

# **Restricted call** Q&A and Networking

9 April 2024



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### Agenda

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- 11:45 Next steps



# **Restricted call** for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> call projects

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## **Context: programme enlargement**



In 2024 programme area enlarged to 7 new Partner States (7 EU candidate countries)

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine

### New opportunities for approved projects!



### **Key features**



- Unique opportunity for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> call projects to work with organisations from the 7 EU candidate countries
- Budget subject to number of requests approved (no specific amount allocated)
- From 20 March to 7 June 2024

### **Key features**



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- Maximum of 2 additional partners per project
- Budget increase up to **3%** of the original total budget (in addition to the budget allocated to new partners)
- Possibility to be involved as 'discovery' partner



## **Discovery partner**



- New type of participation: mainly to learn from others and discover interregional cooperation without the need to address policy instrument
- Facilitate the involvement of organisations from the 7 EU candidate countries (status restricted to these countries)

### Procedure



- Request for change procedure in the Portal
- Ask your JS officers to open the request for change module in Portal as soon as you are ready and submit asap
- $\rightarrow$  avoid last minute requests!

**Deadline** for submitting request for change with revised application form = **7 June 2024 midday CEST (Paris time)** 

### Documents



**Partner declarations** uploaded in Portal for **New partner(s)** and, if applicable, **associated policy authority(ies)** 

New subsidy contract needed **only for 1<sup>st</sup> call projects!** 

### Assessment



JS officers check changes in revised application form:

### ✓ in line with terms of reference?

✓ consistent and justified (only changes strictly related to the new partners inclusion are possible)?



- JS recommends request for change for approval to the monitoring committee
- **Monitoring committee** approves the request for change and new application form (MC meeting or written procedure)

## **Eligibility of activities and costs**



- New partners participate in project activities from: March 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> call) - 3<sup>rd</sup> semester
   April 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> call) - Project start
- Costs related to the **preparation** of the partners' integration are **eligible** (costs eligible from MC approval of the project)

## Eligible bodies and co-financing rates

Eligible bodies	Co-financing rate
Public authorities	80% Interreg fund
<b>Public law bodies</b> (bodies governed by public law)	80% Interreg fund
Private non-profit bodies	70% Interreg fund



# Networking assistance

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### Page about seven new countries



#### <u> https://www.interregeurope.eu/our-seven-new-countries</u>



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### Our seven new countries

Get to know the EU candidate countries we have expanded to and discover how to start cooperating together





#### Projects open to new countries

Have a look at the projects who have told us they are interested to welcome up-to two new partners from new countries

**Discover our projects** 

#### Start a new project

Our third call for project proposals is open to all eligible institutions from the programme area's 36 countries. The call is open from 20 March to 7 June 2024 (12:00 noon CEST - Paris time)

Let us take you through each step of the application process and see how to fill in the online forms.

#### Apply for the call

#### Join an approved project

Because our first and second call projects were approved at a time when opportunities to work with the seven new countries did not yet exist, we want to give them the chance to extend of their partnership.

The restricted call for project proposals is open from 20 March to 7 June 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (midday) CEST (Paris time).

Our approved projects can add up-to two new partners to their partnership from the seven new countries.



#### Get ready to network 151

Use the networking area to find approved projects looking for partners from the new countries or submit your own interests and see if anyone wants to team up. You'll be able to contact your matches through our online community.

#### Get policy advice

Policy-making is not an easy task. But you don't need to do it alone! Our team of experts is here to help you resolve your regional policy challenges.

Our experts provide a tailored set of resources, contacts, or in-depth analyses to help you find the answers you are looking for.





#### National points of contact

Discover how the country is involved in our programme and scroll down to meet our community members ready to cooperate!

### Approved projects open to new countries

#### Approved projects EU candidate countries (A-B) EU candidate countries (M-N) EU candidate countries (S-U)

Project 1	Project 2 😥 DETOCS: DEcarbonising the TOurism Industry Post Covid-19 Support	Project 9 OpenRegioCulture: environment for access of culture for people with special need	Project 10  CycleRight: Improve cycling policies - climate resiliency accessibility & safety
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Project 3	Project 4	Project 11	Project 12
MILEstone: Migrants' Integration in Local Economies	PLASTIX: Plastics Revolution for European Regions	DAPHNE: Decarbonising healthcare in EU regions	SMAPE: Shared Mobility Action Programmes Exchange
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Project 5	Project 6	Project 13	Project 14
UnicornQuest: Designing, sharing & replicating policy tools for Unicorn forests	LOTTI: Local identity driving traditional industry transition	FutureECOS: Future-proof living space in growth corridor regions	SHARING: goals, actions & resources for the mutual benefit of our communities
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Project 7	Project 8	Project 15	Project 16
TOURBO: Boost transition of MSMEs in tourism with green & digital transformation	SALAM: Sustainable Accessibility to the Labour Market	SPOTLOG: Green and Socially resPOnsible ciTy Logistics InnovaTions	EMBRACER: intErconnecting MoBility acRoss europeAn CitiEs and subuRbs
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# **Restricted call: Projects** looking for partners

