

Call for manifestation of interest for the selection of collaborating subjects as cross-border partners for the presentation of a project proposal for axes 1 and 2 and for the subsequent implementation under the European Call for project proposals Standard Projects Interreg I.P.A. Programme SOUTH ADRIATIC" ITALY/ALBANIA/MONTENEGRO" 2021-2027"

Foreword

The Municipality of Noci with Council Resolution no. 124 of 24/07/2024 adhered to the public call "Call for project proposals Standard Projects Interreg I.P.A. Programme. SOUTH ADRIATIC" ITALY/ALBANIA/MONTENEGRO" 2021-2027 (Official Bulletin of the Apulia Region, no. 46 of 06/06/2024);

The Programme aims at enabling regional and local stakeholders to exchange knowledge and experience, develop and implement pilot actions, test the feasibility of new policies, products and services and support investments in the areas of interest, also through so-called small-scale projects for the capitalisation of results obtained from operations already implemented and financed entirely on the basis of simplified costs;

The subjects that will be able to submit project proposals in response to the call are public bodies or public law bodies pursuant to art.13 co.6, lett. e (Annex I.1 art.1 co.1, lett. e) of the Procurement Code DLGS 36/2023, as well as Non-Governmental Organisations and private non-profit bodies, both in Italy and in Albania and Montenegro.

The type of partnership, in accordance with art. 23 (1) of Reg. (EU) 2021/1059 provides for the simultaneous presence of at least one Italian partner and at least one Albanian or Montenegrin partner (the total number of partners must not exceed six (6) including the lead partner).

Art. 1 - Aims of the Public Notice

The Municipality of Noci, in the framework of its policy objectives - constant attention to the institution of COOPERATION, to the design, implementation and management of cross-border cooperation projects in order to face common challenges and promote integrated territorial development - intends to participate in the European Call for project proposals Standard Projects Programme Interreg I.P.A. SOUTH ADRIATIC" ITALY/ALBANIA/MONTENEGRO" 2021-2027.

This call is aimed at selecting private entities, based in Albania and Montenegro, to be included, if necessary, in the partnership of the project proposal that the Municipality of Noci will submit, as leader partner, under the above mentioned public call.

By submitting the expression of interest, the subject undertakes to respect the commitments and obligations provided by the Call.

The Municipality of Noci and the Partner undertake to sign specific partnership agreements according to the models provided for in the Public Call and available at <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/programme/south-adriatic-2021-27>.

Art. 2 - Subject of the procedure

The Municipal Administration intends to submit two project proposals in the following Specific Objectives

- 1) O.S. 2.2. Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment and reducing pollution through joint cross-border actions (Biodiversity)
- 2) O.S. 4.2. Enhancing the role of culture and tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation through cross-border actions

Art. 3 - Addressees

The following may submit expressions of interest for this Call:

- Private non-profit organisations, based in Albania.
- Private non-profit organisations, based in Montenegro.
- Registered and active in the territory of reference at least since 01 May 2022.

Art. 4 - Manifestation of Interest

Those interested in submitting an manifestation of interest in the form of a self-declaration, signed by the Legal Representative, shall complete the application form attached to this notice (Annex A), containing the following information

- name and data of the legal representative
- operational headquarters;
- Specific Objectives (O.S. 2.2. and/or O.S. 4.2.)) for which they intend to apply;
- experience gained in the last 5 years in European or Cooperation Projects such as Interreg 2014-2020;
- years of experience on the territory

Art. 5 - Modalities and deadlines for submitting applications

Entities participating in the Notice must submit, under penalty of ineligibility, the following documentation, either digitally signed or in handwritten form

- Application to participate in the expression of interest published together with this Notice (Annex A) completed in its entirety and signed by the legal representative;
- Legal entity form (Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association or equivalent document);
- A copy of a valid identity document (e.g. identity card, passport)
- Accompanying act attesting that the signatory holds the power of signature and representation (e.g. appointment act)
- Any other supplementary documentation (CV, company profile, brochure, etc.).

