



**Interreg
Europe**



European Union | European Regional Development Fund

From INTERREG IVC to Interreg Europe

Info day - Cyprus

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Building on INTERREG IVC

CYPRUS

EU regional policy: from 3 objectives to 2 goals

2007 – 2013

2014 – 2020

**Objective 1:
Convergence**
81.54%
€ 282.8 billion

**Objective 2:
Competitiveness and Employment**
15.95%
€ 55 billion

**Objective 3:
European Territorial Cooperation**
2.52%
€ 8.7 billion

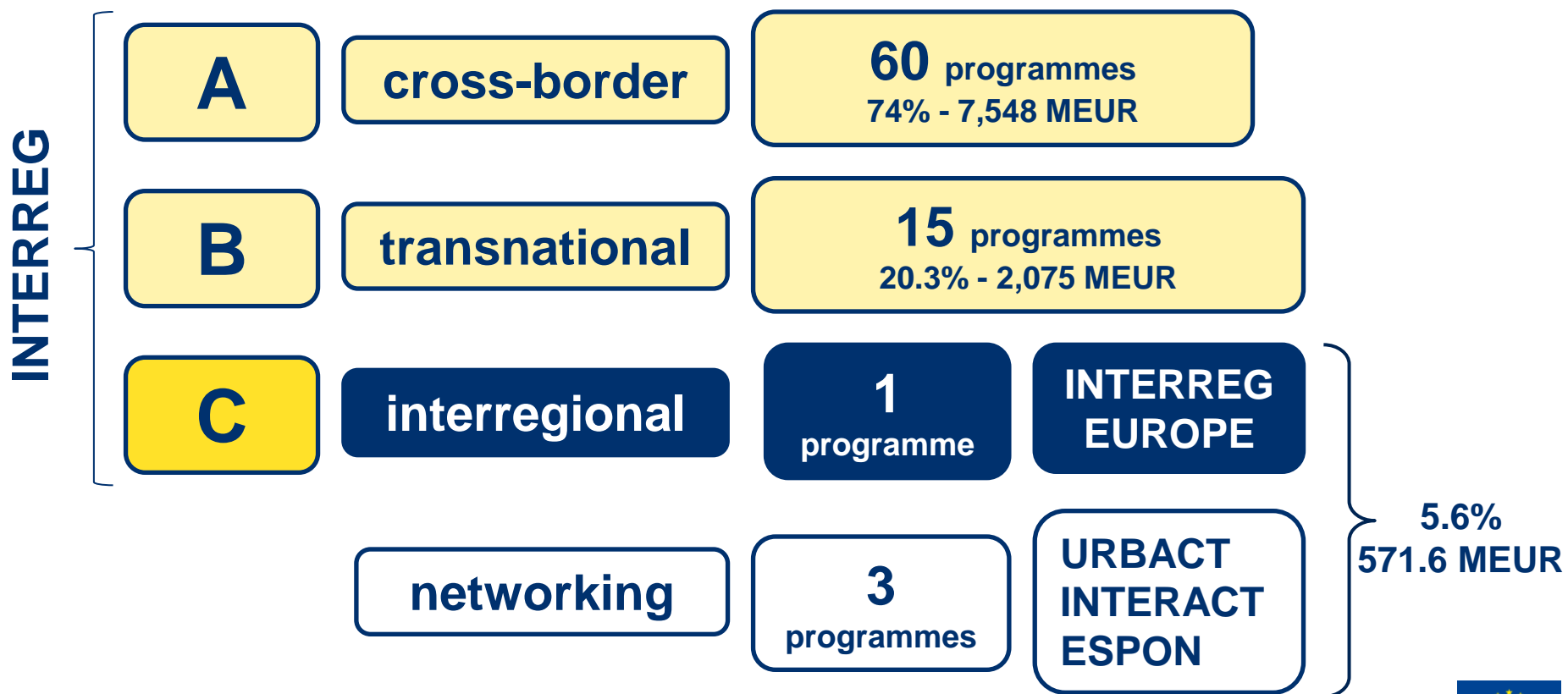


**Goal 1:
Investment for growth and jobs**
97% of the funds
EUR 340 billion

**Goal 2:
ETC**
2.9% of the funds
EUR 10.2 billion

Goal 2: European Territorial Cooperation

INTERREG: 3 strands / 80 different programmes (EUR 10.2 billion)



INTERREG IVC (2007-2013)

‘Learning by sharing’

Local / regional authorities exchange the experience
with others in Europe facing similar challenges
in order to improve their **practices / policies**



Public authorities
Bodies governed by public law



EU 27
Norway
Switzerland

Facts & figures

204

projects

2 285

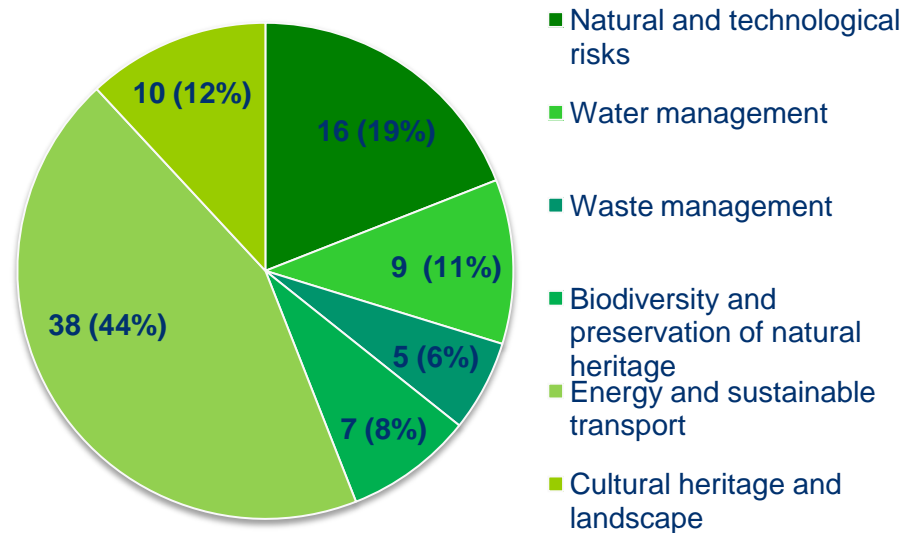
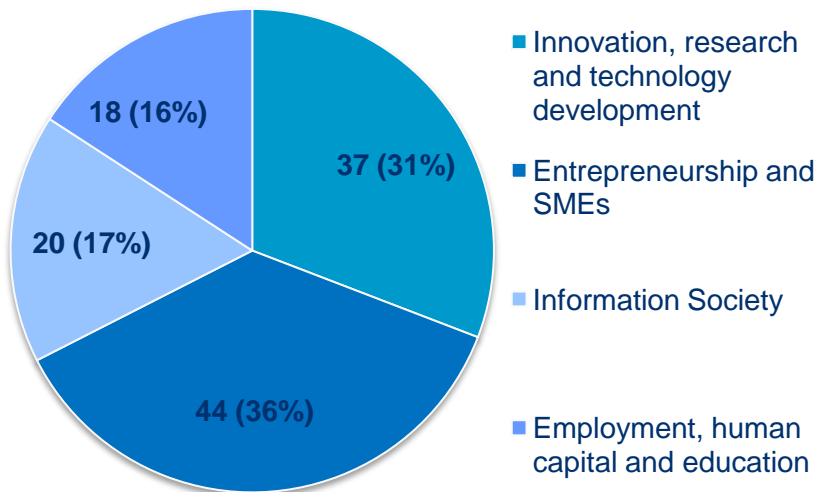
partners

**90% of 271 NUTS 2
regions covered**

**Innovation and the
knowledge economy**

**Environment and risk
prevention**

All budget (302 M€) committed



Main achievements (2014): a wealth of Knowledge!

