

PUBLIC SELECTION FOR RESEARCH PROJECT IDEAS FOR THE DESIGN OF PILOT ACTIONS FOR
THE RECOVERY AND RESTORATION OF DEGRADED DUNE HABITATS, AIMED AT PROTECTING
THEIR BIODIVERSITY FROM TOURISM PRESSURE.

PREBIDUNES PROJECT – INTERREG ADRION IPA 151 – INTERREG_VI-B_IPA- ADRION00151-
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Ref. - Prof. Damiani - CUP E97F24000130007

On 19th January 2026 at 15:00 CET, the International Selection and Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, Environment, Land, Building and Chemistry at the Polytechnic University of Bari through Director's Decree No. 146 of 7 January 2026, met electronically via Teams, having been duly convened by the Project Manager, Dr Matilda Mali.

The International Selection and Evaluation Committee comprises:

1. Giacomo Scarascia Mugnozza (ITALY)
2. Matilda Mali (ITALY)
3. Erna Zildzovic (BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA)
4. Chrysostomos Stylios (GREECE)
5. Miljan Bigovic (MONTENEGRO)
6. Tania Floqi (ALBANIA)
7. Stribor Marković (CROATIA)
8. Caterina Dibitonto – Head of General Affairs Service Department of Environment, Landscape and Urban Quality – Region of Puglia (ITALY)
9. Zecarije Sulejmanovic - Municipality of Ulqin – (MONTENEGRO)

First, the attendance of the members is verified. The subsequent members are present:

1. Giacomo Scarascia Mugnozza (ITALY)
2. Matilda Mali (ITALY)
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Before the Commission starts its work, it must verify that there are no family ties, causes of incompatibility or conflicts of interest among its members. It must also verify that there are no grounds for abstention or recusal pursuant to Articles 51 and 52 of the Italian Code of Civil Procedure.

The Chair of the Committee, Professor Giacomo Scarascia Mugnozza, proposes the Project Manager, Dr. Matilda Mali as Recording Secretary. She accepts.

Then the Commission reads out the “call for ideas for the design of pilot projects aimed at the recovery and restoration of degraded coastal dunes”, launched in the framework of project 'PREBIODUNES - Preserving Biodiversity of Coastal Dunes from Tourism Pressure' (REF: IPA ADRION 151, financed by Programme V-B INTERREG ADRION, with Scientific Coordinator, Prof. Leonardo and Project Manager Dr. Matilda Mali. The call was published on 24 October 2025 on the following websites:

www.poliba.it/it/amministrazione-e-servizi/albo/concorso-di-idee-la-progettazione-diazioni-pilota-finalizzati-al;

www.dicatechpoliba.it/it/article/prebiodunesproject;

The Commission, having regard to Article 6 - REQUIREMENTES OF PARTICIPATION, verify the administrative eligibility of the proposal received:

The following N. 8 Application Packs have been received by the following:

1. Candidate D'AQUINO Danila (IT) - Master's student in Design for Cultural and Productive Contexts – Deep Tech Creativity at the Polytechnic University of Bari - Italy Prot. 45368/2025
2. Candidate INGRASSIA Emanuele (IT) – Master's students in Coastal Engineering - University of Palermo – IT – Prot. 45455/2025
3. Candidate DIMAGGIO Matteo (IT) - Master's student on the Environmental Engineering Programme - Engineering for the Environment and the Territory – Polytechnic University of Bari - Italy – Prot. 45457/2025
4. Candidate MEDOJEVIC Dejan (MNE) - PhD candidate in Tourism and Sustainable Development - Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management, University of Montenegro. Background in Ecology and Environmental Protection (MSc) – MN – Prot. 46052/2025
5. Candidate SOTJA Enio (AL) – Master's students in Environmental Biology (AL) – Faculty of Natural Scienze - University of Tirana (AL) – Prot. 46360/2025
6. Candidate AGOLLI Eni (AL) - Bachelor Industrial and environment chemistry, Master of Science in Chemical Process Engineering - Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana, AL – Prot. 46710/2025
7. Candidate PATENTA Teta Elisavet (GR) – Master's students in Civil Engineering – University of Patras (GR) – Prot. 46712/2025
8. Candidate KALEMI Jasan (AL) – Master's students in Environmental Engineering Master (1st year) - Water Treatment – Polytechnic University of Tirana (AL) – Prot. 46805/2025

Having taken note of the names listed above, each Commissioner declares that they have no family ties or affinities within the fourth degree with any of the candidates; that they have no conflicts of interest; and that they have no grounds for abstention, as referred to in Article 51 of the Italian Code of Civil Procedure.

The results of the administrative eligibility check are that all candidates have met the requirements of Art. 6 of the call.

Subsequently, the e-folder (ZIP file) entitled "*Request to participate in the Research Idea Competition – PREBIDUNES – IPA ADRION 151*" has been checked, as has the sub-folder entitled 'Administrative Documents'.

