

**Interreg
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Second call for proposals

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Main points

- ✓ Project features
- ✓ Second call information
- ✓ Success factors for a good project
- ✓ Assistance to applicants



PROJECT FEATURES



Project features

What is an interregional cooperation project?

- Partners from different countries work together on a shared regional policy issue **to improve the effectiveness of the policies of the regions involved in the project.**

Special focus on Structural Funds

- At least **half of the policies addressed** in a project must be **structural funds operational programmes**



Priorities

...S3

**innovation
infrastructure**

innovation
chains...



**Research and
innovation**



**SME
competitiveness**

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

...natural
heritage
cultural heritage
Resource
efficiency...



**Environment and
resource efficiency**



**Low-carbon
economy**

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



Phase 1: policy learning

Interregional exchange of experience

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



1 Action Plan per region

- ✓ measures to be implemented
- ✓ timeframe
- ✓ work steps
- ✓ responsible players
- ✓ costs and funding resources (*if applicable*)



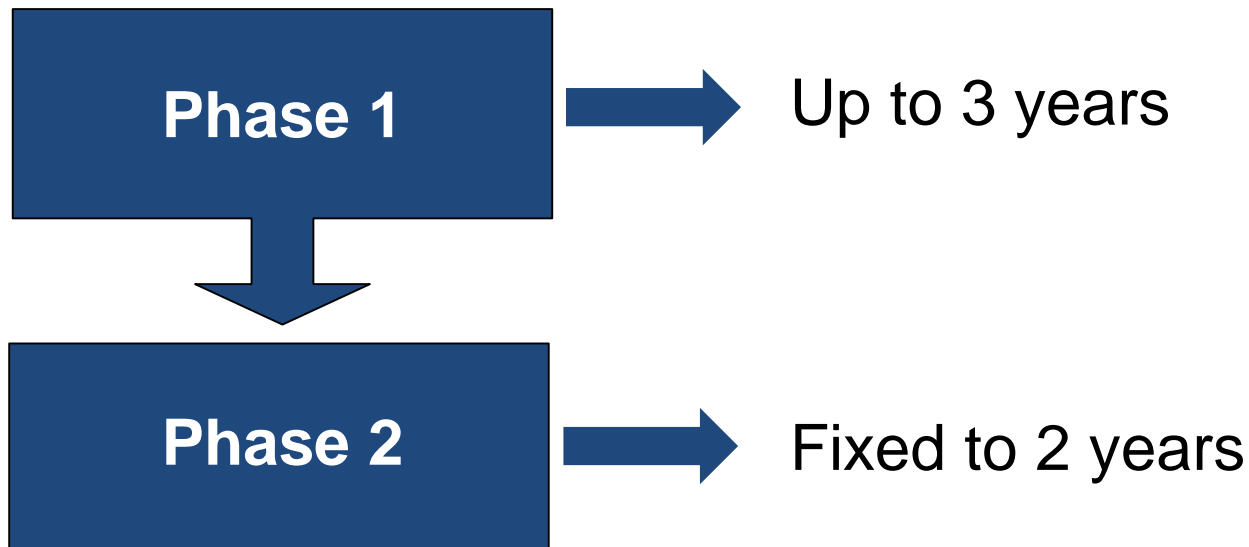
Phase 2: monitoring

- Dedicated to monitor the action plans implementation on the ground
- Activities pre-defined by the programme (i.e. 2 partner meetings, 1 dissemination event, website update)



Projects structure and duration

Implementation in **2 phases**



Maximum duration: **5 years**



Project partnership

MAIN TARGET GROUP

- Involvement of **policy responsible organisations**
 - Directly as partners
 - Indirectly through support letters (and through participation in stakeholder groups)
- Creation of stakeholder groups
 - Contribute to success of learning process by involving all relevant organisations
 - Reduce obstacles to action plan implementation



Partnership: who is eligible?

