

Expression of Interest for External Support to WP1 and Preparation of Deliverable D1.2.1 within the SUMMA Project

Background

The Istituto di Sociologia Internazionale di Gorizia (ISIG) is a partner of the SUMMA project, funded under the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme.

The SUMMA project addresses the challenge of sustainable mobility in cross-border and territorial contexts, with the aim of supporting a transition towards more sustainable, inclusive and efficient transport systems. The project focuses in particular on the analysis of mobility patterns, modal split, and the role of governance, policy frameworks and stakeholder involvement in shaping sustainable mobility strategies.

SUMMA promotes an integrated and evidence-based approach that combines analytical work with participatory processes, fostering dialogue between public authorities, stakeholders and local actors. Through this approach, the project seeks to improve knowledge, support policy-making and enhance coordination among actors involved in sustainable mobility planning and implementation.

According to the current approved project timeline, the SUMMA project is scheduled to conclude on 31 March 2026.

Within this framework, ISIG intends to launch an expression of interest for the assignment of an external expert to support the implementation of Work Package 1 (WP1) activities and the preparation of Deliverable D1.2.1.

Work Package 1 – scope and objectives

Work Package 1 (WP1) is dedicated to the analytical and participatory framework of the SUMMA project. WP1 aims to support a shared understanding of sustainable mobility challenges in the project areas by combining qualitative analysis, stakeholder engagement and the systematisation of territorial evidence.

WP1 activities focus in particular on:

- The analysis of mobility and transport systems in the project areas, including aspects related to modal split and mobility patterns.
- The identification of key challenges, needs and priorities related to sustainable mobility.
- The active involvement of relevant stakeholders through participatory workshops and dialogue processes.



- The synthesis of stakeholder perspectives in relation to policy, planning and governance dimensions of sustainable mobility.

Within WP1, participatory workshops with stakeholders play a central role as spaces for discussion, exchange and co-creation of knowledge. The outcomes of these activities are consolidated and analysed in Deliverable D1.2.1.

Object of the assignment

The assignment concerns the provision of expert support to the implementation of WP1 activities, with specific reference to the preparation of Deliverable D1.2.1.

The selected expert will be required to carry out the following tasks:

- Support the scientific coordination of WP1 in the analysis and systematisation of project contents.
- Contribute to the methodological and editorial preparation of Deliverable D1.2.1.
- Support the design, facilitation and implementation of two workshops with stakeholders, in coordination with the project team.
- Collect, organise and analyse qualitative inputs emerging from the workshops.
- Synthesise and translate the results of the stakeholder engagement process into structured analytical content for inclusion in Deliverable D1.2.1.
- Participate in project meetings (online and/or in person) as required for the proper implementation of the above activities.

The assignment does not include the logistical organisation of the workshops (e.g. venue, catering, materials), which will be managed separately by ISIG.

Scope of Deliverable D1.2.1

Deliverable D1.2.1 aims to provide a structured analytical synthesis of the stakeholder engagement activities carried out within WP1.

The deliverable will build upon the outcomes of participatory workshops and other WP1 activities and will include:

- A synthesis of stakeholders' perspectives, needs and priorities emerging from the workshops.
- An analytical reflection on territorial challenges and policy-relevant aspects addressed within the SUMMA project.
- Where relevant, insights related to mobility and transport systems in the project areas, including aspects connected to modal split and mobility patterns.
- A structured and coherent narrative linking stakeholder inputs to the analytical framework of WP1 and to the overall objectives of the project.



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The deliverable is expected to go beyond a descriptive report, providing analytical interpretation and systematisation of the collected inputs.

Duration and completion of the assignment

The assignment shall start after the award and shall be completed in accordance with the timeline of WP1 and the delivery schedule of Deliverable D1.2.1 and, in any case, no later than the end date of the SUMMA project.

Financial framework

The maximum budget available for the assignment is EUR 8,000.00 (VAT and/or taxes excluded, if applicable), to be charged to the project budget under the cost item related to the organisation of workshops with stakeholders.

Applicants are requested to indicate their financial offer for the assignment, which shall not exceed the maximum budget of EUR 8,000.00.

Eligibility requirements

The expression of interest is open to public or private entities, research organisations or individual experts who meet the following requirements:

- Proven experience in research, analysis and preparation of deliverables within national or European projects.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the thematic areas addressed by the SUMMA project and WP1.
- Experience in stakeholder engagement processes, including workshop facilitation and qualitative analysis.
- Ability to work in multidisciplinary and collaborative project environments.
- Excellent command of English, both written and spoken.
- Preferably, applicants should have experience in the analysis of transport systems and mobility patterns, including modal split analysis at territorial or regional level, in relation to policy, planning or governance processes.

Selection criteria

Expressions of interest will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Quality and relevance of the methodological approach and understanding of the assignment – 60%
- Previous experience and professional profile of the applicant – 30%
- Financial offer – 10%



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Submission of expressions of interest

Interested parties are invited to submit their expression of interest by January 30th 2026 (12:00 CET), by email to isig@isig.it, with the subject line:

“Expression of interest – WP1 support and Deliverable D1.2.1 – SUMMA project”.

The application shall include the following documents:

1. Annex 1 – Letter of Expression of Interest, duly signed (template provided).
2. Curriculum vitae of the expert(s) involved (free format).
3. Annex 2 – Methodological Approach (maximum 2–3 pages, free format). The methodological approach should describe how the applicant intends to support WP1 activities, facilitate and analyse stakeholder engagement processes and contribute to the analytical preparation of Deliverable D1.2.1.

Template for Annex 1 is provided for guidance.

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