EU wide exchange of experience / capacity building:

- ✓ **7.935** staff with increased capacity
- ✓ **407** “spin off” activities

Identification / sharing / transfer of good practices:

- ✓ **6.475** good practices identified
- **511** good practices transferred

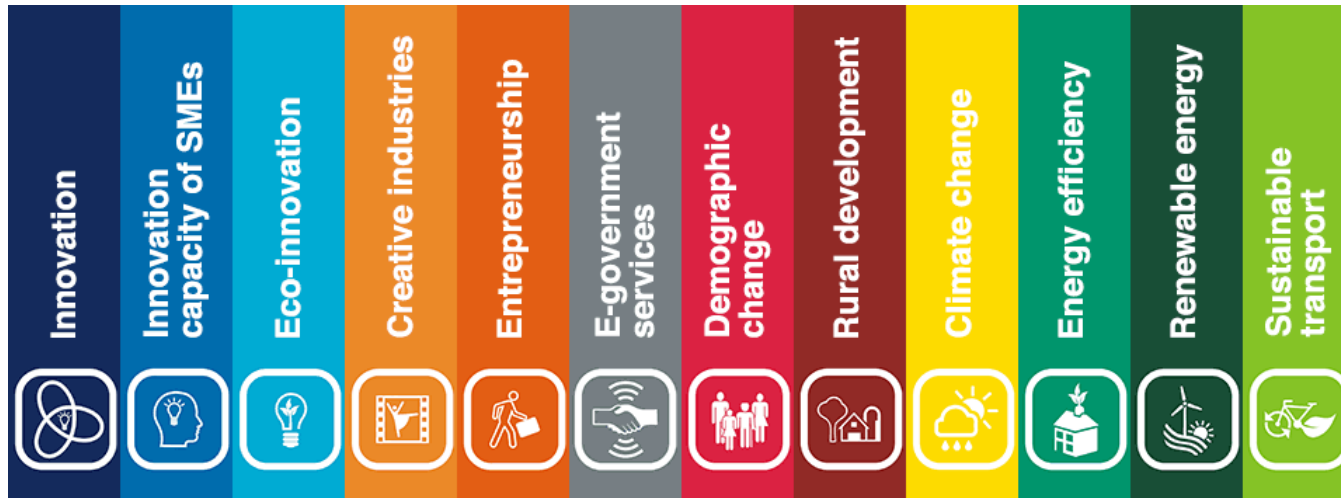
Improvement of regional and local policies:

- ✓ **2,037** policies addressed
- **571** policies improved



See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Report!

Thematic Programme Capitalisation



2 years - 12 sets of reports, brochures & policy papers

- ❑ benchmark the knowledge from the IVC projects
- ❑ demonstrate innovative practices, tools, methodologies
- ❑ propose synergies & links with other EU initiatives
- ❑ make theme-specific policy recommendations

All available at:
www.interreg4c.eu/capitalisation/



And what about cyprus in INTERREG IVC?



0.86 m
inhabitants

0.17 %
IVC population



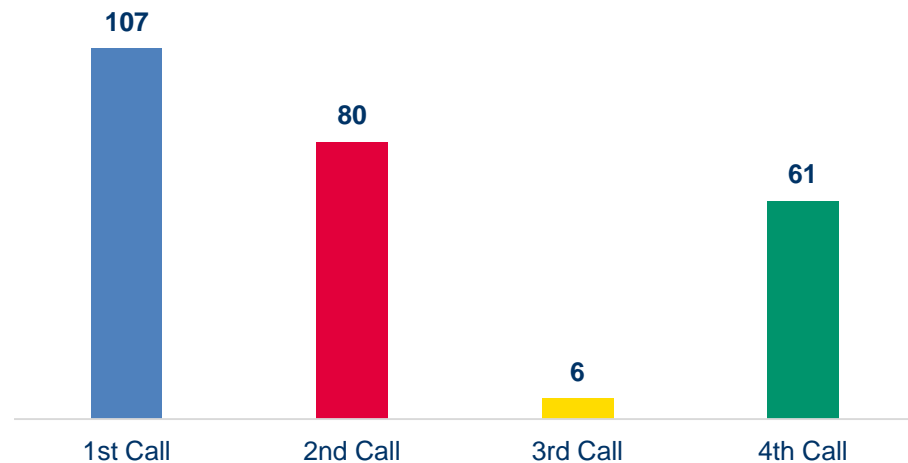
254 partners
in **205** project applications
14 CY-led applications
7% approved
(vs 15% prog. ave)



21 projects
with **22** partners
1 Lead partner
10.3 % of total projects



CY applicants by call



ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΔΙΑΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΕΙΑΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΑΣ INTERREG IVC 2007-2013

Η ΚΥΠΡΟΣ ΣΤΟ INTERREG IVC

Εβίτα Μιχαηλίδου

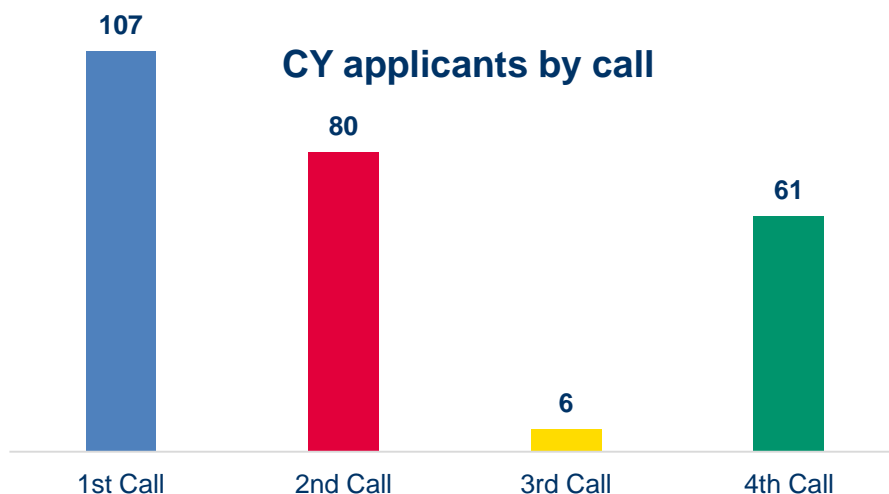
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Μονάδα ΕΕΣ

12 Μαΐου 2015

ΑΡΙΘΜΟΙ ΠΟΥ ΕΝΔΙΑΦΕΡΟΥΝ!!

- 205 αιτήσεις από 254 εταίρους
- ❖ 14 αιτήσεις από Επικεφαλές Εταίρους



Εγκρίθηκαν

- 21 έργα με 22 εταίρους
- 1 έργο με Επικεφαλής Εταίρο
- Συγχρηματοδότηση ύψους €2,8 εκ. από το ΕΤΠΑ



10.3 % συνολικού αριθμού
των έργων του
Προγράμματος





Μεταφορά Καλών Πρακτικών



COGITA (Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility through Public Policy)



Τεχνολογικό Πανεπιστήμιο
Κύπρου



Βελτίωση Πολιτικών/νέων
προσεγγίσεων



Δράσεις/ Έργα

Regioclimate

**Περιφερειακή Συνεργασία για
αντιμετώπιση και προσαρμογή στις
κλιματολογικές συνθήκες**



ΑΝΑΠΤΥΞΙΑΚΗ ΛΑΡΝΑΚΑΣ
LARNACA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ΕΠΙΤΕΥΓΜΑΤΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΜΠΕΙΡΙΕΣ

ΕΡΓΟ Enspire EU– ΑΝΑΠΤΥΞΙΑΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ
ΕΠΑΡΧΙΑΣ ΛΑΡΝΑΚΑΣ

