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 Agenzia regionale
 per la tecnologia
 e l'innovazione

ORGANISATION	<p style="color: #0000ff; text-decoration: underline;"> ARTI – Agenzia Regionale per la Tecnologia e l'Innovazione (Regional Technology and Innovation Agency) – Puglia Region (Italy) </p>
Profile	<p>Established in 2004, the strategic Agency for Technology and Innovation of Apulia Region supports the regional government in designing and managing economic development, innovation, education, training and job policies.</p> <p>It acts in coherence with the regional smart specialization strategy and the emerging trends at national and international level.</p> <p>ARTI creates and supports relationships with regional, national and international institutions and persons.</p> <p>ARTI is a small Agency (less than 20 employees).</p>
Previous experience in European projects	<p><u>INTERREG EUROPE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E-COOL: it aims at identifying and exchanging experiences on good practices for the creation of more stimulating entrepreneurial ecosystems, discussing actions and tools to increase the <u>entrepreneurial skills of young people</u>. The project aims at the creation of regional Action Plans, which will contribute to the definition of new tools and policies in the participating territories. - IMPROVE: it aims to improve the effectiveness of Structural Fund programmes dedicated to the development of research, development and innovation policies and to <u>support the implementation of smart specialisation strategies</u>. - PASSPARTOOL: it studies and defines new <u>tools and indicators to interpret and assess the dynamics of social innovation</u>.



INTERREG MEDITERRANEAN:

- **SOCIAL&CREATIVE** (horizontal project): ARTI supports Apulia Region. Its objective is to promote sustainable growth in the Mediterranean area by fostering innovative ideas and practices, the sensible use of resources and supporting social integration through an integrated cooperation approach.

INTERREG ADRION:

- **BLUE_BOOST**: ARTI supports Apulia Region. The project aims at enhancing the innovativeness of traditional and emerging Blue Growth sectors in the Adriatic-Ionian region.

INTERREG GREECE-ITALY:

- **ILONET**: it aims to share innovative solutions, models and approaches and to strengthen competences, capacities, methodologies of ILO offices, transfer technologies and support SMEs.

- **INCUBA**: it aimed to support the creation, innovation, competitiveness and internationalisation of start-ups and small and medium-sized agri-food enterprises in the areas involved.

- **INNONETS**: aims at fostering territorial cooperation in the agri-food sector, focusing on innovation facilitation processes in favour of small and medium-sized enterprises, pursued through the activation of thematic living labs involving research organisations, enterprises, local government bodies and civil society.

- **TRITON**: it aims to develop an integrated coastal management model in order to develop decision support tools for the protection of coastal areas and to reduce the consequences of coastal erosion.

INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA:

- **INNOVAMARE**: aims to develop and stabilise an innovation ecosystem model in the field of underwater robotics and sensors for monitoring pollution in the Adriatic Sea.

OTHER: In collaboration with the Joint Research Centre (Seville):

- **HESS**: The Higher Education for Smart Specialisation (HESS) project aimed to identify how the tertiary education system can contribute



	<p><u>to the successful implementation of the Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3).</u></p> <p>Depending on the different project, ARTI deals with activities and studies, preparation of policy recommendations and territorial animation (involvement of regional stakeholders - research and enterprises). In some cases, it provides technical assistance to the Apulia Region.</p>
<p>Interests for future projects proposals</p>	<p>Alongside the economic research and statistical information activities for which I am responsible in my Agency, I am currently also working on pre-legislative research.</p> <p>Specifically, I would like to take part in a project that would strengthen the benchmarking of regional cluster policies that is already taking place between ARTI and the Regional Parliament of Apulia.</p>
<p>Project ideas</p>	<p>The proposal should be characterized by three main and distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to capitalize all relevant knowledge and relational background every single partner has in its own territory; - to create favourable conditions for best practices exchange and mutual learning among European regions; - to reuse experience learnt in European projects to better address regional challenges envisaged in smart specialization strategy. <p>Regional districts are a relevant pool of critical mass in the regional territories, as they are able to coagulate all the components of the regional innovation system around them.</p> <p>The Apulian partners (ARTI and the Regional Parliament of Apulia) have already woven relevant interactions with the regional productive and technological districts and have the capacity to establish a fruitful dialogue among themselves and between them and policy makers in order to address all the system in view of the global challenges, such as the climate change in progress.</p> <p>Moreover, both of them have also significant relationships with Universities, research centres, tertiary vocational educational system.</p> <p>In particular, some project outputs should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - animation and aggregation of the public-private partnership - health check of regional skills in face of global challenges - exploitation of any statistical source and open data for supporting policy-making - policy recommendations.



	We are looking for partners that are in charge in their territories for the cluster policy (implementation and/or monitoring).
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