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Interreg VI-A IPA Programme Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro 2021-2027

Programme key features

1st Call for Proposals Information Session



About the Programme



The European Union promotes cooperation between regions and countries through the **European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)**



In the framework of ETC in the 2021-2027 perspective, there are almost 100 Interreg Programmes, out of which 10 Interreg **IPA** Programmes



The Interreg VI-A IPA Programme Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro belongs to the **cross-border strand (A) of Interreg** and is supported by ERDF/IPA III funds



The new Interreg Programme was approved by the European Commission on 3 Nov 2022 and represents the continuation of the successful cooperation of the three countries in 2014-2020 period, with a significantly larger financial aspect in the 2021-2027 period

Total Financial Allocation of the Programme: EUR 138.453.765,00, consisting of 85% of EU share (EUR 117.685.699,00) and 15% national co-financing (EUR 20.768.066,00)

Main Programme Features

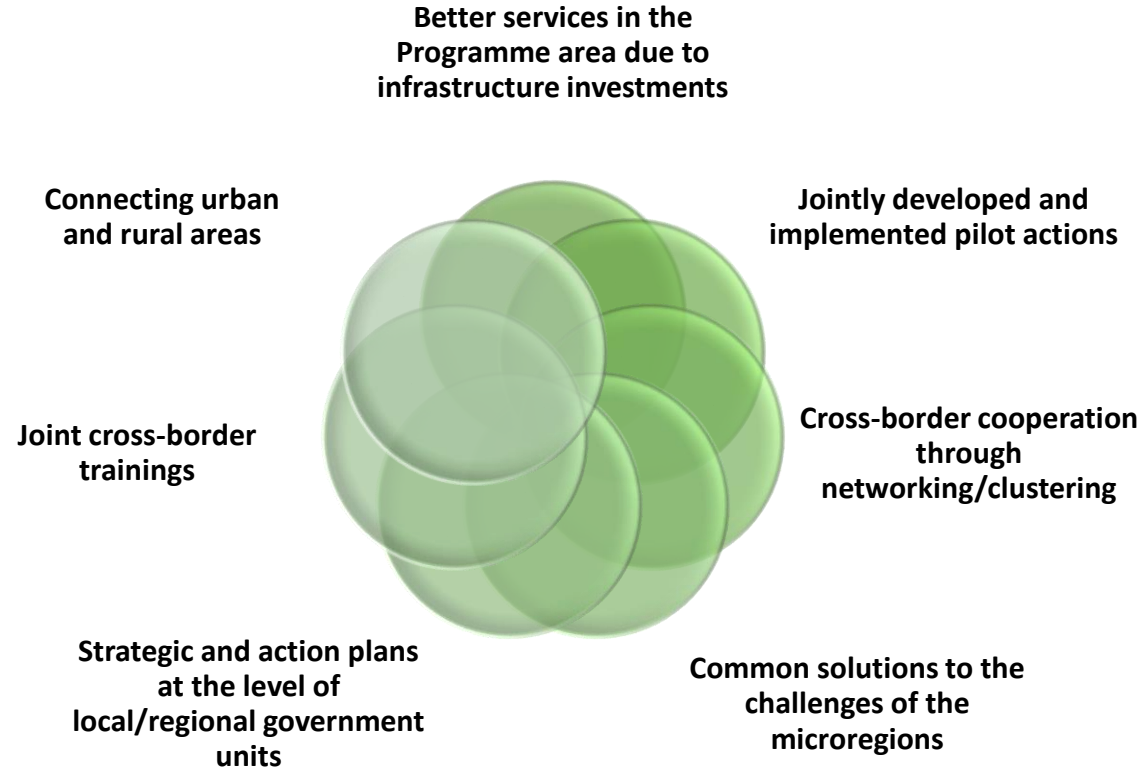
Strategic Programme objective is to foster **smart, green and inclusive** development of cross-border regions

The Programme reflects the heterogenous programme area, including small microregions with their specificities and different needs, and based on lessons learned from 14-20 period

The Programme mission, beside **strengthening the social, economic and territorial development of the cross-border area**, is to encourage and support cross-border cooperation to make the area more resilient to common challenges

Cross-border solutions, cooperation and knowledge sharing – minimum requirement!