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## **Projects' pitch**







#### **Project Partners**

University of Aveiro (PT) Coimbra Region Intermunicipal Community (PT) TTS Italy (IT) Metropolitan City of Cagliari (IT) Bucharest – Ilfov Regional Development Agency (BI-RDA) (RO) Municipality of Ljutomer (SI) Development Agency Sinergija (SI) Aufbauwerk Region Leipzig GmbH (DE) Municipal Enterprise "Susisiekimo paslaugos" (LT) Tampere University (FI) Cork Environmental Forum (IE)

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## Additional partners wanted

- 1. Open to all new 7 countries (as discovery partners)!
- 2. Partners of all types who play a major role in the field of mobility, transport and innovation.
- 3. We welcome partners interested in finding and sharing solutions on how to improve interconnectivity between rural areas, suburbs and urban centres focused on improving infrastructure, shared transport systems, innovation and digitalisation (lighter involvement)





#### Project Partners

#### University of Aveiro (PT)

Fundão Municipality (PT) TTS Italy (IT) Smart Cities of Romania Cluster (RO) Tampere University of Applied Sciences (FI) Mazovia Energy Agency (MAE) (PL) Municipality of Rimini (IT) Vidzeme Planning Region (LV) Constanta Metropolitan Area Intercommunity Development Association (RO) City of Mechelen (BE) Lille Municipality (FR)

**SPOTLOG** aims at creating socially responsible logistics systems supported by innovative urban infrastructures and digitalisation.

CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral

#### www.interregeurope.eu/spotlog



SPOTLOC

## Additional partners wanted

- 1. Open to all new 7 countries (as discovery partners)
- Organisations within the field of mobility and innovation; either with a role in policy development, infrastructure or operations planning, or public transport integration with logistics
- 3. Lighter involvement in the partnership as discovery partners; interest in learning initiatives related to rethinking the logistics eco-system mostly focused on innovative last-mile delivery solutions.



**UnicornQuest** aims to build entrepreneurial ecosystems by promoting, attracting and retaining to-be-unicorns thriving under EU principles and values.

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#### **Project Partners**

Science and Technology Park of Alentejo (PACT) (PT) Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency (SK) Western Development Commission (IE) Innovation & Management Centre Limited (WestBIC) (IE) North-West Regional Development Agency (RO) Business Developmnet Friesland Foundation (NL) Liguria Region (IT) Zemgale Planning Region (LV) Pannon Business Network Association (HU) Hauts-de-France Regional Council (FR) EuraTechnologies (FR) San Telmo Business School (ES)



UnicornQuest

## Additional partners wanted

- Open to all new partners, & in particular-Albania;
   Bosnia/Herzegovina; Montenegro; North Macedonia; Serbia
- 2. Organisations which have a strong track record in entrepreneurship promotion; business incubation; policy making for promoting entrepreneurship
- 3. This partnership would be more as discovery partners



### Renewable Energies in European Water Mills



#### **Project Partners**

Syndicate Energy Haute Vienne (SEHV) (FR) Fédération des Moulins de France (FR) Martijanec Municipality (CR) Molise toward 2000 (IT) Rzeszow Regional Development Agency (PL) Energy Agency of Savinjska, Saleska and Koroska Region (Slovenia)



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## Additional partners wanted

- 1. 1 or 2 partners could be full partner or discovery partner
- 2. Public authorities wanted with a wish to integrate watermill energy in their future.
- 3. Having a knowledge to share about watermill and/or watermill reactivation is a projected future



# Concluding remarks

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## Next steps | request for change

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## Reminder | third call open

### 11 weeks

Opening: **20 March 2024** (portal available)

Closing: **7 June 2024 at 12:00** CEST (Paris time)

Decision: end of 2024

**Application pack** available on the programme website:

<u> https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call#anchor-third-call-for-projects</u>

## The third call | assistance events

### Lead applicant webinars week

- A series of 4 webinars between **15 and 18 April 2024**, at **10:00**
- Tutorial videos combined with live Q&As
- Registration open from programme website (remember to log in)

15 APR	<u>Building a successful partnership</u>
16 APR	Designing project methodology
17 APR	Management, budget and finances
18 APR	Project communication

## The third call | assistance events

### **Q&A online sessions**

- Ask questions at registration (or during the session)
- JS replies during the session
- 3 upcoming sessions: 26 April, 17 May and 31 May
- Registration open on programme website (remember to login)

### <u> https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call#anchor-callrelated-events</u>

## The third call | assistance events

### **Country information days**

- Info days about the call and the programme in specific countries
- Organised by points of contacts
- National or regional events

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