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Europe**



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*Sharing solutions  
for better regional policies*

**Europe-Spain, let's cooperate!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> INTERREG EUROPE national event. 2<sup>nd</sup> Call**

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**14 April 2016 | Info Day in Madrid**

# Summary



- **Key features of Interreg Europe**
- **Terms of reference**
- **Support tools**



# KEY PROGRAMME FEATURES

# Interreg Europe rationale



## Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation:

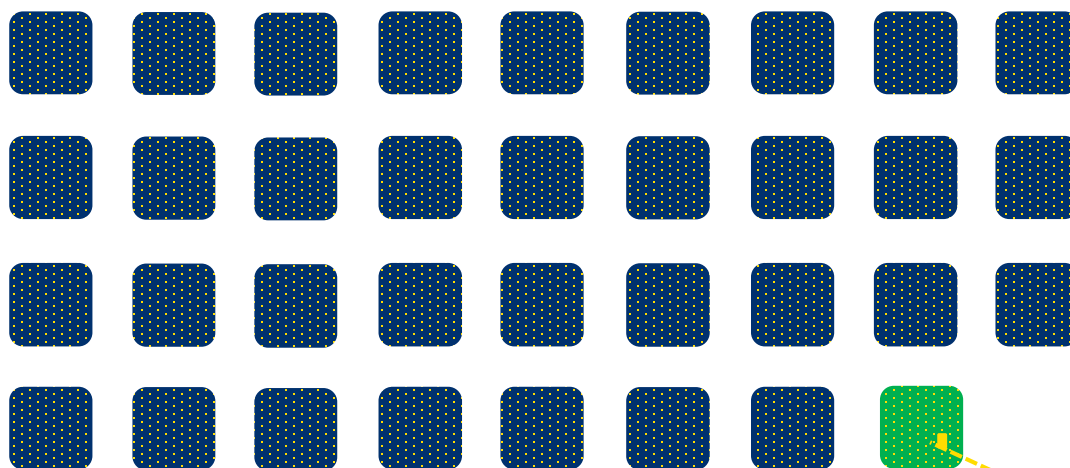
- “to reinforce the effectiveness of **cohesion policy**”
- “identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer principally to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs** goal but also, where relevant, to cooperation programmes”

# Interreg Europe rationale



**Exchange of experience** to improve performance of policies for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds (SF)** programmes

## EU Cohesion policy



### Goal 1:

Investment for growth & jobs

**EUR 340 billion**

### Goal 2:

European Territorial Cooperation

**EUR 10.2 billion**

**INTERREG EUROPE**  
**EUR 359 m**



# Geographical & thematic focus

The only Interreg covering  
EU 28 + NO & CH

A thematic programme



# Target groups



**Managing authorities**

**Regional / local authorities**

**Agencies, institutes, private non-profits**



Learn from each other to improve policies



- Primarily national, regional and local public authorities responsible for stimulating all forms of innovation (incl. technological, organisational, social innovation);
- Regional innovation agencies;
- Universities, knowledge and research institutes and institutes for higher education;
- Operators of science and technology parks, business incubation facilities and innovation centres;
- Business support stakeholders and organisations representing SMEs and the business community (e.g. chambers of commerce, development agencies, cluster organisations);





- Primarily national, regional and local public authorities responsible for entrepreneurship and SME support;
- Regional development agencies;
- Business support actors, cluster organisations, other organisations representing SMEs;
- Chambers of commerce and trade;
- Education and vocational training actors;
- Other public authorities, bodies governed by public law or private non-profit bodies active in the development of regional entrepreneurship and SME competitiveness.



