

Objectives

The European Territorial Cooperation Programme "Greece-Italy 2007-2013" aims at a stronger and more sustainable economic and social development across the maritime borderline between Greece and Italy.

The Overall Objective for the development of the programme area is "to strengthen the competitiveness and territorial cohesion in the programme area towards sustainable development by linking the potential from both sides of the cross-border maritime line".

Within this framework, a series of strategic objectives were developed, which constitute the policy outline for the convergence in the area of intervention.

Specifically, these objectives are:

Strategic Objective 1

Strengthening competitiveness and innovation of the cross border area economic systems, focusing especially on common comparative advantages

Strategic Objective 2

Improving the accessibility of the programme area to networks and services, thus enhancing the competitiveness of its economic systems in the wider Mediterranean space

Strategic Objective 3

Improving the quality of life, preserving and effectively managing the environment and increasing social and cultural cohesion

Programme budget

The total budget (ERDF and national contribution) for the European Territorial Programme "Greece-Italy 2007-2013" is €118,606,893. The total financing consists of €88,955,170 (75%) ERDF funding and €29,651,723 (25%) national contribution.

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Total	€118,606,893

Official Language

The official language is English. Additionally, other working languages are the national languages of the participating countries, i.e. Greek and Italian.

Priority Axes and Specific Objectives

The European Territorial Cooperation Programme "Greece-Italy 2007-103" covers three Priority Axes and a Technical Assistance component. Each of the Priority Axes is further broken down in a number of Specific Objectives, as presented in the following table:

Priority Axis	Specific Objective	Indicative beneficiaries
Strengthening competitiveness and innovation	1.1 Strengthening inter-action between research/ innovation institutions, SMEs and public authorities	Local Administration (Municipalities, Provinces-Prefectures, Regional Administrative Authorities), Central Administration and supervised bodies, Tertiary Education Institutes, Universities, Chambers of Commerce, Research and Technological Centres, Technological Parks, Business Associations, Organisations, SMEs Consortia, Public-private partnership, NGOs and ONLUS, Consortia etc.
	1.2 Promoting cross-border advanced new technologies	
Improving accessibility to sustainable networks and services	2.1 Enhancement of the cross-border integrated and sustainable connections	Local Administrative Authorities (Municipalities, Provinces-Prefectures, Regional Authorities), NGOs, Central Public Administration and supervised bodies, Tertiary Education Institutes, Universities, Public-Private Partnerships, groups or association/consortia)
	2.2 Improvement of transport, information and communication networks and services	
Improving the quality of life, protection of the environment and enhancement of Social and cultural cohesion	3.1 Promotion of cultural and natural heritage	Local Authorities (Municipalities, Provinces-Prefectures, Regional Administrative Authorities), Parks and Management bodies for protected sites, NGOs, Central Public Administration and supervised bodies, Public Institutes of Research, Public Education Institutes, Theatres, Museums, Cultural associations, Social integration public centres, Health centres and Public agencies
	3.2 Valorisation & improvement of joint protection, management of natural resources, natural and technological risks' prevention	
	3.3 Protection of health and promotion of social integration	
Technical Support for implementation	4.1 Support to the management, monitoring, implementation and audit of the programme's operations	Local Administrative Authorities (Municipalities, Provinces-Prefectures, Regional authorities), NGOs, Central Public Administration and supervised bodies, consultancy companies, publicity consultants, Public groups or association/consortium
	4.2 Support for the broad publicity and information of the programme	

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Eligible area



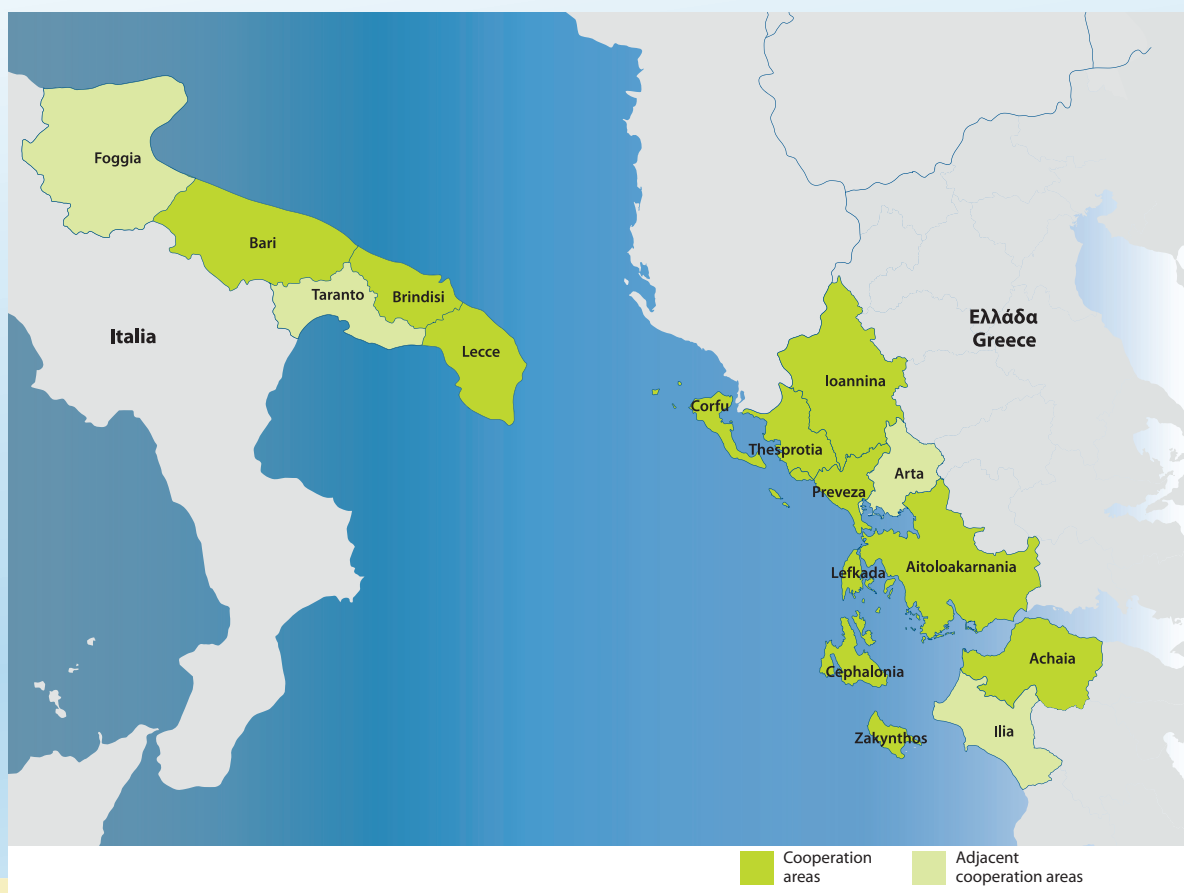
Structural Funds 2007 - 2013: Cross-border Cooperation Greece-Italy

The programme area consists of:

Greece: Region of Western Greece (Prefectures of Aitolokarnania and Achaia), Region of Ionian Islands (Prefectures of Corfu, Lefkada, Cephalonia and Zakynthos) and Region of Epirus (Prefectures of Ioannina, Preveza and Thesprotia).

Italy: Region of Apulia (Provinces of Bari, Brindisi and Lecce).

The Prefectures of Ilia and Arta in Greece and the Provinces of Taranto and Foggia in Italy have been included as adjacent territories and therefore funding for operations in these territories can be admitted up to 20% of the total expenditure provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in the Programme.



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