

# **INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020 Programme**

## **Second call for project proposals**

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# INTERREG EUROPE

The programme covers:

- › EU 28
- › Norway
- › Switzerland

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

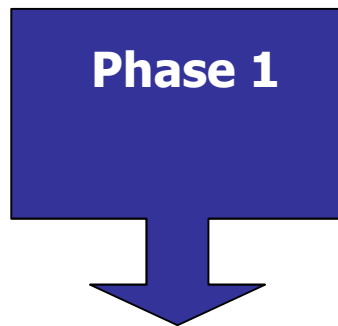
The programme will be supporting two types of actions:

- Policy Learning Platforms and
- Interregional Cooperation Projects



# Interregional Cooperation Projects

Implementation 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



## Second call for project proposals

- Timing of the call: it is expected that the call will open on **5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and closes on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12:00.**
- The Interreg Europe programme is divided into four thematic objectives related to the Europe 2020 strategy. This second call for project proposals will be open for the four thematic objectives eligible under this programme.



## Thematic Objectives

- Strengthening research, technological development and innovation (TO1).
- Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs (TO3).
- Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors (TO4).
- Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency (TO6).



## IE: Inv. Priorities TO 1

- 1a - enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure [...] and capacities to develop R&I excellence and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest.
- 1b - promoting business investment in innovation and research, and developing links and synergies between enterprises, R&D centres and higher education.





## IE: Inv. Priorities TO 3

- 3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to engage in growth in regional, national and international markets, and in innovation processes.



## IE: Inv. Priorities TO 4

- 4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multi-modal urban mobility and mitigation relevant adaptation measures.



## IE: Inv. Priorities TO 6

- 6c - conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage.
- 6g - supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the public and private sectors.



## Who can apply?

- Beneficiaries eligible to receive funding are:

National, regional or local public authorities;

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.



## Partnership requirements

- Policy makers are the main target group. Policy makers can be national or local authorities as well as other organisations having a role in the definition and implementation of policy instruments.
- **The direct involvement of authorities responsible for the policy instruments is therefore a prerequisite for applying to the programme.**



## Partnership requirements cont.

- If the relevant authorities are not involved directly as partners in the project, their participation in the cooperation has to be explained in the application form.
- **Furthermore, a letter of support from the relevant authorities must be provided.**



## 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.



## Funding available and co-financing rate

- Interregional Cooperation Projects co-financing rate is of 85% to public partners as well as to public law bodies. A co-financing rate of 75% will be applied to private non-profit bodies.
- No specific budget is indicated for the second call, however the indicative amount is substantial.





## Application process

The application pack for the second call will be available on the programme website soon ([www.interregeurope.eu](http://www.interregeurope.eu)) and includes the following:

- terms of reference
- programme manual
- online application system ([www.iOLF.eu](http://www.iOLF.eu))
- partner declaration template
- letter of support template



## Submission

- The application form is online. All the documents indicated below must therefore be submitted via the iOLF system:
- **Application form** including lead partner confirmation.
- **Partner declaration** (scanned version) **for all partners** including lead partner.
- **Letters of support** (scanned version) if applicable.



## Partner search options

- In order to assist prospective applicants share project ideas and find partners, the programme has organised a ***project idea and partner search database***, which is available on the Programme's website

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/project-assistance/>



## Partner Search options

- The JS will be organising a **partner search event** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Rotterdam, Netherlands . Registrations for this event are currently open.
- **Lead applicant workshops** will be organised by JS once call is open.



## Partner Search options

- **Information Days** provide general information on the programme and the call for proposals to potential applicants wishing to submit a project application. Information Days are organised by the point of contact.
- In Malta an information seminar in relation to the second call is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at Europe House in Valletta.



## Participation of Maltese applicants

- Following the approval of the first call for project proposals only two projects include Maltese Partners. (ZEROCO2-LCA, Destination SMEs-MGOZ)
- Strongly encourage participation of Maltese partners.
- Interested project partners are encouraged to start working on the documentation.



# Participation of Maltese applicants

In the INTERREG IVC Programme covering the 2007-2013 period Malta was participating in 23 projects. ERDF budgetary allocation for MT was of 2.4 M€



pre-waste



D-Air  
Green  
Airports



## Assistance to applicants

Assistance to applicants is available:

- **Project idea and partner search database**
- **Project idea self-assessment**
- **Project idea feedback**
- **Virtual Q&A hour**
  
- **FPD is also willing to assist as required:  
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Thank you  
for your attention