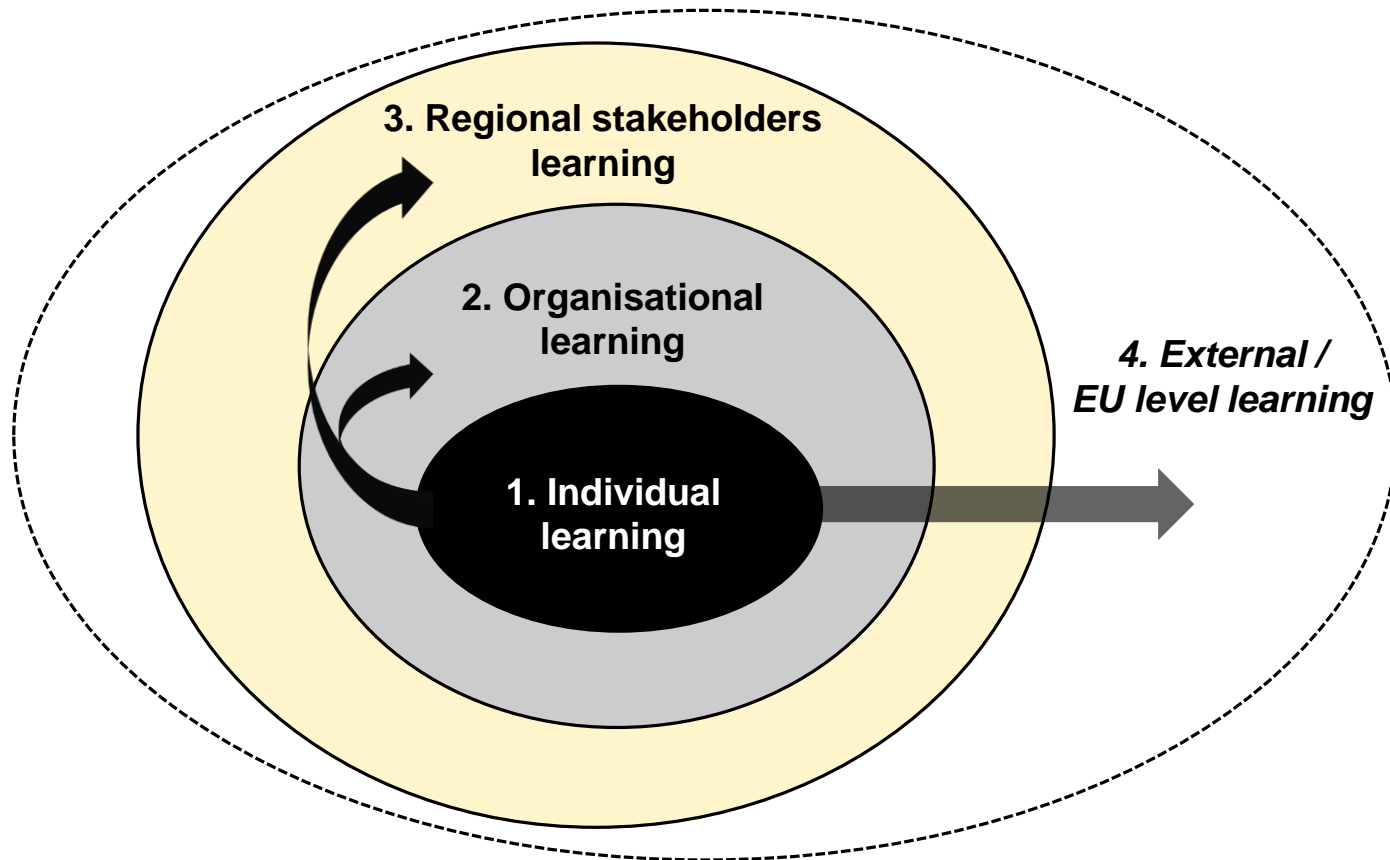
- Primarily national, regional and local public authorities responsible for energy, mobility and other low-carbon economy related policy fields;
- Regional energy agencies;
- Regional development agencies;
- Transport and mobility agencies;
- Regional environmental agencies;
- Universities, knowledge and research institutes;
- Other public authorities, bodies governed by public law or private non-profit bodies active in the low-carbon economy.



- Primarily national, regional and local public authorities responsible for natural and cultural heritage;
- Regional development agencies;
- Environmental agencies;
- Organisations responsible for the management, exploitation of natural areas and/or cultural heritage;
- Universities, knowledge and research institutes and institutes for higher education;
- Organisations in economic sectors with a strong impact or dependence on natural and cultural heritage;
- Other public authorities, bodies governed by public law or private non-profit bodies involved in the protection and development of natural and cultural heritage.



# Multidimensional aspect of learning



**Go beyond individual / organisational learning!**



# How can you improve a policy?

## Different possibilities

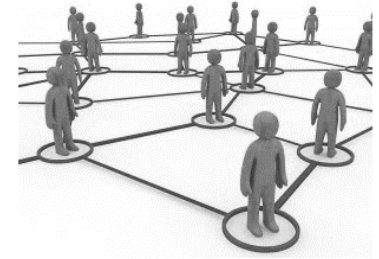
- Implement **new projects**
- Change programme **governance**
- Change programme **content**

} May not require funding!

