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2nd INTERREG EUROPE national event. 2nd Call

Lessons learnt

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Summary

- **Few points about application**

- **About assessment**

- **Lessons learnt from the first call**

ON APPLICATION

Recommendations for applicants

- Read the programme manual and check assessment criteria

- Start from your need

- Be specific, make sure the topic addressed is focused and reflected in the policy instruments

- Take the learning process seriously

- First activities, then budget planning

- Communication serves your project

In the application form

Policy instruments

B.2.1 Policy instrument 1

B.2.1.1 Definition and Context

Definition

Please name the policy instrument addressed

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure concerned) and the reason(s) why it should be improved.

Is this policy instrument a Structural Funds operational programme (i.e. Investment for growth and jobs or European territorial cooperation programme)?

Please select

In the application form

Territorial context

B.2.1 Policy instrument 1

B.2.1.1 Definition and Context

Territorial context

What is the geographical coverage of this policy instrument?	Please select ▼
What is the state of play of the issue addressed by this policy instrument in the territory? What needs to be improved in the territorial situation?	
Is this issue linked to the regional innovation strategy for smart specialisation (RIS3)?	Please select ▼

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Detailed description of activities in D.1

D.1 PHASE 1 'Interregional learning' - Detailed work plan per period

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
01/2016 - 06/2016	07/2016 - 12/2016	01/2017 - 06/2017	07/2017 - 12/2017

Semester 1

a) Exchange of experience ⓘ

Please describe in detail the period's activities and outputs related to exchange of experience

Please describe in detail the period's activities and outputs related to exchange of experience. Specify the responsibilities of each partner with regard to the activities and also add information on the involvement of local stakeholder groups.

b) Communication and disse...

...ctivities and outputs related to communication and dissemination

c) Project management ⓘ

...describe in detail the period's activities and outputs related to management and coordination

Main Outputs

Please describe in detail the outputs

In the application form

C4: objectives, target groups and activities

D1: Workplan per semester

⌂ Home	C.1 - C.5 Project Description				

C.7 Horizontal principles	C.8 Management	D.1 Phase 1	D.2 Phase 2	E Project budget	Overview and submit
❗ A Project Summary	B.1 Partners	B.2 Policy Instruments	C.1 - C.5 Project Description	C.6 Expected results and outputs	

💾 Save   ⊘ Check

Overall objective and sub-objectives ℹ	Describe the overall objective of the project.
	0 / 1,000 characters

C.4 Communication strategy ℹ

Describe the communication strategy and the way it will contribute to achieve the above mentioned project objectives.	
	0 / 1,000 characters

Objectives ℹ	Target group ℹ	Activities ℹ	
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➕ Add Objective

No. of appearances in media (e.g. press)	
No. of new visitors to project website since last reporting period	

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ON ASSESSMENT

Selection procedure

2-step procedure

- I. eligibility assessment
  fulfilment of technical requirements

- II. quality assessment
  2 step qualitative evaluation

Detailed description in the programme manual (§5.3):

Eligibility principles

- Technical **yes** or **no** process

- **No correction possible**

- Only eligible applications are further assessed

Is your answer 'yes'?

- Is your application complete (application summary, partner declarations, support letters)?

- Is the application filled in according to instructions?

- Is it in English?

- Are all partner declarations:

    - Signed and dated

    - With name of partner identical to application form

    - With stated amount covering **at least** the amount of partner contribution

    - With no amendments to the standard text

Is your answer 'yes'?

- Are all support letters:
    - Attached to the application form
    - Signed and dated by relevant organisation (check the country-specific list!!)
    - With name of partner(s) identical to application form
    - With no amendments to the standard text
- Are at least 3 countries of which 2 are EU members involved and financed by Interreg Europe?
- Is half of the policy instruments related to Structural Funds?

