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INTERREG V-A "GREECE – BULGARIA 2014-2020"
COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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**1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS: RESTRICTED CALL FOR STRATEGIC PROJECT
PROPOSAL UNDER PRIORITY AXIS 3
INTERREG V-A GREECE – BULGARIA 2014-2020 COOPERATION PROGRAMME
CO-FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)**

A. Context

The Interreg V-A Cooperation Programme Greece – Bulgaria 2014-2020 is a cross-border cooperation Programme co-financed by the European Union under the European Regional Development Fund.

The total budget (ERDF and national contribution) for the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020 is **€129.695.572,00**. The total financing consists of **€ 110.241.234,00** (85%) ERDF funding and **19.454.338,00** (15%) national contribution.

The proposed strategic project in the framework of this Call will include the achievement of significant goals and must, at the same time, safeguard the maturity prerequisites of the proposed interventions, with the higher aim of covering the commitments for the N+3 rules for the first years of the Programme.

Before submitting any project proposal, applicants are invited to consult the Operational Programme approved by the European Commission on 09/09/2015, the respective EU regulations and annexes attached to this call. These documents are available on the Programme's website at <http://www.greece-bulgaria.eu/> in the "Programming Period 2014-2020" section.

Suspension clause

Please note that this Call for proposals is subject to the signing of the Ministerial Decision on Management and Control System (for Greek beneficiaries).

B. Priority Axes, Investment priorities, Synergies, Indicative activities

The present call for proposals is open for one (1) of the Programme's Priority Axis as follows:

Priority Axis 3: A Better interconnected Cross-Border Area

Thematic Objective	07: Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
Investment priority	7b-Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes
Specific Objective	To improve cross-border accessibility
Targeted Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction of the new road Dimario-Greek/Bulgarian border; ○ Upgrading the Road II-86 – Srednogortsi-Rudozem and bypass of Rudozem; ○ Construction of the new border-crossing Dimario-Rudozem; ○ Upgrading the existing complementary road infrastructure –The Road II-59 – Momchilgrad-Ivaylovgrad;

C. Available Budget

The total budget available for the present call is **38.235.295,00 €** (of which 32.500.000,00€ ERDF and 5.735.295,00€ National co-Financing).

D. Project size

The project budget is set up to the budget of the related investment priority. This budget range is considered sufficient for the implementation of a relatively large scale project.

E. Duration

Projects should be concluded in a period of maximum three **years (3)** after the signing of the Subsidy Contract.

F. Eligibility of expenditure

The starting date for eligible expenditure is **1/1/2014**. The closing date of the eligibility period of the expenditure should be the end date of the subsidy contract in force. Under

no circumstances the final date of eligibility of expenditure can exceed the **31st of December 2023**.

Eligibility rules on activities and related expenditure are set out in the Project Application Guidelines and in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 481/2014 of 4 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to specific rules on eligibility of expenditure for cooperation Programmes.

G. Eligible Partnerships

Priority Axis/Investment Priority	Beneficiaries
<p>Priority Axis 3: A Better interconnected Cross-Border Area/7b-Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EGNATIA ODOS SA, Greece; ○ RIA, Bulgaria; ○ Regional Administration of Smolyan

Further information about the eligibility of partnerships is provided in the Project Application Guidelines.

For the proposal, a **Lead Beneficiary** shall be designated, with the capacity to start the implementation of the project as quickly as possible, to exploit the immediate results of the intervention, and to concentrate all available managerial, financing and know-how resources and focus them on the project.

H. How to apply - deadline

In order to submit a project proposal, the Applicant must refer to the Applicant's Package and the Project Application Guidelines and to all relevant documents for this call for proposals.

A Project Proposal consists of:

1. the Application Form;
2. Annex 1: "Strategic Scope of the Project and Sustainability"
3. the Partnership Declaration
4. Declaration of not generating revenues
Or a Cost-benefit analysis, in case of revenue generating projects¹
5. State Aid Declaration
6. Decision of the designated body of each Project Beneficiary (e.g. Municipal Council, Board of Directors, etc) stating its agreement for submitting the particular project proposal. In case additional funding (other than that of the Programme) is

¹ "Guide to Cost-benefit Analysis of Investment Projects - Economic appraisal tool for Cohesion Policy 2014-2020" at http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/cba_guide.pdf

necessary for the completion of the project and which will be provided by the Beneficiary, this must also be declared in this Decision.²

7. A Justification of budget costs.
8. The Project has to include the relevant accompanying documents (building permits, any other required approvals, a compliance assessment report, preliminary studies, technical designs or any other relevant technical documentation, actual Bill of Quantities and Cost signed by the respective body, a document certifying the land/building ownership or documentation of transferring the operation rights for the period of 5 years after the end of the project, environmental impact assessments etc). In particular and in relation to the submission of the necessary licences/approvals these can be provided at a later stage at the request of the JS, and preferably before the signing of the subsidy contract. The JS may also request additional documentation for clarification of the above issues, during the evaluation procedure.

Documents **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7** must be submitted officially signed and stamped, but can also be accepted in a **scanned version**. **In this case, the originals can be submitted upon request at a later stage.**

The hard copy of the project proposal must be submitted in 1 original copy.

A CD/DVD-ROM must also be submitted including the electronic versions of:

1. the Application Form in the excel format required,
2. Annex 1: "Strategic Scope of Project and Sustainability" in a word or PDF format and
3. The Justification of the Budget in the excel format required

The Project Proposal must be submitted to the Programme's Joint Secretariat in the following way:

by post or by **private courier service** or **hand-delivery** in the following address:

Joint Secretariat

INTERREG V-A "GREECE – BULGARIA 2014-2020"

Balkan Center, Building D, Elevator 2, 3rd floor

10th Km Thessaloniki - Thermi Road

570 01, Thessaloniki, Greece

The proposal **must arrive no later than the last day** of the submission period (from **19/11/2015** until **19/02/2016** until **16.30**) **in a single envelope / package**.

ATTENTION: The envelope/package with the application documents must bear the following indications in English:

² Documents in points 6 and 8 can be submitted in the original languages of the partners.

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Priority Axis:

Investment Priority/Specific objective

Project Acronym:

Lead Beneficiary /address/

Envelope shall not be opened before the evaluation session.

I. Additional information

To obtain additional information on the project application procedure and project development, please contact:

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All relevant information and documents shall be available at the Operational Programme's website www.greece-bulgaria.eu which is a key communication tool between the programme management bodies (MA, JS) and the potential beneficiaries.

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Annexes:

Applicant's Package consisting of the following documents:

1. Call for Proposals
2. Project Application Guidelines
3. Application Form,
4. Partnership Declaration,
5. Declaration of not generating revenues,
6. State Aid Declaration
7. Justification of budget and Guidelines,
8. Programme and Project Implementation Manual