Interreg VI–A Italia–Österreich
Kooperationsprogramm
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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME Interreg VI-A Italy-Austria

2021-2027

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EVALUIERUNGSPLAN

- Evaluierungsplan_CLEAN_DE (2) s.3
- „Der vorliegende Evaluierungsplan für das Programm Interreg VI-A Italien-Österreich wurde gemäß den Bestimmungen der Verordnung (EU) Nr. 1059/2021, Art. 35 erstellt. Diese Verordnung besagt, dass Evaluierungen „anhand eines oder mehrerer der folgenden Kriterien: Wirksamkeit, Effizienz, Relevanz, Kohärenz und Unionsmehrwert“ durchzuführen sind, „um Konzeption und Durchführung der Programme qualitativ zu verbessern“.
- s.8 Einbindung der Partner und Arbeitsgruppe „Evaluierung“ : Die Beteiligung der regionalen Partner an der Evaluierung des Programms wird gemäß dem Europäischen Verhaltenskodex für Partnerschaften organisiert, der u.a. vorsieht, dass die relevanten Partner in die Evaluierungstätigkeit einbezogen werden (Artikel 16) und auch auf die Stärkung der institutionellen Kapazität der relevanten Partner abzielt (Artikel 17).
- Der Sachverständige kann - unter Berücksichtigung der effektiven Bedürfnisse - für das GS, die RK, die CLLD Strategien oder andere institutionelle Akteure, die an der Umsetzung des Programms beteiligt sind, Schulungen zu bestimmten Aspekten der Evaluierung durchführen, um das laufende Verfahren zu verbessern.

- Piano di valutazione_CLEAN_IT p.2
- «Il presente Piano di valutazione per il Programma Interreg VI-A Italia-Austria è stato elaborato seguendo le disposizioni del Regolamento (UE) n. 1059/2021, art. 35. Le disposizioni regolamentari stabiliscono che le valutazioni “sono effettuate relativamente a uno o più dei criteri seguenti: efficacia, efficienza, rilevanza, coerenza e valore aggiunto dell’Unione, al fine di migliorare la qualità della progettazione e dell’attuazione dei programmi.»
- s.6 Coinvolgimento dei partner e gruppo di lavoro “Valutazione” La partecipazione dei partner regionali alla valutazione del Programma verrà organizzata ai sensi del Codice di Condotta europeo del partenariato che prevede, tra l’altro, che l’attività valutativa coinvolga i partner pertinenti (art.16) e sia anche finalizzata a rafforzare la capacità istituzionale degli stessi (art.17).
- l valutatore potrà, tenendo conto delle effettive esigenze tenere sessioni formative su alcuni aspetti della valutazione a beneficio del SC, delle UCR, delle strategie CLLD o di altri soggetti istituzionali coinvolti nell’implementazione del Programma, al fine di migliorarne il processo in corso d’opera.

Multilevel governance

We work based on

- **Consensus**
- **Trust**
- **Friendship** and
- good **Relationships**.

We have a

- **multi-language** approach
- Strong belief **in local Empowerment** by involving active local actors and maintaining them in place

reflected in the evaluation process

Bottom-Up

Who carries out the programme evaluation?

Selection of an independent external service provider

- **Public procurement** to ensure transparency, equal treatment and open competition
- Technical report with products to deliver and timetable
- Contract for 5 years
- Requirements
  - Working group consisting of at least **3 members**, one person with proven experience in environmental assessment
  - Knowledge of the German and Italian languages

! Important: Involvement of the different regions of the programme in the evaluation process

Measurability of the results

Implementation effectiveness:

- use of available financial resources
- analyses of the result and output indicators

2.1.3 Indikatoren

Tabelle 2: Outputindikatoren

2.1.3 Indicatori

Tabella 2: Indicatori di output

Priorität	SZ	ID	Indikator	Maßeinheit	Etappenziel (2024)	Endziel (2029)
Priorità	OS	ID	Indicatore	Unità di misura	Target intermedio (2024)	Target finale (2029)
1	1.1	RCO87	grenzübergreifend kooperierende Organisationen Organizzazioni che cooperano a livello transfrontaliero	Organisationen Organizzazioni	0	60
1	1.1	RCO10	mit Forschungseinrichtungen kooperierende Unternehmen Imprese che cooperano con organizzazioni di ricerca	Unternehmen Imprese	0	13
1	1.1	RCO84	gemeinsam entwickelte und in Projekten umgesetzte Pilotmaßnahmen Azioni pilota sviluppate congiuntamente e attuate nell'ambito di progetti	Maßnahmen Azioni	0	23
1	1.1	RCO116	gemeinsam entwickelte Lösungen Soluzioni elaborate congiuntamente	Lösungen Soluzioni	0	12