Quality assessment

2nd step for eligible applications

2-step approach

1. strategic assessment
2. operational assessment

Scoring system (0-5)

Decision by monitoring committee

Strategic assessment

Criterion 1: Relevance of proposal

Criterion 2: Quality of results

Criterion 3: Quality of partnership

Only projects reaching **at least** an adequate level (≥3.00) are further assessed for operational criteria.

Operational assessment

Criterion 4: Coherence of proposal & quality of approach

Criterion 5: Quality of management

Criterion 6: Budget and finance

Only projects reaching at least an **overall adequate** level (≥3.00) are recommended for approval (with conditions) to the monitoring committee.

Assessment provisional timing

May - June 2016	Eligibility check
June – October 2016	Quality assessment
End 2016	Decision & notification
Early 2017	Negotiation of conditions
Early 2017	Effective start date of projects

LESSONS LEARNT

Eligibility criteria	
1. Respect of deadline	Is the application online submitted in due time?
2. Completeness of the application	Is the application complete?
3. Correctness of the application form	Is the application form fully and properly filled in according to the instructions?
4. Correctness of the partner declaration	Are the partner declarations correct?
5. Correctness of the support letter	If applicable, are the letters of support correct?
6. Geographical coverage	Does the project involve partners from at least three countries, of which at least two partners are from EU Member States and are financed by the Interreg Europe programme?
7. Focus on Structural Funds	Are at least half of the policy instruments addressed by the EU regions represented in the project Structural Funds programmes?

Eligibility
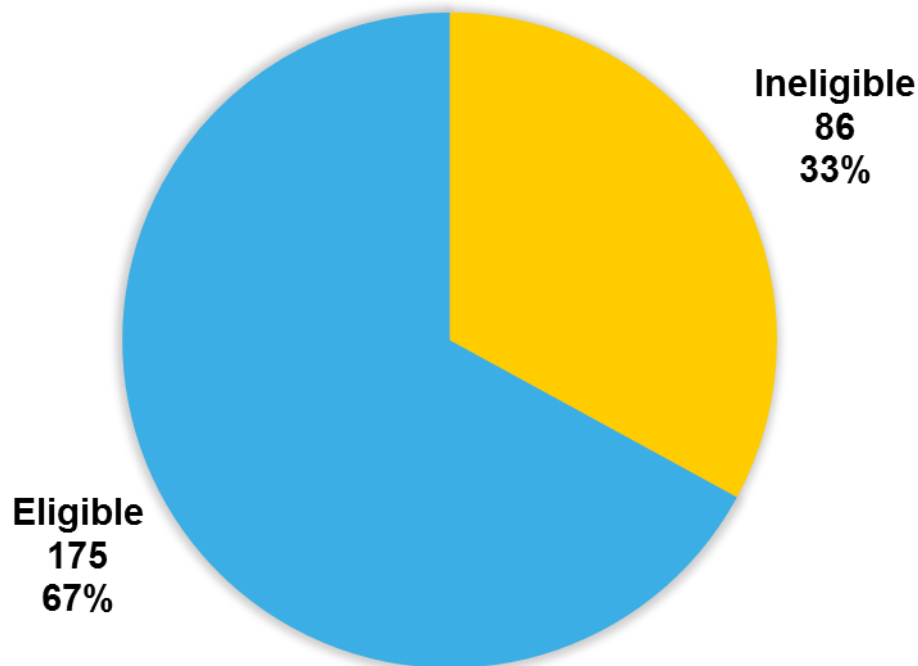
7 eligibility criteria

Criterion 1: Correct submission
Criterion 2: Application complete
Criterion 3: Application fully filled in
Criterion 4: Partner declaration correct
Criterion 5: Support letter correct
Criterion 6: Minimum number of countries
Criterion 7 50% SF

All to be fulfilled to be eligible!

Number of failed criteria	Number of projects
1 criterion	63
2 criteria	14
3 criteria	8
4 criteria	1

Eligibility

- High rate of ineligibility (33%)

- Main cause of ineligibility: letters of support and partner declaration (missing or incorrect)

Make sure all documents are provided and correct.

