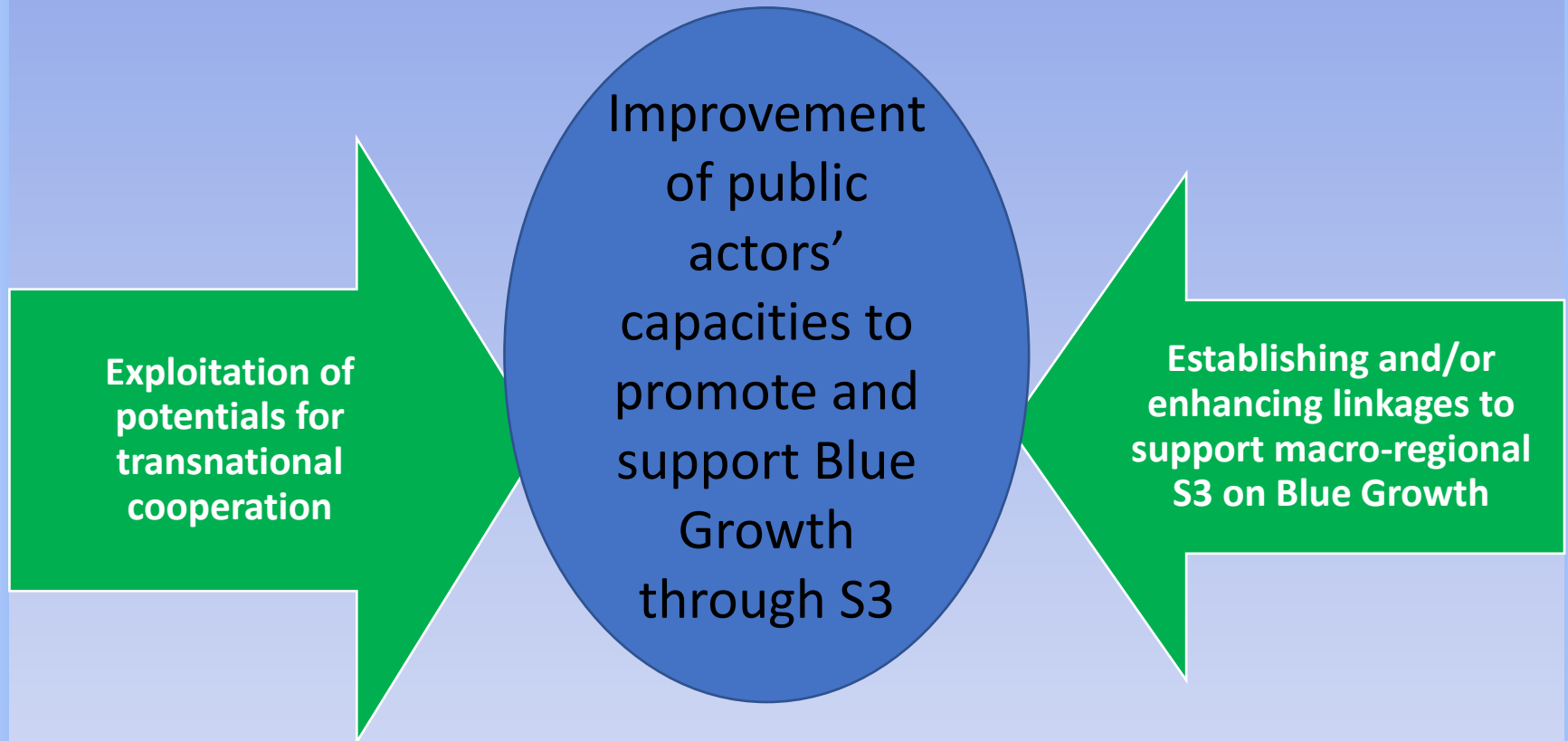


Priority Axis 1

Innovative and smart region

National Info Day
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Blue Growth: a driver for Europe's welfare and prosperity



In addition to the compulsory Work Packages (Management and Communication):