ΕΡΓΟ PIMMS CAPITAL-ΔΗΜΟΣ ΛΑΡΝΑΚΑΣ



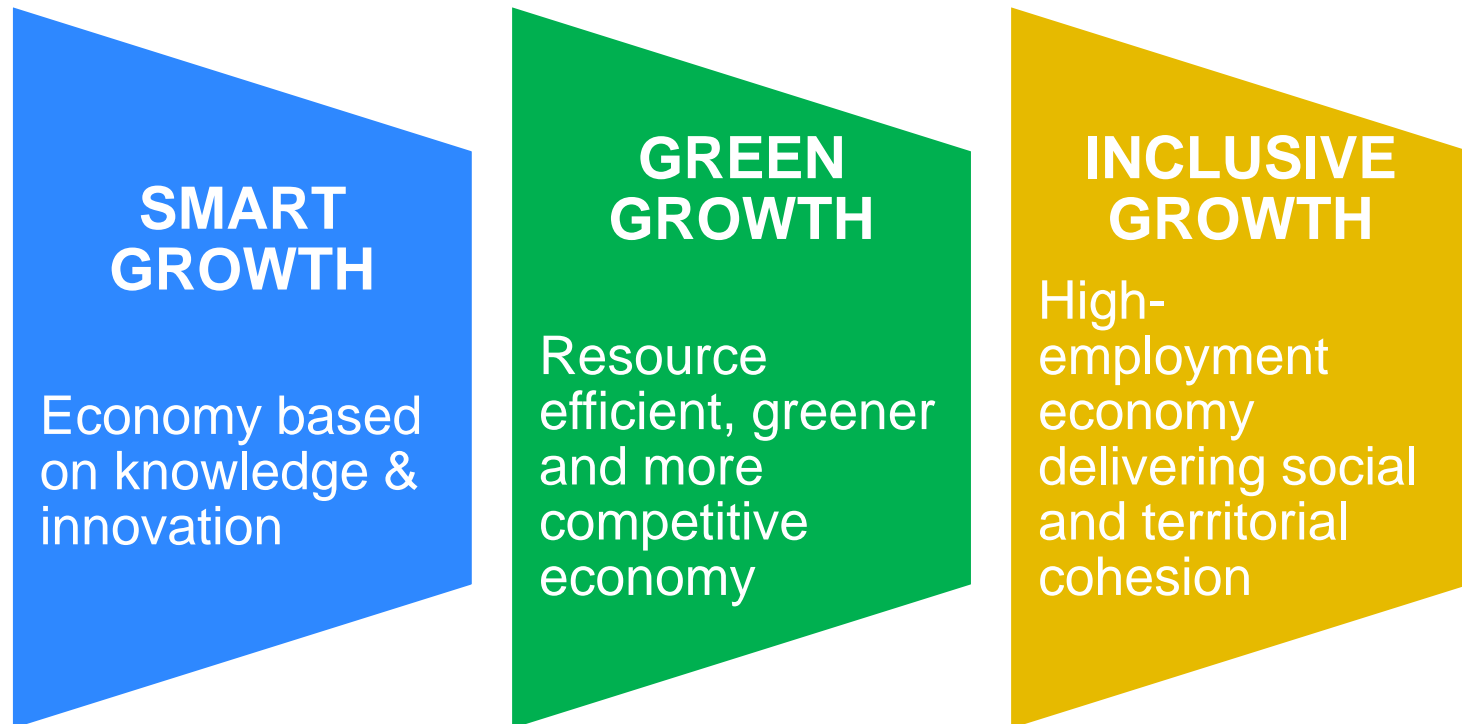
time for **questions**

A photograph of a long wooden pier extending from the foreground into the sea. The pier is made of dark brown wooden planks that recede into the distance. The sea is a deep blue-green color with gentle ripples. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, pink, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The horizon line is straight and divides the image into two main sections: the sea below and the sky above.

Presentation of Interreg Europe

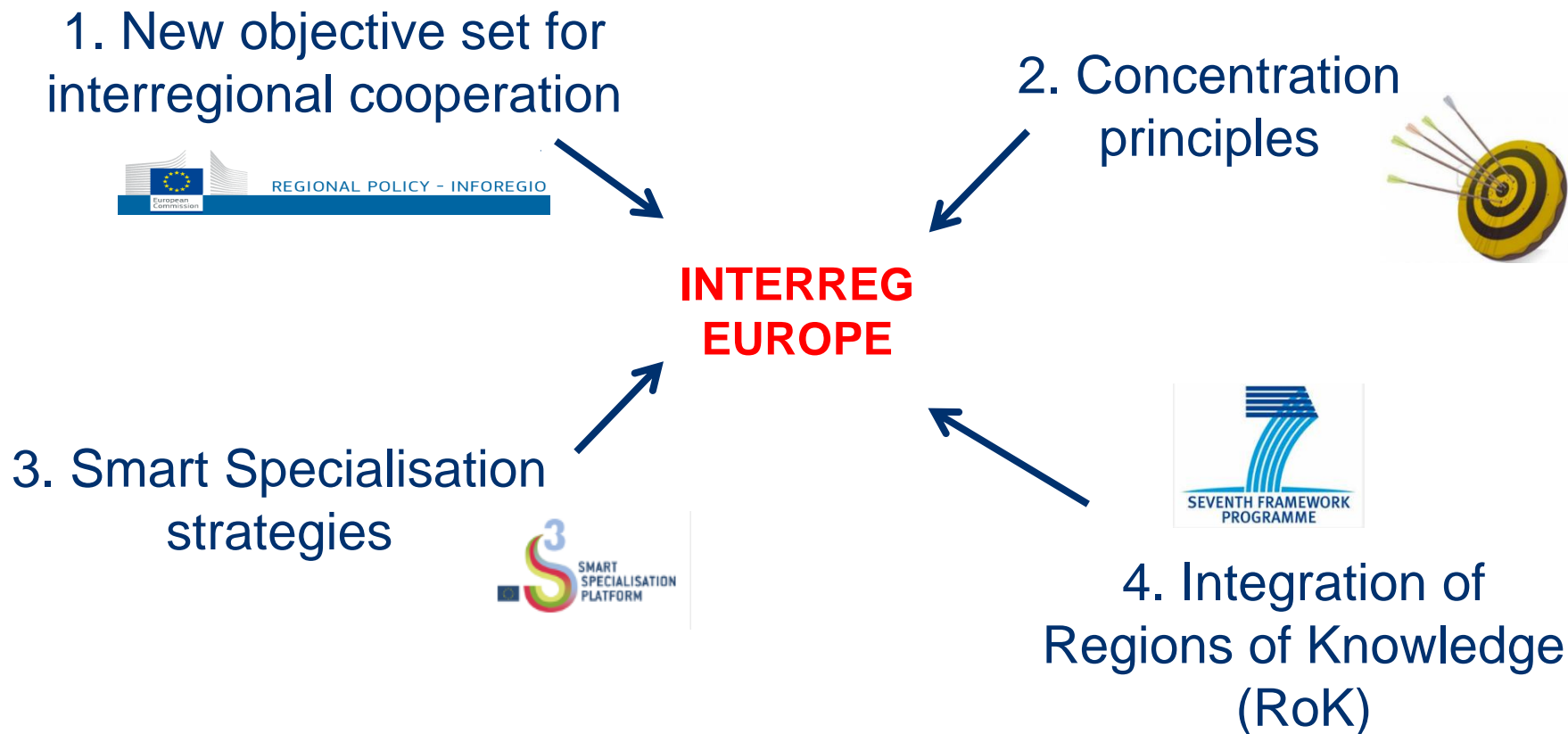
Context

Overall strategic framework: EU2020 strategy



3 pillars translated in **11 Thematic Objectives** in 2014-2020 regulation

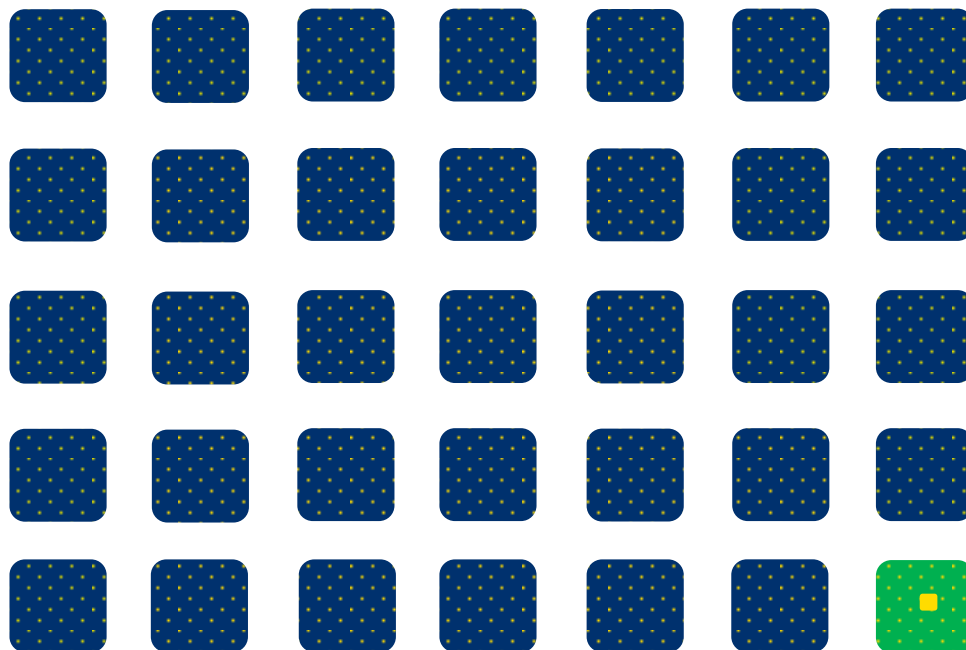
Convergence of EU policies



Rationale

Policy learning among public authorities
to improve performance of policies & programmes for regional development,
in particular **Structural Funds programmes**

EU Cohesion policy



Goal 1:

Investment for growth & jobs (G&J)

EUR 340 billion

Goal 2:

European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)

EUR 10.2 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m

Eligible area

EU28 + Norway &
Switzerland



Thematic focus 4 priority axes

...S3

innovation
infrastructure
innovation
chains...

...creation,
development,
growth of
SMEs...



Research and
innovation



SME
competitiveness



Low-carbon
economy



Environment and
resource efficiency

...energy
efficiency
renewable
energies
sustainable
transport...

...natural
heritage
cultural heritage
resources
efficiency...