# Supported actions

## Projects

- Involving limited number of regions
- 2 phases (implementation not eligible)
- Stakeholder groups
- Action Plans



## Policy learning platforms

- Open to all
- Closely related to projects



# Projects: who is eligible?



- Public bodies - main target group (e.g. local, regional, national authorities)
- Bodies governed by public law (Directive 2014/24/WE)
- Private non profit bodies

*Ask your NCP!*

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
85% ERDF	Public or public equivalent from EU
75% ERDF	Private non-profit from EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from NO
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from CH

**100% in advance for ≈18-month time**

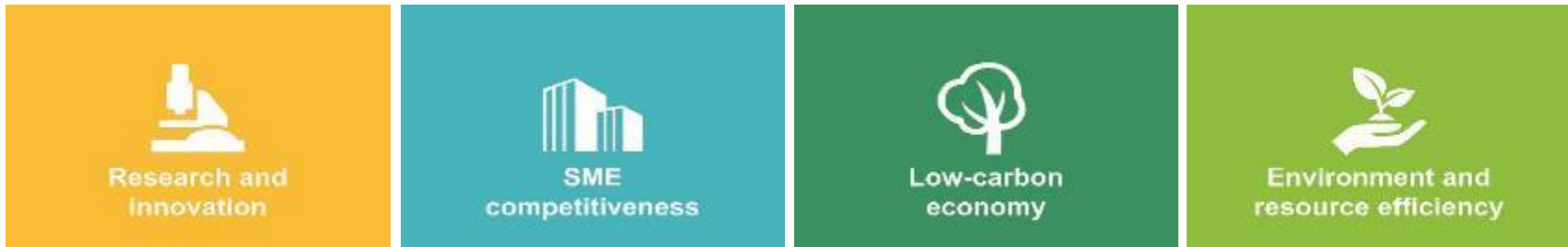
# Partners



- At least three countries, at least two of them from EU Member States and financed by the Interreg Europe programme.
- The lead partner may be from an EU Member State or Norway (Exclusions: from Switzerland and all private non-profit bodies).
- No funding for partners outside the programme area
- The “contributing partner” principle
- Advisory partners



# Platforms: definition



A service provided per priority axis via:

## Online collaborative tool

- With relevant functionalities



## Expert team

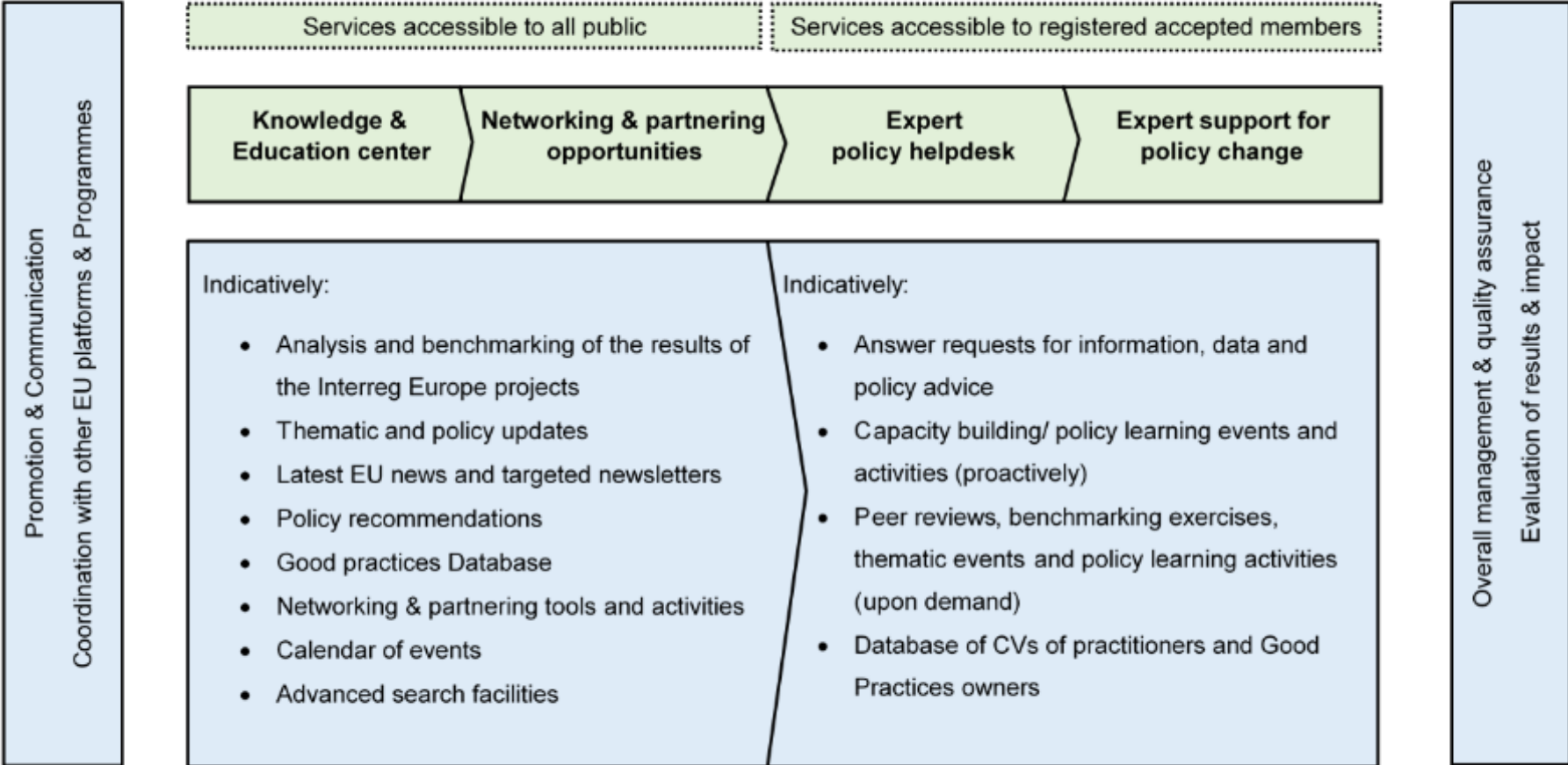
- Content & coordination





# Platforms: services provided

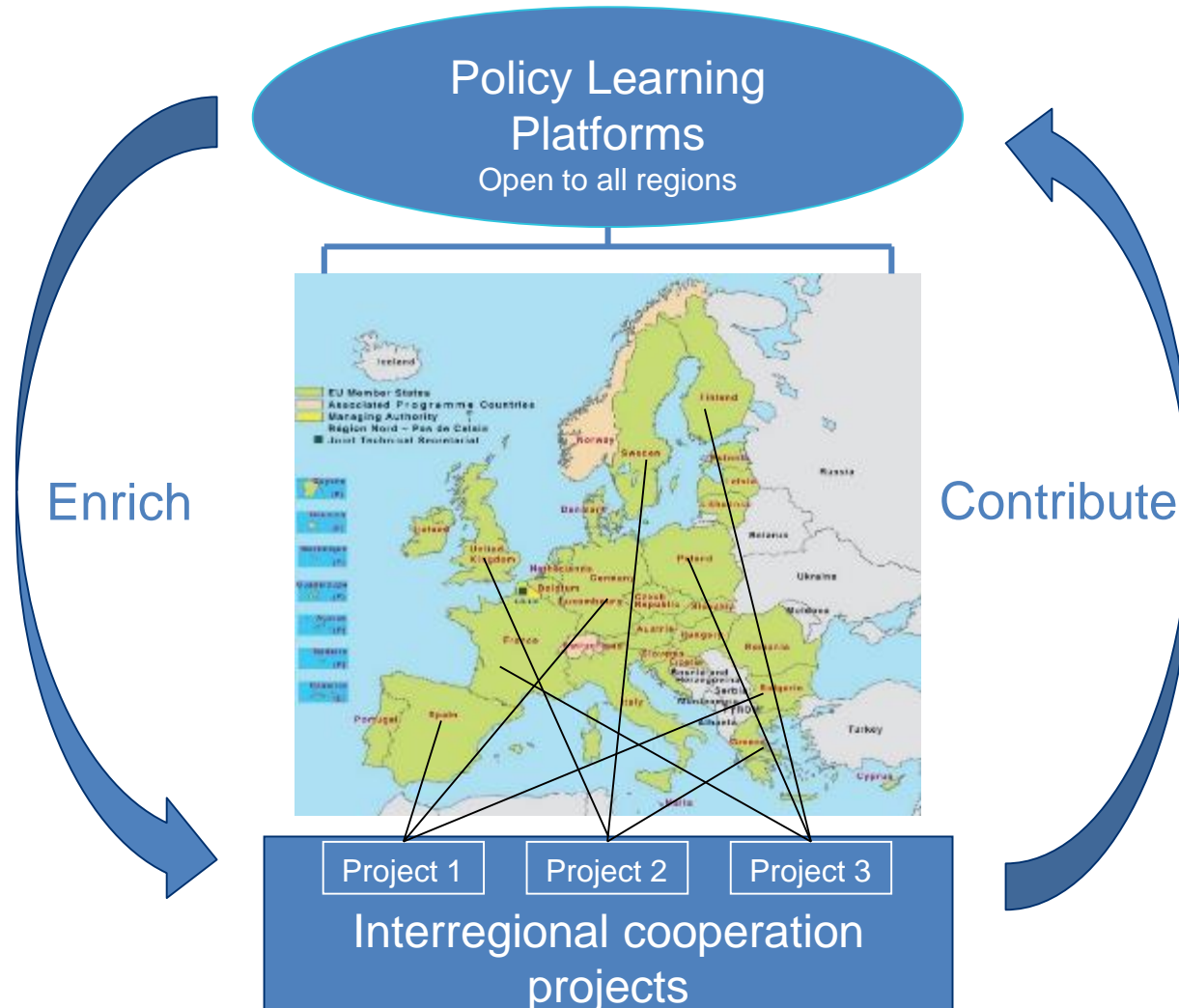
Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platforms at [www.interregeurope.eu](http://www.interregeurope.eu)



