



Subject: Outcome of the Call for Selection of First Level Control (FLC) Controller for the PortCrew Project – Interreg Euro-MED Programme 2021–2027

1) Introduction

The Interreg Euro-MED Programme supports cooperation across Mediterranean borders, funding projects managed by Public Administrations, universities, private, and civil society organisations. It involves 69 regions from 14 countries with a common goal of achieving a climate-neutral and resilient society. The Programme's budget for 2021-2027 is about € 294M and focuses on climate change and environmental issues, aligned with the European Commission's Cohesion policy priorities.¹

Within this framework, FIT Consulting Srl, an Italian SME established in 1997 and based in Rome, specialises in fund-raising, technical, and scientific assistance for the development of innovative projects and services in the transport sector. As a partner in several EU-funded projects, FIT Consulting is partner in the PortCrew project, which was among the 23 projects approved in the 4th Call for Proposals published on March 6, 2025.²

The PortCrew project focuses on promoting sustainable tourism in Mediterranean cruise ports, addressing the challenges posed by over-tourism and seasonal tourist peaks. Its main goal is to create a more balanced and responsible tourism flow by enhancing the management of cruise tourism and valorising less-known inland natural and cultural sites. The project aims to support port cities in adopting sustainable practices, increasing social acceptance of the cruise sector, and improving accessibility to rural and cultural areas through a transnational eco-touristic platform.

The reporting procedure is a requirement outlined in the project's contractual documents and is crucial for monitoring project progress and ensuring alignment with the approved application. Timely and complete reporting is mandatory for the partnership and is the first step in obtaining reimbursement for the project's expenses on time.³ The expenses are subject to certification in compliance with Article 71 of CPR (EU) 1060/2021 and Article 46.3 of Interreg Regulation (EU) 1059/2021.

In this context, FIT Consulting Srl issued a Call for Quotation for a First Level Control (FLC) controller to carry out the required verifications of declared expenditures throughout the project's implementation period. The call was published on the company's website on April 8, 2025, with a submission deadline of April 30, 2025.

2) Evaluation process

The evaluation process followed the criteria defined in the Call, ensuring transparency, objectivity, and compliance with applicable EU regulations.

Each application was assessed against two primary evaluation dimensions:

¹ Retrieved from: <https://interreg-euro-med.eu/en/who-we-are/>

² The overall assessment results of the 4th Call are available online at the following link: [website_call04_final-assessment-results_en.pdf](#)

³ For more information: [Programme Manual](#), Chapter II, section E



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- **Technical evaluation (maximum 25 points)**
- **Financial evaluation (maximum 25 points)**

Total score: maximum 50 points.

The offer with the highest total score was selected.

3) Results of the evaluation

A total of eight offers were received and evaluated⁴. The table below summarises the results of the technical and financial assessments:

Applicant	Technical Score (max 25 points)	Financial Score (max 25 points)	Total Score (max 50 points)
Offer A	17	22.67	39.67
Offer B	12	25	37
Offer C	15	20.51	35.51
Offer D	9	20.31	29.31
Offer E	9	17.41	26.41
Offer F	5	16.25	21.25
Offer G	5	13	18
Offer H	5	8.19	13.19

4) Selection outcome

Following the comprehensive evaluation, Offer A was awarded the highest overall score (39.67/50) and has been selected as the First Level Control (FLC) controller for the PortCrew project.

Offer A demonstrates strong alignment with the eligibility and selection criteria, including substantial experience in Interreg and Interreg Euro-MED projects, a solid track record of certified EU-funded expenditures, and a highly competitive financial offer.

Please note: the selection process for the controller shall be deemed complete and valid only upon approval by the National Authority (NA), in accordance with the procedure outlined in the call. Although FIT Consulting Srl's internal evaluation and selection process has been successfully concluded, it shall remain provisional and subject to final confirmation until the selected controller receives official approval from the NA.

5) Next steps

The formal engagement process with Offer A controller will be initiated in accordance with the procedures of the Interreg Euro-MED Programme.

⁴ For confidentiality and privacy protection reasons, the offers received are referred to using identifying letters. For further details or specific clarifications, please contact us directly: fitconsulting@legalmail.it



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FIT Consulting Srl thanks all participants for their interest and the quality of their submissions. In the interest of transparency and auditability, evaluation records are available upon request.

Please note: only the selected candidate will be notified.



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