Up to 30 months duration

WP T1 – Mutual learning, good practices exchange and networking

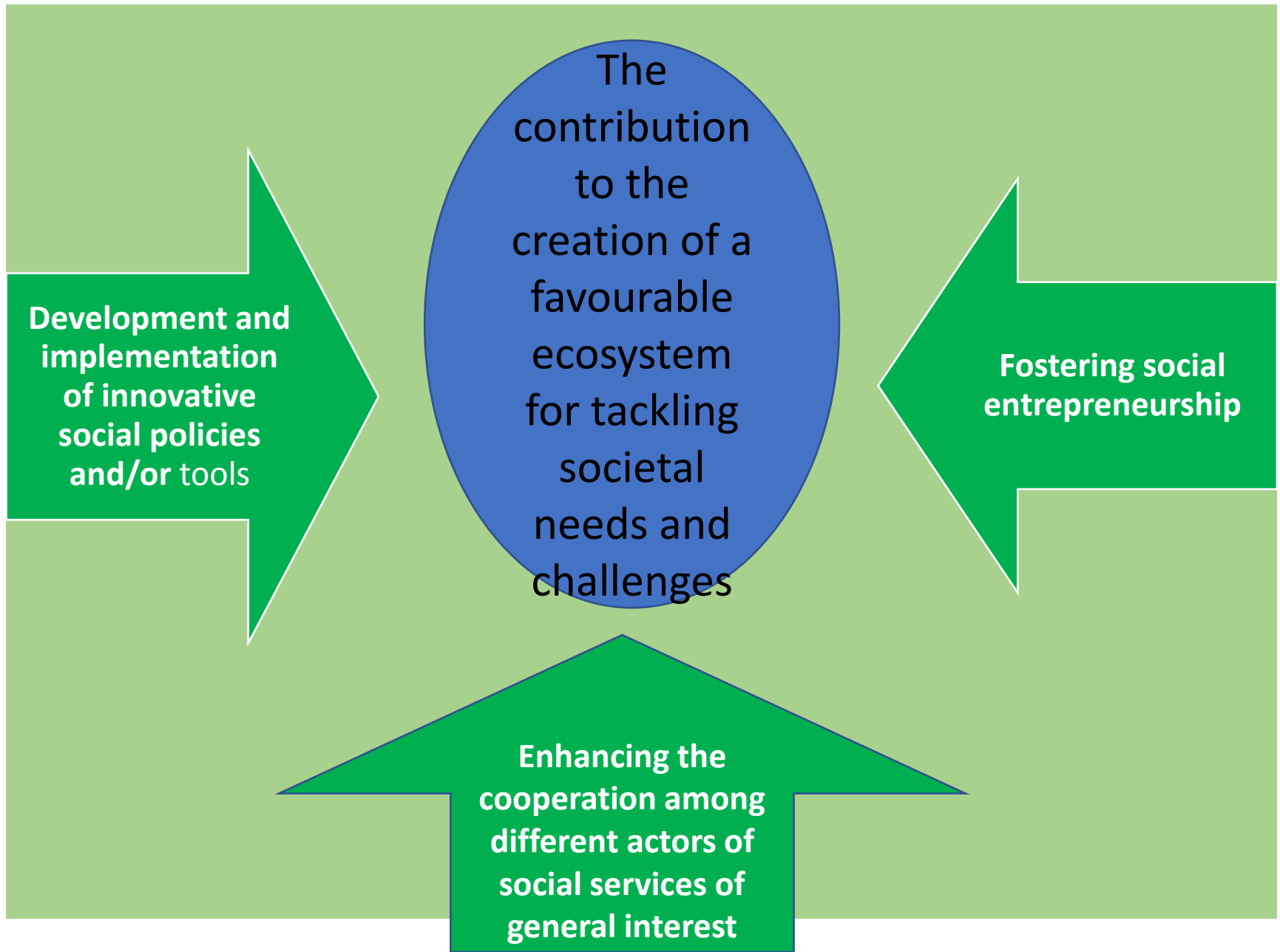
- Identification of the best practices available on Blue Growth innovation policies;
- Organization of mutual learning processes on Blue Growth innovation policies;
- Organisation of learning/exchange/matchmaking events
- Setting in place a “transnational blue growth innovation community”

WP T2 – Blue growth smart strategy development

(at least three of the following)

- Analysis of existing S3 dealing with blue growth in the Adriatic Ionian area
- Evaluation on how existing S3 dealing with blue growth in the different territories complement each other and elaboration of a road map to align them;
- Improvement and/or development of S3 strategies and action plans with a specific focus on blue growth.
- Identification of common challenges and creation of a strategic alliance to build a macro-regional S3 framework
- Identification of the key common technology areas

Social Innovation: a driver for change



In addition to the compulsory Work Packages
(Management and Communication):

Up to 30 months duration

WPT1- Methodological Framework & networking

- Assessment of societal changes in Partner States;
- Identification of the main challenges and needs to be faced to address societal changes;
- Set up a transnational community for social innovation of the area.

