IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION GOAL PART A

IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

CCI	2014TC16RFIR001
Title	INTERREG EUROPE
Version	2019.0
Date of approval of the report by the monitoring committee	11-Sep-2020

IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT	1
KEY INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR CONCERNED, INCLUDING ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, WITH RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL AND INDICATOR DATA	4
3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS	7
3.1 OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION 3.2 COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC INDICATORS (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013) PRIORITY AXES OTHER THAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 1.1A TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 1.1A.1.1 TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 1.1B TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 1.1B.1.2 TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 2.3D TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 2.3D.2.1 TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 3.4E TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 3.4E.3.1 TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 4.6C TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 4.6C.4.1 TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 4.6C.4.1 TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 4.6G TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 4.6C.4.1 TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 4.6C.4.1 TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 4.6C.4.1 TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 4.6G TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 4.6C.4.1 TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 4.6G TABLE 1: RESULT INDICATORS - 5.6.4.2 PRIORITY AXES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TABLE 2: COMMON AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS - 5.TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	7 10 10 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 22 23
3.3 TABLE 3: INFORMATION ON THE MILESTONES AND TARGETS DEFINED IN THE PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK	24 25 ME 26 27 AREA
(1) ERDF SUPPORT IS THE COMMISSION DECISION ON THE RESPECTIVE COOPERATION PROGRAMME.	
4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS	29
5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN	34
 (A) ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE MEASURES TAKEN	34 ESS IED,
6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)	37
7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) 1303/2013)	
8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)	
 8.1. MAJOR PROJECTS	39 39 40 41
9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)	43
9.1 INFORMATION IN PART A AND ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)	43

LATEST VALIDATION RESULTS	58
DOCUMENTS	57
14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)	56
13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH	
11.3 CONTRIBUTION TO MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES (WHERE APPROPRIATE) 11.4 PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL INNOVATION	
COOPERATION PROGRAMME	S TO ADMINISTER
11.1. PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDI TERRITORIAL INVESTMENTS, SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT UNITY OF A DEVELOPMENT OF A DEVELOP	DER THE
11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OI THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF RE (EU) NO 1299/2013)	GULATION
10.2 THE RESULTS OF THE INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY MEASURES OF THE FUNDS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE COMM STRATEGY	
10.1 PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVALUATION PLAN AND THE FOLLOW-UP GIVEN TO THE FINDINGS OF EV	
10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGE AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013	
9.5 ROLE OF PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1, (C) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)	
OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013) 9.4. REPORTING ON SUPPORT USED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE OBJECTIVES (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 13	
9.3. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPAI	RAGRAPH 2, (E)
INTEGRATION OF THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONS (ARTICLE 50(4) OI (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2, (D) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)	
PARTICULAR ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND THE ARRANGEMENTS IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE	THE
9.2. SPECIFIC ACTIONS TAKEN TO PROMOTE EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AND TO PROMOTE NON-DISCRIMI	NATION. IN

2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

Successful programme implementation was further confirmed in 2019.

74 additional projects were approved early in the year during the 4th call leading to a total of 258 running projects. As a result, more than 102% of the ERDF budget dedicated to operations was committed.

By the end of 2019, the projects' achievements were already impressive:

- As for activities, the projects organised 7,875 policy learning events and identified 2,472 good practices. Over 8,200 people declared that they increased their professional capacity thanks to their involvement in the cooperation projects. All 130 projects from 1st and 2nd calls finalised phase 1 in 2019 and developed 598 action plans.
- As for results, projects (mainly from 1st and 2nd calls) succeeded in influencing 299 policy instruments, including 194 Structural Funds operational programmes. The financial impact of this influence has already exceeded the ERDF budget allocated to Interreg Europe and is currently estimated at MEUR 419 (including MEUR 395 ERDF). This funding was mobilised to finance activities inspired by the projects' exchange of experience. Investment in solutions tried and tested in other corners of Europe saves time of regional policymakers and makes the use of financial resources more efficient. These results also show how Interreg Europe directly contributes to a more efficient implementation of the Cohesion Policy.

Regarding the Policy Learning Platform (PLP), significant improvement can be noted. During its 3rd year of implementation, the PLP was finally 'up and running at full speed', in line with the initial ambition and quality expectations. The new management team brought in positive dynamic which was key for levelling up the overall quality of the services. The PLP activities in 2019 can be summarised as follows: publication of 11 policy briefs, 23 stories and 36 articles; validation of 1,042 good practices; organisation of 9 online discussions (around 200 participants), 8 thematic workshops (150 participants), 7 peer reviews in 6 countries, 5 matchmaking sessions, and 1 workshop at EWRC. By the end of 2019, 5,700 people were active members of the PLP community.

These activities illustrate an evolution in the services offered. Through the development of peer reviews and matchmaking sessions, demand-driven services significantly increased in 2019. Although more demanding on resources, these services offered more added value to the beneficiaries, when compared to more traditional forms of capitalisation such as the knowledge hub with thematic publications. The added value is reflected in the very positive feedback on the peer reviews received both from the host regions and the peers. The peer reviews have become a key success of the PLP implementation, paving the way for impacting the policymaking processes of the participating regions.

Communication activities played an important role in the successful programme implementation in 2019 with (online) events, website and social media presence, a web-documentary about the project results, as well as active contribution of the Partner State's points of contact with national events, videos and publications.

In terms of financial management, the programme exceeded again by 60% the decommitment target for 2019.

As last year, this reflects:

- the programme's attractiveness
- good governance, i.e. the MC ability to approve operations early
- the project partners' ability to implement projects timely
- proper functioning of the control systems across 28 MS and Norway (no bottlenecks)

As for financial activities, the second level audit campaign carried out in 2019 concerned 12 partners from 6 projects and the technical assistance expenditure. It resulted in EUR 1,260 of ineligible expenditure and an extrapolated error rate of 0.26%. It therefore confirmed, as last year, the good functioning of the management and control system. In February 2019 the programme submitted for the first time the annual accounts with costs reported. The procedure for the preparation of annual accounts was improved, following the audit of accounts, by including a deadline in the annual closure timeline for Member States to report to the joint secretariat (JS) any irregularities detected at the national level.