What

How

# Two interrelated actions





# TERMS OF REFERENCE



# Second call for proposals

## Timing:

- Opening: **5 April** (*iOlf available*)
- Closing: **13 May** (Midday CET)
- *22 February: assistance to applicants launched*
- *Early 2017 – expected start of projects*

## No thematic restrictions:

- Call open to all investment priorities
- Projects under priority axes 3 and 4 welcome

## Procedure:

- on-line system



# SUPPORT TOOLS



# Interreg Europe community



SME competitiveness



Low-carbon economy



Environment and resources



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## Join our community

We're thrilled you've decided to register with Interreg Europe and become part of our community.

Please complete the form below to join in...

Your Firstname\*

Your Lastname\*

Your Email address\*

Password\*

Confirm password\*

Sign me up to the Interreg Europe newsletter

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# Partner search



Explore the project ideas and profiles registered with us. Use the filters to modify/refine your search.

## Filter your results

Keyword search

Search for

People

### Looking for people interested in

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

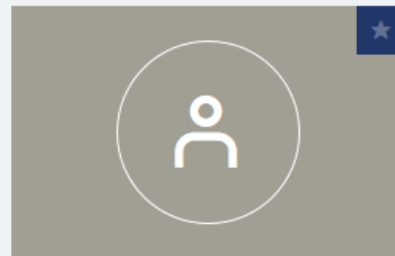
Project ideas

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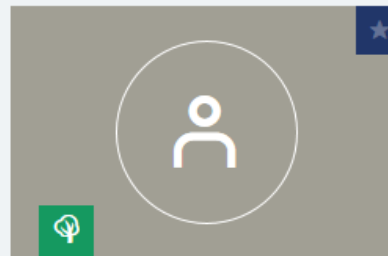
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## Latest user profiles

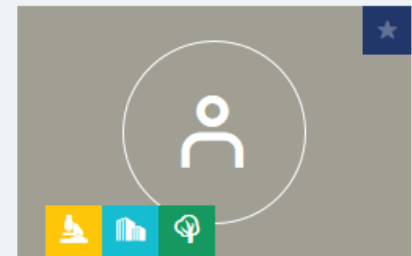


GEORGIOS PASCHALIDIS



Joaquin Villar  
Andalusian Energy Agency

**Interested in:** Joining a project,  
Networking with peers



David Crombie  
HKU University of the Arts Utrecht

**Interested in:** Leading a project



# Project idea database



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## Filter your results

Recommended

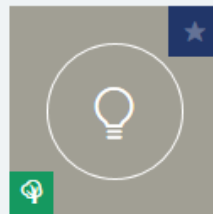
Sort results by

Keyword search

Search for

- People
- Project ideas
- News
- Events
- + More options
- + Themes
- + Countries/regions