Two actions to implement the programme:

A. Interregional Cooperation Projects



B. Policy Learning Platforms



Budget per action

Programme total ERDF budget: MEUR 359



- ERDF budget for platforms: MEUR 15.3 (max)



- ERDF budget for projects: **MEUR 322.4** equally shared over 4 priority axis (MEUR 84)
- ERDF budget recommended per project: **between MEUR 1 to 2**



Projects

Definition

Partners from different countries working together on a shared regional policy issue (within the thematic fields of the programme)...

Objective

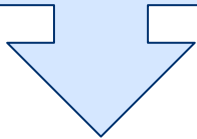
....to improve the effectiveness of the policies of the regions involved in the project (in particular their **Investment for Growth and Jobs goal programmes**)





Project organised in 2 phases

Phase 1
(1 to 3 years)



Phase 2
(2 years)

Exchange of experience ending up with the production of 1 action plan / policy instrument addressed

Monitoring of the action plan implementation
+ possible pilot actions





Projects partnership features

- From at least 3 countries, from which at least 2 partners from EU-MS
- Recommendation: **between 5 to 10 partners**

- Advisory partners:



- ✓ offer a particular competence that can facilitate the project's implementation
- ✓ do not address a policy instrument and therefore do not need to develop an action plan.

- *Stakeholder group: one per policy instrument addressed*





Projects partnership: who is eligible?

- **Public bodies (the main target group)**
(e.g. local, regional, national authorities)
- **Bodies governed by public law**
(Directive 2004/18/EC)
- **Private non profit bodies**



Confirmation of the eligibility status:
check with your contact point



Project finances

Recommended ERDF budget: between **EUR 1 to 2 million**

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
85% ERDF	Public or public equivalent from EU
75% ERDF	Private non-profit from EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland





Project finances

Simplification and budget aspect

- ✓ No components of work packages
- ✓ No shared costs
- ✓ No extra lead partner first level control
- ✓ Administration costs flat rate (15% staff costs)
- ✓ Enhanced budget flexibility





B. Policy Learning Platforms - origin

INTERREG IVC
capitalisation
exercise



S3 platform
Seville



Objective

Objective: To contribute to policy learning across EU in particular on Structural Funds implementation

- ➡ Better exploit the projects' results
- ➡ Open up the programme results to anyone interested



Platforms: what is it?



Research and
innovation



SME
competitiveness



Low-carbon
economy



Environment and
resource efficiency

A **service** provided per priority axis via:

Online collaborative tool + **Expert team**

With relevant functionalities

Content and coordination role





Platforms

Examples of services

- ☐ **Advice** regional stakeholders and running projects
- ☐ Organise and facilitate **peer reviews** among regions
- ☐ Organise and facilitate **thematic workshops**
- ☐ Analyse, benchmark and disseminate the **content of projects** through dedicated events & publications
- ☐ Facilitate **knowledge sharing** and networking among regions on the collaborative tool



Examples of actions per Thematic Objective

Research & innovation

- ❖ Peer review among regions with similar sectors of smart specialisation

SMEs Competitiveness

- ❖ Recommendations for regional SME development programmes

Low carbon economy

- ❖ Database of pilots on sustainable energy applications

Environment and resource efficiency

- ❖ Seminar for mutual learning among projects dealing with green technologies



Platforms

Target groups

Stakeholders involved in the implementation of **Growth & Jobs** or **cooperation** programmes

Other stakeholders relevant to the **topics**

Implementation

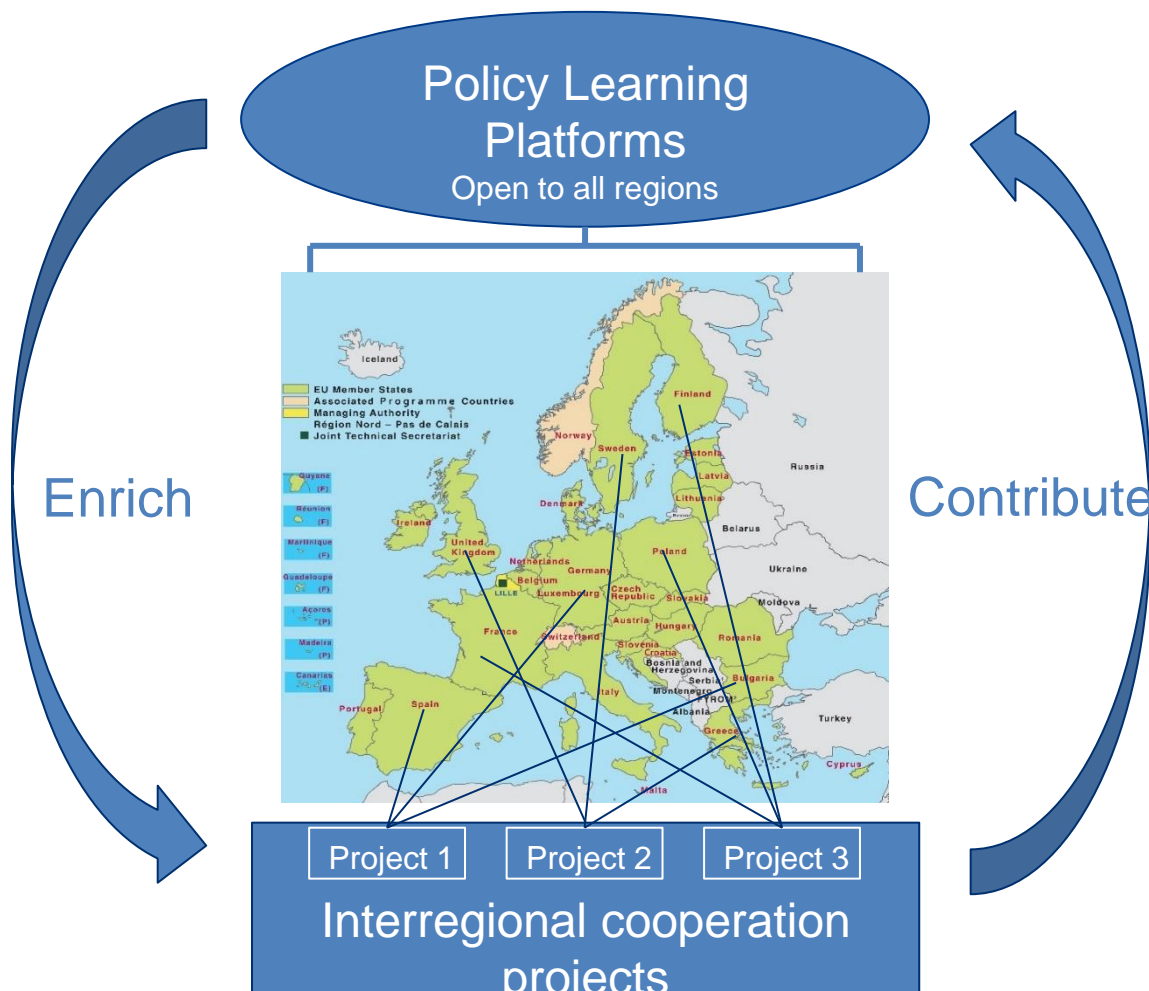
Sub-contracting arrangement

Through **procurement procedure**

Launched in the course of 2015

Operational in 2016

2 interrelated actions



Conclusions

	INTERREG IVC	Interreg Europe
Rationale	Regional development policies	Regional development policies, principally SF programmes
Area	EU-27, NO+CH	EU-28, NO+CH
Eligibility	Public & public law bodies No private	Public & public law bodies Private non-profit bodies
Co-financing	75%-85% (country)	85% public or equivalent 75% private non-profit
Actions	1-phase project + CAP	2-phase project + PLP





time for **questions**

30 minutes!