In terms of programme management, two monitoring committee (MC) meetings were organised in 2019:

- The 10th MC meeting took place in March in Sinaia (RO). The main decision during this MC was the approval of 4th call projects. For the first time, Partner States decided to approve more projects than recommended by the MA/JS. 24 projects with a score just below the 'recommendation' threshold were also approved. Partner States mandated the MA/JS to draft strict recommendations for these 24 projects, conditions that MC approved later through a written procedure. A majority of projects were approved under priority axis 4 (32% 24 out of 74 projects)thanks to the promotional campaign organised for this priority axis. As a result, the budget allocation among the four priorities is almost perfectly respected. Among the other decisions taken during this meeting, MC also approved the follow-up measures on the recommendations from the 2018 evaluation.
- The 11th MC meeting took place in December in Helsinki (FI). During this meeting, Partner States approved the approach for carrying out the 2020 update evaluation. The evaluation will mainly consist of updating the impact evaluation while the operational evaluation, due to the positive conclusions reached in 2018, will be restricted to drawing recommendations for the future programme.

2019 remained a challenging year due to the level and number of programme activities. This was the only year of the whole programming period during which all 258 projects were running at the same time (the closure of the first projects will occurred in the first semester of 2020 only). Moreover, the PLP also increased its activities including the demand-driven services which are more demanding in terms of resources.

Finally, the reflections on the future programme also started:

- The third informal MC meeting took place in Brussels in January 2019 to check the state of play of the negotiations and organise the first brainstorming on the features of the new programme.
- An informal programming committee (PC) was then organised in October in Lille (FR). This was the occasion to create officially the PC, to discuss its rules of procedure, and prepare the terms of reference to select the experts in charge of the new programme drafting.
- Finally, the 1st PC took place in December in Helsinki (FI). The rules of procedure and application procedure for the future MA were approved on that occasion.

Thanks to the recruitment of 2 new officers, as approved by the MC in December 2018, the joint secretariat was

able to continue to monitor and pay projects timely, disseminate projects' and programme results, report to the Commission and to the MC and start the preparation of the next period.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Research, Technological Development and Innovation	In 2019, 14 new projects were approved under PA1 (4th call) leading to a total of 65 projects. As initially forecasted in the cooperation programme, majority of projects (53 from 1st and 2nd calls) were approved under specific objective 1(b). By December 2019, more than 60% of the projects (40 out of 65, projects from 1st and 2nd calls) finalised phase 1. Projects under PA1 organised 2,475 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 681 good practices. They contributed to the increased capacity of 2,082 people and developed 280 action plans. In terms of results, they demonstrated 104 policy changes (including 82 related to Structural Funds programmes) with a financial impact estimated at MEUR 63 (including MEUR 53.9 of ERDF). Full details can be found in the monitoring system (iDB) and the programme website. Close collaboration with JRC in Seville continued. Interreg Europe participated in several S3 events (Peer eXchange and Learning workshop in May in Perugia; S3P – Industry SC meeting in June in Warsaw; S3P – Energy event in July 2019 in Budapest where TO4 PLP expert made a presentation). The main PLP activities were: publication of 3 policy briefs, 8 articles and 6 stories; validation of 259 good practices; organisation of 2 online discussions, 2 workshops, 1 matchmaking session and 3 peer reviews on innovation processes in Gävleborg (SE), on Centres of Excellence in Sofia (BG) and on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in health sector in Sud Region (FR).
2	Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises	In 2019, 17 new projects were approved under PA2 (4th call) leading to a total of 66 projects. By December 2019, 50% of these projects (33 projects from 1st and 2nd calls) finalised phase 1. Projects under PA2 organised 2,359 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 777 good practices. They contributed to the increased capacity of 2,267 people and developed 226 action plans. In terms of results, the projects demonstrated 74 policy changes (including 48 related to Structural Funds programmes) with a financial impact estimated at MEUR 96.1 (including MEUR 89.3 of ERDF). Full details on these policy changes can be found in the monitoring system (iDB) and in the result section of the programme website. The PLP performance under PA2 improved both in terms of quantity and quality thanks to the selection of new thematic experts. The main activities were: publication of 9 articles and 6 stories; validation of 207 good practices; organisation of 2 online discussions, 2 workshops and 2 matchmaking sessions. A matchmaking session on 'Enhancing SME competitiveness through Makerspace Movement' was organised during the EWRC. 2 peer reviews were also organised respectively on Internationalisation and Transnational Cooperation in Berlin hosted by the Berlin Senate Department for Economics, Energy and Public Enterprises (DE) and SME support for trade and export, hosted by ACCIO/ Generalitat de Catalunya (ES).
3	Low Carbon Economy	In 2019, 19 new projects were approved under PA2 (4th call) leading to a total of 60 projects.
		By December 2019, 50% of these project (31 from the 1st and 2nd calls) finalised their phase 1. Projects under PA3 organised 1,796 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 608 good practices. They

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		contributed to the increased capacity of 2,642 people and developed 202 action plans. In terms of results, the projects
		demonstrated 63 policy changes (including 45 related to Structural Funds programmes) with a financial impact estimated
		at MEUR 221.3 (including MEUR 214.5 of ERDF). The LOWCARBO project plays an important part in this with an
		amount of MEUR 165 influenced on a grant scheme of the Hungarian SF programme (EDIOP-4). Full details can be
		found in the monitoring system (iDB) and the programme website.
		Concerning PLP, PA3 is the best performing priority thanks to the quality of the thematic experts. Main PLP activities
		were: publication of 4 policy briefs, 11 articles and 4 stories; validation of 318 good practices; organisation of 3 online
		discussions, 2 workshops and 1 matchmaking session and a peer review in Eupen (Ministry of the German-speaking
		community, BE) on Governance of energy and climate action plans. An online discussion on 'municipal low-carbon
		strategies' was organised with partners from the APPROVE, COALESCCE, INTENSIFY, SUPPORT and ZEROCO2
		projects. The programme was also involved in the Energy and Managing Authorities network
4	Environment and Resource	The programme was also involved in the Energy and Managing Authorities network. In 2019, 24 new projects were approved under PA4 (4th call) leading to a total of 67 projects. With the highest number of
4	Efficiency	projects approved in 4th call, PA4 has caught up with the other priorities in terms of number of projects and budget
	Linelency	allocation.
		By December 2019, 39% of these project (26 from the 1st and 2nd calls) finalised their phase 1. Projects under PA4
		organised 1,655 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 554 good practices. They
		contributed to the increased capacity of 1,467 people and developed 160 action plans. In terms of results, they
		demonstrated an influence on 75 policy changes (including 29 Structural Funds programmes) with a total financial impact
		estimated at MEUR 54 (including MEUR 48 of ERDF). Full details can be found in the monitoring system (iDB) and the
		programme website.
		The main PLP activities organised within PA4 can be summarised as follows: publication of 4 policy briefs, 8 articles and
		7 stories featuring Interreg Europe projects; validation of 258 good practices; organisation of 2 online thematic
		discussions, 2 thematic workshops and 1 matchmaking session. In addition, a peer review was organised in Marseille on
		Regional policies focused on Corporate Social Responsibility and hosted by Region Sud (FR).
		PLP was also actively involved in initiatives such as the European Network of Environment and Managing Authorities (ENEA-MA).
5	Technical Assistance	The technical assistance focused on the monitoring of the 184 running projects, the contracting of 74 projects approved in
		the 4th call, audit activities and the continuous improvement of the online monitoring system.
		The programme organised its annual event and a seminar for the lead partners of the 4th call projects in Brussels. The
		objectives of the annual event were to showcase the achievements of the programme, present the Policy Learning Platform
		services and enable exchange of experience among projects. The programme also organised workshops during the
		European Week of Regions and Cities.
		The following audit activities were performed by the external audit firm on behalf of the audit authority (with close
		monitoring and follow up by the JS): 2 system audits related to the procedures of the managing authority (including the
		JS) and of the certifying authority (for key requirements 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13), 6 interregional project (second level) audits, a