Don't prepare them at the last minute.

Ineligibility criteria per country

Not in the list (72)
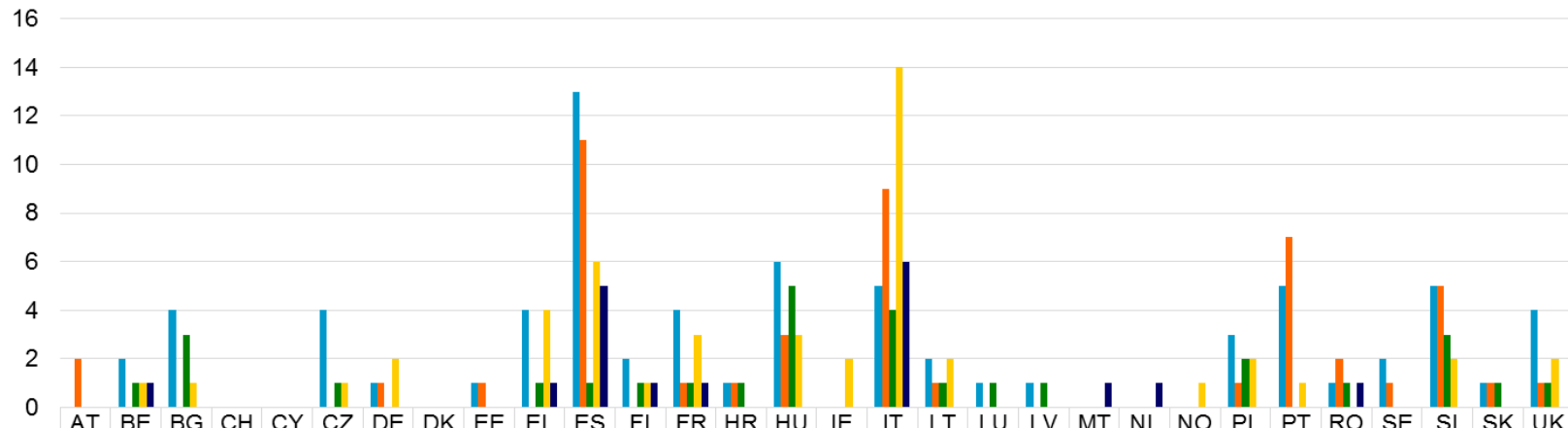
Letter of support missing (48)

Partner declaration incorrect (48)

Application problem (18)

Eligibility problems per country

	AT	BE	BG	CH	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK	UK
Not in the list		2	4			4	1		1	4	13	2	4	1	6		5	2	1	1				3	5	1	2	5	1	4
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LoS incorrect		1	3			1				1	1	1	1	1	5		4	1	1	1				2		1		3	1	1
Partner declaration incorrect		1	1			1	2			4	6	1	3		3	2	14	2				1		2	1			2		2
Application problem		1								1	5	1	1				6				1	1				1				

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Project ideas: 47
Partners: 647

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Country-specific information

Bodies responsible for Structural Funds programmes | First level control information

You can find here the lists of the managing authorities and/or intermediate bodies of Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes and European Territorial Cooperation programmes. If policies under these programmes are addressed by a project, we would expect the relevant organisation to be partner. If they are not partners, the relevant organisation must sign the letter of support submitted with the project application.