What we want to achieve



Programme Area

Same as in the 2014-2020 period

Covers 87.453,95 km² and 5,1 million people

Includes:

- 12** counties in Croatia
- 109** municipalities/cities and District Brčko in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 12** municipalities in Montenegro



Programme Intervention Logic

Based on the three selected EU policy objectives - Smarter Europe, Greener Europe and More Social Europe, the Programme envisaged **4 thematic priority axes** which reflect the needs and challenges of the Programme area:



PA1

**Smart investments in
research, innovation and
competitive
entrepreneurship**

**EU share allocated:
EUR 23.540.000 (22%)**



PA2

**Green investments in
environmental
protection and efficient
risk management**

**EU share allocated:
EUR 46.010.000 (43%)**



PA3

**Accessible and resilient
health services**

**EU share allocated:
EUR 19.250.000 (18%)**



PA4

**Sustainable and inclusive
tourism and culture**

**EU share allocated:
EUR 18.187.000 (17%)**

Programme Intervention Logic

Each Priority Axis consists of at least one **Specific Objective**, which represents a positive change that the Programme aims to achieve in the cross-border area. Specific objectives are then further detailed in examples of actions



To foster smart, green and inclusive development of Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro cross-border region



SO 1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
SO 1.3 Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments

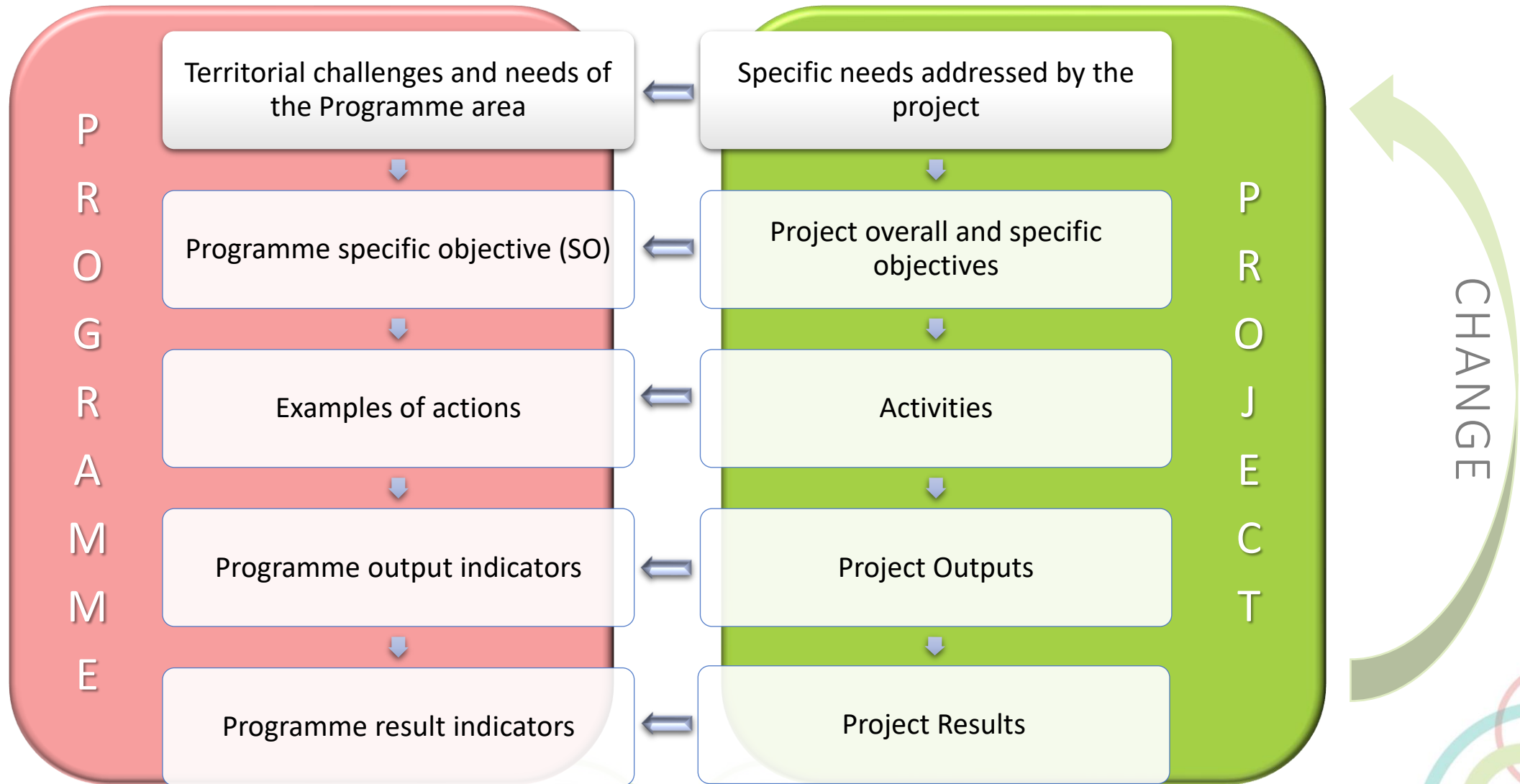
SO 2.1 Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
SO 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience considering eco-system-based approaches
SO 2.6 Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