Zooming in on Interreg Europe



Four features of INTERREG EUROPE projects

1. Improving Structural Funds programmes ([video](#))
2. Public administrations as main target group ([video](#))
3. Mobilising stakeholders ([video](#))
4. Capturing results ([video](#))

All features derive from the **result oriented approach**



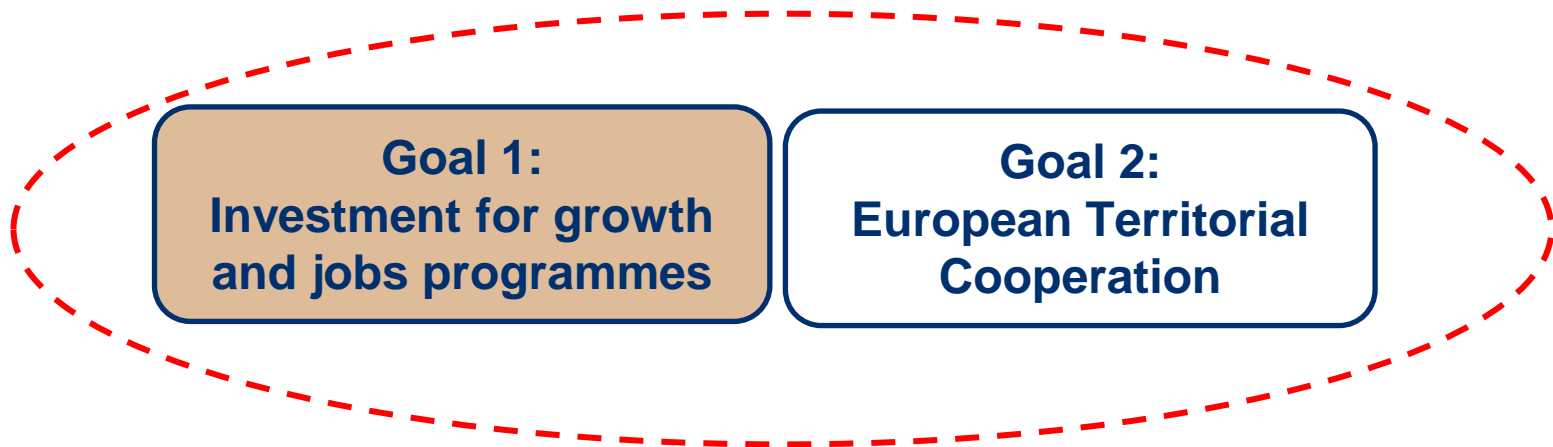
1. Improving Structural Funds programmes



Why? rationale

EU cohesion policy

Structural Funds = ERDF + ESF implemented through



Why? rationale



**Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a)
for interregional cooperation:**
*‘to reinforce the effectiveness of **cohesion policy**’*

*‘identification and dissemination of good practices with a
view to their transfer principally to operational
programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs**
goal but also, where relevant to **cooperation**
programmes’*



Why? rationale

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How is it reflected at project level?

Policy instruments addressed to be specified in application form

B.2 Main policy instruments addressed and territorial context	
How many policy instruments are addressed by the project?	
B.2.1 Policy instrument n°1	
• Definition	
Please describe the policy instrument addressed (e.g. name, objective, characteristics). If possible, please specify the specific measure / priority which is addressed.	

At least half of the policy instruments addressed by a project need to be related to Structural Funds programmes

How do you improve policies?

- Support **new projects**
- Change programme **governance**
- Change programme **structure**

See example in the programme manual



2. Public administrations as main target groups



Why? Rationale

INTERREG EUROPE:

dedicated to improving **policy instruments**



Public administrations:

organisations responsible for **policy** design and implementation



Public administrations:

core target group of **INTERREG EUROPE**

How is it reflected at project level?

Participation of public administration: **pre requisite**

e.g. When Structural Funds programme addressed,
Managing Authorities (MA) / Intermediate Bodies (IB)
should be involved

If organisation responsible for the policy instrument addressed
is not a partner, it should provide a **letter of support:**

*a commitment to fully support and closely follow the project
implementation*

Letter of support

Required for a partner when:

- Structural Funds programme is addressed but MA/IB (or other relevant bodies) in charge of this programme is not directly involved in the project
- Another policy instrument (outside Structural Funds) is addressed, but the organisation responsible for this instrument is not directly involved in the project



A new role for MAs/IBs of SF programmes

- Active participation as **project** partners. Important role for mobilising relevant stakeholders

If not a partner:

- Political endorsement as providers of letters of support
 - Participation in the stakeholder group
 - Active involvement in phase 2 of projects (roll-out of the action plan)
- Active use of policy learning **platforms**

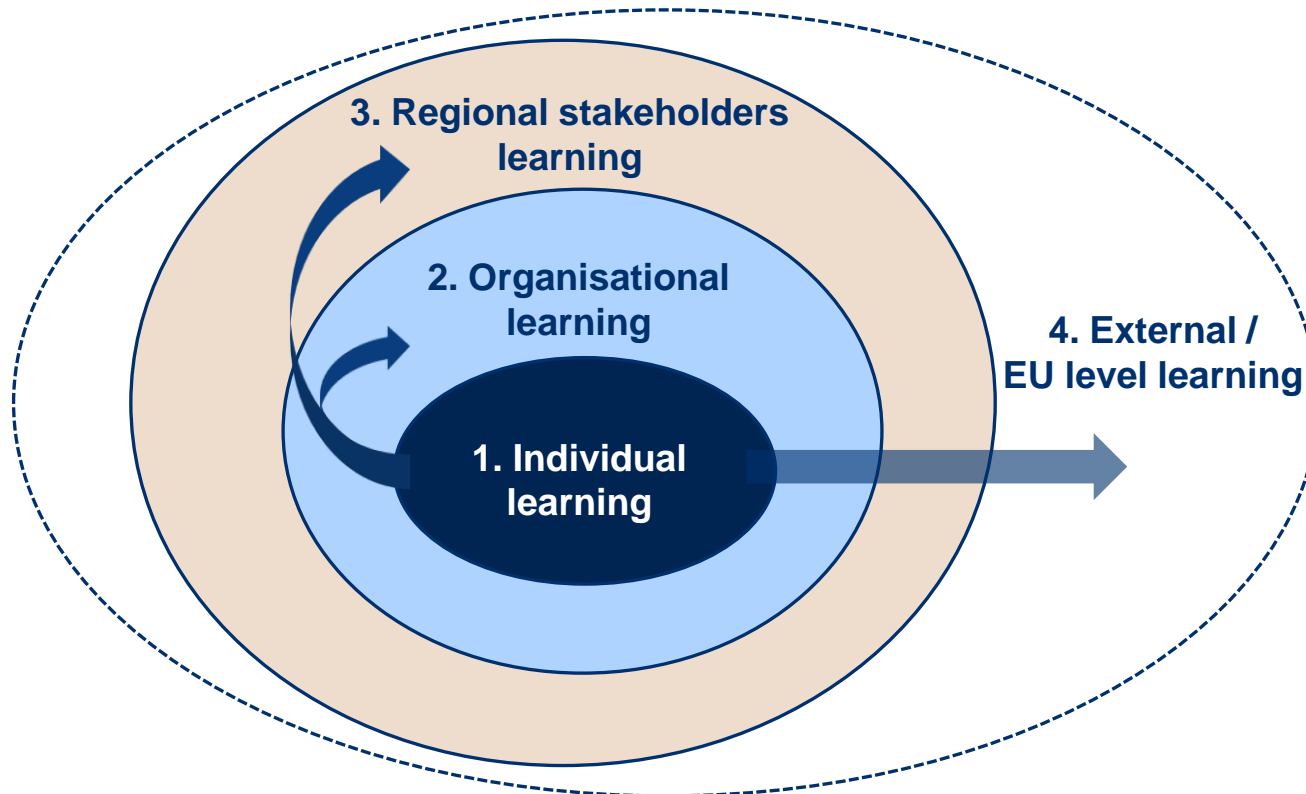


3. Mobilising stakeholders



Why? Rationale

4 levels of learning in interregional cooperation



Key success factor to interregional learning: to go beyond individual / organisational learning

How to optimise learning?

Creation of stakeholder groups:

- 1 group per policy instrument addressed
- Members:
 - organisations competent in the field tackled by the project (e.g. for innovation: research centres, universities, agencies, SMEs)
 - body in charge of policy instrument addressed (in case this body is not a partner)
- Involved in the interregional learning process



4. Capturing results



Why? Rationale

- Importance to demonstrate results beyond policy changes
- Impacts of cooperation can take time
- Tackle the pilot action ‘paradox’: pilot action cannot be known at the application stage



Projects: structure and duration

Implementation in **2 phases**

Phase 1
Learning

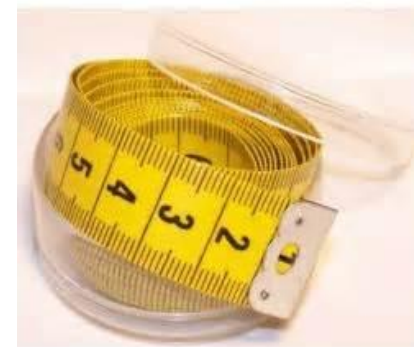


From 1 to 3 years

Phase 2
Monitoring



Fixed to 2 years



Maximum duration: **5 years**

Phase 1



Projects: structure 'Interregional learning'

Interregional exchange of experience

e.g. seminars, workshops, site visits, staff exchanges, peer reviews



1 Action Plan per policy instrument

Measures to be implemented
Timeframe
Work steps
Responsible players
Costs and funding resources (*if applicable*)

Projects: structure

Phase 2

‘Monitoring the action plan implementation’

- **Monitor** the implementation of the different action plans
- Pilot actions (only in justified cases)



Insight into phase 2

- Primarily dedicated to **monitoring** the Action Plan implementation
- Activities **pre-defined** by the programme (i.e. 2 partner meetings, 1 dissemination event, website update and reporting activities)





time for questions

Assistance to applicants



Tools

- 1. Partner search tool**
- 2. Project idea database**
- 3. Programme manual**
- 4. Programme feedback**
- 5. Events**



Partner search

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INTERREG EUROPE Registration

Join our community and get access to contact information of people interested in interregional cooperation. When you register, you can also post your project idea and look for specific partners.

