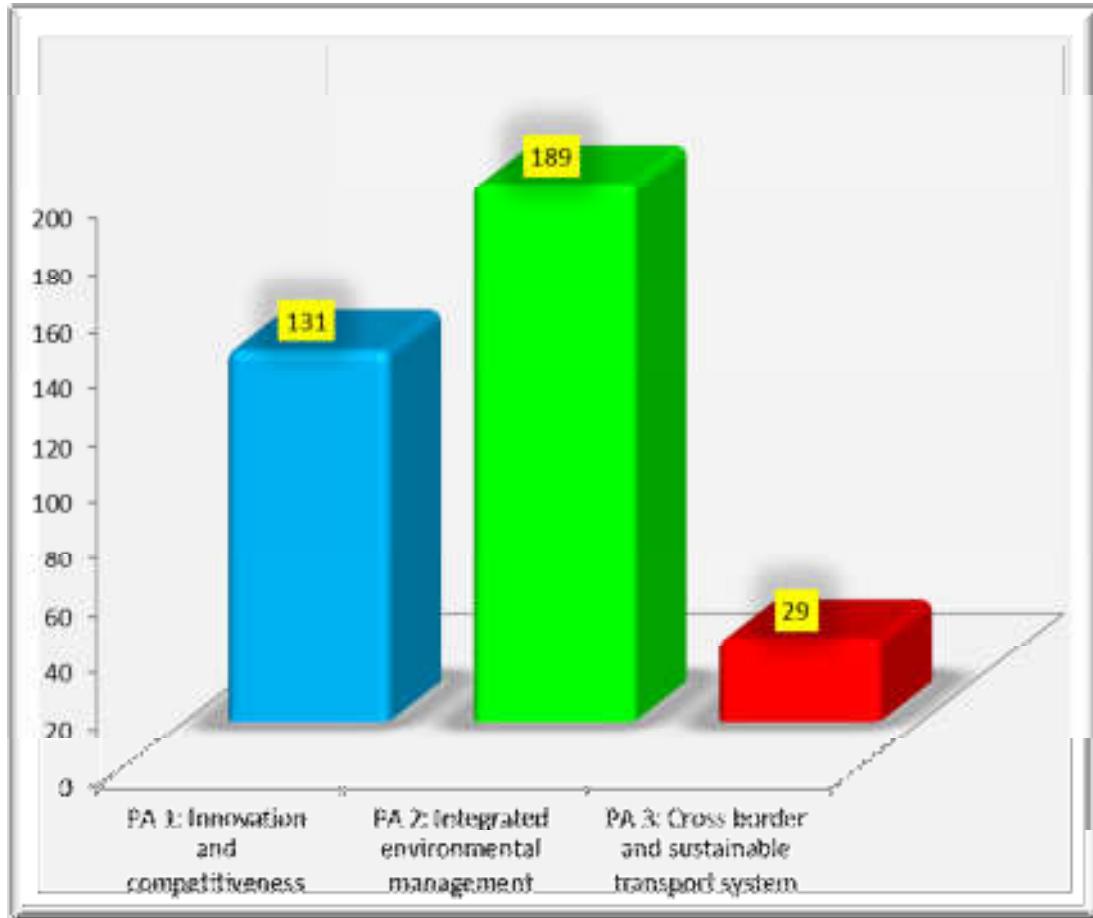


Figure 2

Regarding the number of proposals per specific objective, the graph below (fig.3) shows that the most popular specific objective is the 2.1 with 100 proposals and a percentage of almost 29%.

In the second place the specific objective 1.1 with 83 proposals and 24% follows. The specific objective 3.1 attracted the smallest number of proposals with a percentage of 3.5%.