SO 4.5 Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care

SO 4.6 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation



Programme/Project Intervention Logic



Programme Indicators

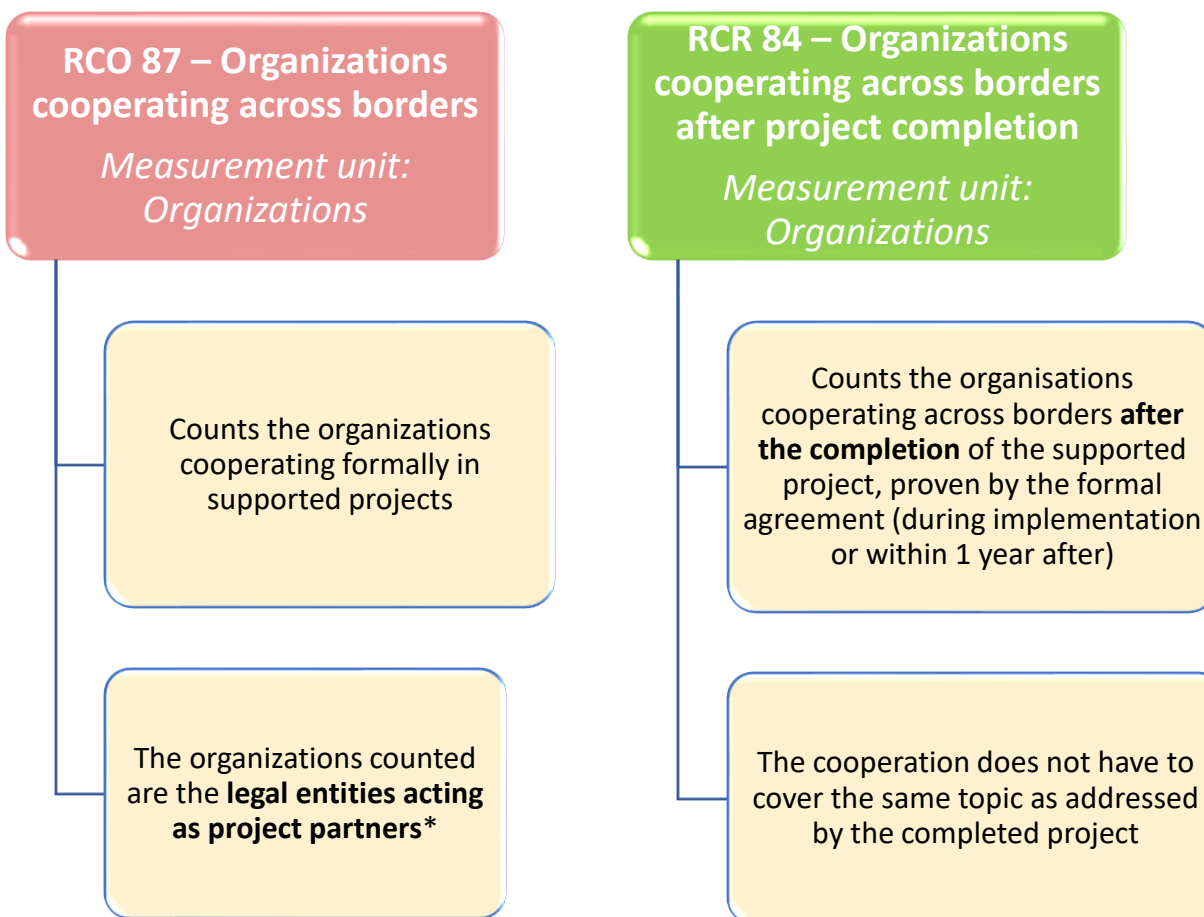
The results of the Programme, meaning the impact of the implementation of the projects on solving the territorial challenges in the Programme area, are measured through **indicators**.