Please complete all required fields *

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≈ 1500 people
and growing

Search for
potential
partners



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Thematic Interest ---

Region ---

Ok

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Find project ideas

- Share you own project idea
- 4 colours = 4 themes
- Contact to idea owner (click on +)
After joining INTERREG EUROPE community
- Partners involved and partners searched for are indicated

! Ideas are NOT validated by JS !

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INTERREG EUROPE PROJECT IDEA DATABASE

We want to help you share your ideas and find partners for INTERREG EUROPE projects.

Here you can have a look at project ideas posted by people like you. By clicking on a project idea, you can see more information about it: its objective, planned activities, partners already involved and partners searched.

If you want to contact the owner of a project idea or post your own, you have to register and become a member of the INTERREG EUROPE community. Those, who posted the ideas are already members.

If you are already registered, just log in and go to 'My Projects' section at the top of your profile page. Fill in all the fields to describe your project idea and submit. We will have a quick look and approve it, so that other people can see it.

With your registration you will also get access to more detailed information about the other people in the INTERREG EUROPE community.

You can find more information about the new programme, its themes and specific priorities on our [website](#).

We also encourage you to join our [LinkedIn discussion group](#). There you can promote your project idea or search actively for partners.



Research and Innovation



Competitiveness of SMEs



Low carbon economy



Environment and resource efficiency

--- Country ---

Fulltext search

SUBMIT

INNOVATIVE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN WATER MANAGEMENT

Research and innovation

Member States had to recently transpose the directive 2014/24/EC into national law. It has the objective of giving more incentive for taking up innovation into calls for tenders. Public calls for tenders account for 80% of SME's business. Developing innovative technologies, products or services is also an EU and national/regional priority to enhance SME's competitiveness. The objective is therefore to understand, how, in a context of budget constraints, local authorities, water resources managers and other public bodies in charge of water management will transpose the new rules so that it can stimulate greater uptake of innovation within the framework of water resources management, it can encourage SMEs to better invest in innovation. The rationale of this project could be the exchanges of best practices in Europe to compare, benchmark, and learn about existing and future practices to transpose EU law into an incentive for innovation; and identify the elements of success that could be transferred.



DESTINATION SMES

Competitiveness of SMEs

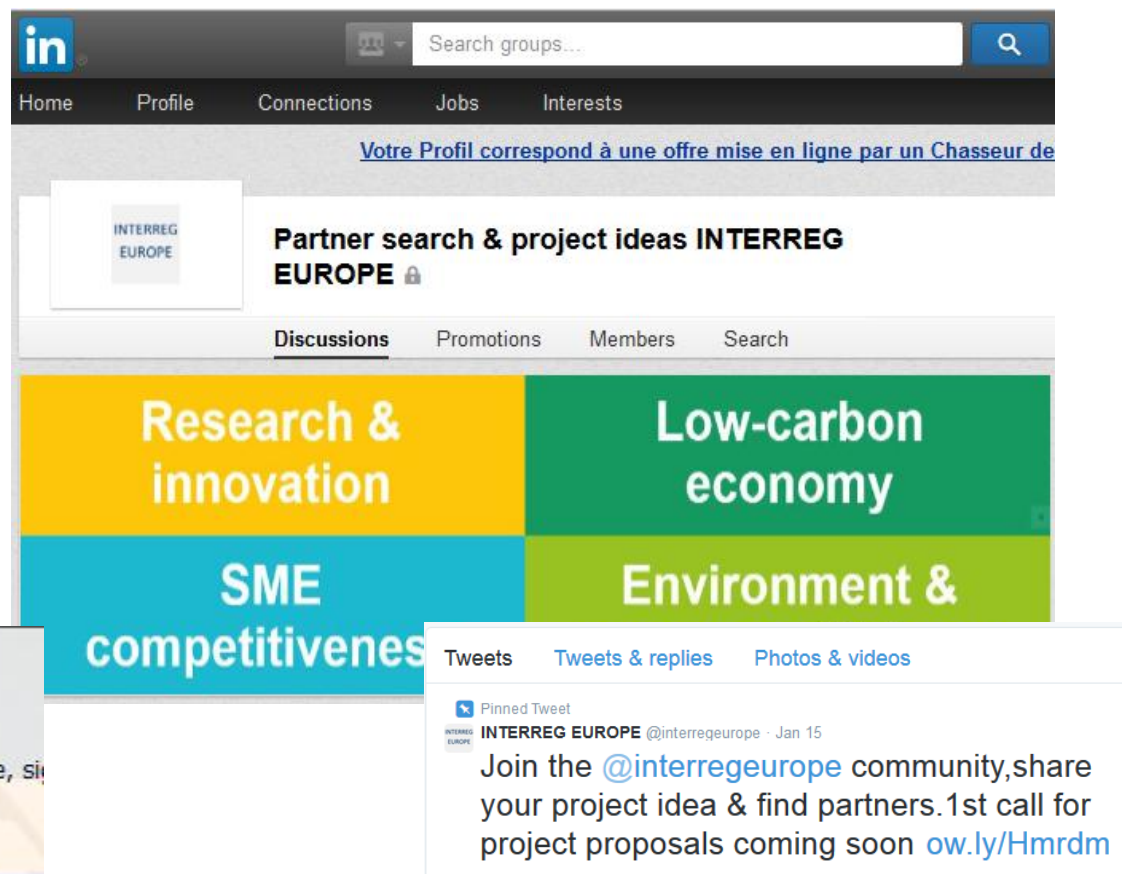
One of the project is to improve the competitiveness of the SMEs of the tourism sector which are priorities of the mainstream programmes (mainly ERDF), by supporting the deployment of these programmes through the implementation of destination management policies.



Partner search & project idea sharing also via our social media channels

LinkedIn groups

- on partner search & project ideas
- 4 thematic sub-groups



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INTERREG EUROPE Programme Manual

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ANNEXES
ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE
PARTNER CONTROL CONFIRMATION
CONTROL REPORT (INCL. CONTROL CHECKLIST)



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The application pack

First of all - the documents provided here are DRAFTS. They have been approved by the Interreg Europe programming committee and are disseminated as information to help applicants prepare for the first call for proposals. The monitoring committee of Interreg Europe - which will be established as soon as the European Commission approves the programme - have to formally agree on the application pack, so there may be some slight changes in the final documents. That's why each document has a disclaimer on it, and watermarked as 'draft'. These documents are for information only, and cannot be used to submit an application to the programme!

The application pack is made up of:

- the [terms of reference](#) of the first call for proposals
- the programme manual
- a word version of the online application
- the model letter of support
- the model partner declaration

Download the application pack:

- [Interreg_Europe_terms_of_reference_Draft.pdf](#)
Terms of reference
- [Interreg_Europe_programme_manual_Draft.pdf](#)
Programme manual
- [Interreg_Europe_Letter_of_support_info_campaign.docx](#)
Letter of support model
- [Interreg_Europe_Partner_declaration_info_campaign.docx](#)
Partner declaration model
- [Interreg_Europe_Application_form_Draft.docx](#)
Application form draft



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- Send it filled in back to us **by email**
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Project idea feedback

Please complete this form to request feedback on your project idea from the Interreg Europe secretariat. You also have the possibility to ask more detailed questions in the last section of the form. Please be as precise, clear and understandable as possible. Visit www.interregeurope.eu for more programme information.

How would you prefer to receive feedback?
Only one in-depth feedback (written or oral) can be provided per project idea.

☐ written

We will get back to you as soon as possible.

☐ by phone ☐ by Skype

Please book your preferred time slot for a 45-minute consultation here:
www.interreg4c.eu/interregeurope/consultationbooking.
We will then confirm your booking.

☐ at a national event

See the following link to check if there is an event in your country offering consultations:
<http://www.interreg4c.eu/interregeurope/nationalevents>

Please register to the event and then book your preferred time slot for a 45-minute consultation on the link next to the event. We will then confirm your booking.