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



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



EU funding =

“bureaucracy”

“paperwork”

“too much control”

Perhaps, but

- checks have shown that the rules were understood!
- programme requirements proportionate to activities and amounts (while implementing regulatory frame)

Interreg Europe - Heading towards a more “simple” approach



Projects: simplifications

Less paper

- Online application, report, request for changes

More budget flexibility

- 20% flexibility rules within approved budget
- No budgeting/reporting per work package/component

Fewer control steps

- No confirmation of partnership cost by lead partner first level controller

Simpler administration

- Lump sum preparation costs (EUR 15,000)
- Flat rate administration costs (15% of staff costs)



TERMS OF REFERENCE SECOND CALL



Second call for proposals

Timing:

- Opening: **5 April** (iOlf available)
- Closing: **13 May** (midday, CET)

No thematic restrictions:

- Call open to all 4 priorities
- Projects under **priorities 3 and 4** welcome





Second call for proposals

Budget:

- No specific budget allocation



Procedure:

- **Full** online application
 - Compulsory documents to be uploaded on iOLF
 - Paper project summary no longer necessary





SUCCESS FACTORS



1. BE SPECIFIC

- Describe the **real needs** of the territories involved
- Provide **details** on the issue addressed
- Show an **in-depth knowledge of the policy instruments**

credibility

cred·i·bil·i·ty [kred-uh-bil-i-tee] *noun*

the quality of being believable or worthy of trust



2. BE SELECTIVE with your partners

- **Policymakers** involved as partners
- **Policy relevance** of the organisations involved clearly demonstrated (the letter of support has a different aim!)
- **Wide geographic coverage**





3. READ AND ASK

READ the programme documents

- Special attention to the programme manual

CHECK carefully the eligibility rules

- 1/3 of applications in the first call were NOT eligible
- Improvements made (better instructions, full online application)

ASK for help to your joint secretariat

- Contact us for any questions
- Use the assistance tools



Last word

Importance of the application form - Fairness and equal treatment principles:

- Application Form = the only basis for assessment
 - same information requested from all
 - same technical requirements for all (e.g. text limits)
- Application form has to be self-explanatory
 - Additional information / clarification not possible after submission

Preparation phase is extremely important



Assessment provisional timing

16 May - June 2016	Eligibility check
June – October 2016	Quality assessment
End 2016	Decision & notification
Early 2017	Fulfilment of conditions
Early 2017	Projects start



ASSISTANCE TO APPLICANTS



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SME competitiveness



Low-carbon economy



Environment and resources



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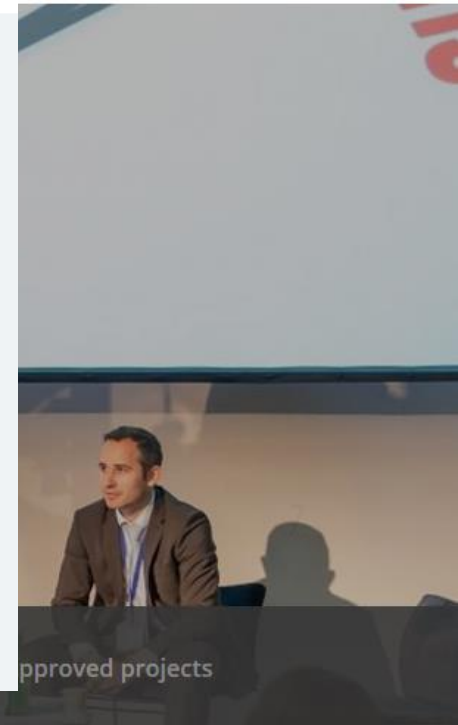
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- Leading a project
- Joining a project
- Sharing a project idea
- Networking with peers

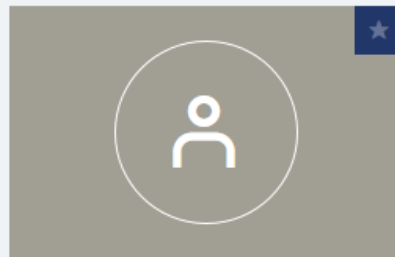
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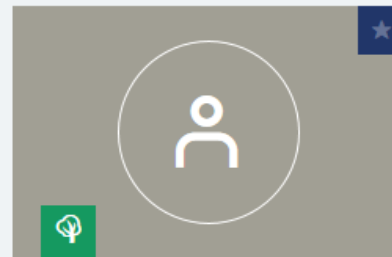
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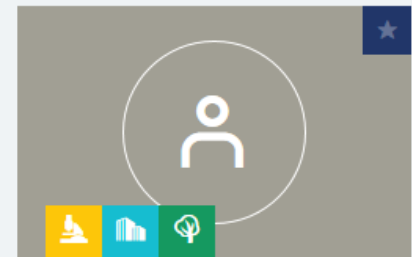


GEORGIOS PASCHALIDIS



Joaquin Villar
Andalusian Energy Agency

Interested in: Joining a project,
Networking with peers



David Crombie
HKU University of the Arts Utrecht

Interested in: Leading a project



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First call projects approved

Interreg Europe monitoring committee has conditionally approved 64 projects out of 261 applications received in the first call for proposals.