A set of indicators has been defined in the Programme for each Priority axis (PA) and Specific objective (SO), consisting of:

- **Output indicators** – measuring the specific deliverables of the interventions (*project outputs*)
- **Result indicators** – measuring the effects of the interventions supported, with reference to the direct addressees, population targeted or users of infrastructure (*project results*)

All output and results indicators under all SOs have a defined **final target value** to be achieved on Programme level by 2029 (no milestones set).

NEW in 2021-2027: Programme result indicators are directly linked to the chosen Programme output indicators, and need to be selected by the project, correctly quantified, monitored and reported on.



**On Programme level, one legal entity can only be counted once towards the achievement of this indicator, but applicants are advised to count all project partners in the partnership as contribution to this output indicator.*

RCO 84: Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

Measurement unit: Pilot action

Counts the **pilot actions developed and implemented** by organizations from at least **two** participating countries, and completed **by the end of the project**

A pilot action should test, evaluate or demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of new procedures, instruments or tools

In order to be considered as a pilot, **the action should have an innovative, experimental or demonstration character** manifested at cross-border level

A pilot action is limited in its scope (area, duration, scale etc.) and must be unprecedented in a comparable environment, and should **aim towards the development of a joint solution**

If organizations from **at least two different participating countries were involved** in the co-design or co-creation process of the pilot action, but the **pilot is focused on a specific territory (in one of the countries)**, it can still be counted within this indicator

RCR 104 – Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations

Measurement unit: Solution

Counts the number of **solutions** (other than legal or administrative solutions), that were **jointly developed** by supported projects/derived from pilot actions and are **taken up or up-scaled** during the implementation of the project (or within one year after project completion)

The solutions need to be **taken up/up-scaled by at least one organisation**, within or outside the project partnership.

The solution should be used either by an organisation that was not using it before the project („**taken-up**”), or by an organisation that was already using it before the project and will now improve it, extend its planned duration/area or increase its scale („**up-scale**”)

The uptake/up-scaling should be **documented** by the adopting organisations in their **official strategies, action plans** etc.

RCO 116 – Jointly developed solutions

Measurement unit: Solution

Counts the number of **jointly developed solutions derived from joint pilot actions** implemented by projects

In order to be counted, an **identified solution should be piloted**, and include indications of the actions needed for it to be taken up or to be upscaled

A **jointly** developed solution implies the **involvement of organizations from at least two participating countries** in the drafting and design process of the solution

Solutions considered for this indicator should **not** have as their main focus administrative or legal frameworks

RCR 104 – Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations

Measurement unit: Solution

Pilot actions and solutions are interlinked: Solutions should either be newly developed by the project based on learnings from pilot actions, or already existing solutions should be tailored to the project context through testing in pilot actions.

RCO 83 – Strategies and action plans jointly developed

Measurement unit: Strategy/action plan

Counts the number of joint strategies or action plans developed by supported projects

A jointly developed strategy aims at establishing a targeted way to achieve a goal-oriented process in a specific domain. An action plan translates an existing jointly developed strategy into actions

Jointly developed strategy/action plan implies the involvement of organizations from at least **two** participating countries **in the drafting process**. A joint strategy/action plan is to be counted if it is developed within the project – revision or update of the existing strategies/action plans cannot be counted

RCR 79 – Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organizations

Measurement unit: Strategy/action plan

This result indicator counts the number of joint strategies and action plans (not individual actions) adopted and implemented by organisations, during or after the project (implementation should effectively be started)

The organisations involved in take-up may or may not be direct participants in the supported project

It is not necessary that all actions identified are taken-up for a strategy/action plan to be counted by this result indicator

