



**REGIONE  
PUGLIA**

## **MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**International Cooperation / IPA Fund Management Unit  
MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY**

**AND**

**International Cooperation / IPA Fund Management Unit  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND MARITIME AFFAIRS OF  
MONTENEGRO**

**AND**

**International Policies Coordination / International Relations Unit  
PUGLIA REGION**

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within the IPA CBC Programme "Italy Albania Montenegro" 2014/2020  
"South Adriatic Connectivity Governance" - SAGOV Project.



## **Preamble**

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania, the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs of Montenegro, and Puglia Region hereinafter referred to as the *Parties*:

Aware of the importance of connectivity in the South Adriatic Area between the three countries in supporting economic growth, trade relations, citizens' welfare and the role that connectivity has in the integration and convergence processes, and;

With a good will and intention to contribute in the improvement of SAA interconnectivity and increasing the efficiency of coordination of the projects in between, and;

Reaffirming their commitment to the adaptation and implementation of the *acquis* in the maritime transport sector,

Have agreed to conclude this Memorandum of Cooperation, as follows:

### **Article 1. Purpose**

In the framework of the SAGOV project "South Adriatic Connectivity Governance", the parties will cooperate in identifying and analyzing transport interconnectivity vectors between the three countries. Special focus will be on the implementation of the VTMIS project by the Albanian government.

### **Article 2. Cooperation**

Cooperation under this Memorandum shall be effected as follows:

- Exchange of information on transport connectivity projects affecting the countries concerned
- Collaboration in the design and implementation of VTMIS in Albania
- Promoting connectivity in the SAA next to regional and European structures

### **Article 3. Amendments**

The Parties can make amendments to this Memorandum based on their mutual written consent.

### **Article 4. Commencement and Validity Period**

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the day of signature by the Parties and will end at the completion of SAGOV Project. Parties can decide to extend it, depending on the progress of the components to which it is associated.

The Memorandum is prepared and signed in 3 (three) original copies, one is deposited at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania, one at the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs of Montenegro and another at Puglia Region, International Relations.

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