

**Επιχειρησιακό Πρόγραμμα
Περιφέρειας Ηπείρου
2014-2020**



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Με την συγχρηματοδότηση της Ελλάδας και της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης



3rd Evaluation of the Implementation of the Epirus Region OP 2014 - 2020

Executive Summary November 2023

The Development Vision

- The structure of the OP "Epirus 2014-2020" focused on the Region's Development Vision, which is:

«To make the Region worth-living and sustainable, having outward-looking development, focused on productive activities which are comparative advantages and reinforce the local identity, respecting the environment, history and the citizen of Epirus»

Regional Smart Specialisation Strategy

In the context of achieving this vision, particular emphasis is placed on the implementation of the Regional Strategy "Smart Specialisation", with support focusing on the following areas:

- Primary sector – processing – agri-food – gastronomy
- Industry of experience: Tourism, Culture & Creative Economy
- Academic Institutions, ICT (Information & Communication Technologies) and Youth Entrepreneurship
- Health and Wellness

Program Outline - 1

- Five Strategic Objectives allocated to an equal number of Priority Axis - PA (plus two PAs for technical assistance)
- Ten Thematic Objectives
- Twenty-five Investment Priorities
- Two Funds (ERDF, ESF)

Program Outline - 2

Priority Axis 1: Enhancing regional competitiveness by developing innovation and ICT

- T.O. 1. Strengthening Research, Technological Development and Innovation
- T.O. 2. Improving access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), their use and quality
- T.O. 3. Improving the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises

Priority Axis 2: Environmental protection and sustainable development

- T.O. 4. Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
- T.O. 5. Promoting climate change adaptation and risk prevention
- T.O. 6. Conservation and protection of the environment and promotion of resource efficiency

Priority Axis 3: Strengthening transport infrastructure

- T.O. 7. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

Priority Axis 4: Strengthening education, health and welfare infrastructures

- T.O. 9. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty, particularly with the priority of health and social infrastructure
- T.O. 10. Investing in education training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning

Priority Axis 5: Human Resources Development, Social Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination

- T.O. 8. Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility
- T.O. 9. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty and any discrimination

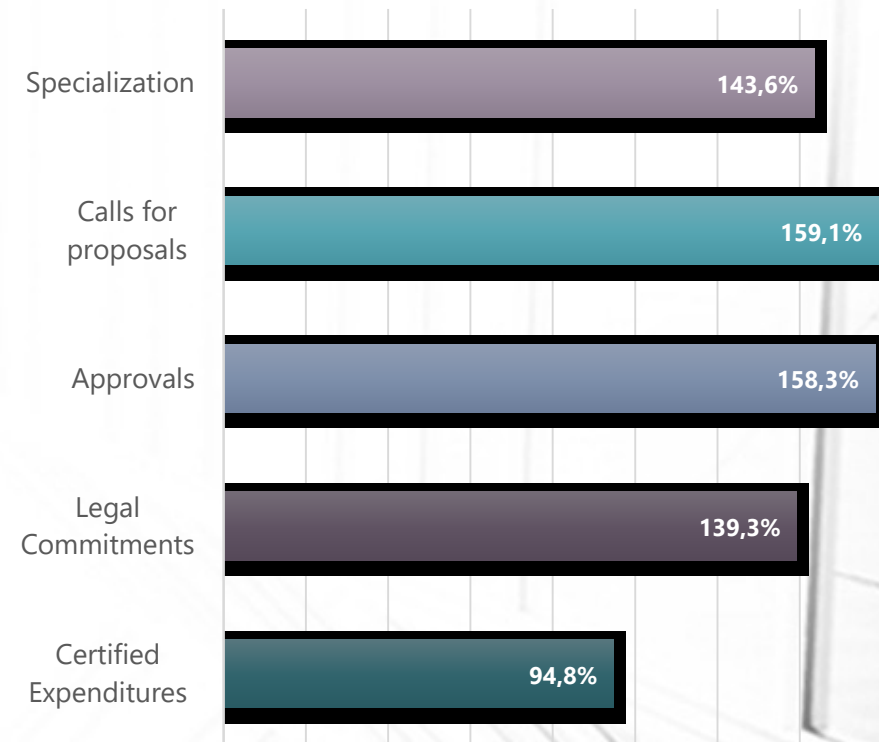
Priority Axis 6: ESF Technical Assistance

Priority Axis 7: ERDF Technical Assistance

Implementation Course (up to 07.11.2023)