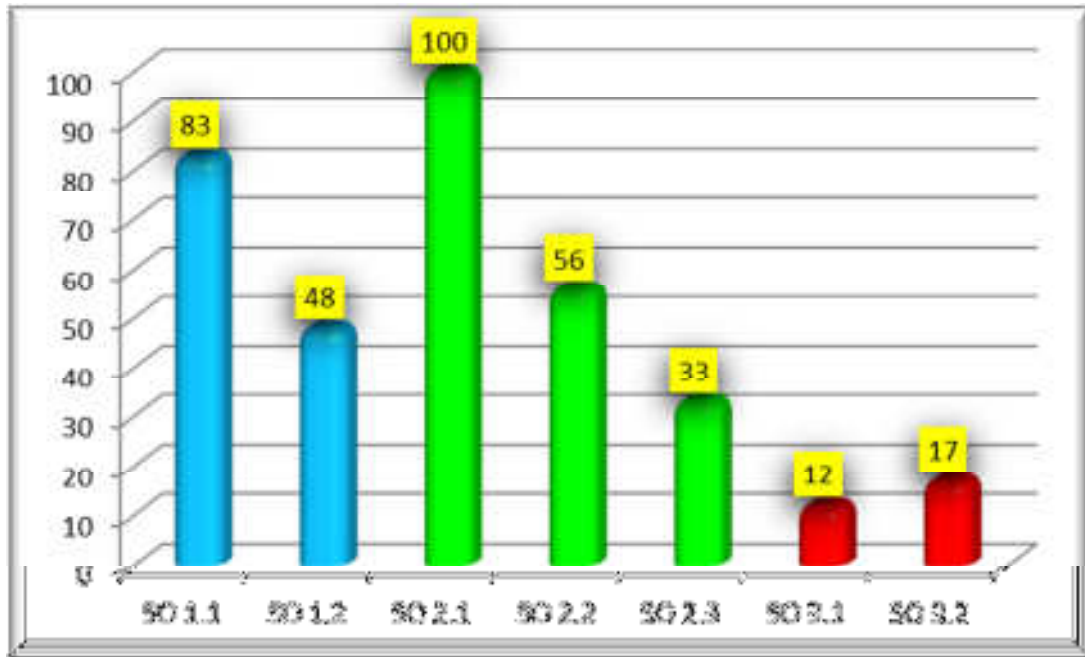


Figure 3

Regarding the distribution of the budget of the proposals, the pie below (fig.4) indicates that 305 proposals (about 88%) have a budget of less than one million, while 44 proposals have budgets from one to three million.

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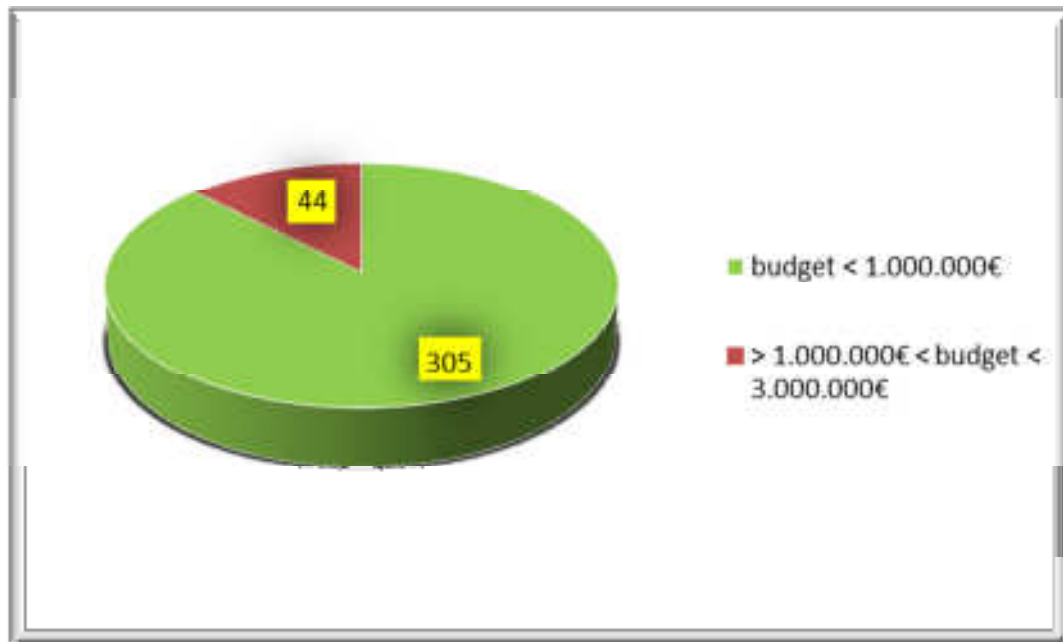


Figure 4

More specifically, the graph below (fig.5) shows the budgets of the proposals submitted and their breakdown by amount. The vast majority of the proposals, almost 61%, have budgets ranging from 900.000-1.000.000 euros.

