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INTERREG VI-A ITALY-CROATIA PROGRAMME

AID SCHEME

Scheme reference number: SA. 112304

1. Legal basis

The Interreg VI A Italy-Croatia Programme aid scheme (“Scheme”) operates under Commission Regulation (EU) n. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Article 107 and 108 of the Treaty, as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) n. 2017/1084 of 14 June 2017, Commission Regulation (EU) n. 2020/972 of 2 July 2020, Commission Regulation (EU) n. 2021/452 of 15 March 2021, Commission Regulation (EU) n. 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021, Commission Regulation (EU) n. 2023/917 of 4 May 2023 and Commission Regulation n. 2023/1315 of 23 June 2023 (“GBER”).

The legal basis for the Scheme is the Interreg VI A Italy-Croatia Programme, CCI 2021TC16RFCB038 (“Programme”), approved by the European Commission with the Implementing Decision C (2022) 5935 final of 10 August 2022, modified by the Implementing Decision C (2023) 742 final of 25 January 2023 and Implementing Decision C (2023) 6886 final of 9 October 2023.

2. Objective

Objective of this Scheme is to aid for cross border projects to support undertakings partner participating in the Programme projects in promoting: sustainable economic development through green and blue innovation policies, protecting natural assets through climate adaptation strategies and risk prevention measures, valorizing cultural heritage through sustainable and diversified touristic products, improving cross border and maritime mobility solutions and enhancing institutional capacity and reducing cross-border obstacles.

3. Eligible area

This Scheme is available in the EU Member States participating in the Programme: Italy and Croatia.

4. Duration

01/01/2024 –31/12/2026

5. Annual expenditure planned under the Scheme

EUR 6 million – ERDF

6. Definitions

The definitions set out in Article 2 of GBER apply to this Scheme.

7. Exclusions

This Scheme will respect exclusions set out in GBER Article 1 paragraphs 2 to 5.



8. Categories of aid/aid measure

This Scheme will provide the following categories of aid as set out in Chapter III of GBER:

- Article 20 Aid for costs incurred by undertakings participating in European Territorial Cooperation projects;
- Article 20a Limited amounts of aid to undertakings for participation in European Territorial Cooperation projects.

9. Aid intensity

Maximum aid intensity for aid granted under GBER Article 20 is 80% of eligible costs and the maximum aid amount is EUR 2.2 million per undertaking, per project.

Maximum aid amount per undertaking per project granted under Article 20a is EUR 22.000,00.

10. Form of aid and eligible costs

This Scheme shall offer only forms of aid that are considered transparent.

Aid awarded under the Programme aid scheme will take the form of grant.

Aid will be awarded only against the eligible costs for European Territorial cooperation projects as set out in Article 20 and Article 20a of GBER.

11. Incentive effect

When relevant conditions of Article 20 and 20a are fulfilled, in line with provisions of GBER Article 6, aid to undertakings partners participating in the Programme aid projects falls under categories of aid which are not required to have or shall be deemed to have an incentive effect.

12. Economic sectors and types of undertakings

Assistance is available across all economic sectors which are eligible to receive aid in European Territorial Cooperation projects under the GBER.

Aid under this Scheme is open to SMEs and large enterprises, given that all relevant provisions of GBER and of the Programme aid are respected.

Definition of SME is provided in Annex I of GBER.

13. Cumulation

Aid granted under this Scheme might be cumulated with other State aid under conditions laid down in GBER Article 8.

State aid granted under this Scheme shall not be cumulated with any de minimis aid in respect of the same eligible costs if such cumulation would result in an aid intensity exceeding those laid down in Chapter III of GBER.



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Granting body is the Managing Authority of the Programme: Veneto Region Organizational Unit Italy-Croatia Managing Authority.

Address: Dorsoduro, 3494/A – 30123 Venice, Italy.

15. Publication and information

Member State where the Programme Managing Authority is located shall comply with publications and information requirements as set out in GBER Article 9 and the Managing Authority will assure the compilation and transmission of the data required to fulfil these requirements.

16. Reporting

The Programme Managing Authority will assure the compilation of the data required for the transmission to the Commission, as listed in the GBER Article 11.

17. Monitoring

Managing Authority of the Programme will assure the maintenance of detailed records with the information and supporting documentation necessary to ensure that all the conditions laid down in GBER are fulfilled. Such records shall be kept for 10 years from the date on which the last aid was granted under this Scheme.

The Managing Authority will ensure to provide all the requested information and supporting documentation which the European Commission considers necessary to monitor the application of GBER regulation within the terms set in GBER Article 12.

