

Main results of the Action Plan implementation

Action plan implementation

During the preparation of the Action plan the Operational Programme for the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 has been closed and it was therefore impossible for the present Action plan to influence it.

The Regional Development Agency of Nova Gorica carries out a wide range of development tasks in the region, which include the achievement of objectives and priorities of the Regional Development Programme as well as other measures and instruments that are necessary and essential for the development breakthrough of the region. RDA Nova Gorica along with regional structures defines the conditions and elaborates key regional documents, the Regional Development Programme amongst others, and thus the basis for further development of the region.

The bottom-up approach in drafting the Operational Programme ensures that the regional needs and the development vision are taken into account by preparing and presenting the Regional Development Programme.

Our Action Plan activities are in line with the Regional Development Programme 2021-2027 (draft) under the Regional Development Priority 1 – Region for people, Measure 2: Employment market and employability; Measure 7: Maintaining the vitality of regional border territories, and under the Regional Development Priority 2, Measure 1: Infrastructure and support environment for enhancing the economic competitiveness in the region.

During the preparation of the new Regional Development Programme, it was noted that the draft lacked a concretization which regional projects should be financially supported by the Operational Programme, and the Action plan played an important role in bringing in specific reuse projects in the final Regional Development Programme 2021-2027.

The SUBTRACT Action Plan was presented to the Regional Board Meeting on April 12th, 2022, and September 20th, 2022. The Board consists of the thirteen mayors of the Northern Primorska (Goriška) region. During the first Regional Board Meeting it has been agreed that the activities of the Action Plan are in line with the regional development priorities and its contents and during the second one the activities of the Action Plan have been approved and included in the final version of the Regional Development Programme 2021-2027.

The activities of the Action Plan are a part of the regional project The centre of Green Technologies, which has also been approved on the national level and is included in the new Operational Programme for the Implementation of the Cohesion Policy 2021-2027.





Policy change

When SUBTRACT project began, we have defined the Operational Programme for the Implementation of the EU Cohesion Policy in the Period 2014-2020 as the Policy instrument addressed, more specifically, the Selected Thematic Objective: (3) “Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs, of the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and of the fishery and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF)” and the Selected Investment Priority: Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators.

However, during the preparation of this Action plan the program has been closed and it was impossible for the present Action plan to influence it.

As a result of the Action Plan and the initiatives started with SUBTRACT project we succeeded in involving the local policy makers in the green transition process and in January 2022 we submitted a project proposal with the title Circularinvest within the Horizon Europe programme, HORIZON-CL6-2022-CIRCBIO-01-01, in cooperation with the Municipality of Nova Gorica as a promoter and a pilot area of the Circular Economy investment initiative The Centre of Green Technologies with an estimated implementation budget of 3 million EUR. The project proposal has been approved for funding and the implementation of the project started in December 2022.

Through the project we will benefit from technical, economic, administrative, and legal assistance under Circularinvest that can facilitate accessing investment for the Centre of Green Technologies, which will host the reuse mall foreseen in the Action plan.

Circularinvest intends to provide development assistance services to help project promoters in bringing together the expertise needed for developing circular economy investment projects, amongst which the activities of the SUBTRACT Action Plan, at local and regional scale resulting in the actual launch of investments during the action.

