

Info session: Call for additional activities

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Context and call features

Context



COVID-19 crisis

- Impact on all fields of regional development
- Programme measures in 2020:
 - ✓ mainly relevant 3rd & 4th call projects
 - ✓ more limited opportunities for 1st & 2nd call projects

Risk of programme underspending

 End 2020: programme budget commitment below 100%

Context



COVID-19 crisis

Programme under-spending



Call for additional activities in first semester of 2021

Decision of the Interreg Europe Monitoring Committee on 24 February 2021

Call for additional activities Objective



To address the COVID-19 crisis through additional activities meaning to:

- Estimate the impact of the crisis on the issue addressed by the project
- Identify experiences to face and recover from the crisis
- Further improve the policies of the different regions

Compared to previous measures: specific focus on crisis



Timing

- From 1st April until 2nd July at 14:00 (CEST)
- Earlier closing possible depending on funds allocation

Funding

- Estimated ERDF amount: 20 MEUR
 Norwegian funds: 200 KEUR
- Max ERDF recommended per project: 500 KEUR

Who can apply?



- Open to 258 approved projects
- Particularly interesting for 1st and 2nd call projects
 - ✓ Phase 1 finalised when crisis started
 - ✓ Less funds & time to adopt the 2020 measures
- Call relevant for 3rd and 4th call projects in case
 - ✓ Underspending remains limited
 - √ 2020 measures not sufficient



Which activities?

- Traditional exchange of experience activities
 (e.g. interregional policy learning events, stakeholders group
 meetings, joint analysis)
- Pilot actions only in justified cases, usual programme criteria apply (check dedicated webinar for further info)
- Related communication activities (e.g. website updates)

Advice: not to plan any physical interregional events before beginning of 2022



Approach to additional activities

'Add-on' to existing projects

- No impact on already approved activities
- Not bound to phases (e.g. no action plan required)
- For 1st & 2nd call: 1 additional year

Reporting

- For 1st and 2nd call: 1 single report covering the year
- For others: according to regular reporting

Partnership



Composition

- Partnership to remain as much as possible the same
- No replacement or integration of new region
- Any withdrawal to be justified

Policy instruments

- Possibility to update the policy instruments addressed
- Possibility to address 2021-2027 period or REACT EU



Questions welcome!



Application and selection

Application Pack



- Published on 1st April
- Available on: www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/
- Includes:
- ✓ Terms of reference
- ✓ Application form
- ✓ Partner declaration
- ✓ Programme manual

Call for additional activities

On 24 February 2021, the Interreg Europe monitoring committee approved the terms of reference of a call for additional activities restricted only to the 258 Interreg Europe projects.

This call will open on **1 April** and close on **2 July 2021 (14:00 CEST)**, unless the total ERDF amount available for this call is allocated before the closing date.

The application pack for this call contains:

- Terms of reference
- Application form working template
- Partner declaration template
- Programme manual (version 9)

Download the call's application pack.

How to apply?



- 2 step approach (adapted to the call's characteristics)
 - 1. Consultation with JS
 - 2. Application submission

How to apply?



1. Consultation with JS

Close cooperation with JS officers (similar to pilot action request approach):

- To confirm first the relevance of the idea
 Please contact your officers by email or phone
- If idea is relevant: to advise on content and ensure final recommendation for approval
 - Please use the application form for more detailed feedback To be sent to (PO/FO), copy to projects@interregeurope.eu

How to apply?



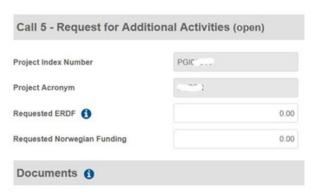
2. Application submission

Submission once consultation phase finalised

Ask JS to open section in iOLF



- Upload application form + partner declarations
- Submit documents



Automatic notification confirming the submission

Selection



Assessment in 2 steps

- Eligibility (Healing procedure for criteria 2 and 3)
- Quality assessment (light process without scoring)

Approval

Assessment & decision by Partner States on regular basis

Availability of funds

- Funds available limited
- First come, first serve principle applies
- Submission date / time (eligible application) counts

Finalisation



In case of approval:

- Additional activities to be integrated in a 'request for changes'
- Final notification letter confirming approval & amount
- Start date depends on projects (fixed for 1st and 2nd call projects)
- Costs eligible even before MC decision if related to additional activities (including application preparation)



Contact us if you are interested

Thank you!

