

Europe, let's cooperate! online – questions & answers

Q: How to motivate partners from the consortium to be a coordinator? Thank you!

A (Interreg Europe): Every consortium needs one lead partner. Even if the LP bears responsibility, this is also shared in the consortium and the JS supports all LPs

Q: What do the member of the stakeholder group have to do in the project?

A (Interreg Europe): Good morning! Well first they contribute and enrich the learning process. Remember that this is multidimensional process meaning the learning must go beyond the individual, to partners and stakeholders. At the same time they support the policymakers at regional level and they contribute to the exchange of experiences at interregional level.

Q: What kind of policy advice can I get from the policy learning platform?

A (Interreg Europe): The policy learning platforms provide different services, e.g. policy helpdesk where you can seek advice for a specific challenge or demand-driven peer reviews

Q: Is there any limit for the number of expert partners in a consortium? The wp mentions a recommendation for max 1.

A (Interreg Europe): Our recommendation is indeed 1 as indicated in the programme manual.

Q: Good morning. Thank you for your presentation. I would like to know which is the most represented investment priority during the past two calls for proposals?

A (Interreg Europe): Hi Victor! It is first one, Strengthening Research, technological development and innovation (corresponding to Thematic objective &)

Q: The picture of underrepresented regions was not too clear, is it possible to share the list with us?

A (Interreg Europe): Please find the list of NUTS2 regions not yet represented in the programme in the terms of reference:

http://www.interregeurope.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Call_related_documents/Interreg_Europe_Third_call_terms_of_reference.pdf

Q: Are there any guidelines for dividing the budget? e.g. academic vs. stakeholders or across countries?

A (Interreg Europe): It is most important to keep in mind that the activities and therefore the type of involvement are the basis for building the projects budget.

Q: What's the best way to make a non-profit organisation participate in a project?

A (Interreg Europe): If a policy change/improvement is important and relevant for an organisation (non-profit organisation or public body), they will be motivated to participate.

Q: Can a development agency in-house company of a Region be the Lead Partner?

A (Interreg Europe): If the partner fulfils the eligibility criteria to participate and the policy relevance of the partner is given, there are no reasons why a development agency in-house company could not be a lead partner.

Q: Can the budget of the programme fund the meetings with the partners?

A (Interreg Europe): Indeed, partners should include in their budget costs for the organisation of the project's meetings.

Q: Is there an unofficial limit for partners?

A (Interreg Europe): There are no unofficial things, everything you need to know is in the programme manual:

http://www.interregeurope.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Call_related_documents/Interreg_Europe_Programme_manual.pdf As the manual reads, a partnership between 5 and 10 appears to be the best configuration.

Q: Which is the profile of the leading partners in Interreg Europe? Are they for example often regional authorities?

A (Interreg Europe): Mainly public authorities with the capacity to influence the policy instruments addressed. We also have other types of lead partners in Interreg Europe. Swiss partners and non-profit organisations cannot become lead partners.

Q: It can be funded by an intervention research as a pilot project?

A (Interreg Europe): There is no need to think about pilot actions at this stage of the application.

Q: Does the presence of regional and local authorities/organisations in the same project make the consortium not well built?

A (Interreg Europe): No. The consortium can be a mix of regional and local authorities. What matters is the authority's relevance with regard to the policy instrument to improve.

Q: How the development of a site can be funded? In which phase?

A (Interreg Europe): The projects' websites are hosted by the programme hence you do not need to plan costs for the development of a website

Q: How can we demonstrate the improvement in our regional policies / OPs?

A (Interreg Europe): Please refer to the programme manual, section 4.3.1. to read more about different ways how policies can be improved. Report on results in the progress report.

Q: Can universities be lead partners?

A (Interreg Europe): Yes they can. But not in all countries... depends on the status of universities in your country. University can be LP as long as it is governed by public law. University can come either as regional (lead) partner or as advisory (lead) partner

Q: Where can we find a list with the percentage of applications for every topic?

A (Interreg Europe): Please have a look at the section dedicated to facts and figures on our website, <http://www.interregeurope.eu/about-us/facts-and-figures/>

Q: What happens if I have already found, outside the Interreg Europe frame, the ideal partner ? Can I involve him to join and how?

A (Interreg Europe): Also, partners from outside the programme area, hence not from one of the 28 member states + Norway and Switzerland, can join. However, those partners have to participate on their own costs, they cannot receive funds from the programme. Important to highlight the added value of the partner for policy improvements in the programme area.

Q: Are the proposals that involve the most Managing Authorities given priority in terms of winning? Usually it is extremely difficult to convince the MA.

