

INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020 Programme

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INTERREG EUROPE Programme
Sharing solutions for better regional policies
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European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
Co-financing rate: 85%/75% EU Funds; 15%/25% National Funds
Investing in your future



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

Interreg Europe 4 priority axes

...S3

innovation
infrastructure
innovation
chains...



Research and
innovation



SME
competitiveness

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



Low-carbon
economy



Environment and
resource
efficiency

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

...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.



Geographical coverage

- Projects have to involve partners from at least three countries, of which at least two must be from EU Member States and financed by the Interreg Europe programme.
- A partnership between 5 to 10 partners appears to be the best configuration to ensure efficient interregional learning.

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

Why? - Priority to public (public equivalent) bodies

Where are we now?

- **First call done:** approved by the Monitoring Committee on 9 February 2016.
- **Second call done:** approved by Monitoring Committee on 5th October 2016.
- **Third call:** is expected to open in March 2017.

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

Projects costs

- **Most of the costs and expenses will be incurred during phase 1 of the projects:** exchange of experience events (staff exchanges, peer-reviews, site visits, seminars etc.), communication & dissemination.
- **Only minor activities will be financed during phase 2:** all costs relate to the monitoring of the action plans' implementation.
(no investments are eligible under this programme)

First Level Control System

First Level Control

- For the 2014-2020 programming period, Malta has adopted a decentralised control system whereby the partners participating in a project shall select their respective First Level Controller in accordance with established procedures pertaining to general procurement principles.
- The controller may be either internal or external to the entity.

First level control (cont.)

- Upon selection of the auditor, the partners shall inform the FPD of the outcome of the respective selection exercise and hence the proposed controller. (by means of a designated checklist)
- FPD would then confirm that all conditions of the checklist have been satisfied as well as consult with the list of Maltese Registered Auditors <https://secure3.gov.mt/accountancyboard/Registers/RegisteredAuditors.aspx> in order to ensure registration of same auditor.

First level control (cont.)

- Should all the conditions specified in the checklist be satisfied and should the proposed controller be on this list, the FPD shall designate the first level control function pertaining to the project in which the partner would be participating, to such auditor.
- The selected auditor will be entirely responsible for the verification and upon verification the documentation should be sent directly to the LP.

First level control (cont.)

- Within 10 days of verification of a project claim, the project partner is to send a copy of the certificate issued by the first level controller to FPD.
- Supplementary checks will be carried out on projects by the FPD based on a risk-assessment exercise.

Thank you for your attention



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