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant						
		problems and steps taken to address these problems						
		(second level) audit of the technical assistance expenditure and the audit of the accounts 2018-2019. The results of the						
		dits confirmed the proper functioning of the management and control system (see section 2 for more information on the						
		esults of the second level audits).						
		Finally, the programme started the discussion on the future period with the Partner States and the selection process of the						
		managing authority. An external contractor was also selected for drafting of the new programme.						

3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of
priority	European interest

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement	Target	2019	Observations
	-		unit	value		
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	76.00	46.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	76.00	76.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 1a is 79.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in	Number	1,000.00	274.00	
		interregional cooperation activities				
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in	Number	1,000.00	1,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority 1a is 1,335.
		interregional cooperation activities				
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	7.00	19.00	55 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	7.00	7.00	No forecast available per year.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	10.00	8.00	Several events organised by the PLP in thematic objective 1 are open to projects from both investment priorities 1a and 1b. This is the reason why the same events can be
						reported under these investment priorities. So far the following events were organised:
						1 kick-off event in 2016,
						1 workshop Health and wellbeing (28/06/17)
						1 back-to-back networking event for TO1 and TO3 (19-20 October 2017);
						1 workshop on clusters (20/06/18)
						1 workshop on rural innovation (05/12/18)
						1 matchmaking session on 'Centre of excellence' (10/10/18)
						1 webinar on R&I infrastructure (06/02/19)
						1 peer review on structuring centres of excellence and centres of competences (18-19/06/19)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	10.00	10.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	76.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	9.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	7.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European
priority	interest
Specific	1.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC
objective	programmes, in the field of research and innovation infrastructure and capacities, notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies.

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1a.1.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline	Baseline	Target value	2019 Total	2019	Observations
			value	year	(2023) Total		Qualitative	
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	2.62	2014	8.00	8.33		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: 10 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (9 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee in December 2018, this indicator also includes the results reported by the projects under this priority (as long as the same programme is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated influence on 14 Structural Funds programmes (details of these programmes are available in iDB). But only 12 of these programmes are included since 2 of them (ROP of Lodzkie and OP of Romania) were already reported in the 2018 surveys. In total, 31 programmes (out of 372 SF programmes in Europe) were therefore influenced by Interreg Europe.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	3,500,000.00	2014	48,000,000.00	21,600,000.00		This indicator is based on two different sources of information. First, in compliance with the cooperation programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: MEUR 3.5 was indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (MEUR 7 influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee during its 9th meeting in Innsbruck (December 2018), this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this investment priority (as long as the same amount is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 11.1 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 21.6 was therefore influenced by the programme

ID	Indicator	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	7.00		2.62		2.62		2.62	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	21,300,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00	

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	2.62	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	3,500,000.00	

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in
priority	particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation,
	networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions,
	advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering
	investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1b

(1	ID	Indicator	Measurement	Target value	2019	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	154.00	234.00	
S	_	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	154.00	154.00	
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	2,000.00	1,808.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	2,000.00	2,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 5,763.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	18.00	24.00	69 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	18.00	18.00	No forecast available for 2018.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	18.00		Several PLP events in thematic objective 1 are open to projects from both 1a and 1b. That is why the same events can be reported under these investment priorities. So far the following took place: kick-off event in 2016; workshop (WS) on Innovation in health (28/06/17); back-to-back networking event for TO1 and TO3 (19-20 October 2017); WS on clusters (20/06/18); WS on rural innovation (05/12/18); 2 matchmaking sessions on Innovation governance and Digital public services (10/10/18); peer review on Innovation of public documentation services (10/04/19); WS on Better design and monitor S3 (25/09/19); webinar on Better RIS3 governance (22/10/19); WS on Open, social, responsible innovation (27/11/19); peer review on Revising S3 to integrate Artificial Intelligence in the Health Sector (17-18/12/19)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	18.00	18.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	74.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	154.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	788.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	28.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	8.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	18.00	18.00	18.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in
priority	particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation,
	networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions,
	advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering
	investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services
Specific	1.2 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC
objective	programmes, that support the delivery of innovation by actors in regional innovation chains in areas of "smart specialisation" and innovation opportunity.