- 2016-03-21_Investment-growth-jobs_ES.xls
  Managing authorities and Intermediate Bodies of Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes

- Goal_2_ETC_MAs
  Managing authorities of European Territorial Cooperation programmes

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Investment for Growth and Jobs Programmes 2014-2020

Organisation (national language)	Organisation (English)	Role (MA / IB)	Contact person	E-mail	Phone/Address	Level (national / regional)	Name of Operational Programme	TOs selected	Link
Dirección Gral. de Fondos Europeos, COMUNIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE ANDALUCÍA	General Directorate for European Funds, REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ANDALUCIA	MA	Patricia Eguilior Arranz	patricia.eguilior@juntadeandalucia.es	C/Juan Antonio de Vizarrón, s/n. Edif. Torretriana, Isla de la Cartuja 41092 - Sevilla; phone +34 955065015	Regional	ERDF Regional Operational Programme Andalucía	All	www.juntadeandalucia.es/organismos/economiainnovacioncienciayempleo.html
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Eligibility

Lessons learnt integrated in 2nd call application pack:

1/ Improved instructions in the application pack:

- Reformulation of the criteria and their meaning
- Warning messages included in different documents

2/ Full online application

- Compulsory documents to be uploaded on iOLF
- Project summary no longer necessary

Quality: common weaknesses

Criterion 1: Topic addressed

- Needs to be clearly in line with priority axes

- Needs to be focused and as specific as possible

- Needs to be reflected in **all policy instruments addressed**

Quality: common weaknesses

Criterion 1: Policy instruments

- Needs to be precisely defined (e.g. indication of the specific priority addressed)

- For Structural Funds: the instrument addressed needs to be the Operational / Cooperation programme itself

Quality: common weaknesses

## Criterion 3: Policy relevance of partners

- **Policy relevance** = involvement of an organisation in the policy making process and capacity to influence to policy instrument

- Core elements of the quality of partnership (dedicated questions in section B.2 of the application form)

- Letter of support is **not** sufficient to demonstrate policy relevance of a partner

Quality: common weaknesses

Criterion 3: Geographical features

- Coverage: going beyond transnational area
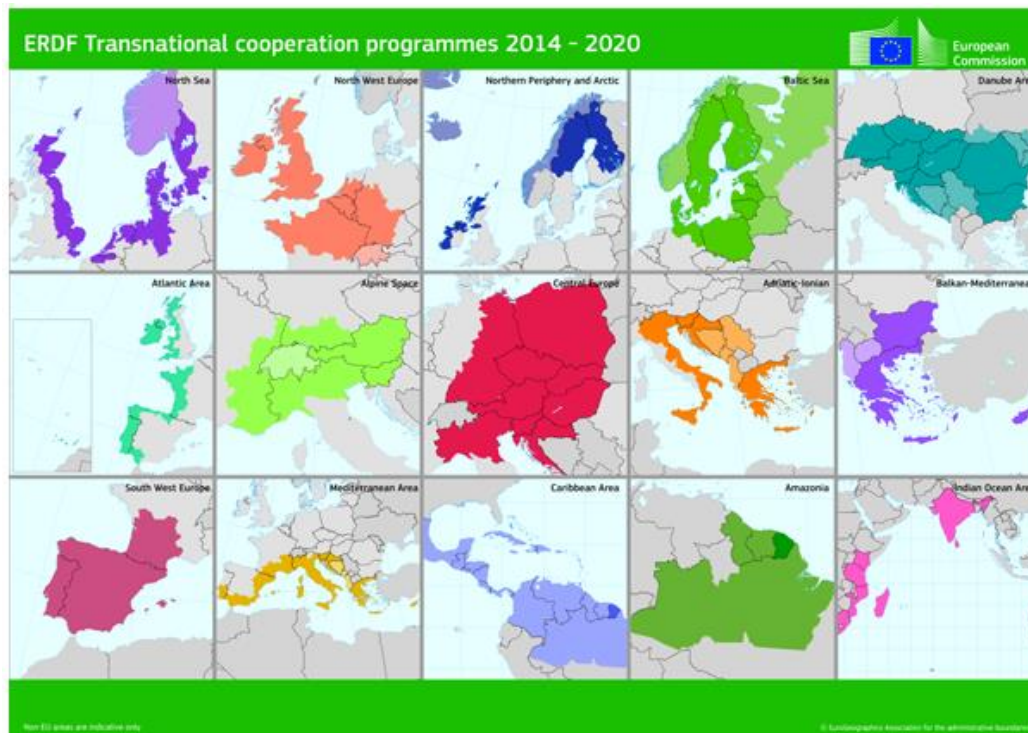
Quality: clarification

Criterion 3: mixing more and less developed regions (GDP)

'More and less developed regions', what does it mean?