IMPORTANT! The lead partners of the projects approved under conditions will shortly be notified directly with details on the conditions to fulfil and information on the next steps to start their project. We kindly ask applicants not to contact the secretariat directly until they have received this notification.

Have a look at the projects approved in the first call for proposals. Or download a [list of them](#).

Approved projects

Beyond EDP

Improve the RIS3 effectiveness through the management of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP)

Lead partner: Centre-Val de Loire Regional Innovation Agency, France

The project addresses the inadequacies in the design and implementation of
on policies which may negatively impact the effectiveness of Structural
IC3 are expected to provide a relevant solution to this issue, but their

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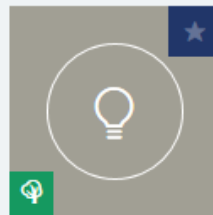
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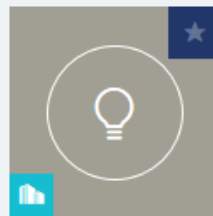
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Submitted by: Raluca Project-Ideas

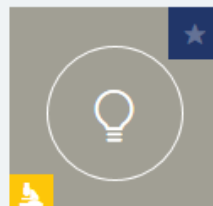
summary test



💡 Test 3 (PIFTS trial) - phone

Submitted by: Raluca Project-Ideas

summary test



💡 Test 2 (PIFTS trial) - written

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Check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe

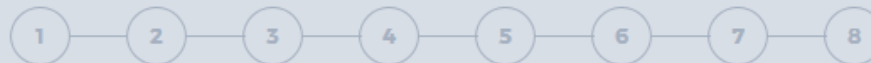
Answer the series of questions below to check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe.

Before going forward with your application or seeking assistance from us, make sure to check the relevance of your project! If you can answer 'yes' to all the questions, you're on the right track.

The self-assessment is for information purposes only.

Your progress

You have answered 0/8 questions



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1. Is the issue addressed clearly defined and does it fit in

Programme feedback



Complete the form below and publish your idea in the Interreg Europe project idea database. You can also publish your idea, or at any time via your dashboard.

Project idea name*

Thematic interest*

- Research and innovation
 - Objective 1.2: Improving innovation delivery policies
 - Objective 1.1: Improving innovation infrastructure policies
- SME competitiveness
 - 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

Summarise your ideas in 200 characters*

Description/Issue addressed*

Partners involved*

Main policy instruments addressed*

Type of partner looking for

Please describe the main activities and approach envisaged for the exchange of experience among partners*

If you would like to ask questions, please list them below

Enter keywords related to your project (please separate them with a comma)

Project idea owner*

Organisation*

Email*

Country*

Region*

SME competitiveness | Low-carbon economy

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Weekly Q&A sessions

Regular live talk with potential applicants

- Every Friday
- Always from 10-11am

Questions gathered via registration & on the spot

Answered during a live webinar




<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1913615698606971906>




Application pack online

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/>



Sharing solutions for better regional policies



Terms of reference - second call for proposals

Letter of support* from the relevant organisation responsible for policy

For Structural Funds programme Cooperation programmes: 4 country pages on the programme

Project acronym
Project title
Name of the signing organisation (department if relevant)
Name of the signing organisation (department if relevant)
Name of the policy instrument
Name of the policy instrument
Name of the policy instrument

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.

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

* amendments to the text of the template or template not correctly completed will lead to the ineligibility of the whole application


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1. Legal basis


The Interreg Europe programme is financed by whose principles and regulations are laid down in the (Common Provisions Regulation), Council Regulation and Council and Parliament Regulation and principles and regulations for projects developed in the Cooperation Programme and in the programme.

2. Context

The European Union works to reduce disparities of life in European regions through its cohesion policy concentrates on supporting the goals



Sharing solutions for better regional policies



Interreg Europe Programme Manual

19 January 2016



Lead applicant workshop

Tomorrow morning in Rotterdam

Webinar week – 12-15 April, 10-11 am

- Pre-recorded content from workshop & live Q&A
 - Designing project methodology: 12 April
 - Building relevant partnerships: 13 April
 - Managing budget and finances: 14 April
 - Planning a project communication strategy: 15 April

- Register at: www.interregeurope.eu/projects/project-assistance/

THE END