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1b.1.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	3.66	2014	25.00	19.08		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: 14 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (13 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee in December 2018, this indicator also includes the results reported by the projects under this priority (as long as the same programme is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated influence on 46 Structural Funds programmes (68 policy changes related to 46 individual Operational Programmes, details available in iDB). But only 44 of these programmes are included since 2 of them (ROP of Basque Country and ROP of Central Macedonia) were already reported in the 2018 survey. In total, 71 programmes (out of 372 SF programmes) were influenced.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	3,500,000.00	2014	144,000,000.00	146,300,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, in compliance with the cooperation programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: MEUR 3.5 were indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (MEUR 100 influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee during its 9th meeting in Innsbruck (December 2018), this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this investment priority (as long as the same amount is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 42.8 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 146.3 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	12.56		3.66		3.66		3.66	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	119,224,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00	

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	3.66	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	3,500,000.00	

Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
Investment priority	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.3d

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement	Target	2019	Observations
			unit	value		
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	226.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	230.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 3d is 447.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	2,267.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	3,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 6,993.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	25.00	71 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	25.00	No forecast available per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00		kick-off event in 2016; back-to-back networking event for TO1 and TO3 (19-20/10/2017); workshop (WS) on SME internationalisation (30/07/17); WS on Entrepreneurship and business creation (14/11/18); matchmaking session on SMEs involvement in cross-border cooperation projects (10/10/18); matchmaking session on SME to the start city policies (10/04/19); WS on Cultural and creative industries (4/06/19); peer review on Internationalisation and transnational cooperation of SMEs (3-4/07/19); matchmaking session on Enhancing the competitiveness of local SMEs through makerspace movement (09/10/19); peer review on Support initiatives for information and assistance to help SMEs to overcome trade barriers during export process (17- 18/10/19); WS on Mastering the digital transformation of business support (27/11/19); webinar on Creative hubs (05/12/19)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	28.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	433.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	26.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	7.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	28.00	28.00	28.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
Investment	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes
priority	
Specific	2.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC
objective	programmes, supporting SMEs in all stages of their life cycle to develop and achieve growth and engage in innovation.

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.3d.2.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline	Baseline	Target value	2019 Total	2019	Observations
			value	year	(2023) Total		Qualitative	
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.83	2014	33.00	13.70		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: 7 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (8 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee in December 2018, this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this priority (as long as the same programme is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an influence on 37 Structural Funds programmes (48 policy changes related to 37 individual Operational Programmes, details available in iDB). But only 36 of these programmes are included since one of them (ROP of Świętokrzyskie Region) was already reported in the 2018 survey. In total, 51 programmes (out of 372 SF programmes) were influenced.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	0.00	2014	192,000,000.00	89,500,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, in compliance with the cooperation programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: MEUR 0 were indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (EUR 268,850 influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee during its 9th meeting in Innsbruck (December 2018), this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this investment priority (as long as the same amount is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 89.3 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the statistic 'Policy Instruments Results'). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 89.5 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2018 Total	2018 Oualitative	2017 Total	2017 Oualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Oualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	9.42		1.83		1.83		1.83	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	24,268,850.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	1.83	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	0.00	

Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Investment	4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and
priority	mitigation-relevant adaptation measures

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.4e

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2019	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	202.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	230.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 4e is 387.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	2,642.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	3,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 7,153.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00		64 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	25.00	No forecast set per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	16.00	event in 2016; workshop (WS) on sustainable transport 26/06/17; joint event for TO4 and TO6 17-18/10/17; WS on Energy efficiency in buildings 28/06/18; WS on Sustainable mobility 21/11/18; peer review on Energy efficiency in buildings 10/2018; 2 online talks on Demand responsive transport 12/06/18 and Behaviour change 05/12/18; webinar on e-mobility 19/03/19; matchmaking - Setting up one stop shops for energy refurbishment 10/04/19; peer review - Joint SECAP coordination and implementation 8-9/05/19; WS - Financial instruments for low carbon economy 20/06/19; online talk - Governance of multi-municipal energy, climate and transport strategies 11/07/19; webinar - One stop shops for energy refurbishment of private buildings 13/09/19; WS - Fostering citizen-focused urban mobility 26/11/19; webinar - Impact of increasing electrification on electricity grid 10/12/19
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	28.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	69.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,208.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	24.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	8.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	28.00	28.00	28.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Investment	4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and
priority	mitigation-relevant adaptation measures
Specific	3.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC
objective	programmes, addressing the transition to a low-carbon economy, notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies.

Table 1: Result indicators - 3.4e.3.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline	Baseline	Target value	2019 Total	2019	Observations
			value	year	(2023) Total		Qualitative	
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and	% of all Growth &	1.31	2014	33.00	12.09		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all
	ETC programmes where	Jobs and ETC						managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: 5 programmes indicated as influenced by
	measures inspired by	programmes						Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (3 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg Europe). But
	INTERREG EUROPE were							as agreed by the monitoring committee in December 2018, this indicator also includes the
	implemented							results directly reported by the projects running under this investment priority (as long as the
								same programme is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated
								influence on 37 additional Structural Funds programmes (45 policy changes related to 37
								individual Operational Programmes, details available in iDB under the statistic 'Policy
								Instruments Results'). In total for this specific objective, 45 programmes (out of 372
								structural funds programmes) were therefore influenced.
2	Amount of Structural Funds	EUR	13,000,000.00	2014	192,000,000.00	229,100,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, in compliance with the
	(from Growth & Jobs and							cooperation programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing
	ETC) influenced by							authorities in 2014 (baseline value: MEUR 13 were indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC)
	INTERREG EUROPE							and in 2018 (MEUR 1.6 influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring
								committee during its 9th meeting in Innsbruck (December 2018), this indicator also includes
								the results directly reported by the projects running under this specific objective (as long as
								the same amount is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an
								additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 214.5 (details of this amount are available
								in iDB under the statistic 'Policy Instruments Results'). In total for this specific objective,
								an amount of MEUR 229.1 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2018 Total	2018	2017 Total	2017	2016 Total	2016	2015 Total	2015
			Qualitative		Qualitative		Qualitative		Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by	7.59		1.31		1.31		1.31	
	INTERREG EUROPE were implemented								
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG	202,667,000.00		13,000,000.00		13,000,000.00		13,000,000.00	
	EUROPE								

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	1.31	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	13,000,000.00	

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.6c

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2019	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	86.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	115.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 6c is 221.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	822.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00		No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 3,464.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	27.00	78 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	12.00	No forecast available per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	9.00	1 kick-off event in 2016
						1 back-to-back networking event for TO4 and TO6 (17-18/10/17);
						1 workshop on Cultural heritage for sustainable development (20/06/18);
						1 workshop on Management of natural heritage (22-23/11/18)
						1 matchmaking session on Cultural tourism (10/10/2018)
						1 online discussion on Cultural routes (stakeholder involvement)
						1 webinar on cultural routes (07/02/19)
						1 matchmaking session "systematisation and valorisation of cultural heritage sites in Krapinje Zagore County" (10/04/19)
						1 webinar on ecotourism in riverside territories (24/10/19)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	14.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	37.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	272.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	18.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	6.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
priority	
Specific	4.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, in
objective	the field of the protection and development of natural and cultural heritage.