- the Budget of the Programme amounts to **EUR 295.5 million** of which EUR 236,4 million constitute the Community Assistance
- **92 actions** with a total budget of **EUR 424.31 million** have been specialised
- **108 Calls for proposals** with a total public expenditure of **EUR 470.12 million** have been issued
- **5,386 projects** with a total eligible public expenditure of **EUR 467.71 million** have been approved for support by OP
- **Legal Commitments** amount to **EUR 411.69 million**
- **Certified Expenditures** amount to **EUR 280.2 million**

Program Implementation Rates

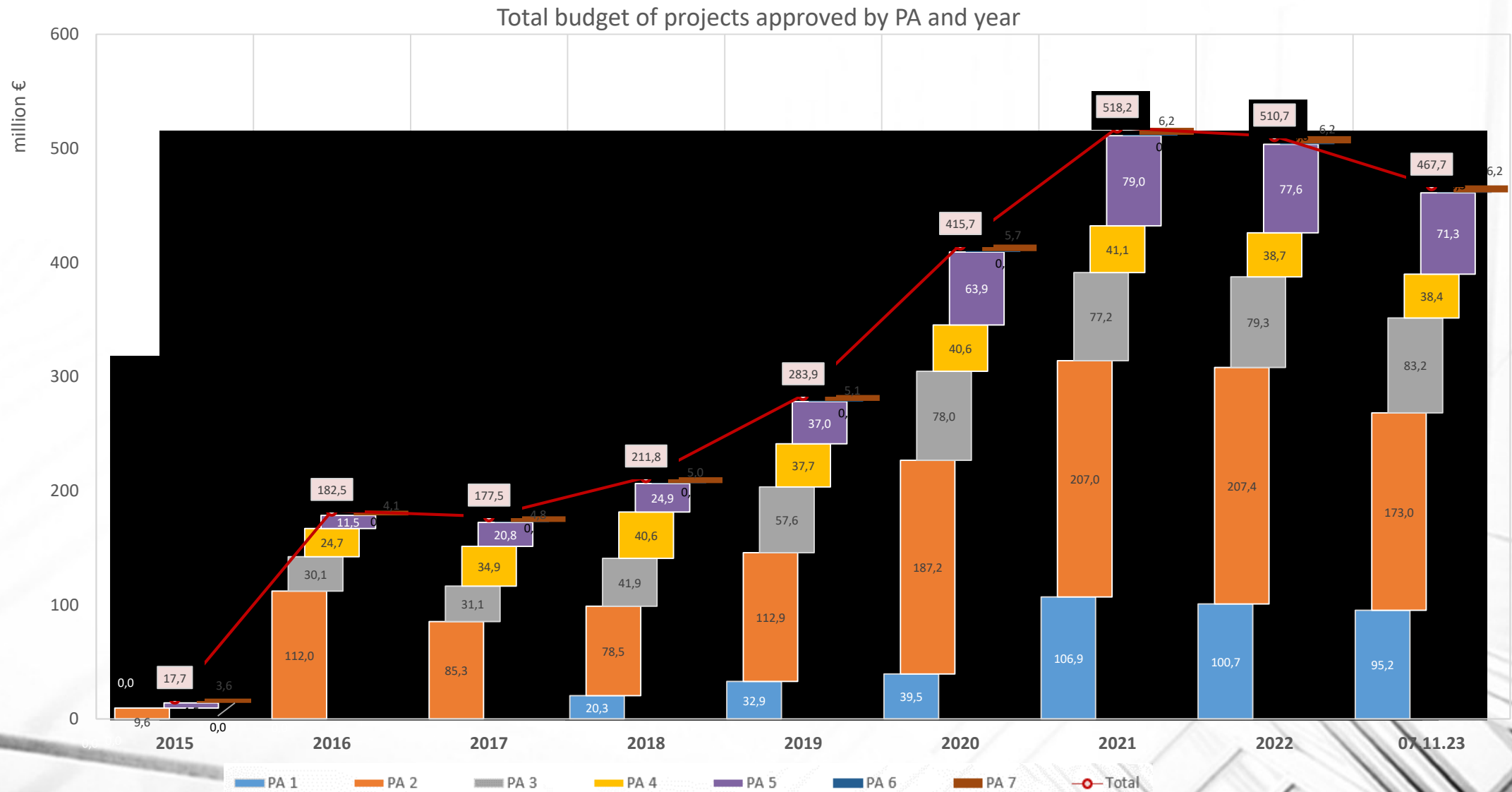


Funded Projects

In total, until 07.11.2023, the Program has intergrated:

