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Sharing solutions for better regional policy

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379m
ERDF
BUDGET

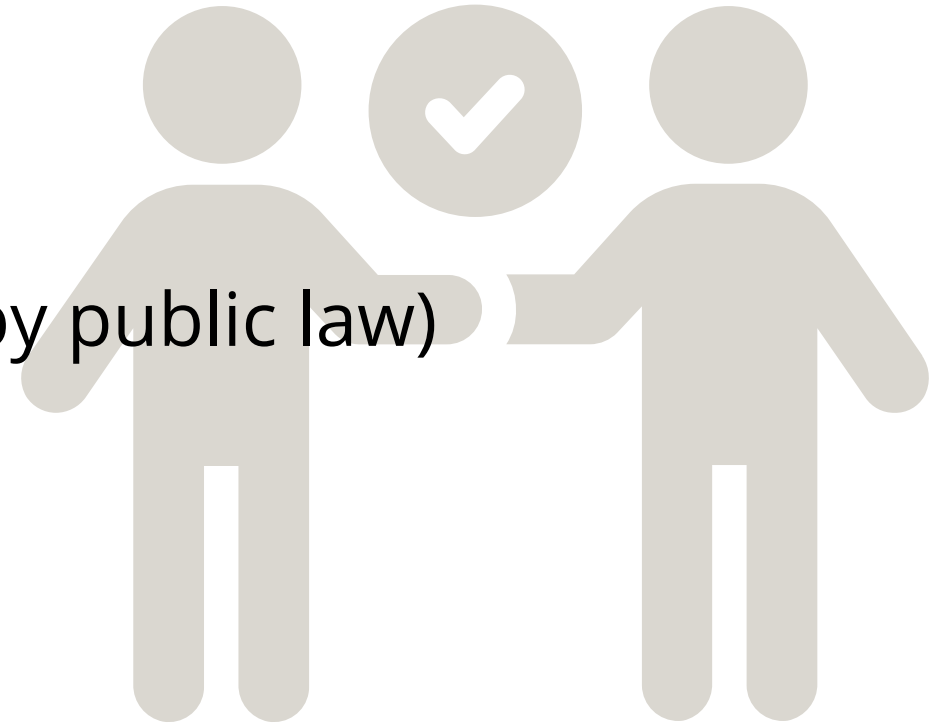
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TOPICS

29
COUNTRIES
INVOLVED



Who is **eligible**?

- **Public authorities**
- **Public law bodies** (bodies governed by public law)
- **Private non-profit bodies**



What is **Interreg Europe** about?

To improve **regional development policies**

How?

Exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building based on identification & transfer of **good practices**

What is a **policy instrument**



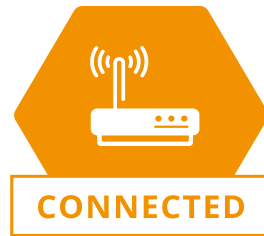
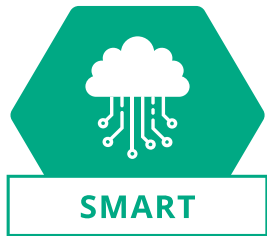
Public intervention:

- strategy, programme, law
- from public authorities
- applied to improve a specific territorial situation

e.g., **Investment for jobs and growth** programmes
(min of 1 to be addressed / project)

Programme **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building → **six topics**



Concentration principle (80%)

Project **activities**

- Learning by **exchanging experience** (e.g., workshop, seminars, study visits, peer reviews) – good practices identification & transfer
- Learning by **doing: pilot actions** from the start of the project or at mid-term (max one per policy instrument)
 - ➔ **increased capacity** of people and organisations

Implementation of activities in **two phases**

CORE	FOLLOW UP
3 years	1 year
Exchange of experience to achieve policy improvements	Monitor policy improvements

Implementation of activities

- **Action plans** only for regions which did not achieve policy improvement by end of core phase
- Some **flexibility** in the follow-up phase:
 - Up to each project to define the exact activities
 - Exchange of experience still possible

Simplified financial rules

Cost categories	Simplification
Preparation costs	Lump sum €17,500
Staff	Fixed % of the real gross employment cost
Office & administration	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs
Travel & accommodation	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs (real cost reporting only in specific justified cases)
External Expertise and Services	
Equipment	
Infrastructure and Works	For pilots only

Co-financing rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% ERDF*	Public or public equivalent from the EU
70% ERDF*	Private non-profit from the EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

* ERDF - European Regional Development Fund

Geographical **coverage**

Four areas to be covered

Geographical areas	Countries covered
North	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland



Policy relevance of partnership

Policy responsible authorities must be involved:

- As **partners** for at least **50%** of the policy instruments
- As '**associated policy authorities**' for the remaining policy instruments

Call **main features**

- When? **5 April – 31 May 2022, 12 noon** (CEST Paris time)
- How much? **Up to 130 MEUR**
- About what? All **topics** open
- How? Through online form in Interreg Europe **Portal**
Register already to our **Community** for notification!

Programme **assistance** – **online tools**



1. Check project relevance

Use our self-assessment tool



2. Get inspired

See approved projects and project ideas



Now available!

3. Share your project idea

Explain what you want to do with your project



4. Find partners

Look for relevant organisations



5. Ask for feedback

Get guidance before applying



Until 31 May 2022

6. Apply for the call

Submit your project proposal

Programme **assistance - events**

Q&A online hours

13/04, 22/04, 06/05 and 20/05 at 10:00 AM (Paris time)

Lead applicant webinar week

25/4, 26/04, 27/04, 28/04 at 10:00 AM (Paris time)

Key **tips** to **successful application**

1/ Check **relevance** of your idea + **prepare carefully**

- Read programme documents (e.g., manual)
- Meet your partners & check common interest
- Use programme's assistance tools

Key **tips** to **successful application**

2/ Be **specific**

- Provide details, examples, facts & figures
- Show in-depth knowledge of the policy instruments addressed

Good application = unique & reflects partners needs

Key **tips** to **successful application**

3/ Be **selective**

- Ensure wide geographical coverage
- Involve **policy responsible authorities**

Start from your challenge



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