Table 1: Result indicators - 4.6c.4.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline	Baseline	Target value	2019 Total	2019	Observations
			value	year	(2023) Total		Qualitative	
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.57	2014	16.00	6.45		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: 6 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (5 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee in December 2018, this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this specific objective (as long as the same programme is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an influence on 13 additional Structural Funds programmes (available in iDB under the statistic 'Policy Instruments Results'). In total for this investment priority, 24 programmes (out of 372 SF programmes in Europe) were therefore influenced by Interreg Europe.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	19,000,000.00	2014	96,000,000.00	84,300,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, in compliance with the cooperation programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: MEUR 19 were indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (MEUR 42.3 influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the Monitoring Committee during its 9th meeting in Innsbruck (December 2018), this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this investment priority (as long as the same amount is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 23 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the statistic 'Policy Instruments Results'). In total for this investment priority objective, an amount of MEUR 84.3 was influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2018 Total	2018	2017 Total	2017	2016 Total	2016	2015 Total	2015
			Qualitative		Qualitative		Qualitative		Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG	3.66		1.57		1.57		1.57	
	EUROPE were implemented								
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG	62,582,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00	
	EUROPE								

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	1.57	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	19,000,000.00	

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment	6g - Supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the
priority	public and private sectors

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.6g

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2019	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	74.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	115.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 6g is 206.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	645.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	1,500.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 3,358.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	25.00	73 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	12.00	No forecast available per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	8.00	I event in 2016 I thematic workshop on Circular economy (29/07/17) I back-to-back networking event for TO4 and TO6 (17-18/10/17) I matchmaking session on Circular economy / CRD (10/10/2018) I online thematic discussion on Circular economy business models I workshop on opportunities for the uptake of industrial symbiosis in European regions (22-23/05/19) I peer review on Corporate Social Responsibility (27-28/06/19) I workshop on developing healthy and prosperous urban ecosystems (26/11/19)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	14.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	132.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	11.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	5.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment	6g - Supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the
priority	public and private sectors
Specific	4.2 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC
objective	programmes, aimed at increasing resource-efficiency, green growth and eco-innovation and environmental performance management.

Table 1: Result indicators - 4.6g.4.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline	Baseline	Target value	2019 Total	2019	Observations
			value	year	(2023) Total		Qualitative	
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	0.52	2014	16.00	4.83		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: 2 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (2 programmes indicated as influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee in December 2018, this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this specific objective (as long as the same
								programme is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an influence on 14 additional Structural Funds programmes (16 policy changes related to 14 individual Operational Programmes, details available in iDB under the statistic 'Policy Instruments Results'). In total for this investment priority, 18 programmes (out of 372 Structural Funds programmes) were therefore influenced.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	19,000,000.00	2014	96,000,000.00	44,800,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, in compliance with the cooperation programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014 (baseline value: MEUR 19 were indicated as influenced by Interreg IVC) and in 2018 (EUR 0 influenced by Interreg Europe). But as agreed by the monitoring committee during its 9th meeting in Innsbruck (December 2018), this indicator also includes the results directly reported by the projects running under this specific objective (as long as the same amount is not counted twice). By December 2019, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 25.8 (details of this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 44.8 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2018 Total	2018 Oualitative	2017 Total	2017 Oualitative	2016 Total	2016 Oualitative	2015 Total	2015 Oualitative
			Quantative	0.55	Quantative		Quantative	0.55	Quantative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG	2.87		0.52		0.52		0.52	
	EUROPE were implemented								
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG	20,500,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00	
	EUROPE								

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	0.52	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	19,000,000.00	

	• .	
Prio	rity	axis

5 - Technical Assistance

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 5. Technical Assistance

(1) ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2019	Observations
F	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	Number	200.00	258.00	In total, 258 interregional projects were approved during the four calls for proposals.
S	5	approved		200.00	200.00	The initial forecast for 2019 was 200 approved projects in four calls (50 projects per call on average)
F	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Number	200.00	180.00	By the end of 2019, the joint secretariat participated physically in the kick-off meetings of 5 projects (Beyond EDP, iEER, MOLOC, RECORD and S34growth) and in 24 kick-off meetings remotely (online). The JS also participated in 10 other project events organised by 13 projects (some events were joint events organised by several Interreg Europe projects). In addition in 2018 and 2019, the JS organised 124 mid-term reviews for projects approaching the end of phase 1. The JS participated through physical meetings for 54 projects and through online meetings for 60 projects. Finally, in 2019, the JS participated in the first 17 final conferences of projects.
S	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Number	200.00	200.00	Initially, it was not envisaged that the JS would participate in other project events than the final conferences. Mid-term reviews were introduced later on in the programme implementation. This new feature appeared important considering the longer duration of projects and the need to discuss phase 2 before its start. By the end of 2019, the JS participated in 17 project final conferences.
F	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	Number/month	15,000.00	51,395.00	The programme website hosts websites of all projects after their approval. Visits (Sessions in Google Analytics terms) at the project pages generate traffic at the programme website too, which helps the programme reach well beyond the initial target.
S	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	Number/month	15,000.00	15,000.00	The initial forecast for the programme website traffic (number of visits/sessions) was 15,000.
F	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number	14.00	11.00	2 monitoring committee meetings were held in 2015, 3 in 2016, 2 in 2017, 2 in 2018 and 2 in 2019
S	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number	14.00	10.00	The initial forecast was counting with two monitoring committee meetings per year.
F	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		29.00	1 additional policy officer and 1 additional finance officer were recruited in 2019 to monitor the 258 approved projects.
S	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		27.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	184.00	130.00	130.00	0.00	0.00
S	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	150.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
F	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	82.00	4.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
S	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
F	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	51,131.00	43,984.50	28,539.00	10,221.00	0.00
S	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
F	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	9.00	7.00	5.00	2.00	0.00
S	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00	0.00
F	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	27.00	26.00	26.50	0.00	0.00
S	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	27.00	26.00	26.50	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	5.1 - To maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of the management and implementation of the INTERREG EUROPE Programme.

