



Key project features

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Project objectives & activities

Project objective

- Mirror the programme's objective: improve the regional development policies ('policy instruments') of the participating regions
- Public interventions at local, regional or even national levels can be addressed

Project activities

- Exchange of experience (capacity building) through identification and transfer of good practices
- Pilot actions possible under conditions (maximum one per policy instrument)

Implementation of activities

2 phases over 4-year implementation

CORE	FOLLOW UP
3 years	1 year
Exchange of experience to achieve policy	Monitor policy improvements
improvements	(or action plans)

Implementation of activities

 Action plans needed only for regions which do not achieve results by end of core phase

- Some flexibility in the follow-up phase:
 - Up to each project to define the exact activities
 - Exchange of experience still possible

Partnership requirements

Who is eligible?

- Public authorities
- Public law bodies (bodies governed by public law)
- Private non-profit bodies

Geographical coverage

- Broad coverage required (going beyond transnational areas)
- Mixed between more and less advanced regions

Project finances

Projects co-financing rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% Interreg funding*	Public or public equivalent from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
70% Interreg funding*	Private non-profit from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
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)

Simplified financial rules

Cost categories	Simplification
Preparation costs	Lump sum €17,500
Staff	Fixed % of the real gross employment cost
Office & administration	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs
Travel & accommodation	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs (real cost reporting only in specific justified cases)
External Expertise and Services	
Equipment	
Infrastructure and Works	For pilots only

Plus:

- Simplified reporting, faster payments to projects
- Less control (sampling, risk-based verifications)

Project and good practice examples







Project example

2.08 M

Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition (SKYLA)

- How can regional authorities address **skill** gaps and mismatches in the face of the green transition?
- How can they ensure that their adaptation is in line with their Smart specialisation (S3/S4) strategies?



Partners





www.interregeurope.eu/skyla

Good practices identified by projects

Skills for the digital transition in the textile sector: PRISMA's training programme

The PRISMA project addresses techno scientific and economic challenges of Prato's Textile Industrial District in **Italy** in networks of firms and laboratories.













GREENHEALTH

Project example

Sustainable protected areas as a key value for human well-being (GREENHEALTH)

- How can regional authorities make their regions more biodiversity-resilient?
- How can they improve the management of European Protected Areas through strengthening links and collaboration between **biodiversity protection** and human health & well-being?









1.75 M



Good practices identified by projects

Global Monitoring Program for Biodiversity in Catalonia (SISEBIO)

A programme generating a set of universal indicators of biodiversity changes based on essential biodiversity variables (EBVs) of communities representing the trophic levels in the most representative habitats of all the media in Catalonia, **Spain.**









How to take part

Funding opportunities in new projects

Upcoming calls open to organisations from new Partner States:

- Third call open from 20 March to 7 June 2024
- **Fourth call** possibly in the first half 2025 (depending on the third call results)

Normal programme's rules and requirements apply

Funding opportunities in existing projects

Early 2024: restricted call open to first and second call projects

- Possibility to add **max 2 partners** from the new countries per project (using existing procedure under the monitoring system <u>Portal</u>)
- Possibility to **increase the original total project budget by up to 3%** of the initial amount (in addition to the additional budget for the new partner(s))
- Decision to be made through regular MC written procedure

Time for questions



















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