

**Interreg
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Info session: Call for additional activities

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Summary

1. Context and call features

Q&A

2. Application and selection

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Context and call features



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

Call 5 - Request for Additional Activities + Submit

No requests for additional activities found

- Upload application form + partner declarations
- Submit documents

Call 5 - Request for Additional Activities (open)

Project Index Number

Project Acronym

Requested ERDF i

Requested Norwegian Funding

Documents i

➔ 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)



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Contact us if you are interested

Thank you!



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