Table 1: Result indicators - 5.5.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	Observations
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully, demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.		0.00	2013	90.00	99.00		Similarily to 2018, the achievement of the planned outputs by projects is almost 100% when considering the core deliverables (i.e. action plans developed). By December 2019, 868 action plans were developed which represents around 99% of the expected actions plans to be produced by first and second call projects. As far as the PLP is concerned, the delivery of the core outputs continued to be smooth. As reflected under each investment priority, the core outputs related to policy learning events organised were delivered. Since projects still represent 96% of the operations' budget, the percentage reported under TA1 reflects the performance at projects' level.
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	%	0.00	2013	0.00	0.00		The programme met its decommitment target in 2019. The target was again even exceeded by 60%, as in 2018.

ID	Indicator	2018	2018	2017	2017	2016	2016	2015	2015
		Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully,	95.80		0.00		0.00		0.00	
	demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.								
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully, demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.	0.00	
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	0.00	

3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2019	Observations
1	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,686.00	37,060,130.33	
1	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	280.00	
2	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,685.00	28,322,810.16	
2	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	226.00	
3	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,685.00	27,153,179.22	
3	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	202.00	
4	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,685.00	23,490,209.54	
4	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	160.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
1	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	21,697,135.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	86.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	15,868,428.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	15,649,393.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	69.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,715,689.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	0	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	61.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.4. Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co- financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	Total	99,344,632.00	85.00	107,285,469.25	107.99%	104,596,974.50	47,213,826.57	47.53%	66
2	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	101,790,250.25	102.46%	99,150,422.90	37,753,153.57	38.00%	67
3	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	94,104,668.25	94.73%	92,821,201.95	34,311,130.24	34.54%	61
4	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	101,380,441.25	102.05%	99,412,630.75	29,590,078.98	29.79%	68
5	ERDF	Public	28,931,099.00	74.52	28,931,099.00	100.00%	28,931,099.00	12,419,873.34	42.93%	1
Total	ERDF		426,309,618.00	84.29	433,491,928.00	101.68%	424,912,329.10	161,288,062.70	37.83%	263
Grand			426,309,618.00	84.29	433,491,928.00	101.68%	424,912,329.10	161,288,062.70	37.83%	263
total										

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

In 2019, the following 4 new projects with participation from third countries were approved:

- DIALOG with Ticino Canton (CH),
- DIGITAL REGIONS with Innovation Park Biel/Bienne AG (CH),
- DigiBEST with Trøndelag County Council (NO),
- GRESS with City of Kristiansand (NO).

As a result, 18 interregional projects now include 20 partners from Norway (5 of them being lead partners). A total amount of EUR 2,133,020 of Norwegian funding is committed to those projects. The Norwegian funding for the projects is directly managed by the programme authorities. It is paid by the certifying authority to the lead partners of the concerned projects together with the ERDF contribution. By the end of 2019, EUR 915,188 of Norwegian contribution was paid by the certifying authority to those projects.

Regarding Switzerland, after the approval of the 4th call projects in 2019, there are now 3 projects involving 3 Swiss partners with a total budget of EUR 1,000,872. The contribution from Switzerland is allocated and paid directly by the Swiss authorities to Swiss partners.

It is also possible for partners from other third countries to participate in the projects. However, this participation is possible only at their own cost. After the 4th call approval, there is still only one approved project, PASSAGE, which involves one partner from another third country: the Regional Council of Vlora from Albania with a total budget of EUR 5,965.

In 2019, the Platform (PLP) activities with a total expenditure of EUR 1,505,887 also benefited from a contribution from Norway (EUR 12,108) and Switzerland (EUR 12,631).

In 2019, Norway and Switzerland also participated in the technical assistance expenditure of the Interreg Europe programme (EUR 3,930,949) with a contribution of EUR 32,120 and EUR 16,060 respectively.

Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority	Fund	Intervention	Form of	Territorial	Territorial delivery	Thematic objective	ESF secondary	Economic	Location		Public eligible cost of operations	The total eligible expenditure declared by	Number of
axis		field	finance	dimension	mechanism	dimension	theme	dimension	dimension	selected for support	selected for support	eneficiaries to the managing authority	operations selected
1	ERDF	096	01	07	07	01		24	FR30	107,285,469.25	104,596,974.50	47,213,826.57	66
2	ERDF	096	01	07	07	03		24	FR30	101,790,250.25	99,150,422.90	37,753,153.57	67
3	ERDF	096	01	07	07	04		24	FR30	94,104,668.25	92,821,201.95	34,311,130.24	61
4	ERDF	096	01	07	07	06		24	FR30	101,380,441.25	99,412,630.75	29,590,078.98	68
5	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	FR30	25,980,633.41	25,980,633.41	10,901,035.03	1
5	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	FR30	493,871.70	493,871.70	158,730.36	1
5	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	FR30	2,456,593.89	2,456,593.89	1,360,107.95	1

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1.	2. The amount of ERDF	3. Share of the total financial	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF	5. Share of the total financial
Operation	support(1) envisaged to be	allocation to all or part of an	support incurred in all or part	allocation to all or part of an
(2)	used for all or part of an	operation located outside the	of an operation implemented	operation located outside the
	operation implemented	Union part of the programme	outside the Union part of the	Union part of the programme
	outside the Union part of the	area (%) (column 2/total amount	programme area declared by	area (%) (column 4/total amount
	programme area based on	allocated to the support from the	the beneficiary to the managing	allocated to the support from the
	selected operations	ERDF at programme level *100)	authority	ERDF at programme level *100)

(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

As highlighted in the 2018 report, the conclusions of the mid-term evaluation were positive. The conclusion of both operational and impact evaluations were approved by the Partner States at the 9th monitoring committee (MC) meeting organised in Innsbruck in December 2018. The MC then approved the measures to follow up on the evaluation's recommendations during the 10th MC meeting organised in March 2019 in Romania. These measures are summarised below and show how the evaluation has concretely helped the programme to improve the way it is implemented.

Operational evaluation

• Programme steering

Since 2019, the MC members and national points of contact (NPC) have been more systematically involved in the PLP activities. For instance, the MC/NPC member are invited to events taking place in their country (e.g. peer reviews, thematic workshops).

Smaller group discussions have been reintroduced at MC meetings when relevant. This was already tested during the third informal MC meeting in Brussels on 23 January 2019. If interested, MC members have also been invited to come to Lille for 2 or 3 days to discover the way the JS works (e.g. briefing of the different units, participating in team meetings, visit the MA).

• Programme management

A survey on the needs to extend the tasks of Partner States and/ or NPC was launched in January 2019. The results were discussed at the NPC briefing in the following March. In the end, the Partner States didn't see the need to extend their tasks.

