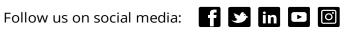
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Agenda

- 10:05 What the programme offers
- 10:20 Tour of our seven new Partner States part 1
- 10:45 About partnership
- 10:50 **Tour of our seven new Partner States part 2**
- 11:10 How to **start cooperating**





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Cooperation opportunities

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Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

- 4 strands, each strand with its own scope and objectives
- 86 programmes, 10 billion euros ERDF

Α	Cross-border	64 programmes EUR 6.7 billion		_	
В	Transnational	13 programmes EUR 2.3 billion			394m*
С	Interregional	4 programmes EUR 560 million	Interreg Europe Urbact, Interact, Espon		PROGRAMME BUDGET
D	Outermost regions	5 areas EUR 330 million		_	

* *IPA funding to be approved*

Interreg Europe objective

To improve regional development policies through the identification and transfer of good practices among EU regions

Helps policymakers to find new solutions to their challenges

- Primarily dedicated to **policymakers**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from crossborder or transnational cooperation

Programme scope

Eligible area

All EU, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine

Topics covered

All topics of regional development covered



Two actions



Projects

Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring experience on a shared regional development issue



Policy Learning Platform

Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

Projects' features



WHY?

To find **inspiration** and new **policy solutions** to solve **regional development** challenges

Partnerships of European regions



WHO?

Policymakers from different European regions



HOW?

Through **exchange** of **experience** activities

The partners work together for 4 years (3 years of core phase + 1 year of follow-up)

Funding opportunities in new projects

Upcoming calls open to organisations from new Partner States:

- Third call between 20 March and 7 June 2024
- Fourth call possibly in the first half 2025 (depending on the third call results)

Normal programme rules and requirements apply

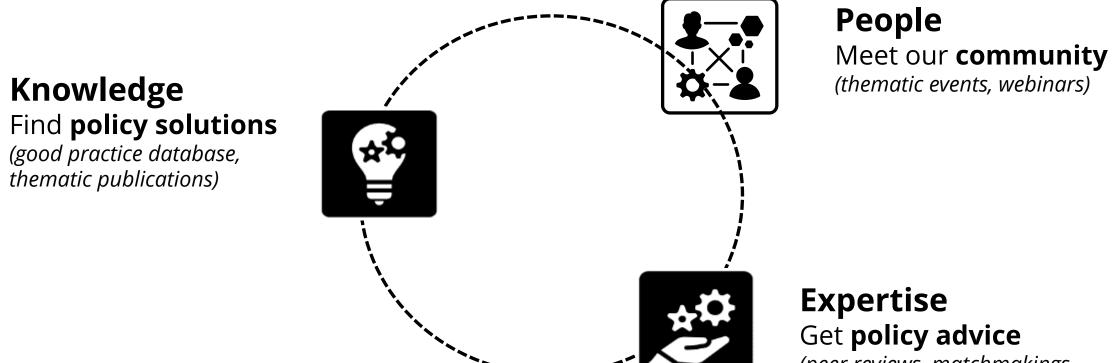
Funding opportunities in existing projects

Restricted call open to first and second call projects

- Open between 20 March and 7 June 2024
- Applications through **request for change** procedure
- Max 2 additional partners per project
- Budget increase up to **3% of the original budget** (in addition to additional budget for the new partner(s))

Platform in a nutshell

Policy-learning services through access to:



(peer reviews, matchmakings, policy helpdesk)

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Access to Platform services

All services available to new Partner States:

- Use our tools to **find policy solutions** (e.g., good practice database, policy briefs)
- Join our **events** (e.g., thematic webinars, workshops)
- Access the **expert services** (peer reviews)

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Project partnerships

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Who is eligible?

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

Discovery partner

Rationale: facilitate participation from the 7 new countries

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine

Main characteristics:

- Lighter form of involvement: no need to address a policy instrument
- Aim: to discover interregional cooperation and learn from others
- Recommendation: max 2 per project

Geographical coverage

Four areas (out of five) 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		
EU candidates	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine		

Projects **co-financing** rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location		
80% Interreg fund*	Public or public equivalent from the EU & 7 candidate countries*		
70% Interreg fund*	Private non-profit from the EU & 7 candidate countries*		
50% Norwegian fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)		
Swiss fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)		



4 steps to start cooperating

in Interreg Europe

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Please take the time to create your account in order to have a profile and enjoy all our community features.