A (Interreg Europe): No. What matters is 1) the partner's relevance in connection to the policy instrument (SF or not) and 2) at least half of the policy instrument tackled

in project by EU partners need to be Structural Funds programmes (ideally with MA, if not: letter of support)

Q: What is a policy instrument?

A (Interreg Europe): It is a means of public intervention, it refers to any policy or law developed by public authorities and applied to improve a specific territorial situation. Please see section 4.1 of the programme manual

http://www.interregeurope.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Call_related_documents/Interreg_Europe_Programme_manual.pdf

Q: What is the dead line for submission of the proposal?

A (Interreg Europe): 30 June 2017, 12:00 noon CEST (Paris time)

Q: Is Interreg Europe a co-financed call type? For example, policymakers are co-financed or completely financed?

A (Interreg Europe): Yes we are co-financing the projects. Depending on the legal status of the partner, they are co-financed at 85% (public) or 75% (private non profit).

Q: Can be more than one partner from the same country be in the partnership?

A (Interreg Europe): Yes they can. There can be 1) several partner from the same region or 2) several partners from the same country representing different regions. if well justified. In any case, the budget should be allocated wisely.

Q: Do changes in the policy instrument need to happen in the lifetime of the project?

A (Interreg Europe): Results can happen at every moment. We expect them during phase 2, i.e. during the first two years of implementation of the action plans. Further changes may occur after the end of the project.

Q: Are private profit partners co-financed as well?

A (Interreg Europe): No, only private non-profit organisations.

Q: Is there a maximum / minimum number of countries / regions represented in a partnership?

A (Interreg Europe): We recommend to have between 5-10 partners. There need to be at least 3 partners from different countries (at least 2 EU countries).

Q: What's the role of the managing authorities (MA) within the project and the partnership?

A (Interreg Europe): Ideally, the MA is project partner, i.e. participates actively in all project activities and receives funding from the programme. In case the MA cannot be partner, it can still be involved through the stakeholder group.

Q: 1 region - 1 policy. 1 Province (LP) and 1 Region (partner) will address 1 same policy and no letter of support is required by the Province?

A (Interreg Europe): If the policy responsible body for the policy instrument is a partner, no letter of support is needed.

Chat room: Research and innovation

Q: We would like to know if the program funds the development of a website to deliver results of the project and to be the information mediator between parts_

A: If this is a tool for exchanging experience and the relevance is demonstrated for the project implementation then it can be financed in phase 1

A: If you are referring to pilot actions then we will see in due time

Q (Agnes): I am wondering how to define the policy instrument - is it better to make it bigger (a measure) or smaller (sub-measure) What are advantages and disadvantages?

A: The more specific the better!

Q (Agnes): Are there any consequences when we enlist a stakeholder in the application and when it comes to realisation - he doesn't want to be a stakeholder anymore?

A: No it is a dynamic process, stakeholders involved can change during the course of the project (and in the application form the list is just indicative)

Q (Agnes): Where can I find indicators: are the specific obligatory? what self-defined performance indicator need to refer to?

A: There is some pre-defined indicators which you have to use. In addition, self-defined performance indicators have to be defined for each policy instrument.

A: For the self-defined performance indicators, it is up to you to define them. They can also be changes later on.

Q (Agnes): I plan to show a measure and two sub-measures that this measure consist of. Then I need to have one Plan of Action for measure or two for the sub-measures?

A: it will be considered as only one policy instrument, meaning you just need to have one action plan

Chat room: Competitiveness of SMEs

Q (John Breslin, NUI Galway, Ireland): Hi all - if anyone is working on any projects to improve entrepreneurial/intrapreneurial skills development in regions, that would be of interest - thanks! My email is john.breslin@nuigalway.ie and profile is www.johnbreslin.com

A (Noemi, Spain): Hi John, I work for Fundacion Equipo Humano, Valencia. We develop innovative solutions for SME's, especially in the HRM field. We are currently looking for partners, are you already developing a proposal?

A (John): Hi Noemi - no, I haven't started to develop a proposal, so being a partner is good john.breslin@nuigalway.ie

A (Maria Radvanska, RPIC Presov, Slovakia): Noemi, if I could get more information on the project idea I would be happy to consider the partnership.

A (Noemi): Hi Maria, unfortunately digital learning is not among our interests at the moment.

A (Szabina, Pécs (Hungary)): Hi, we are interested in being partners - John and Noemi pazaurek.sz@gmail.com we intend to improve woman entrepreneurial skills

A (Noemi): We are looking for public entities at the moment. Szabina, are you working for a public entity?