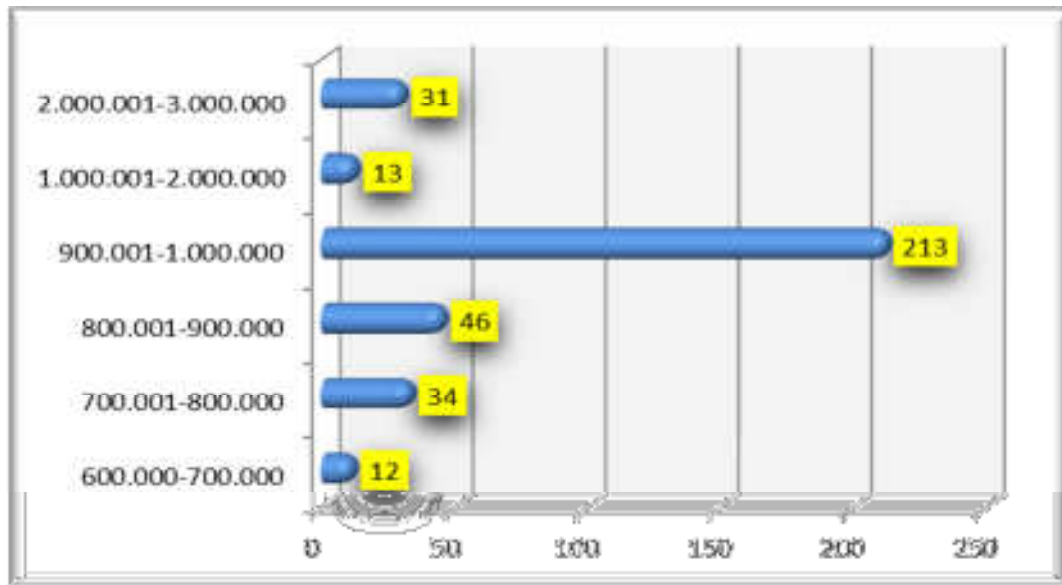


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Finally, the average proposal's budget per priority axis is illustrated in the graph below (fig.6).

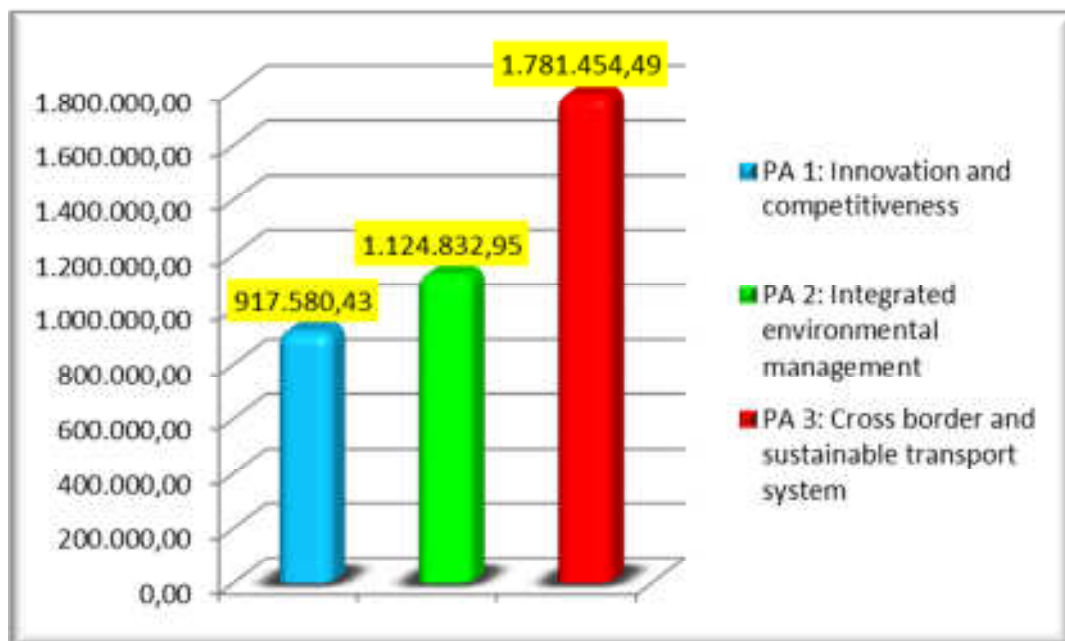


Figure 6