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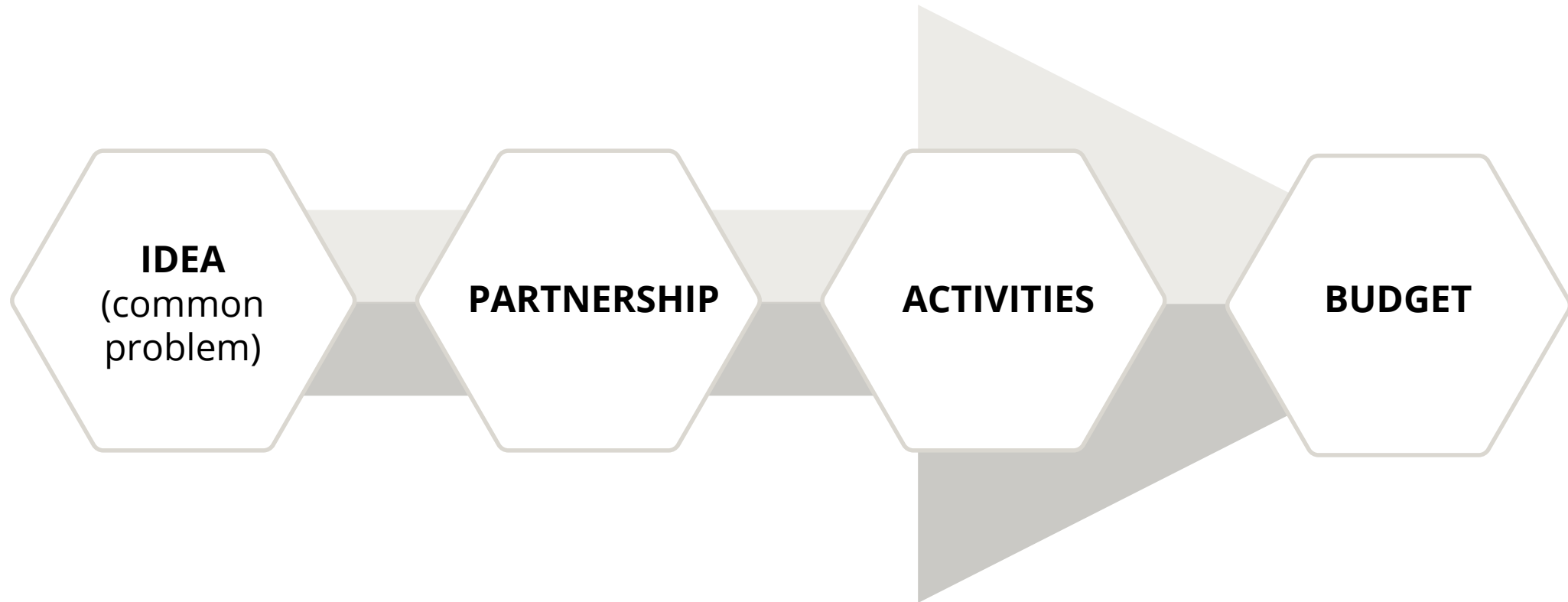
Successful budget



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First **steps**



General **recommendations**

- Total ERDF **budget** of a project
 - **1 – 2 MEUR**
- Involve partners in the **preparatory** work
- Clear partner responsibilities = **justified** budget allocations
- **Reasonable** budget according to:
 - Planned activities
 - Partnership size
 - Project duration

General **recommendations**

Budget of partners in line with their **project role and responsibilities:**

- **Lead partner** = usually the largest budget
(coordination, management)
- **Advisory partner** = no policy instrument, less activities
(often responsible for cross-cutting tasks)
- Partners addressing **the same policy instrument** = joint activities, savings expected

Co-financing rates

| Co-financing rates | According to legal status and location |
|---------------------------|--|
| 80% ERDF* | Public or public equivalent from the EU |
| 70% ERDF* | Private non-profit from the EU |
| 50% Norwegian funding | Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO) |
| Swiss funding | Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH) |

* ERDF - European Regional Development Fund

Partner contribution

- Each partner must commit to provide their **own contribution** through a declaration (online)
- Depends on the partner's legal status and location
- Partner contribution from private or public sources

Simplified budget

Six costs categories + preparation costs lump sum


| Real-cost basis | Flat rate |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Staff | Administration |
| External expertise and services | Travel and accommodation |
| Equipment | |
| Infrastructure and works | |

Simplified budget

Simplified cost options:

- **Flat rates** for admin + travel and accommodation
- Preparation costs **lump sum**
- No budget split per components/ work packages
- Contracting partner principle – no shared costs
- No in-kind contributions
- VAT eligible for operations up to 5 MEUR

(Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060 Article 64 (1) (c) i)



Communication budget

Tools provided **by the programme:**

- Website
- Main project visuals (programme logo + project acronym)
- Poster (and plaque) design

No gifts/ giveaways

No awards/ prizes

Verification of expenditure

Project expenditure must be approved by **independent controllers**

- In some countries, the verification is **free of charge**
- In others, costs need to be **budgeted** (for 8 reports)

Country-specific control information on our website:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/>

Spending **plan**

Reporting periods of **6 months**
(last reporting period = 9 months)



Spending **plan**

- Estimate amounts **paid out** per semester
 - Usually lower spending at the beginning, increasing over time
- Follow-up phase \neq phase 2 of the current programme
 - \Rightarrow the spending plan depends on the follow-up phase **activities planned by each project**
- Importance of the spending plan - decommitment risk

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