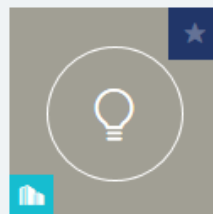
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### Test 4 (PIFTS trial) - skype

Submitted by: Raluca Project-Ideas

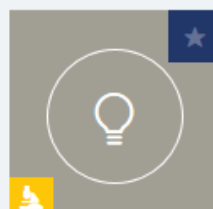
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### Test 3 (PIFTS trial) - phone

Submitted by: Raluca Project-Ideas

summary test



### Test 2 (PIFTS trial) - written

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# Check approved projects



10/02/2016

## First call projects approved

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

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

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

### Approved projects

#### Beyond EDP

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

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

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

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# Submit a project idea



## Publish your idea

- Log into My Interreg Europe
- Submit your project idea

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

Project idea name\*

Thematic interest\*

- Research and innovation**
  - Objective 1.2: Improving innovation delivery policies
  - Objective 1.1: Improving innovation infrastructure policies
- SME competitiveness**
  - Objective 2.1: Improving SMEs competitiveness policies
- Low-carbon economy**
  - Objective 3.1: Improving low-carbon economy policies
- Environment and resource efficiency**
  - Objective 4.1: Improving natural and cultural heritage policies
  - Objective 4.2: Improving resource efficient economy policies

Summarise your ideas in 200 characters\*

Description/Issue addressed\*

Partners involved\*

Main policy instruments addressed\*

Type of partner looking for

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

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

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

Project idea owner\*

Organisation\*

Email\*

Country\*

Region\*

# Assess the idea yourself



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Home > Self assessment form

## Check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe

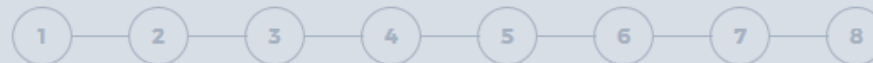
Answer the series of questions below to check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe.

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

*The self-assessment is for information purposes only.*

### Your progress

You have answered 0/8 questions



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

# Send it for feedback



**Your progress**  
You have answered 8/8 questions

1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 — 6 — 7 — 8

Congratulations! Your project idea seems to be relevant to Interreg Europe. By joining our online community, you can seek further assistance from us in order to improve your application before submitting it.

[More](#)

## If green, submit your idea for our feedback

- Written
- Oral (phone/ Skype)
- Face-to-face at national event

check for events at: [www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/)

## Note! Conditions apply

- No feedback during first call
- No full assessment on project proposal done

# Weekly Q&A sessions



## Regular live talk with potential applicants


- Starting Friday 4 March
- Always from 10-11am
  - 4, 11, 18 March
  - 1, 8, 22, 29 April
  - 6 May

Questions gathered via registration & on the spot  
Answered during a live webinar on Fridays

# Application pack




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



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## Terms of reference - second call for proposals

### Letter of support\* from the relevant organisation responsible for policy

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

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

### Project partner declaration\*

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the partner organisation (original)	
Name of the partner organisation (English)	
Partner number	
Partner contribution (EUR)	

In the event of approval of the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg Europe programme, the indicated project partner:

- Confirms fulfilling the criterion of a public body or a body governed by public law or private non-profit body as defined in the programme manual.
- Commits itself to the project and the activities laid down in the application form, and intends to provide the above-indicated amount as contribution to the project's budget.
- Is aware of the programme rules on reimbursement and non-existence of advance payment and confirms the availability of own resources for pre-financing the activities.
- Is aware of the programme rules on state aid, horizontal principles, public procurement, publicity and information and will act accordingly.
- Declares that it is not under bankruptcy proceedings, bears full legal capacity and is financially reliable, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation.
- Confirms that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be funded by any other EU-funded programme, except for partners that do not receive funding directly from the Interreg Europe programme.
- Declares to accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the subsidy contract, which will be signed by the lead partner of the project after the approval, as well as the project partnership agreement which will be concluded between all partners participating in the project.

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

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


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## 1. Legal basis

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


## 2. Context

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



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# Interreg Europe Programme Manual

19 January 2016



# Lead applicant workshop

## Webinar week – 12-15 April, 10-11 am

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



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# Thank you!

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