1/ Contact details of the lead applicant

First / last name:	<input type="text"/>
Organisation:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>
Tel:	<input type="text"/>
Mobile phone:	<input type="text"/>
Skype id	<input type="text"/>

If you wish to be contacted by Skype

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2/ Description of the project idea

Project idea title:

Please select the specific objective you intend to contribute to (only one should be selected):
See section 2.5 of the programme manual

	Research, technological development and innovation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 1.1: Improving innovation infrastructure policy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 1.2: Improving innovation delivery policies
	Competitiveness of SMEs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 2.1: Improving SMEs competitiveness policies
	Low-carbon economy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 3.1: Improving low-carbon economy policies
	Environment and resource efficiency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 4.1: Improving natural and cultural heritage policies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 4.2: Improving resource-efficient economy policies

What is your project idea about? Please explain the issue tackled by your project?
(max. 2,000 characters)

Who is involved? Please describe the partnership envisaged (i.e. nature and location).
(max. 2,000 characters)
See section 4.4 of the programme manual

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<http://www.interreg4c.eu/interregeurope/assistance/>



- 1. Calendar**
- 2. Application pack overview**
- 3. Quality assessment main principles**



First call for proposals

- **Provisional timing:**
 - March – June – 1st call information campaign
 - June – July – 1st call for proposals open (tbc)
- No **thematic** restrictions: call open to all priority axes
- No specific requirement in terms of **geographical** coverage
- One third **ERDF** budget available: MEUR28 per priority axis
- Procedure: **on-line system**



Application Form

 Fields in grey are automatically filled in or calculated

PART A – Project summary

A.1 Project identification				
Project title				
Project acronym		(22 characters)		
Name of the lead partner organisation in English				
Specific objective		<p>Select one of the six objectives from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research, technological development and innovation Objective 1.1: Improving innovation infrastructure policies Objective 1.2: Improving innovation delivery policies Competitiveness of SMEs Objective 2.1: Improving SMEs competitiveness policies Low carbon economy Objective 3.1: Improving low-carbon economy policies Environment and resource efficiency Objective 4.1: Improving natural and cultural heritage policies Objective 4.2: Improving resource-efficient economy policies 		
Project duration	Phase 1		Start date	
			End date	
	Phase 2	24 months		
Total (months)				

A.2 Project summary
<p>Please give a short overview of the project (in the style of a press release) and describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the common challenge you are jointly tackling in your project; the overall objective of the project and the expected changes your project will make to the current situation; the main outputs you will produce and who will benefit from them. <p>Please note that should the project be approved, this summary will be published on the programme's website.</p>
(1000 - 1500 characters)

Letter of Support



Letter of support from the relevant organisation responsible for policy

For Structural Funds programmes (i.e. Investment for Growth and Jobs and European Territorial Cooperation programmes), the relevant organisation responsible for policy may differ from country to country. Detailed references are provided on the 'In my country' pages on the programme website www.interreg-europe.eu.

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the organisation (original) including department (if relevant)	
Name of the organisation (English) including department (if relevant)	
Name of the policy instrument addressed (original)	
Name of the policy instrument addressed (English)	
Name of partner(s) concerned in the application form (English)	

We hereby confirm:

- that we were informed about the preparation of the above-mentioned project,
- that the topic tackled by this project is in line with our organisation's policy,
- that we acknowledge the participation of the above-mentioned partner(s) in the project,
- that we will engage with the stakeholder group and welcome opportunities for exchanging experiences with other institutions in Europe,
- that we will consider possibilities for implementation of the action plan through our policy instrument.



Name of signatory	
Position of signatory	
Date	
Signature and institution stamp (if exists)	

Partner declaration



Project partner declaration

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the partner organisation (original)	
Name of the partner organisation (English)	
Partner number	
Partner contribution (EUR)	

In the event of approval of the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg Europe programme, the indicated project partner:

1. Confirms fulfilling the criterion of a public body or a body governed by public law or private non-profit body as defined in the programme manual.
2. Commits itself to the project and the activities laid down in the application form, and intends to provide the above-indicated amount as contribution to the project's budget.
3. Is aware of the programme rules on reimbursement and non-existence of advance payment and confirms the availability of own resources for pre-financing the activities.
4. Is aware of the programme rules on state aid, horizontal principles, public procurement, publicity and information and will act accordingly.
5. Declares that it is not under bankruptcy proceedings, bears full legal capacity and is financially reliable, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation;
6. Confirms that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be funded by any other EU-funded programme, except for partners that do not receive funding directly from the Interreg Europe programme.
7. Declares to accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the subsidy contract, which will be signed by the lead partner of the project after the approval, as well as the project partnership agreement which will be concluded between all partners participating in the project.

Quality assessment

A. Strategic assessment criteria

1. *Relevance of proposal*
2. *Quality of results*
3. *Quality of partnership*

B. Operational assessment criteria

4. *Coherence of the proposal and quality of the approach*
5. *Quality of the management*
6. *Budget and finance*

Scoring scale:

- 5 excellent
- 4 good
- 3 adequate
- 2 poor
- 1 very poor
- 0 knock-out criterion (KO)

only projects that are successful at the strategic assessment stage (reaching at least an average 'adequate' level – i.e. an average score of 3.00 or above) are assessed also from the operational point of view.

Πρόγραμμα Διαπεριφερειακής Συνεργασίας INTERREG EUROPE

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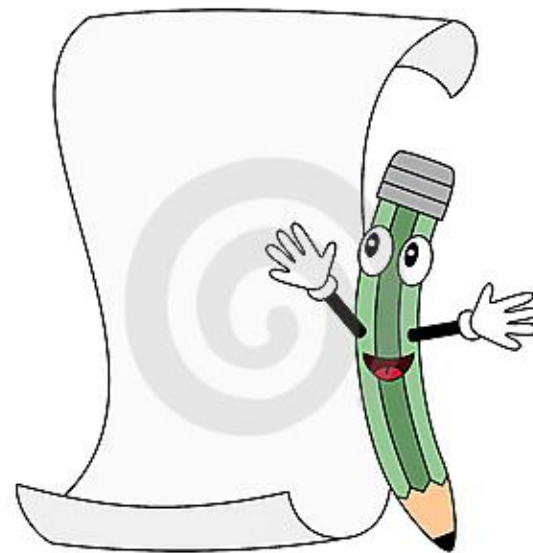


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Πρόγραμμα Διαπεριφερειακής Συνεργασίας INTERREG EUROPE

1. Ρόλος της ΓΔ ΕΠΣΑ
2. Εθνικές Διαδικασίες
3. Πηγές Πληροφόρησης
4. Χρήσιμες Συμβουλές (Tips)



Γενική Διεύθυνση Ευρωπαϊκών Προγραμμάτων, Συντονισμού και Ανάπτυξης (1)

❖ **Αρμόδια Αρχή / Εθνικό Σημείο Επαφής για τα Προγράμματα ΕΕΣ:**

- Ενημέρωση για τα Προγράμματα ΕΕΣ
- Προώθηση των Κύπριων Εταίρων στα Προγράμματα
- Επιλεξιμότητα Εταίρων
- Εθνική Συγχρηματοδότηση
- Αναζήτηση Εταίρων
- Συμμετοχή στην Επιτροπή Παρακολούθησης ή/και Επιτροπή Επιλογής Έργων των Προγραμμάτων ΕΕΣ
- Παρακολούθηση της υλοποίησης των έργων και παροχή τεχνικής υποστήριξης στους φορείς που υλοποιούν έργα
- Ευθύνη για την κανονικότητα και νομιμότητα της υλοποίησης των έργων

Γενική Διεύθυνση Ευρωπαϊκών Προγραμμάτων, Συντονισμού και Ανάπτυξης (2)

❖ Αρχή Εξουσιοδότησης Εξακριβωτών:

- Έγκριση των εξακριβωτών των έργων
- Διοργάνωση σεμιναρίων
- Διενέργεια δειγματοληπτικών ελέγχων για τη διασφάλιση της αποτελεσματικότητας του συστήματος Πρωτοβάθμιου Ελέγχου καθώς και της ποιότητας των επαληθεύσεων

❖ Διαχειριστική Αρχή:

- Ε.Π. «Ανταγωνιστικότητα και Αειφόρος Ανάπτυξη»
- Ε.Π. «Απασχόληση, Ανθρώπινοι Πόροι και Κοινωνική Συνοχή»
- Ε.Π. «Θάλασσα»

Εθνικές Διαδικασίες

1. ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ

2. ΣΥΣΤΗΜΑ ΠΡΩΤΟΒΑΘΜΙΟΥ ΕΛΕΓΧΟΥ

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ (1)

Δυνητικοί Δικαιούχοι του Προγράμματος:

- Δημόσιοι Φορείς
- Φορείς Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης
- Οργανισμοί Δημοσίου Δικαίου
- Μη Κερδοσκοπικοί Οργανισμοί Ιδιωτικού Δικαίου

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ

(2)

Ποσοστό Συγχρηματοδότησης

Δημόσιοι Φορείς Φορείς Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης Οργανισμοί Δημοσίου Δικαίου	Μη Κερδοσκοπικοί Οργανισμοί Ιδιωτικού Δικαίου
↓	↓
85% ΕΤΠΑ + 15% Εθνική Συγχρηματοδότηση	75% ΕΤΠΑ + 25% Εθνική Συγχρηματοδότηση

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ (3)

➤ Δημόσιοι Φορείς

15% από τον Κρατικό προϋπολογισμό

Πρόνοια στον ετήσιο Προϋπολογισμό για ολόκληρο το ποσό του έργου που αναμένεται να δαπανηθεί σε κάθε έτος αφού αφαιρεθούν οι μισθοί υφιστάμενου προσωπικού.