Meet new people and exchange good practices

😰 Apply for a project or peer review

📛 Join our events: In person or online

😤 Receive personalised content based on your profile choices

Receive expert advice to solve your policy challenge

> Start creating your profile

Visible New country status

	☆	0	☆		☆	0	☆
Oleksandr Hlebena NGO "Youth Space" Ukraine New country Interested in Lead a project +4		Svitlana Khimiychuk Head of Department Chernivtsi City Council Ukraine New country Interested in Lead a project +3		stefan popa ZigZag Creative Factory Moldova New country Interested in Lead a project +2		Darko Telić Head of Department MEIMS RS Bosnia and Herzegovina New country Interested in Lead a project +4	
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Lyubov Petrova Lyubov Petrova Khotyn City Council Ukraine New country		Mario Shahini Financial Manager Regional Council Durres Albania New country		Valerii Nedaikash Velykobagachanska territorial community Ukraine New country		MARIELA ALICKOLLI PROJECT COUNSELOR OF EU PROJECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL OF KORCE Albania New country	
Interested in Lead a project +4		Interested in Join a project +2		Interested in Lead a project +4		Interested in Join a project +2	

Express interest in joining
running projects

Online campaign

For:

- All approved projects (2021-2027)
 - = Open to new countries
- Eligible beneficiaries from seven EU candidate countries
 - = New country

Campaign until **June 2024**

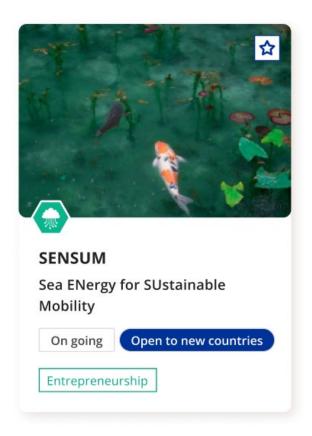
https://www.interregeurope.eu/news-and-events/events/bringinginterreg-europe-projects-together-with-seven-eu-candidate-countries

Online campaign

Find a relevant **project**

Open to new countries

- Search among approved projects
- Go to **networking** tables
 - Under Approved projects



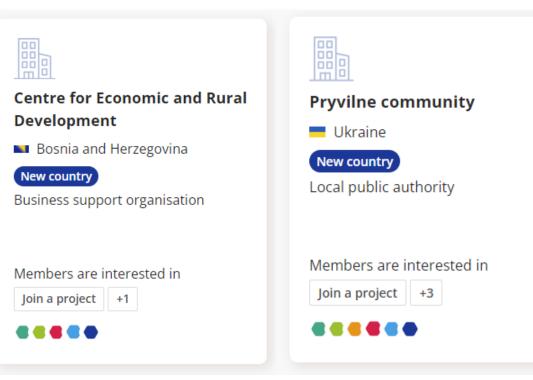
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Online campaign

Beneficiaries from New country

- Visible among community members – people
- Visible among organisations
- Go to **networking** tables
 - Submit your profile
 - Grouped by alphabet (A-**B**, M-N, S-U)



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Solution Come to our events

Information events

Learn more about our programme

 The programme will organise the third call launch event on 20-21 March 2024 in Antwerp, Belgium

Registration open for

Online: <u>https://www.interregeurope.eu/news-and-events/events/europe-lets-cooperate-2024-online</u>

• If from a new country and interested to come in person: **indicate it** in the registration form for the online event (by 1 March 2024)

Information events

Special focus on the restricted call – save the date

• 9 April 2024 10:00-12:00 (Paris time)

Q&A about the restricted call

Networking between the seven new countries and approved Interreg Europe projects

Registration to open in March

Information events

Learn more about our programme

• Your national/ regional representatives organise online or inperson **information days**

The programme's secretariat joins these events to answer your questions

List of info events: <u>https://www.interregeurope.eu/news-and-</u> events/news/info-days-2024-in-your-country

Project development webinar week

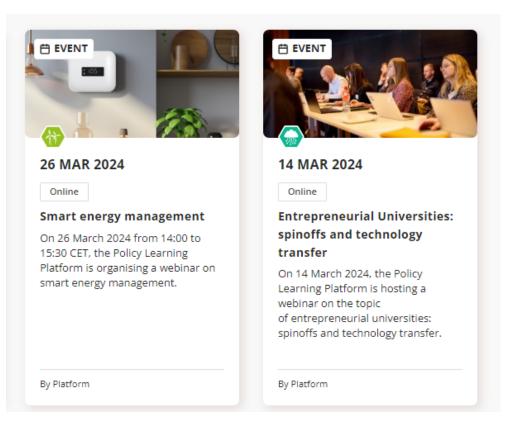
Learn more about developing a project proposal

- Building a successful partnership
- Designing project methodology
- Management, budget and finances
- Project communication

Save the dates: 15-18 April 2024, 10:00-11:30

Policy-learning events online

 All community members can register and join



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