A (Szabina): Noemi, it is a chamber of commerce we work for

A (Noemi): Szabina, can I have your email too? I will send you some info

A: Please check this project: <http://www.accelerateproject.eu/results.htm>

A (John): Thanks George - are you planning to develop this further in the next call? john.breslin@nuigalway.ie

A: Hello from France. ORT innovation is working in digital learning for enterprises as an effective and efficient tool to acquire skills. Rovenia Muzhaqi - ORT France: <http://www.ortinnovation.com/en.html>, rovenia.muzhaqi@ort.asso.fr, Digital learning tools to equip SMEs.

A (Maria Radvanska, RPIC Presov, Slovakia): Hallo from Slovakia to France, digital learning would be of big interest for us. Need a partner? www.rpicpo.sk

A (Sebastiano Simionato Veneto): We, as Regione Veneto, are interested in projects about developing regional entrepreneurial. My mail is Sebastiano.Simionato@regione.veneto.it

A (John Breslin, NUI Galway, Ireland): Also interested in female treps / founders - the latest Atomico Slush State of European Tech report has some figures that (as we know) need to be changed john.breslin@nuigalway.ie

A (Noemi): Interesting information John. My name is Noemi Alese, and this is my email: noemi.alese@fundacionequipohumano.es We have worked for the Valencian region on a female entrepreneurship project:

<http://www.fundacionequipohumano.es/es/visibilizate/presentacion>

A (Maria Radvanska, RPIC Presov, Slovakia): www.rpicpo.sk een@rpicpo.sk I am interested in project for SME support and development. Need a partner just send me info. Noemi, John, we also worked on women SME support in the past.

A: My email is: togaridou.konstantina@kastcham.gr

Q: We tried to contact several project proposal partners re tourism, woman entrepreneurship, education&training, etc. but very few responses so far. Any comments?

A (Sebastiano Simionato Veneto): Can you send me more information about your tourism projects? my email is: sebastiano.simionato@regione.veneto.it

A (Teresa Tacchi - Veneto Region): Veneto region is often interested in projects regarding tourism, had you anything already in mind about that topic? mariateresa.tacchi@regione.veneto.it

A (Szabina): We shall send you info later today, ok? pazaurek.sz@gmail.com

Q (Ewa Gabryelak): Together with University of Lodz, Poland we are working on a project related to entrepreneurship and integration of young people (with focus on foreigners). the project is related to economic immigration and a change in regional policy and support

A (John Breslin, NUI Galway, Ireland): Hi Ewa - feel free to reach out to me if of interest - john.breslin@nuigalway.ie - there are strong immigration connections between Ireland/Poland as you know My interest is in entrepreneurship skills development / training

A (Ewa): Hi John, we are also interested in training and skills as well as integration of economic immigrants in our region

A (Pedro): Good morning Ewa and John, much interested in this subject: we deliver entrepreneurship training/empowerment for intergration of young foreign people... ..(immigrants and refugees). I work for Portuguese Red Cross, and research at ISCTE and ULHT, Lisbon - Pedro Pinto dlisboa.psocial@cruzvermelha.org.pt

A: Dear Ewa feel Free to contact me: togaridou.konstantina@kastcham.gr (GREECE)

Q (Lea): Hello! Anyone interested in energy efficiency projects in the industry sector/SME?. I work at the National Energy Agency of Portugal - ADENE. lea.lima@adene.pt

A (Sebastiano): Hi Lea, we, as Regione Veneto, could be interested in such projects. if you want to discuss it, my email is sebastiano.simionato@regione.veneto.it

A: Ok. I'll contact you soon. lea.lima@adene.pt

Chat room: Low-carbon economy

Q (Emira): Good morning everyone! I'm from Lombardy Region, Italy, and I'm preparing a project deal with cycling and sustainable mobility. Anyone interested? We are looking for partners! We would like to exchange experiences on multimodal solution for cyclists

A: I am from Aveiro, Portugal. Maybe we can share some experiences. We have a deal!! macedo@ua.pt

A (Emira): Let's keep in touch! emira_lanari@regione.lombardia.it

A: I am from Huelva, Spain. From Huelva City Council we have implemented few measures on sustainable mobility but still we have a lot to learn.

A (Emira): Huelva City Council, are you still here? can you write your email address?