JS has provided further trainings for NPC on the exploitation of data and statistics related to programme results in order for them to use the data for their countries according to their needs.

Additional interactive IT tools are to be discussed at future NPC briefings, depending on the NPC needs.

In terms of resources and capacity, the MC already agreed on two additional positions within the JS. The JS has continued reviewing its internal monitoring procedure to see where improvements can still be made. As a result, the internal approach for validating action plans was further lightened and simplified. Similarly, the template for pilot action requests was further developed to make it clearer for projects.

• Programme support to operations – implementation phase

In 2019, statistics on project results (policy changes) were published on the programme website and have been regularly updated since. The statistics provide a 'technical' overview of the projects' achievements.

The overview helps projects better understand the programme's expectations regarding the results and also the possible policy changes which can be achieved through interregional cooperation. This was accompanied by policy change examples published at the programme website and promoted in articles (e.g. newsletters, website's carrousel, social media etc.). Project experience in achieving policy changes was further shared during various programme events (e.g. the annual event in Brussels, European Week of Regions and Cities).

The programme result indicators are no longer based only on the survey among all managing authorities of Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes. Since 2018, they have included policy changes reported by the projects as long as the same achievements are not counted twice. This measure was implemented already in the 2018 annual implementation report.

The objective of the mid-term review with projects was adjusted. The mid-term review is now organised earlier in phase 1. Projects are asked to submit their action plans as soon as possible (and in any case before the last progress report of phase 1). The JS has been also asking more proactively about the state of play related to possible pilot actions.

• Programme support to PLP

The terms of reference of the 3rd year foresaw a revision of the PLP performance and structure with the interim implementation report due after 6 months of implementation.

Further notifications were also put in place to ensure that NPC were better informed about the PLP activities, in particular about those taking place in their country.

• Communication strategy objectives and activities

Since 2019, the communication on project results and good practices has intensified mainly thanks to the growing number of achievements reported back to JS by the projects.

Closer cooperation with NPC and collaboration with PLP team has had as its aim to spread the information about the programme's achievements more widely at the national and regional levels, as well as among new organisations working in the relevant thematic fields. Both NPC and PLP experts have been encouraged to participate in relevant national, regional or thematic events and share information about the programme and its results.

JS has also extended its offer of trainings and tutorials (webinars or videos) for projects with new communication related topics, for example on storytelling. The objective was to further build capacity of projects to spread the word about their results among their local stakeholders and the general public.

Impact evaluation

• Project effectiveness

The impact evaluation showed that Interreg Europe should play a stronger role in phase 2 than initially foreseen. There should be a more pro-active monitoring of the action plan implementation in phase 2 in particular with regard to stakeholders' mobilisation. Phase 2 is not only about trying to assess the territorial effects of the policy changes (actually this aspect goes beyond the programme's direct objective) but it is also about continuous monitoring of policy changes that derive from the exchange of experience phase (which is still at the heart of the programme's objective). In this context, a guidance note on the way to implement phase 2 and ensure a proper monitoring of the action plans was developed in 2019 to help the projects. It was an opportunity to emphasise the importance of reporting back the policy changes to the programme. In mid-term reviews of the projects, the JS is now more open to support additional stakeholder group activities if important for implementing the action plans. This approach will not apply to the fourth call projects due to the limited duration of phase 2 and the application of a lump sum.

Concerning the monitoring of results, the progress report template was updated in 2019. Projects now have to provide more details when reporting a policy change. Thanks to the updated approach, the policy officers can assess more easily whether policy changes can indeed be attributed to Interreg Europe and more precisely to the activities and learning carried out within the projects.

Moreover, a classification of results (e.g. as impact vs influence outcomes) was introduced in the monitoring system iDB. Each policy officer needs to complete this classification for each reported policy change. This classification will directly contribute to the update impact evaluation carried out in 2020.

• PLP effectiveness

The 3rd year of the Platform (PLP) implementation foresaw organisation of online discussions on demand (indicatively: matchmaking sessions, focus groups as follow-ups of events, project clusters, expert helpdesk discussions, etc.). It also included online consultations/ voting for the Interreg Europe projects to define the topics to be covered by the PLP activities (e.g. publications, workshops).

The questions regarding the PLP in the projects' progress report template were also updated to better capture the benefits from PLP services and better identify the needs of the users. A standard clarification request was also designed for policy officers to use when this section is not properly completed. The objective is to encourage projects to report on their participation in PLP activities and on the possible benefits gained.

Finally, PLP thematic experts have to inform the lead partners each time their project is featured in one of the PLP publications (policy briefs or articles). This is a way to show that the PLP uses the projects' input.

Other evaluations

• Assistance to beneficiaries (project partners and applicants)

In September 2019, JS ran a survey among all beneficiaries who submitted an application to the programme in the last two calls (2017 or 2018) and those working in the approved projects. 141 respondents provided feedback on a set of programme assistance tools for the project implementation (tutorials and webinar on project implementation, communication kit with logos and posters, project website, online community, reporting templates and guidance) and for applicants during the last two calls. Satisfaction with all tools for project implementation was above 90% and over 95% want to keep similar tools also in the future programme.

• The Platform users' survey

A survey was open from October to December 2019 and sent to all Interreg Europe community and beneficiaries. The objective was to perform a mid-term evaluation of the PLP work and an analyses of the users' needs in view of improving the provided services. 691 responses were received (9% rate) mainly from regional public authorities and 27% of MAs and IBs from all Partner States. Overall the feedback was very positive. Indicatively:

- 77% of respondents consulting the website are satisfied with the quality
- 85% of respondents that attended an event are satisfied
- 81% of users reading the content of the knowledge hub are satisfied
- 80% of respondents using the GP database are satisfied
- 40% of responders consider the PLP as a reference portal in EU for regional development
- Communication activities

The programme continuously evaluates each communication action and monitors the key performance indicators. Satisfaction of participants is monitored at all events. Over 700 participants at four online webinars for projects in 2019 gave a combined satisfaction score of 4.4 (out of 5) to them. A large programme event open to all in 2019 (Europe let's cooperate in Brussels) attracted over 550 participants with more than 50% of newcomers and over 40% of representatives of public authorities. 99% of evaluation survey respondents (out of 134) said that their expectations were met at the event.

Name Fund From month From year To month To year Type of evaluation Thematic objection	ve Topic Findings

5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Most of the difficulties highlighted in the 2018 Annual Implementation Report were solved:

• Programme internal resources

All the measures discussed at the end of 2018 to face the lack of internal resources were approved and implemented.