The following documents have been checked:

- Application form for participation in the competition, according to Annex 1.
- CV and ID card
- Documents certifying the fulfilment of the admissible requirements (e.g. degree certification, supervisor letter, number of EFCs obtained, etc.).

All applicants were found to have completed the documents correctly; therefore, the Commission declares all candidates admissible.

The Commission starts analyzing the second sub-folder entitled 'Project IDEA Proposal' and provide validation procedures according to Art. 14 of the call.

The "Project Folder" contains the following documents:

- A report with a general description of the project idea (max. 2–3 pages) and technical annexes explaining why the proposed solution is suitable for the chosen pilot site.
- Motivation letter
- Expression of Interest.

Having regard to Art.12 of the competition notice, the Commission have to provide a maximum of 50 points for the assessment of each candidate project, according to the following criteria.

- A maximum of 30 points for the project idea.
- A maximum of 10 points for the quality of the motivation letter.
- A maximum of 10 points for knowledge of the language of the country in which the chosen pilot site is located.

Proposals scoring higher than 21/50 will receive a merit certificate and be published on the DICATECh website (www.dicatech.poliba.it), Poliba website (www.poliba.it) and the PREBIDUNES project website. Proposals scoring lower than 21/50 will be considered ineligible.

The list of candidates, the chosen sites and the registered numbers have been reported:

Nr.	Candidate (Surname and Name)	Application Site	Registration Number
1	D'Aquino Danila	Velika Plaza (MNE)	Prot.45368/2025
2	Dimaggio Matteo	Lido Conchiglie (IT)	Prot.45457/2025
3	Ingrassia Emanuele	Preveza Coast (GR)	Prot. 45455/2025

4	Medojevic Dean	Velika Plaza (MNE)	Prot. 46052/2025
5	Sotja Enio	Dune Spille (AL)	Prot. 46360/2025
6	Agolli Ani	Lido Conchiglie (IT)	Prot. 46710/2025
7	Kalemi Jasan	Klek Peninsula (B&H)	Prot. 46805/2025
8	Patenta Elisavet	Preveza Coast (GR)	Prot. 46712/2025

After reviewing all applications and assigning the correct scores based on the above criteria, the right candidates have been selected. The assessment, calculated as the average of the scores assigned by all the members of the Commission, is shown in the following table:

Nr.	Surname Name	Score for each item			Overall Score
		Project Idea	Motivation Letter	Language knowledge	
1	Dimaggio Matteo	29	9	10	48
2	Sotja Enio	27	9	10	46
3	Medojevic Dejan	29	10	10	49
4	D'Aquino Danila	25	8	0	33
5	Agolli Ani	26	9	10	45
6	Ingrassia Emanuele	26	8	0	34
7	Kalemi Jasan	28	8	0	36
8	Patenta Elisavet	26	8	10	44

Once the evaluation of qualifications has been completed, the Commission draws up the following merit ranking:

MERIT RANKING:

CANDIDATES (Surname and Name/Overall Score

- 1 Medojevic Dejan (49/50)
- 2 Dimaggio Matteo (48/50)
- 3 Sotja Enio (46/50)
- 4 Agolli Eni (45/50)
- 5 Patenta Elisavet (44/50)
- 6 Kalemi Jasan (36/50)
- 7 Ingrassia Emanuele (34/50)
- 8 D'Aquino Danila (33/50)

Considering Art. 12, clause 12.4, the Commission informs all candidates that they have been admitted to the second stage of the project. They must therefore proceed to implement their project idea according to the following recommendations:

Each candidate should:

- Conduct an inspection of the pilot site between January 2025 and March 2026 (with all travel and accommodation expenses covered by the PREBIDUNES budget).

- Elaborate a pre-feasibility project based on the proposal already presented to the SEC, including the following main elements:
 - 1 A general descriptive report indicating the specific objectives addressed;
 - 2 The specific objectives of the proposed pilot action;
 - 3 The methodology and approach adopted;
 - 4 Innovation and originality, as well as the proposal's relevance and impact, in compliance with the site's particularities and needs.
 - 5 Feasibility of the action and potential economic evaluation.
 - 6 Technical and specialised reports, including specific details on the proposed pilot actions.
 - 7 Cartographic details (maps, photographic documentation, etc.).
 - 8 An environmental impact evaluation of the action.

The Commission has decided to proceed with publishing the ranking list of candidates on the Poliba (alboonline), Dicatech and PREBIODUNES webpages on the Adrion Programme website.

In accordance with Article 12, the second phase of the project proposal's implementation, as specified in clause 12.5, will be undertaken under the supervision of tutors appointed from among the members of the PREBIODUNES partnership or other relevant stakeholders.

To facilitate this process, the Commission has resolved to convene a second meeting dedicated to defining the modalities of the tutorship. Following this meeting, the appointed tutors will be formally communicated through a specific notification.

At 17.00, the Chair declares the meeting close.

These minutes have been drawn up, read, confirmed and signed during the meeting and it is constituted by 6 pages.

Signatures

1. Giacomo Scarascia Mugnozza (ITALY)

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