A: Yes, sure! mariajose.calero@huelva.es

A (Anne Clark, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK): Emira, We have cycling projects which might be of interest. I'll pass your details to the colleague who leads on cycling. anne.clark@newcastle.gov.uk

A (Teresa Tacchi - Veneto Region): Hi Emira, Veneto could be interested too. Could I get some more info about the project you're preparing? here's my email: mariateresa.tacchi@regione.veneto.it

A (Emira): Thank you all! We would be happy to learn from your experiences to improve our cycling paths! I can send you more info via email

A (Teresa Tacchi): thanks, it would be great if you could send us more details in a unique email so that we can easily keep in touch

A (Ana Isabel Cardoso): Hello! The Portuguese Energy Agency (ADENE) would like to have some more information about this project. Is that possible? Please e-mail to ana.cardoso@adene.pt

A (Puy Dominguez-Castilla y León Region, Spain): I am from Castilla y León región, Spain. We have developed cyclist and sustainability mobility plans in our cities, but we want to improve dompermi@jcyl.es

Q (Manos Vougioukas): Good morning, we are developing the project TransWalls <http://www.interregueurope.eu/project-idea-detail/695/> Looking for interested transport authorities

A (Metrotenerife): Yes, we could probably match. Leave one contact and we start to talk. Let's keep in touch! psobrino@metrotenerife.com

A: we can involve suitable authority in Greece please send us further details to: info@euro-trans.consulting

A: Good morning! I work at the Directorate for Territory, Urban Planning and Mobility of Regione Lazio- Italy. We have competence in transport and transport I'm Angela Lopez. alopez@regione.lazio.it. Best regards

A (Teresa Tacchi): hi! I think we could be interested too, could you send us more information in a unique email, so that we can easily keep in touch? ariateresa.tacchi@regione.veneto.it

Q (Alina): We are a federation of associations accredits by the environment ministry to monitor the air quality in regions, can we be managing authority?

A (Interreg Europe): Hi Alina! In our context a managing authority is the body responsible for the design and implementation of the policy instrument

Q (Manos): We are preparing an application on 'Mobility as a Service' (MaaS) for low-carbon transport solutions, any interest?

A (Anne Clark, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK): Manos, This might be something we are interested in as we do a lot on cycling and on electric vehicles. Where can I find more details?

A (Ana Isabel Cardoso): Hello! The Portuguese Energy Agency (ADENE) would like to have some more information about this project. Is that possible? Please e-mail to ana.cardoso@adene.pt

Q: How can the platforms support project proposal preparation?

A (Interreg Europe): Platforms are meant to encourage exchange at European level and capitalise projects results. It is the JS who supports applicants

Q: (Francesca Iliffe, Brighton & Hove City Council francesca.iliffe@) We are a local authority seeking to develop a Regional Energy Plan with neighbouring authorities to ensure reliable, affordable low carbon energy transition.

A (Interreg Europe): Hi Francesca! Please check the projects approved in previous calls, many of them focused on regional energy plans : www.interregeurope.eu/discover-projects/

A (Lea): Hello Francesca. I am Lea. Do you think that the industry sector could fit in this project?

A (Francesca): Hi Lea, if your organisation meets IE conditions, I would not want to rule out collaborating.

Q (Marta) 3 goals: inform policy makers for a better decision making, pool & share knowledge between experts, inform & raise awareness among citizens. Hello. I'm from a portuguese energy agency. We're very interested in projectes regarding the share knowledge marta.viegas@adene.pt

A: Hello Marta! <http://www.interregeurope.eu/project-idea-detail/689/#feedback-detail>
For more info please contact a.dauxais@avitem.org

Q (Magali): we are looking for partners to improve regional financial instruments to help citizens in the efficiency of their buildings. magali.viane@mouscron.be

A (Interreg Europe): Projects on financial instruments are highly encourage!! Good luck with it :)!

Q: Looking for partners who want to develop a regional approach to deliver the smart secure low carbon energy transition, working across municipality boundaries.

A: I'am from Aveiro University, Portugal. Could you send some specific information? macedo@ua.pt

A (Ana Isabel Cardoso): Hello! The Portuguese Energy Agency (ADENE) would like to have some more information about this project. Is that possible? Please e-mail to ana.cardoso@adene.pt

A (Magali city of Mouscron BE): could you send me also information?
Magali.viane@mouscron.be

Q (Alina): Is anyone interested in Air Quality? Look some ideas to share: Harbors and airport surveillance, eco-neighbourhood, sensor, citizen participation, indoor air;

A (Anne Clark, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK): Alina, we have AQ projects. Will pass this on the AQ colleagues. anne.clark@newcastle.gov.uk

A (Alina): Thank you Anne Clark. I shall send you by mail a presentation on our networking associations of Air quality in France so you can link it to your colleagues.