WPT2 – Best practices transfer & Pilot actions

(at least two of the following)

- Scouting of social innovation practices, services and tools in use;
- Sharing of methodologies, approaches, experiences and tools at trans. level;
- Testing of social innovation practices, schemes and services (e.g. mentoring, orientation, training on business development etc.) for the integration of the marginalized groups in the labour market.

WPT3 – Development of Innovative social policies/strategies

(at least three of the following)

- Definition of common standards for the development of strategies and action plans related to social entrepreneurship;
- Introduction of incentives;
- Development of strategies and action plans to overcome the obstacles of the current policy implementation;
- Testing new ways of coordination between different actors;
- Enhancing the capacities of public administrations

Priority Axis 1 - Partnership

Partnership requirements

- At least **6 financing partners** from 6 different Partner States of the Programme area, out of them:
 - At least **4 project financing partners** – including the lead partner- from **4 different ERDF Partner States**;
 - At least **2 project financing partners** from **2 different IPA Partner States**.
- The eligible partnership can consist of a maximum of 16 partners.
- The partnership can include a **maximum of 2 partners** from the **same Partner State**.

Priority Axis 1 - Ineligibility

- ***Potential beneficiaries*** – regardless whether they apply for the role of Lead or Project Partners – **cannot be involved in more than one project proposal per call/Priority Axis.**
- In case a partner **participates to more than one project proposal**, it will be declared **ineligible.**
- If, for whatever reason, **two or more project partners are declared ineligible, the entire project proposal will be declared ineligible.**

Partners will be identified on the basis of VAT or other national identity number, indicated in the B section of the Application Form.



Lack of provision of the aforementioned information (VAT or other national identifying number) will bring to the **ineligibility of the entire project proposal.**

Priority Axis 1 - Project partners

Eligible partners

- Public administrative authorities at **national or regional** level competent for the addressed topics.
- Bodies governed by public law competent for the addressed topics **on condition that the relevant competent public authority (i.e.: ministry, regional administration) is involved as associated partner** within the same project proposal.
- Legal seat and seat of operations in the Programme area, except for **assimilated partners**.

Associated partners

- Public authorities, BGPLs and private entities; associated have an observer status and do not financially contribute to the project. They do not account for partnership minimum requirements.

Ineligible partners

- **Private partners** (only as associated partners).
- **International organisations.**
- **EGTC** within the meaning of Article 2(16) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

Priority Axis 1 - Lead Applicants

Lead Applicant

- The Lead Applicant must be located in an **ERDF** Partner State.
- Only the following bodies located in the ERDF Partner States are eligible as Lead Partners:
 - Public bodies (national or regional level);
 - Bodies governed by public law (on condition that the relevant competent public authority is involved as associated partner);
 - Assimilated partners.

Assimilated partners: those Italian administrative authorities at national level which are competent in their scope of action for certain parts of the eligible area but which are located outside of it (i.e.: Ministries).

If, for whatever reason, Lead partner is declared ineligible, the entire project proposal will be declared ineligible.

Priority Axis 1 - Competences of partners

All partners must have:

- An extensive knowledge of the state of art of the Topic addressed by the project.
- The necessary competences and capacities to tackle the topic and implement the foreseen activities.
- All these information will be requested and verified in the Partner Declaration.

For Topic 1: Smart Specialisation Strategy on Blue Growth

- The partnership must additionally ensure the presence of supporting actors according to the “**quadruple helix**” approach in the so called “*entrepreneurial discovery process*” for the design of S3. Public national or regional administrations should indicate in the project proposal the agreements already in place with other institutions (e.g.: universities, research bodies/institutions; technological parks, etc.) that they intend to involve to maximise all existing know how and territorial cooperation. The presence of these agreements will be thoroughly evaluated.

Priority Axis 1 – Indicative financial allocation

Priority Axis 1	ERDF	IPA	Total EU contribution	National contribution	Total value of projects (EU contribution + National contribution)
Topic 1 – Blue Growth Smart Specialization	2.254.951,06	397.932,54	2.652.883,60	468.155,93	3.121.039,53
Topic 2 – Social Innovation	2.254.951,06	397.932,54	2.652.883,60	468.155,93	3.121.039,53
TOTAL	4.509.902,12	795.865,08	5.305.767,20	936.311,86	6.242.079,06

Project duration: up to 30 months.
 Size of projects = **strategic projects**.

Approved projects will be also asked to directly report both to ADRION Monitoring Committee and to EUSAIR Governing Board.



Thank you for your attention!

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