First, two additional officers (one finance officer and one policy officer) were recruited at the beginning of 2019.

Second, several internal procedures were simplified in 2019. The main improvement was related to the validation of action plans. JS asked projects to submit these core deliverables as soon as available (and with the last progress report of phase 1). This allowed the JS to advise the projects early enough in case improvements were required. The 'assessment criteria' to validate these action plans were also simplified.

Finally, the JS continued developing tools (webinar, articles and workshops) to better explain the programme requirements to the projects, in particular in relation to the action plans and phase 2.

• PLP implementation

The most significant improvements were achieved in the PLP implementation in 2019. The PLP management team was completed at the beginning of the year with the arrival of the PLP deputy manager. Even if the overall PLP management remains complex mainly due to the procurement constraints, the new dynamics brought in the team by the new management and the communication resources proved purposeful and decisive in improving the overall quality of the PLP services. This was reflected in particular in the seven peer reviews organised in the course of the year.

Unfortunately, an additional challenge arose after the summer break when the MA/JS were informed about the financial difficulties of the lead contractor company, INNO TSD, due to the insolvency of its mother company in Germany. The end of the year was therefore dedicated to finding solutions to ensure the continuation of the PLP services and at the same time to minimising the financial risks for the programme.

• Financial challenges

Understanding and applying the regulatory requirements for the annual closure of accounts remained complex and time consuming. As it was the first year when we had previous accounts with amounts reported as well as current accounts, we had to discuss with the CA how to take this into account for the annual closure of accounts. Fortunately, as the follow-up of irregularities by accounting year is possible through the monitoring system, this facilitated our work to some extent and we could close the accounts in due time.

The interpretation and application of the EUR 250 rule based on article 122 (2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 required again several exchanges with the CA and with the audit unit of the European Commission to clarify in which cases it is possible for the programme not to recover irregularities not exceeding EUR 250 and in particular the application of this article in the context of ETC programmes (application on project level while in the ETC context an application on partner level would be more meaningful). The follow-up of the threshold by accounting year and project is quite heavy. But this rule again benefited several audited projects and therefore still was a simplification also for the programme for the closure of the audit campaign.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

According to the evaluations and monitoring system, the programme should reach all its initial objectives in terms of outputs and most of its objectives in terms of results.

6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

8.1. Major projects

Table 7: Major projects

Project	t CCI	Status of	Total	Total	Planned	Date of tacit agreement/	Planned start of	Planned	Priority Axis/	Current state of realisation - financial progress (% of	Current state of realisation — physical progress	Main	Date of signature of first Observations
		1		eligible						expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible			works contract (1)
				costs			-	-	-	cost)		-	

(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

TT: (1 6 (1	CCI Stage of implement	() () () () () () () () () () () () () (91 7 41		(D	an l	e (D) 11 1 · · ·		e (D) 11	36		
Title of the	CCI Stage of implement	ation of Total elig	ible Total	public OP contributi	on to Priority	Type	of [Planned] submission	to the [Planned] start	of [Planned]	Main outputs and	d Total eligible expenditure certified to the	Observations
				1								
JAP	JAP	costs	support	JAP	axis	JAP	Commission	implementation	completion	results	Commission	1 1
0.11	0.11	costs	Jupport	0.11	u.u.s	0.11	Commission	implementation	compiction	results	Commission	

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
1	
Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance

9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote nondiscrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and nondiscrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority	Amount of support to be used for climate	Proportion of total allocation to the
axis	change objectives (EUR)	operational programme (%)
3	31,995,113.71	37.89%
Total	31,995,113.71	8.90%

9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

Status Name Fund Year of finalizing evaluation Type of evaluation Thematic objective Topic Findings (in case of execution) Follow up (in case of execution)									
Survey Fund Fund Fund Fund Fund Fund Fund Fund	Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)

10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme

11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

- □ EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- □ EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- □ EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- □ EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- □ Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

DOCUMENTS

Document title	Document type	Document date	Local reference	Commission reference	Files	Sent date	Sent By
Citizens' summary 2019	Citizens' summary	11-Sep-2020			Interreg Europe Annual Implementation Report 2019 Citizens' summary		

LATEST VALIDATION RESULTS

Severity		LIDATION RESULTS Message
Info		Implementation report version has been validated
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, specific objective: 1.1, indicator: 1, year: 2019 (8.33 > 8.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, specific objective: 1.2, indicator: 2, year: 2019 (146,300,000.00 > 144,000,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 4e, specific objective: 3.1, indicator: 2, year: 2018 (202,667,000.00 > 192,000,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 4e, specific objective: 3.1, indicator: 2, year: 2019 (229,100,000.00 > 192,000,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, specific objective: 5.1, indicator: TA1, year: 2018 (95.80 > 90.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, specific objective: 5.1, indicator: TA1, year: 2019 (99.00 > 90.00). Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 107.56% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 3d, indicator: 3, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 129.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 5, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 133.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: 3, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 133.33% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 151.95% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: 1, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 158.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 6c, indicator: 3, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 159.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: 3, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 190.26% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2016. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 208.33% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 6g, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 225.00% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 6c, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 271.43% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 293.23% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 340.87% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered is 342.63% of the total target value for "F", priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning		In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 107.41% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 9, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.34.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 107.56% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 3d, indicator: 3, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 110.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 8, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 112.50% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 8, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 116.67% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 8, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 122.67% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 5, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 125.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 8, year: 2016. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 129.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 5, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 130.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 5, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 133.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: 3, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 133.33% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please check.

Severity	Code	Message
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 151.95% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: 1, year: 2019. Please
		check.
Warning	2.54.1	in table 2, the annual total value entered for 1° (implemented) is 150.00% of the annual total value entered for 5° (forecast non selected) for priority axis. 4, investment priority, oc, indicator, 5, year. 2010. I tease
		check.
Warning	2.54.1	in table 2, the annual total value entered for 15 (inplemented) is 155.00% of the annual total value entered for 5 (forecast non selected) for priority axis. 1, investment priority. 10, indicator. 5, year. 2010. Fields
		check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 190.26% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2016. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 208.33% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 6g, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please
		check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 225.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 6c, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 260.00% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 5, year: 2016. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 271.43% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: 3, year: 2019. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 293.23% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 340.87% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2018. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 342.63% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 5, investment priority: -, indicator: 7, year: 2019. Please check.