Q: We're looking for partners in relation w/ local authorities for a project on Urban Heat Islands.

here is the link <http://www.interregeurope.eu/project-idea-detail/689/#feedback-detail> For more info please contact a.dauxais@avitem.org

A (Teresa Tacchi - Veneto Region): thank you very much, let's keep in touch. my email is mariateresa.tacchi@regione.veneto.it

A (Puy Dominguez-Castilla y León Region, Spain): Interested in your proposal. We are a región with experienced in previous Project in that theme. Even if we are not a geographical island. dompermi@jcyl.es

Q: If you are interested in the low carbon economy in the agri-food sector please send an email to soltub@soltub.hu

A (Marta): Hello! The Portuguese Energy Agency would like to have some more information about this project. Is that possible? Please e-mail to marta.viegas@adene.pt

Chat room: Environment and resource efficiency

Q (Ian H): management of irrigation, and management of the water table.

Q (Victor): We are looking for partners which are in relation with the local authorities for a project on Urban Heat Islands. Our project would offer general info on UHI, specific info on selected territory and info on "good practices".

3 goals:

- inform policy makers for a better decision making
- pool and share knowledge between experts
- inform and raise awareness among citizens

A (Interreg Europe): Hi Victor, I wonder if your project idea is not more relevant to the low-carbon economy...

A: Hi Victor, Veneto has a quite big UHI in Padua, so such a project may be interesting for us. what did you have in mind? mariateresa.tacchi@regione.veneto.it

Q (Sofia): We are looking for partners located at the cross border regions facing difficulties in protecting transnational resources. Anyone interested?

A (Christina cpanagiotidi@aitoliki.gr): Can you please elaborate on transnational resources? I am Christina from Aitoliki Development Agency S.A. located in Western Greece and we are in need of managing a protected area (Messolonghi lagoon) in order to protect it and promote in a sustainable way

Hi Christina, please send me an email: sofia.rioli@eurac.edu

Szabina, Pécs (Hungary) This might be interesting to us as well, pls contact us via email at pazaurek.sz@gmail.com

Q: Use cases for water, agriculture and environment: <http://eng.beia-telemetrie.ro>
we are expertise on water soil erosion. Now we are interested in monitoring and modeling rainfall erosivity in Europe. on INTERREG site are 2 drafts: biomass and bioenergy manag. in the agri forestry (circ. econ.) and improving products resource efficiency Are you interested?

A: (Teresa Tacchi - Veneto Region): Veneto Region could be interested in such topics mariateresa.tacchi@regione.veneto.it

A (Marta): Hello! I'm from portuguese enegry agency. I would like to have some more information about the project. Can you please send an e-mail to marta.viegas@adene.pt

Q: Good morning everyone! We are looking for projects where we can do the coordination, communication or dissemination: www.ugent.be/power-link

A: What is your project idea?

Q: We are looking for partners in order to improve the regional policy about financial instruments to help citizens in efficiency buildings magali.viane@mouscron.be

A (Interreg Europe): Hi Magali, if you are talking about energy efficiency, your project idea may be more relevant to the low-carbon thematic objective

Q (Petya): Hello, Our interest is in tools and best practice, related to cultural heritage safeguarding.

We are from the Central Southern Bulgaria... my contact e-mail is oldtownplovdiv@yahoo.com

A (sotirism): We have expertise on ICT tools, please contact me later www.westgate.gr sotirism@westgate.gr

A (Sofia): Hi Petya, what type of cultural heritage are you planning to consider? please contact me via e-mail sofia.rioli@eurac.edu

A (Kleitia Zeqo (IDEA Consult)): Hi Petya, are you interested also in the adaptive re-use of heritage? kleitia.zeqo@ideaconsult.be

Hi Kleitia, that can be interesting, reuse of heritage is always an issue but what is your more specific view...

Q (Kleitia): We are looking for partners in the field of adaptive re-use of cultural heritage. Anyone interested?

A (Christina cpanagiotidi@aitoliki.gr): Hello, I am Christina from Greece. What do you mean by adaptive re-use of cultural heritage?

A (Paolo Grazioso): Hello, I am Paolo of Findazione Ugo Bordoni, Italy <http://www.fub.it/en> I also would like to ask what do you mean by "adaptive reuse of cultural heritage". pgrazioso@fub.it We have a good expertise in cultural heritage protection and promotion through digital platforms. If you think we can be of help, please do not hesitate!

Q (Lea Lima): Hello! Anyone interested in energy efficiency projects in the industry sector/SME?. I work at the National Energy Agency of Portugal - ADENE.
lea.lima@adene.pt

A (Interreg Europe): Hi Lea, projects dealing with energy-topics may be more relevant to the low-carbon theme