**RCO 85 – Participations in
joint training schemes***Measurement unit:
Participants*

Counts the **number of registered participants who started to attend the joint training scheme**. A joint training scheme requires building knowledge in a certain topic and involves the training of participants over several sessions. Double counting of participants in more than one training schemes organised by the same project should be avoided

The involvement of organizations from at least two participating countries in the organisation of the training is required. An one-off meeting/event/internal session where information is disseminated should not be considered as a training scheme

Joint trainings for which the training organisers do not intend to record the confirmed completions/do not intend to issue certificates of completion, should also **not** be considered under this indicator

**RCR 81 – Completions of
joint training schemes***Measurement unit:
Participants*

Counts the number of participants **completing** the joint trainings schemes organised by supported projects. Completion should be documented by the training organisers either through a record of the confirmed completions or by issuing certificates of completion of the training. The certificates of completion do not necessarily require a previous national certification process of the issuing organisation

RCO 77 – Number of cultural and tourism sites supported

Measurement unit: Cultural and tourism sites

Counts the **number of cultural and tourism sites supported** by the Programme funding

The Programme will take into account only those **projects that have in some ways invested in the cultural/tourism sites, directly through investments** (small-scale infrastructure and/or equipment)

Only sites for which the number of visitors can be quantified are to be taken into consideration

RCR 77 – Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported

Measurement unit: Visitors/year

Counts the **estimated number of annual visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported**

The estimation of the number of visitors should be carried out **ex post, one year after the completion of the intervention**

The **baseline of the indicator refers to the estimated annual number of visitors of the supported sites the year before the intervention starts, and it is zero for new cultural and tourism sites**

The indicator does not cover natural sites for which an accurate estimation of the number of visitors is not feasible

**RCO 120 – Projects supporting
cooperation across borders to develop
urban-rural linkages**

Measurement unit: Projects

Counts the **number of projects** which aim, as a primary objective, to enhance the cooperation across borders between urban and rural areas

The **urban-rural linkages** developed within the project should enable a **stronger urban-rural cooperation** and partnership for implementing initiatives in various key relevant policy areas

Cooperation between urban-rural areas on the same side of the border can be reported by this indicator, as long as organisations from at least two participating countries are involved in delivering the cooperation activities

Since this indicator counts **the project** as such, the target for this indicator (if selected) should be set to “1”

The required cooperation of institutions of at least two participating countries in the project is ensured by the cross-border character of the partnership

Programme Indicators per each Specific Objective: SO 1.1.

Specific objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
1.1. Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	RCO 87 Organisations cooperating across borders (PT = 32) <i>Example: Organizations cooperating in supporting cross-border innovation and technology based on smart specialization approach</i>	RCR 84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion (PT = 16)
	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 10) <i>Example: Pilot actions of transferring good practices (e.g. on green economy trends and standards, in innovative solutions etc.)</i>	
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 7) <i>Example: Implementing joint innovative solutions in business organisation and processes (blockchain, big data, cloud computing, Internet of Things, advanced manufacturing, robotics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, etc.)</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 4)

RCO87 and RCR84 are mandatory for all projects supported. Project can select either RCO84 or RCO116, but the result indicator RCR104 is mandatory.

 Mandatory

 Optional

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Programme Indicators per each Specific Objective: SO 2.1.

Specific objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
2.1. Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 10) <i>Example: Pilot action in testing innovative and climate-neutral solutions (e.g. energy efficient renovation and heating and cooling of public buildings)</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 5)
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 10) <i>Example: Joint solutions of the elimination of the cross-border pollution sources (e.g. mapping pollution sources and/or development of up-to-date solutions, production of advanced biofuels)</i>	

Both output indicators (RCO84 and RCO116) and result indicator RCR104 are mandatory for all projects supported.

 Mandatory

 Optional

PT Programme target 2029



Programme Indicators per each Specific Objective: SO 2.4.