The documentation must be sent by the peremptory deadline of **Monday 2 September 2024 at 12.00** noon by certified email to **protocollo.comune.noci@pec.rupar.puglia.it** with the following wording in the subject line of the Pec: "Call of manifestation of interest Interreg I.P.A. SOUTH ADRIATIC ITALY/ALBANIA/MONTENEGRO 2021-2027".

Manifestations of interest received after this deadline will be automatically excluded from the selection procedure; for this purpose, the date of delivery of the Pec will be considered as the date of delivery.

The manifestations of interest must be submitted using the appropriate form attached to this notice, which must be signed in all its parts (Annex A).

The publication of the call and the receipt of manifestations of interest do not entail any obligation or commitment for the Municipality of Noci towards interested parties. The manifestation of interest does not give rise to any title, right or legally relevant interest.

Art. 6 - Verification of requirements and assessment

The manifestations of interest submitted by those wishing to participate in the Public Call shall be examined by the Socio-cultural Office of the Municipality of Noci in order to verify whether they meet the admission requirements set out in the European Call for Proposals.

The Municipality of Noci, during the preliminary investigation phase, reserves the right to check the truthfulness of the declarations made and to request integrations or clarifications. Should the checks carried out on the selected applicant reveal irregularities or a mismatch between what was declared at the time of participation and what was verified, the applicant will be excluded.

Following the positive verification of the requirements, the procedure for the presentation of the project proposal and the compilation that must be completed by the deadline of 30 September 2024 will be initiated through dialogue with the selected party or parties, in which, inter alia, the roles and tasks of each party in the implementation phase of the actions envisaged by the project presented will be defined.

Should the project be accepted for funding, it will have a maximum duration of 30 months.

Should the project not be submitted - for whatever reason - or should it not be approved by the European Union, the selected applicant(s) may not claim any form of compensation from the Municipality of Noci, not even by way of indemnity, compensation or other emolument howsoever named. No agreement of an economic nature will result from this call should the project not be approved and financed by the European Union.

Art. 7 - Information

This Call, the application form and the outcome of the notice generated by the procedure will be published on the Municipality of Noci's website www.comune.noci.it. Pursuant to art. 4 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, applicants are informed that the person in charge of the procedure is Dott.ssa Pasqualina Liuzzi. For information and clarifications, interested parties may send an e-mail to the following address: servizi@comune.noci.ba.it.

Art. 8 - Information on the protection of personal data

The personal data provided by subjects in the context of this notice will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 (European Regulation on the protection of personal data) and the Italian national legislation (Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions) exclusively for the purposes related to the procedure and for the possible stipulation and management of the partnership documentation and under the responsibility of the Municipality of Noci. The data controller is the Municipality of Noci.

The Procedure Manager
Dott.ssa Pasqualina Liuzzi

TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE LETTERHEAD OF THE PROPOSING ENTITY

**To the Mayor of the Municipality of Noci
Francesco Intini
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The undersigned _____ in his/her capacity as _____ and legal representative of _____ (indicate name and legal form), with registered office in _____, province _____, address _____, no. _____, Country _____, tax code no. _____, VAT no. _____, Tel. _____, E-mail _____, PEC _____, as the person proposing this expression of interest, aware of the criminal liability that may be incurred in the event of false declarations, pursuant to and for the purposes of art. 76 of the Presidential Decree of 28 December 2000, no. 445, taking into account arts. 46 and 47 of the aforementioned Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and