The EC Cohesion policy aims at reducing disparities across regions in Europe. Interreg Europe contributes to this aim by encouraging regions with GDP per capita lower than 75% of the EU-28 average (less developed regions) to work with regions whose GDP per capita is higher (transition regions - GDP per capita between 75% and 90% of the EU-28 average – and more developed regions - GDP per capita above 90% of the EU-28 average). For more information, please check the map provided by the European Commission.
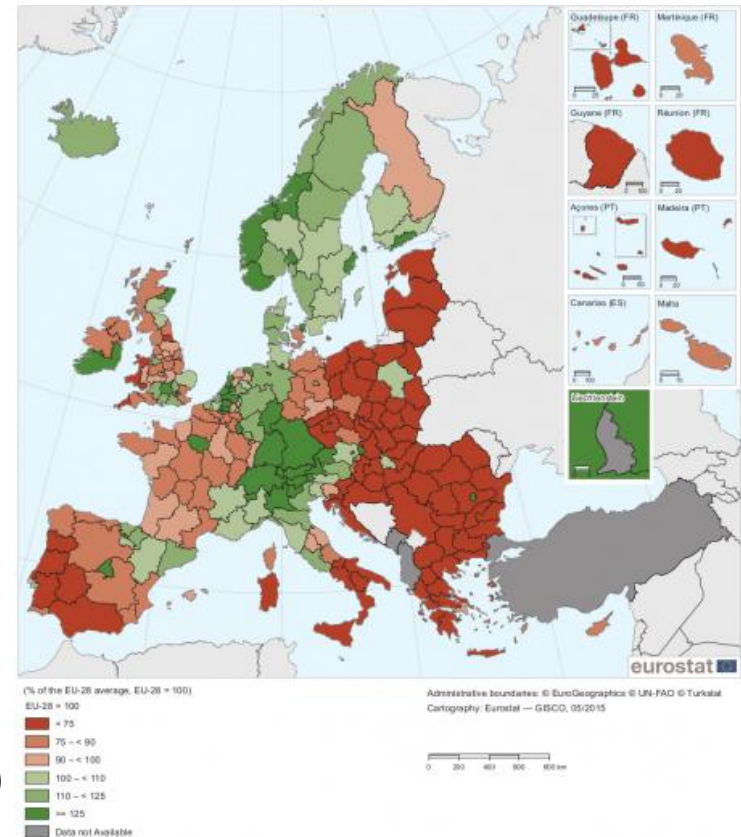
- Mix more and less developed regions (GDP)

Quality: common weaknesses

Criterion 3: multiple involvement

- Involvement in numerous applications is demanding and is not recommended

- Be strategic: select only the most relevant project(s) for your region

- Justify in case you are involved in several applications (section B.2 of the application form)

Quality assessment: conclusion

Importance of the application form

Fairness and equal treatment principles:

- Application Form = the only basis for assessment
    - same information requested from all
    - same technical requirements for all (e.g. text limits)

- Application form has to be self-explanatory
    Additional information / clarification not possible after submission

Frequent questions to the Spanish Contact Point

- **Carta de apoyo**
- **Instrumentos de política estructural en España**
- **Cuadro de Autoridades de gestión en España**
- **Elegibilidad socios/territorio elegible**
- **Localización de los términos de referencia**
- **Control de primer nivel**
- **Asesoramiento para mejorar idea de proyecto**
- **Financiación Plan de Acción**
- **Experiencias piloto**

Useful links

Programme manual

- www.interregeurope.eu/help/programme-manual/

Application pack

- www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/

Online application/ reporting system

- www.iolf.eu/

Interreg Europe community

- www.interregeurope.eu/account/dashboard/

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