Specific objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
2.4. Promoting climate change adaption and disaster risk prevention resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches	RCO 83 Strategies and action plans jointly developed (PT = 4) <i>Examples:</i> <i>A cross-border intervention and emergency plan in case of a climate-related and other disasters (e.g., fires, frost, droughts, storms, floods)</i> <i>Action plan for climate resilient water management in cross-border area at the regional level</i>	RCR 79 Joint strategies and action plans took up by organizations (PT = 2)
	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 9) <i>Example: Pilot action for integration of suggested climate adaptation measures into spatial planning process (e.g., increasing of public green surfaces in densely populated areas, green corridors, local water sources security)</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 5)
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 9) <i>Example: Warning and response system for joint cross-border area for defined climate related and other threat (e.g., evacuation plan, early warning system for storm and drought)</i>	

RCO84 and RCO116 are mandatory for all projects supported, accompanied by result indicator RCR104. Output indicator RCO83 and result indicator RCR79 are optional.

Mandatory

Optional

PT Programme target 2029



Programme Indicators per each Specific Objective: SO 2.6.

Specific objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 12) <i>Examples:</i> <i>Pilot action for introducing material flow from one industry to another (reuse of materials; such as the re-use of industrial biowaste instead of raw materials in production)</i> <i>Joint pilot and demonstration actions that closely involve citizens (e.g., good practices in separate waste collection and waste re-use, pilot testing of repair, reuse and refurbish approaches etc.)</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 4)
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 8) <i>Examples:</i> <i>Joint digital solution for the circular economy including applications and services for citizens</i> <i>Joint solution for prevention, processing and recycling of communal waste, industrial biowaste, and construction waste</i>	
	RCO 85 Participations in joint training schemes (PT = 120) <i>Example: Joint training scheme about environmental and economic opportunities of a circular economy in different sectors</i>	RCR 81 Completions of joint training schemes (PT = 96)

RCO84 and RCO116 are mandatory for all projects supported, accompanied by result indicator RCR104. Output indicator RCO85 and result indicator RCR81 are optional.

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Optional

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Programme Indicators per each Specific Objective: SO 4.5.

Specific objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
4.5. Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care	RCO 84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (PT = 17) <i>Example: Pilot actions to support digitalization in health care</i>	RCR 104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations (PT = 6)
	RCO 116 Jointly developed solutions (PT = 12) <i>Examples: Joint solutions in improving access to health care services for vulnerable and marginalised groups through investments in equipment and transport means Joint solution in transition from institutional and hospital-center model to family-based and community-based care services</i>	
	RCO 85 Participations in joint training schemes (PT = 192) <i>Example: Joint transfer of knowledge in the field of health care (e.g. exchange of experience, awareness raising, lifelong learning, education and training programmes, and capacity building through online and in-situ trainings)</i>	RCR 81 Completions of joint training schemes (PT = 153)
	RCO 87 Organisations cooperating across borders (PT = 45) <i>Example: Cooperation between cross-border public health care centers (e.g. improving services in telemedicine, diagnostics, mobile clinics and mobile assets)</i>	RCR 84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion (PT = 14)

RCO84 and RCR104 are mandatory for all projects supported. Projects can also select RCO116. Output indicator RCO85 and result indicator RCR81 are optional. RCO87 and related RCR84 are mandatory.



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Optional

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Programme Indicators per each Specific Objective: SO 4.6.

Specific objective	Output Indicator	Result Indicator
4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation	RCO 77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported (PT = 20) <i>Examples:</i> Sustainable support to the sites (preferably less-known) by investing in physical regeneration and security of public spaces (including small scale infrastructure focusing on nature-based solutions) Enhancing the sites by implementing innovative solutions and creating smart destinations (e.g. through digitalisation and creative industries), for specific targeted market segments such as seniors, young people or people with disabilities	RCR 77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported (PT = 40.000)
	RCO 87 Organisations cooperating across borders (PT = 42) <i>Example: Organisations cooperating in supporting environmentally and socially responsible tourism</i>	RCR 84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion (PT = 21)
	RCO 120 Projects supporting cooperation across borders to develop urban-rural linkages (PT = 3) <i>Examples:</i> Projects of urban-rural partnership that support sustainable transport (e.g. electric bicycles in Adriatic coastal areas and hinterland) Project of urban – rural partnership that enables a good accessibility to educational institutions – also via new methods of long-distance learning and e-learning	

Output indicator RCO77 (and related result indicator RCR77) are mandatory for all projects supported, as well as output indicator RCO87 (and related result indicator RCR84). Output indicator RCO120 is optional.

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PT Programme target 2029





Thank you for the attention!

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