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Draft Project Proposal (English Version)

Applicant / Lead Organisation: Panathlon Klub Kärnten Alpe Adria

Call: CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT – Networks of Towns

Working Title: Sport, Dialogue and Community in Alpe Adria

Triangle of Cultures

1. Context and Rationale

The Alpe Adria region is one of Europe's most symbolic cross-border areas, where Latin, Slavic and Germanic cultures have met for centuries. Once divided by rigid borders, it is today a living example of peaceful coexistence, cooperation and shared European identity.

Panathlon Klub Kärnten Alpe Adria, together with the municipalities of Arnoldstein (AT), Tarvisio (IT) and Kranjska Gora (SI), has long promoted cross-border dialogue through sport, ethics and education. Historical initiatives such as the *SKI TOUR3* demonstrated how sport can overcome divisions and foster trust among communities.

This project aims to rediscover and highlight the role of sport as a driver of peace, cooperation and civic participation in the Alpe Adria region.

2. Objectives of the Project

General Objective

To strengthen cross-border cooperation and civic participation by organizing a transnational meeting dedicated to the role of sport in building peaceful coexistence in the Alpe Adria region.

Specific Objectives

- Promote structured dialogue among citizens, institutions and sports associations from the three municipalities.
- Highlight historical and contemporary examples of cross-border sports cooperation.
- Encourage active participation through debates, workshops and a participatory jury.
- Increase awareness of the positive impact of sport on peace, inclusion and European values.
- Contribute to a broader cultural process aimed at enhancing the symbolic value of the Alpe Adria region.

3. Description of the Event

Location

The meeting will take place in Arnoldstein, in the restored historical complex of the former monastery, now used as a venue for conferences and cultural events.

Format

A 1–2 day cross-border meeting including:

- Opening session with representatives of the three municipalities
- Panel discussions on sport, peace and cooperation
- Testimonies from athletes, associations and local historians
- Workshops involving young participants
- A participatory session where attendees act as a jury to award a prize to a sports organization distinguished in cross-border cooperation

Participants

- Delegations from Arnoldstein, Tarvisio and Kranjska Gora
- Sports associations and clubs
- Schools and youth groups
- Members of Panathlon Clubs from Austria, Italy and Slovenia
- Citizens and volunteers

Expected number: 25–50 participants, in line with the Call requirements.

4. Innovative Element: Participatory Jury and Award Ceremony

Participants will vote to award the Alpe Adria Cross-Border Sports Cooperation Prize, recognizing an organization that has significantly contributed to strengthening ties between the three communities.

The award ceremony will take place on Mount Forno / Dreiländereck / Peč during the annual Friendship Festival, an event that gathers approximately 2,000 participants from Austria, Italy and Slovenia. This highly symbolic setting reinforces the message of cross-border friendship and gives strong public visibility to the winning initiative.

This mechanism:

- increases civic engagement
- gives visibility to positive cross-border actions
- connects the project to a major trilateral public event
- reinforces the educational mission of Panathlon

5. European Added Value

The project directly contributes to the priorities of the CERV programme:

5.1. Civic Participation and Dialogue

The meeting fosters structured dialogue among citizens from three EU Member States.

5.2. Intercultural Understanding

Sport is used as a universal language to bridge cultural differences.

5.3. European Memory and Reconciliation

The Alpe Adria region is a symbolic space where former borders have transformed into bridges of cooperation.

5.4. Cross-Border Cooperation

The project strengthens long-standing relations among the three municipalities and supports the mission of Panathlon to promote ethical and educational values through sport.

6. Link to the Future Project: “Peace is an Active Process – Let us Visualize and Enhance Alpe Adria!”

This meeting is part of a broader cultural path promoted by Panathlon Klub Kärnten Alpe Adria and its partner clubs in Friuli Venezia Giulia and Slovenia.

The long-term initiative aims to launch an international design competition for a permanent symbol of peace on Mount Forno / Dreiländereck / Peč.

The competition is planned for 2028, a year rich in symbolic anniversaries:

- 50 years of the Alpe Adria Working Community
- 40 years of the Schengen Agreements
- 110 years since the end of WWI

The meeting funded by CERV will help build awareness and visibility for this future initiative.

7. Expected Results

- Strengthened cooperation among the three municipalities
- Increased awareness of the role of sport in peacebuilding
- Creation of a cross-border network of sports associations
- First edition of the Alpe Adria Sports Cooperation Prize
- Contribution to the cultural momentum leading to the 2028 design competition

8. Timeline

- **April 2026: Submission of the proposal**
- **September–October 2026: Expected evaluation results**
- **November 2026 – January 2027: Grant Agreement signature and pre-financing**
- **2027: Implementation of the meeting in Arnoldstein**
- **Summer 2027: Award ceremony on Mount Forno during the Friendship Festival**

9. Funding and Financial Aspects

The Call uses Lump Sum Grants, meaning:

- No detailed financial reporting
- Payment based on completion of activities
- Pre-financing of 60–80% after Grant Agreement signature
- Final payment after approval of the final report

Regarding the expected timeline: For the Call *CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT*, the evaluation and approval process usually follows a standard schedule:

- **Evaluation period:** approximately 4–5 months after the deadline
- **Expected notification of results: September–October 2026**
- **Grant Agreement signature:** within 1–2 months after the notification
- **Earliest possible project start: late 2026 or early 2027**

This means that the proposed meeting in Arnoldstein could realistically be implemented **as early as the end of 2026**, depending on the administrative timeline.

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Regarding the payment structure: The CERV programme uses **Lump Sum Grants**, which simplifies financial management. Payments are typically made as follows:

- **Pre-financing payment:** After the Grant Agreement is signed, the coordinator receives **60–80%** of the total grant. This payment usually arrives **within 30 days** of signature.
- **Final payment:** The remaining **20–40%** is paid after the submission and approval of the final report. This usually occurs **within 60–90 days** after the report is accepted.

Because the grant is a lump sum, **no detailed financial documentation or invoices are required**; the payment depends on the successful completion of the planned activities.