Tabelle 3: Ergebnisindikatoren

Tabella 3: Indicatori di risultato

Priorität	SZ	ID	Indikator	Maßeinheit	Ausgangs-wert	Bezugsjahr	Endziel (2029)	Datenquellen	Bemerkungen
Priorità	OS	ID	Indicatore	Unità di misura	Valore di base	Anno di riferimento	Target finale (2029)	Fonte dei dati	Osservazioni
1	1.1	RCR84	Organisationen, die nach Projektabschluss grenzübergreifend zusammenarbeiten Organizzazioni che cooperano a livello transfrontaliero dopo la conclusione di un progetto	Organisationen Organizzazioni	0	2021	30	ProgrammmonitoringProgrammmonitoring Sistema di monitoraggio di programma	
1	1.1	RCR104	von Organisationen aufgegriffene bzw. ausgebaute Lösungen Soluzioni adottate o potenziate da organizzazioni	Lösungen Soluzioni	0	2021	6	Programmmonitoring Sistema di monitoraggio di programma	

Overview of the evaluation phases

Preliminary evaluation report

Interim evaluation report

Final evaluation report

2024 **2026** **2029**

Preliminary environmental monitoring report

Environmental monitoring report

Environmental Monitoring Report

Strategic environmental assessment programme planning period 2021-2027 in May 2021

- the programme is not expected to have **any significant negative impacts** on the transboundary environment
- the measures are largely immaterial in nature without planned infrastructure investments and mostly not localized
- prepare of a special **Environmental Monitoring Report**

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Environmental Monitoring Report

Preliminary report

At an intermediate stage of the programme

- Preliminary analysis of funded projects, for the five programme priorities: objectives, outputs and expected results
- Data collection and processing phase
- Elements for an evaluation of the environmental effects of the cooperation programme
- Conclusions and Suggestions

Final report

At the end of the programming phase

2014-2020 programme period: The results of the evaluation

Impact on local communities: not a concrete economic advantage, but raising awareness of the possibilities of cross-border cooperation

Governance and support for beneficiaries: division of tasks between the programme bodies is considered clear, cooperation fruitful and administrative capacity adequate; high workload for supporting project applicants and project evaluation

Transferability of the results: “passive" modality → free access to the products/outputs/results

Environmental assessment: no specific mitigation measures or reprogramming; positive impact of some projects with regard to the protection of transboundary ecosystems and habitats

2014-2020 programme period: Lessons learned

- Preparation of **strategic decisions** for the period 2021-2027
- Securing data and information for impact assessment
- **Bilingualism** of the evaluators is very important
- **COVID-19** affected the activities of the various projects by causing delays in their implementation and, subsequently, in the impact assessment

Post 2027

- Sharing evaluation findings with stakeholders to improve the programming process in the next period (post 2027)
- Focus on **stronger citizens‘** participation in future evaluation processes - augmented involvement for a more democratic legitimation in cohesion policy

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CPR - EU 2021/1060 - Article 9

4. The objectives of the Funds shall be pursued in line with the objective of promoting sustainable development as set out in Article 11 TFEU, taking into account the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the "**do no significant harm**" principle.

-> Guidelines for verification of the DNSH principle Interreg IT-AT
Linee guida DNSH_IT_definitivo (interreg.net)

THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES

The Environmental Authorities support the Managing Authority in its role as the proceeding Authority, contribute to the evaluation of projects and ensure the implementation and integration of the horizontal principle of **sustainable development** in the programme implementation phase, through the implementation of environmental sustainability criteria and indicators

Interreg: Consultation post 2027

- Online surveys (for stakeholders, young citizens and CLLD-areas (in Italian and in German) + Face-to-face interviews with stakeholders
- Focus of the questions: experiences of living and working in cross-border regions, experiences with Interreg and cross-border collaboration
- Surveys spread through the website, the newsletter, flyers and social media posts
- Support from the RCUs in spreading the surveys and indicating stakeholders to interview
- Survey sent directly to CLLD medium scale projects, to fill out and for further dissemination

Results

- Survey and Interviews
  - Survey: so far a total of ~40 responses: 19 Dolomiti Live – 8 Wipptal – 4 HEurOpen – 3 Terra Raetica – 3 "other" (areas of Salzburg, Innsbruck, Udine)
  - Interviews: insights from RCUs and stakeholders (LAGs)
- **Positive** insights: cross-border collaboration leads to personal and professional growth and is a very appreciated opportunity to enhance local territories
- **Negative** insights: socio-economic differences reduce attractiveness for Austrian partners, sometimes linguistic barriers, cross-border mobility to improve
- **To work on**: burocracy burden, heavy administration tasks for small-scale projects (draft budget has yet to be tested)

Thank you for participating!

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