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

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**3rd CALL FOR PROPOSALS:
RESTRICTED CALL FOR STRATEGIC PROJECT PROPOSAL UNDER PRIORITY AXIS
2 – Investment Priority 5b
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.

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 2: A Sustainable and Climate adaptable Cross-Border area

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Thematic Objective	05 – Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
Investment priority	5b – Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems
Specific Objective	2.1 To improve CB cooperation on flood risk management plans at river basin level.
Targeted Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Infrastructure measures for flood protection for river Strouma/Strymon and for lake Kerkini ➤ Infrastructure measures for flood protection for river Mesta/Nestos. ➤ Infrastructure measures for flood protection for river Maritza/Evros/Arda ➤ Impact assessment and floods protection co-operation ➤ Supply of specific equipment

C. Available Budget

The total budget available for the present call is **11.500.000,00 €** (of which 9,775,000.00 € ERDF and 1.725.000,00€ National co-Financing).

D. Project size

The project budget is set up to the budget of the present call. This budgets range is considered sufficient for the implementation of strategic type of project.

E. Duration

Projects have to 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 2: A Sustainable and Climate adaptable Cross-Border area 5b – Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ District Administration of Blagoevgrad ○ District Administration of Haskovo ○ District Administration of Kardjali ○ District Administration of Smolyan ○ Region of Central Macedonia ○ Region of Eastern Macedonia - Thrace ○ Decentralised administration of Macedonia-Thrace

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

For the proposals, 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.

The Project Proposal must be submitted to the Programme's Managing Authority/ Joint Secretariat (JS) in electronic version, via MIS.

Project Proposal consists of:

- A. Electronic submission of the project proposal into the MIS of the programme, including the "Project Detailed Description" that should be uploaded as a separate document in PDF format, stamped and signed by the Legal Representative of the Lead Beneficiary.

To facilitate applicants' familiarity with the electronic environment of the MIS a model for the application form is attached, although it is not demanded to fill it in and submit it in paper version.

- B. The digital version of the following documents that have to be uploaded into the MIS of the programme:
1. The "Partnership Declaration" (standard form provided), stamped and signed by all the participating beneficiaries, uploaded in PDF format.
 2. Annex 1: "Strategic Scope of the Project and Sustainability", stamped and signed by the Legal Representative of the Lead Beneficiary, uploaded in PDF format.
 3. The "Declaration of not generating revenues" (standard form provided) completed, stamped and signed by each beneficiary separately, uploaded in PDF format. In case of revenue generating project, a cost - benefit analysis should be attached, using the "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.
 4. The "State aid declaration" (standard form provided) completed, stamped and signed by each beneficiary separately, uploaded in PDF format.
 5. Decision of the designated body or similar decision by the Legal Representative of each Project Beneficiary, according to the respective national legislation, stating its agreement for submitting the particular project proposal, signed and stamped, uploaded in PDF format.
 6. The "Justification of Budget Costs" (standard form provided), completed for the total project budget, uploaded in Excel format.
 7. The relevant Bills of Quantities and Costs (BoQ) to the foreseen infrastructure activities by the beneficiaries, which must be stamped and signed by the Legal Representative, uploaded in PDF format. The JS may also request additional documentation for clarification of the above issues, during the evaluation procedure.

All the required documents of the proposal must be electronically submitted at the latest until the 24/02/2017, 23:59 local time (Eastern European standard time). In case the proposal is submitted after the above date and time it will not be considered as eligible.

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. Detailed Description
5. Partnership Declaration
6. Declaration of not generating revenues
7. State Aid Declaration
8. State Aid Assessment Sheet
9. Justification of Budget and Guidelines
10. Programme and Project Implementation Manual