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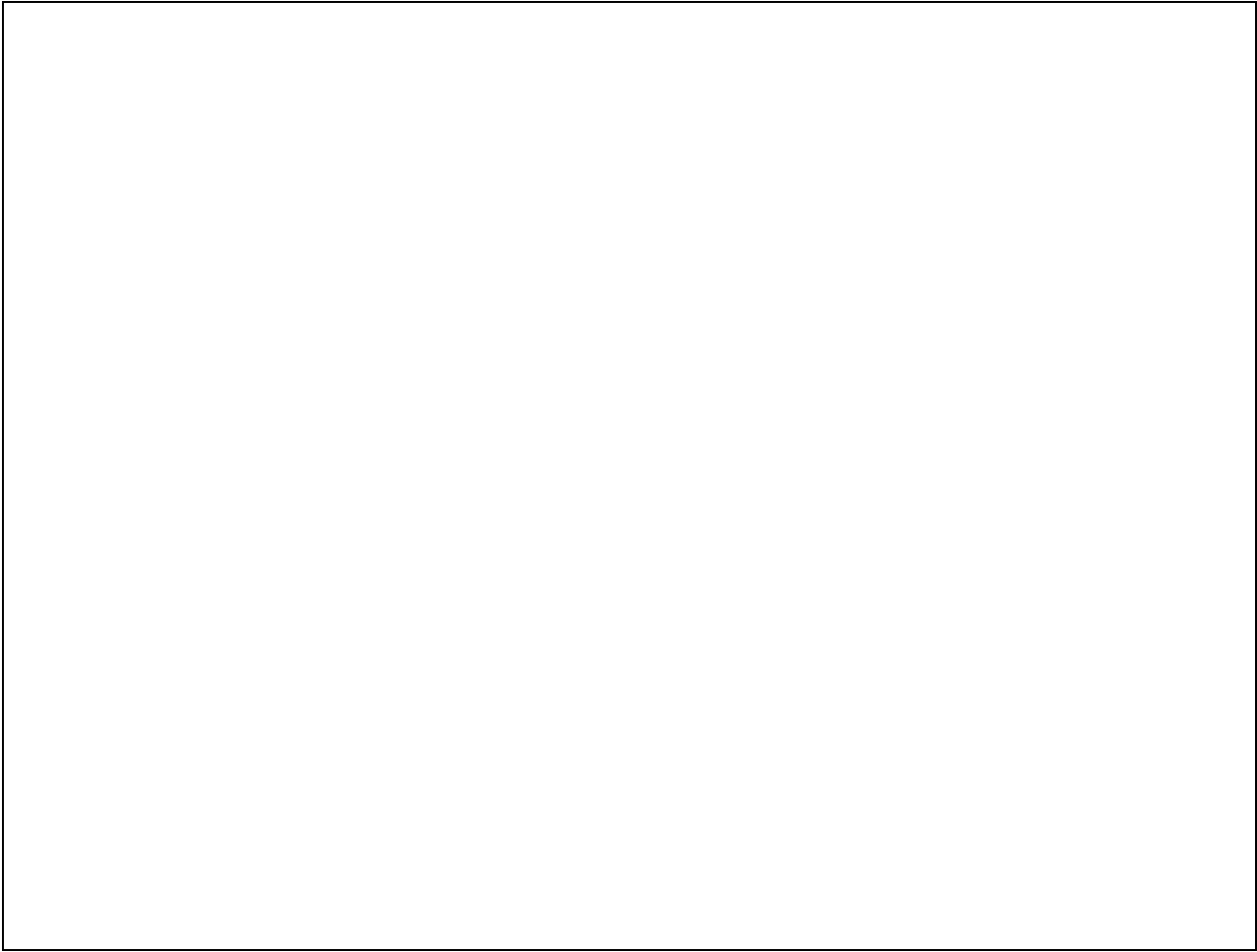
of all the conditions and terms of participation established in the Notice published on the institutional website of the Municipality of Noci and dated ___/___/_____

EXPRESSES

the interest of the above-mentioned subject to participate in the procedure identified in the subject and to this effect

DECLARES

- to have its operational headquarters in (city and country) _____
 - to join the Expression of Interest for the project related to the Specific Objective (indicate one or more choices)
 - S.O. 2.2. Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment and reducing pollution through joint cross-border actions (Biodiversity)
 - S.O. 4.2. Enhancing the role of culture and tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation through cross-border actions
- To have the following experience in the last 5 years in European or Cooperation Projects such as Interreg 2014-2020:



To have n. _____ years of experience in the territory of _____ .

Place and date __/__/____

SIGNATURE
