

INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020

Introduction

The INTERREG EUROPE programme is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and is designed to support policy learning among public authorities in order to improve the performance of policies and programmes for regional development. It allows public authorities across Europe to exchange practices and ideas on the way public policies work thus finding solutions to improve their strategies for their own citizens.

Objectives

1. To facilitate on-going EU-wide policy learning and capitalisation of practices among actors of regional relevance in order to strengthen regional policies, and in particular the implementation of programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC.
2. To support exchange of experience and sharing of practices among actors of regional relevance with the aim to integrate the learning from the cooperation into regional policies, in particular through their programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC.

Priority Axes

The Programme will work on the following four topics related to regional development:

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

Project Phases and duration

The projects co-financed by INTERREG EUROPE will be implemented in two distinct phases as follows:

- ➔ Phase 1 – Interregional learning, i.e. exchange of experience: From 1 to 3 years
- ➔ Phase 2 – Monitoring the action plan implementation: Fixed to 2 years

Maximum project duration is 5 years.

Partnership

Participation from at least 3 countries is necessary, from which at least 2 partners from EU Member States. The Lead Partner must be a public body or equivalent only from EU countries or Norway.

Eligibility

Organisations based in the EU member states (EU28), Norway or Switzerland, are eligible if they are:

- National, regional or local public authorities
- Other institutions governed by public law (e.g. universities, regional development agencies, business support actors, etc.)
- Private non-profit bodies

Primary target group: bodies in charge of the policies addressed within the project. If not involved, a letter of support is required.

Budget

The Programme has a budget of €359 million ERDF for the period 2014-2020. For projects the allocated budget is €322.4 million equally shared over 4 priority axes (€84million). During the first call of proposals the available ERDF budget is €28 million per priority axis.

The recommended ERDF budget allocated to a project is between €1 and €2 million. The project eligible costs include staff, administration, travel and accommodation, and equipment expenses, as well as costs incurred from external expertise.

Project funding

<i>Co-financing rates</i>	<i>According to legal status or location</i>
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 Norway
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland

Timeline

The first Call for proposals is expected in June 2015 and there will be no thematic restrictions to the investment priorities or any specific requirements in terms of geographical coverage.

More information

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