

2020 Annual Implementation Report

CITIZENS' SUMMARY



Entrepreneurship & Innovation
 20 projects/ 15,7 mil. EUR allocated



Environment
 23 projects/ 25,7 mil. EUR allocated

About the Programme

The “Balkan-Mediterranean” Transnational Programme (BalkanMed) is a European Union funding programme promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Balkan peninsula and the South east Europe area. BalkanMed since 2015 acts as a driver and pioneer for tackling common challenges and needs in our countries, by joining opportunities, sharing ideas, discovering innovation

40 million Euros are offered by the European Union together with Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Republic of North Macedonia and Greece.

Providing finance from both ERDF and IPA, BalkanMed has supported 43 cooperation projects, bringing together 314 beneficiaries.

We want to help our regions and countries become the best they can be.

We want to lead ourselves as citizens to a better everyday life in the future.

Entrepreneurship & Innovation and **Environment** are the routes we have chosen to our success.

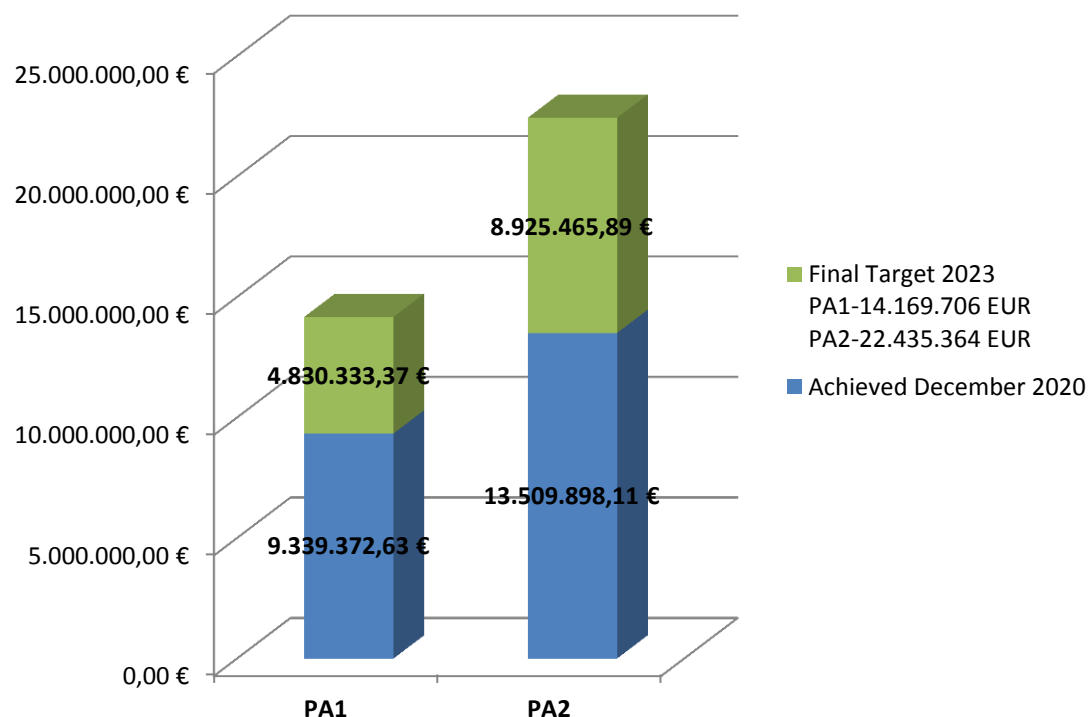


Covid-19

Due to the extraordinary situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the BalkanMed projects were allowed to reshape their activities in order to reflect on the new situation. 31 projects overall applied for an extension of their activities at the same time adjusting their budgets.

Until 31/12/2020
Paid out expenditure:
26,25 mil. EUR

Certified expenditure:
16,22 mil. EUR



Despite the difficulties emerging from the Covid 19 pandemic, BalkanMed and its projects achieved numerous milestones by the end of 2020

31
 projects ended in 2020

406
 Enterprises received support

7
 business models or jointly developed instruments were implemented, thus creating of 4 transnational cooperation business links

193.827
 Hectares of habitats were conserved

61
 Environmental strategies and policies were approved

3

projects at a glance



Resources management in farms

The project developed a set of tools (InnoTools) and services (InnoScorecard and InnoRegion) for improving SMEs opportunities, capacities, and knowledge in introducing product and process innovations.

5 beneficiaries
2 observer partners
5 countries
0,7 mil. EUR budget

<http://www.innoplatform.eu>



Resources management in farms

The project promotes technology to enhance the wide implementation of sustainable management strategies at farm level in terms of resources management and reduction of carbon, waste, and water footprint of Balkan agricultural products.

7 beneficiaries
5 countries
1,3 mil. EUR budget

www.balkanroad.eu



Protection of wetlands

The project developed a common knowledge basis including mapping and creation of harmonized geospatial datasets and indicators, a database, and pilot studies on conservation techniques. Activities were developed to support the uptake of the common knowledge basis including creation of guidance, training workshops, continuous interaction with users and stakeholders, and publications for translating project findings into policy and priority actions.

8 beneficiaries
2 observer partners
4 countries
1,2 mil. EUR budget

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