Παράδειγμα:

Προϋπολογισμός έργου €100.000 Διάρκεια 3 χρόνια

Μισθοί υφιστάμενου προσωπικού €10.000

Προϋπολογισμός €90.000 θα κατανεμηθεί στα 3 χρόνια

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ (4)

➤ Φορείς Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης

Για την προγραμματική περίοδο 2014-2020, το Υπουργικό Συμβούλιο στη συνεδρία του στις 26/3/2015 αποφάσισε όπως η συνεισφορά των Αρχών Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης για αναπτυξιακά, πολεοδομικά και άλλα έργα που συγχρηματοδοτούνται από τα Ευρωπαϊκά Διαρθρωτικά και Επενδυτικά Ταμεία για την περίοδο 2014-2020, μειωθεί στο 50% της κανονικής συνεισφοράς τους για αντίστοιχα έργα κάτω από τον κρατικό προϋπολογισμό.

Δήμοι / Κοινότητες:

15% από τον προϋπολογισμό του φορέα + Κρατική χορηγία

Υφιστάμενη Κατάσταση (Προϋπολογισμός) Συνεισφορά Αρχών Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης	Προτεινόμενη Συνεισφορά Αρχών Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης	ΕΤΠΑ	Κρατική Συνεισφορά
30%	15%	85%	0%
25%	12.5%	85%	2.5%
20%	10%	85%	5%
15%	7.5%	85%	7.5%
10%	5%	85%	10%
5%	2.5%	85%	12.5%
0%	0%	85%	15%

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ

(5)

1. Πρόνοια στον ετήσιο Προϋπολογισμό για ολόκληρο το ποσό του έργου που αναμένεται να δαπανηθεί σε κάθε έτος αφού αφαιρεθούν οι μισθοί υφιστάμενου προσωπικού.
2. Από το συνολικό κόστος του έργου αφαιρούνται οι μισθοί του υφιστάμενου προσωπικού και μετά εφαρμόζεται η συνεισφορά του Κράτους.

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ (6)

Ένωση Δήμων/Κοινοτήτων και άλλων φορέων
Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης εγκεκριμένων από το
Υπουργείο Εσωτερικών

Με την ίδια Απόφαση η συνεισφορά καθορίζεται στο 15%.



Για το Πρόγραμμα INTERREG EUROPE η
κρατική χορηγία είναι 0%

15% από τον προϋπολογισμό του φορέα

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ

(7)

- **Οργανισμοί Δημοσίου Δικαίου όπως ορίζονται στην Κοινοτική Οδηγία 2014/24/ΕΚ:**
 - Να έχουν συσταθεί με σκοπό την κάλυψη αναγκών γενικού συμφέροντος που δεν έχουν βιομηχανικό ή εμπορικό χαρακτήρα, και
 - Να έχουν νομική προσωπικότητα (Καταστατικό και νομικό καθεστώς σύμφωνα με την Κυπριακή Νομοθεσία) , και

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ

(8)

- Να χρηματοδοτούνται, κατά το μεγαλύτερο μέρος από τις κρατικές, περιφερειακές ή τοπικές αρχές, ή άλλους οργανισμούς δημοσίου δικαίου, ή να υπόκεινται σε διαχειριστική εποπτεία από τις αρχές ή οργανισμούς αυτούς, ή να έχουν διοικητικό, διευθυντικό ή εποπτικό συμβούλιο, του οποίου περισσότερα από τα μισά μέλη διορίζονται από τις κρατικές, περιφερειακές ή τοπικές αρχές, ή από άλλους οργανισμούς δημοσίου δικαίου

15% από τον προϋπολογισμό του φορέα

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΧΡΗΜΑΤΟΔΟΤΗΣΗ (9)

➤ Μη Κερδοσκοπικοί Οργανισμοί Ιδιωτικού Δικαίου

25% από τον προϋπολογισμό του φορέα

Σύστημα Πρωτοβάθμιου Ελέγχου

- ✓ Αποκεντρωμένο Σύστημα Πρωτοβάθμιου Ελέγχου: οι φορείς επιλέγουν εξακριβωτή για επαλήθευση των δαπανών τους (εξωτερικό ή εσωτερικό).
 - ✓ Έγκριση εξακριβωτή από την Αρμόδια Αρχή Εξουσιοδότησης Εξακριβωτών.
 - ✓ Πρόνοια στο Τεχνικό Δελτίο Έργου (application form):
 - ✓ Εξωτερικός εξακριβωτής ➡ External Expertise
 - ✓ *Εσωτερικός εξακριβωτής ➡ Staff Cost
- *ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Ανεξαρτησία από τη διαχείριση και τις πληρωμές / οικονομικά του έργου**

Πηγές Πληροφόρησης

- Επίσημη Ιστοσελίδα του Προγράμματος:
<http://www.interreg4c.eu/interreg-europe>
- Ιστοσελίδα της ΓΔ ΕΠΣΑ για τα Προγράμματα ΕΕΣ
<http://www.structuralfunds.org.cy/edafikisinergasia>
- Πύλη Ενημέρωσης Χρηματοδοτικών Προγραμμάτων:
<http://www.fundingprogrammesportal.gov.cy>

Χρήσιμες Συμβουλές – Tips (1)

Πριν την Προκήρυξη της Πρόσκλησης:

- ✓ Μελέτη των εγγράφων του Προγράμματος (πρόγραμμα συνεργασίας, όροι εντολής πρόσκλησης, εγχειρίδιο, συμφωνία εταιρικής συνεργασίας).
- ✓ Επικεφαλής Εταίρος (διοικητική ικανότητα).
- ✓ Αναζήτηση Εταίρων (αξιόλογο εταιρικό σχήμα).
- ✓ Εξεύρεση πιθανής ιδέας που να δικαιολογεί την διαπεριφερειακή συνεργασία και να αποτελεί πραγματική ανάγκη που θέλετε να υλοποιήσετε – Ποια είναι η προστιθέμενη αξία για την περιοχή συνεργασίας; Ποια περιφερειακή πολιτική θα θέλατε να βελτιώσετε μέσα από την πρότασή σας;
- ✓ Επικοινωνία με την Τεχνική Γραμματεία του Προγράμματος.
- ✓ Ευρεία γεωγραφική κάλυψη.

Χρήσιμες Συμβουλές – Tips (2)

Προκήρυξη της Πρόσκλησης:

- ✓ Καθορισμός και οριστικοποίηση της ιδέας που θα υλοποιηθεί και από κοινού ετοιμασία της πρότασης.
- ✓ Η πρόταση πρέπει να είναι τεκμηριωμένη και να έχει ρεαλιστικά στοχοθετημένο περιεχόμενο και ο προϋπολογισμός να ανταποκρίνεται στις δράσεις της πρότασης.
- ✓ Στην πρόταση να φαίνονται ξεκάθαρα τα αναμενόμενα αποτελέσματα και οι τελικοί αποδέκτες τους.
- ✓ Συλλογική δουλειά από όλους τους εταίρους για έγκαιρη υποβολή της πρότασης.
- ✓ Προσοχή στις προδιαγραφές επιλεξιμότητας της πρότασης (check list)

Χρήσιμες Συμβουλές – Tips (3)

Έγκριση Έργου:

- ✓ Επικοινωνία με τον Επικεφαλής Εταίρο και τους άλλους Εταίρους του έργου
- ✓ Τήρηση των χρονοδιαγραμμάτων που έχετε θέσει στην πρότασή σας
- ✓ Τήρηση των εθνικών διαδικασιών και των διαδικασιών του προγράμματος
- ✓ Έγκαιρη αναφορά προβλημάτων



Χρήσιμες Συμβουλές – Tips (4)

Καθόλη τη διάρκεια της διαδικασίας:

- ✓ Επικοινωνία με το Εθνικό Σημείο Επαφής



Σας ευχαριστούμε για την προσοχή σας και
ευχόμαστε καλή επιτυχία
στις προτάσεις σας!





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