

# INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020 Programme

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**INTERREG EUROPE Programme**  
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European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)  
Co-financing rate: 85%/75% EU Funds; 15% National Funds



# INTERREG EUROPE

The programme covers:

- › EU 28
  - › Norway
  - › Switzerland
- (30 partner states)

MA is in Lille;

Budget of €359 million  
for the 2014-2020  
period.



## Programme Objective

- IE programme contributes to the EU2020 strategy to make the European territory more innovative, more sustainable and more inclusive.

This is done by supporting  
**policy learning and exchange of experiences**  
among relevant organisations to  
**improve performance of**  
**policies and programmes for regional development.**

# Types of actions

The programme supports two types of actions:

## A. Projects



**322.4 MEUR**

equally shared over 4 priority axis (84MEUR)

Beneficiaries 5 to 10 partners per project

## B. Policy Learning Platforms

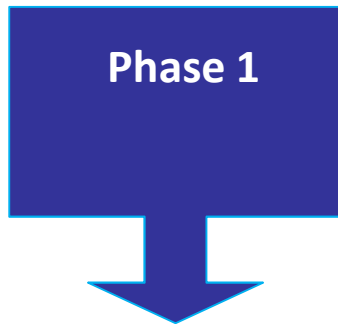


**15MEUR**

Beneficiary MA

# Interregional Cooperation Projects

Projects in **2 phases**



Identification and transfer of good practices and policy exchange of experiences among participating regions. (1 to 3 years)  
Production of 1 **action plan** per region



**Monitoring** the implementation of the action plan (2 years)  
+ possible **pilot** actions

## Policy Learning Platforms

The platforms are a hub of interaction, information and services for **continuous learning** bringing together communities of like-minded policy makers, practitioners and experts dealing with regional development policies in Europe. Within each thematic platform, you can find people, projects, events and information related to your topic of interest.

# Interreg Europe 4 priority axes

...S3  
innovation  
infrastructure  
innovation  
chains...



Research and  
innovation



SME  
competitiveness

...creation,  
development,  
growth of SMEs...

...energy  
efficiency  
renewable  
energies  
sustainable  
transport...



Low-carbon  
economy



Environment and  
resource  
efficiency

...natural heritage  
cultural heritage  
resources  
efficiency...

## Who can apply?

- Beneficiaries eligible to receive funding are:

Public bodies;

Bodies governed by public law;

Private non-profit bodies.

- In Interreg Europe projects, private non-profit bodies cannot take on the role of a lead partner.





## Co-financing rates

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

High co-financing rates for all, no longer related to partner location

## Where are we now?

- **First call done:** approved by the Monitoring Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- **Second call done:** approved by Monitoring Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- **Third call:** opened in March 2017 and will close on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at noon.

## **First and second call figures**

### **First call**

N° of applications submitted: **261**

N° of applications approved: **64**

### **Second call**

N° of applications submitted: **211**

N° of applications approved: **66**

**→ 188MEUR ERDF already committed!**

## Maltese projects

### First call

N° of projects approved including Maltese partners:

**2** (ZEROCO2, DestinationSMEs)

### Second call

N° of applications approved including Maltese partners:

**8** projects including **9** partners (RELOS3, INNOVAFOSTER, PROMETEUS, COCOON, ENERSELVES, Design4Innovation, SUPPORT, GPP4Growth) 1 as Lead Partner.

# **Budget lines applicable for the INTERREG EUROPE Programme**

- Preparation Costs
- Staff
- Administration
- Travel and Accommodation
- External Expertise and services
- Equipment

# Reporting deadlines and procedures

2<sup>nd</sup> call reporting periods are as follows:

	Reporting period	Deadline for submission to Joint Secretariat
Phase 1 Six monthly	01 <sup>st</sup> Jan- 30 <sup>th</sup> June 01 <sup>st</sup> July- 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	01 <sup>st</sup> October 01 <sup>st</sup> April
Phase 2 Annual*	01 Jan –31 Dec	01 <sup>st</sup> April(first year) 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec (second year)
<i>*six-monthly reporting under certain conditions (eg. decommitmentrisk, high amounts due to pilot actions)</i>		

## Reporting procedures: Preliminary steps

- During the first reporting period project partners:
  - ✓ Have to sign the project partnership agreement

***ONLY partners who signed the project partnership agreement can report costs!***

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- During the first reporting period project partners:
  - ✓ Have identified the organizations responsible for first level control at the Partner State level

*In case of decentralised control systems like Malta the FLC is designated by the national approbation body by means of an approbation certificate and also through iOLF.*

**Ready for the reporting procedures!**



## Reporting procedures: Main steps

- **Step 1:** Project partners fill their partner reports incl. list of expenditure and list of contracts and submit them to their FLCs through iOLF;
- **Step 2:** The FLCs verify and confirm the eligibility of the expenditure reported by the respective project partners by filling the control report incl. checklist in iOLF;  
Partner reports certified!

## Reporting procedures: Main steps

- **Step 3:** The PPs send their certified **partner reports** to the LP through iOLF;

The partner report includes:

- First level control certificate (Annex 2 of PM)
- Control report including checklist (Annex 3 of PM)
- Certified list of expenditure including the list of contracts
- PP's activity report (to provide information to the FLC on the activities carried out).

## Reporting procedures: Main steps

- **Step 4:** The LP consolidates the partner reports in the joint progress report (PR) in iOLF

**BUT in case of doubts LP ask for clarifications to PP and can:**

- Undertake minor changes (eg. no change in amount)
- Send back the partner report (new FLC certification)
- PP + FLC always informed!

## Reporting procedures: Main steps

- **Step 5:** Submission of the joint PR to the joint secretariat (JS) within three months after the end of reporting period (**1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 for the first reporting period**)
- **Step 6:** Clarification and/or approval of the joint PR by JS
- **Step 7:** Execution of payment by the certifying authority to the LP (LP transfers funding to project partners)

## Reporting procedures: Conclusions

- Online in the iOLF: all reporting
- Offline: Sending of supporting documents (invoice, payment proofs, procurement documents) to FLC

## Reporting access

Partners and FLCs need access to iOLF

- LP creates only the access for partners
- Approbation body creates access to the designated FLC to be assigned to the project partner in iOLF

## Availability of documents

Further details are available on the FPD website and on the programme website:

<https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/EU%20Funds%20Programmes/EU%20Territorial%20Programmes/Pages/Interreg-2014-2020.aspx>

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/library/#folder=464>

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/guidance/#reporting>

*Thank you for your attention*



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