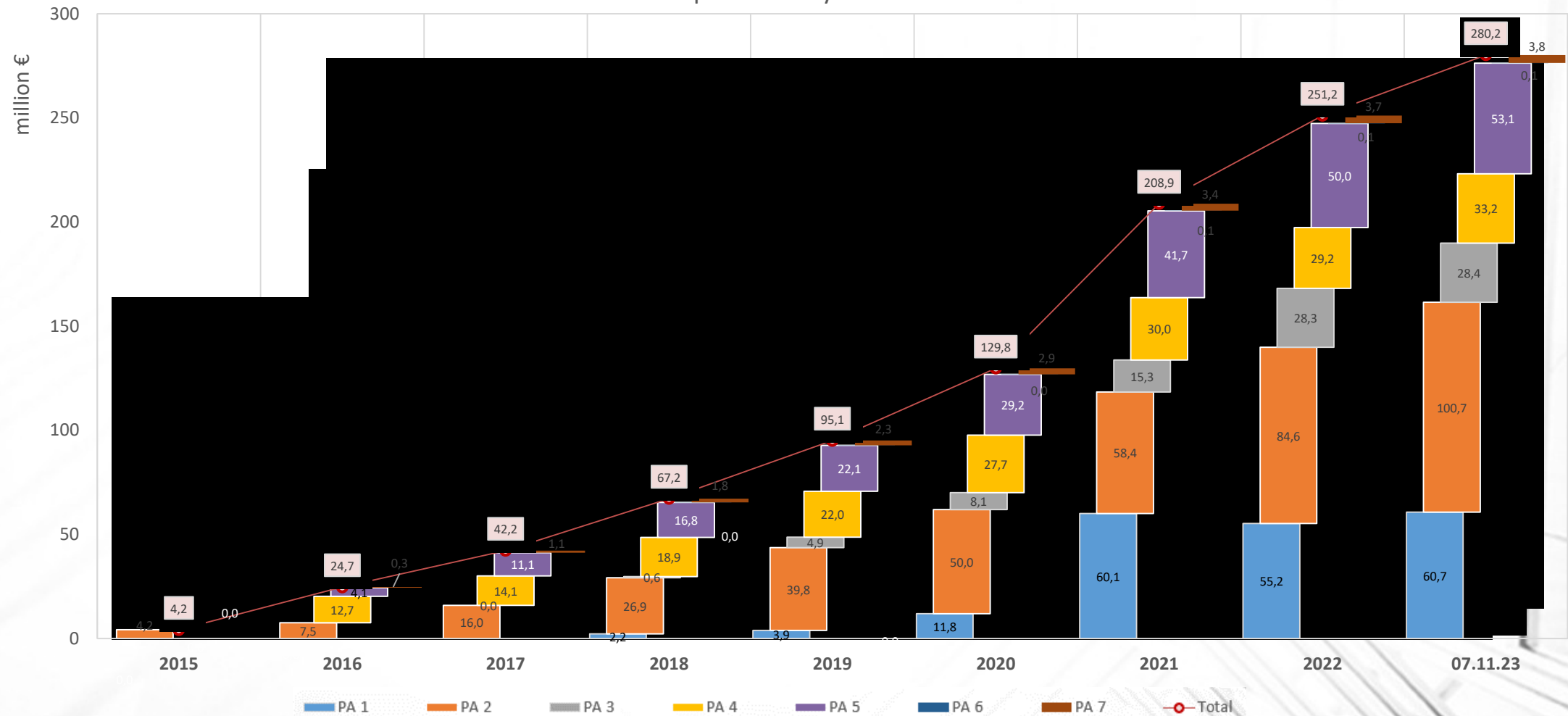
- **237 public procurement projects** (projects other than State aid), of which:
 - 99 projects have been completed, with a total budget of €60.01 million
 - 101 projects are in progress and it is estimated that they will be completed by the end of 2023
 - 13 projects are ongoing projects related to the operation of social structures whose funding will be transferred to the programming period 2021-2027
 - 8 projects are planned to be transferred to the new programming period
 - 3 projects are planned to be disengaged from the Program
 - 9 projects are characterized as “phasing”
 - 4 projects are characterized as “incomplete” projects
- **5,149 state aid projects**, of which 4,982 projects with a total budget of €67.12 million have already been completed, while the rest are estimated to be completed on time by the end of 2023.

Progress of the program - 1



Progress of the program - 2

Expenditure by PA and Year



Program evaluation

- In line with the current status in the areas of intervention of the Epirus Regional OP, **the focus of the Program's strategy on its Strategic Priorities remains still relevant.**
- The **high degree of relevance and synergy** of the development planning of OP "Epirus" is confirmed.
- The contribution of the program to dealing with **the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic** by including relevant actions has been significant.
- Completion of selected projects by the end of Programming Period 2014-2020:
 - **ERDF** available resources: absorption with overcommitment by ~17,3%
 - **ESF** available resources: absorption with overcommitment by ~11,2%