Interreg and the European Year of Skills

Interreg has implemented **1,120 skills-related projects** during the 2014-2020 period. In economic terms, this has meant an **investment of 1,459 million euros. Entrepreneurship, labour market, and education & training** are among the most important topics.

In this exhibition you will find a small sample of the thousands of inspiring cooperation projects developed all over Europe and its neighbouring countries.

AWE

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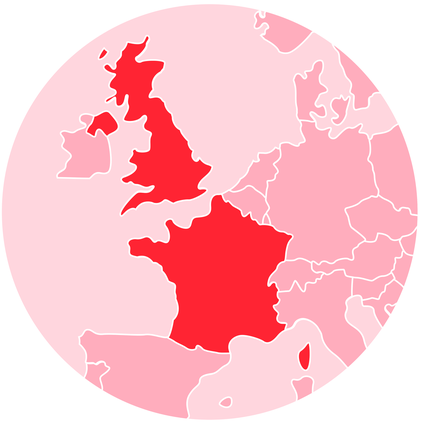
Accelerating Women's Enterprise

01/04/2018 - 30/06/2023

Project AWE (Accelerating Women's Enterprise) brings together organisations working in business creation to address the gender imbalance in business start-ups, where men are currently twice as likely to start a business compared to women. The project uses the expertise from both sides of the Channel to train and recruit over 160 specialist mentors. The mentors are then paired with disadvantaged women where they will help coach and support them with business skills such as finance management, marketing, and access to markets. At the end of the 3-year project, AWE has trained over 700 women and helped create 130 jobs.



Programme:
2014 - 2020 INTERREG V-A France - United Kingdom (Manche - Channel)

Partners: **10**

Project budget: **€ 4.60 M**

EU funding: **€ 3.20 M**

Interreg France (Channel Manche) England
European Regional Development Fund

Visit the website of the project →

C-AGRO-Dev

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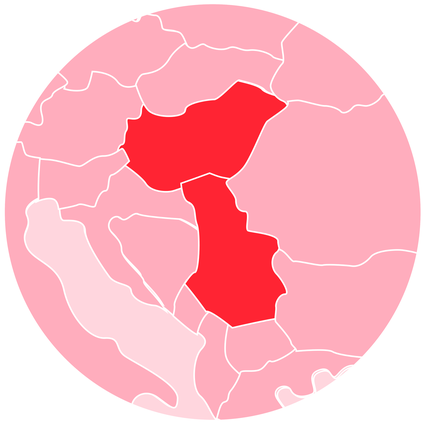
Cross-border Agrobusiness Development Programme

01/07/2018 - 30/06/2020

The project aims to increase family farms' competencies in entrepreneurship, modern agriculture technologies, ICT and sustainability. The most important segment of the project is the 'Modern Farmer Academy' which has provided classroom and practical training opportunities as well as mostly e-learning courses for the next generation of family farmers in the region to increase their entrepreneurial level and develop their competencies in the field of modern agriculture technologies. This project stands out for the incorporation of new skills that allow the modernisation of a traditional sector.



Programme:

2014 - 2020 Interreg IPA CBC Hungary – Serbia

Partners: **3**

Project budget: **€ 0.33 M**

EU funding: **€ 0.28 M**

Interreg - IPA CBC
Hungary - Serbia

Visit the website of the project →

CBC-PracticeFirms

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Innovative methods of professional training and educational collaboration between Romania and Ukraine

10/12/2019 - 09/06/2022

Improving accessibility and employability in the labour market of 360 students and high school students from Romania and Ukraine, by developing the knowledge and skills necessary for a modern labour market, is flexible and dynamic through inter-institutional collaboration in education across borders. The general objective of learning through the practice firm is to develop the entrepreneurial spirit by familiarizing students with the specific activities of a real company, simulating real business operations and processes specific to the real business environment, improving the business language, and developing the skills and attitudes needed for a dynamic entrepreneur.

Programme:

2014 - 2020 Romania - Ukraine ENI CBC

Partners: **4**

Project budget: **€ 0.33 M**

EU funding: **€ 0.30 M**

Romania-Ukraine
ENI-CROSS BORDER COOPERATION

Visit the website of the project →

A chance for development

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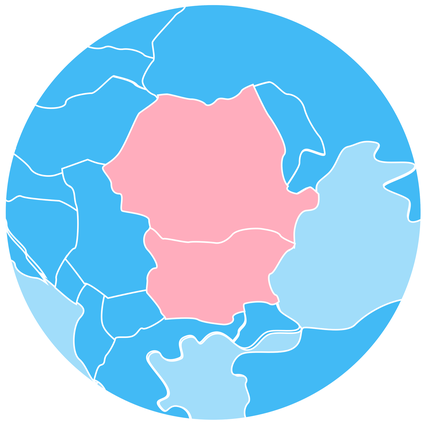
16/05/2017 - 15/05/2019

The project aims to increase employability by developing professional skills and by ensuring better communication between employers and the persons that are in search of a job in the counties of Dolj (Romania), and Vidin and Veliko Tarnovo (both in Bulgaria). Its priority is the inclusion in the labour market of students and university graduates of these regions. Activities have included, among others, the selection and professional training for the target group, the setting-up of a Romanian-Bulgarian centre for career and recruitment, the design of an interactive site and the organisation of strategic meetings between the employers and persons in search of a job.



Programme:

2014 - 2020 INTERREG V-A Romania – Bulgaria

Partners: **3**

Project budget: **€ 0.65 M**

EU funding: **€ 0.55 M**

Visit the website of the project →

GIP Extra ERW

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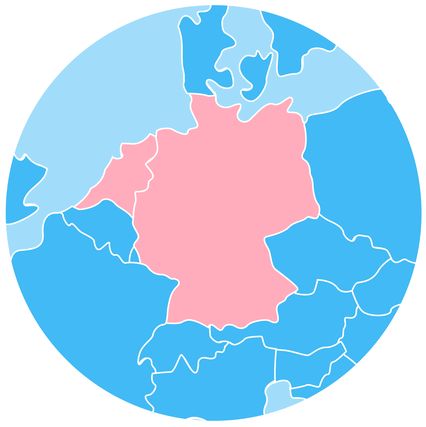
01/01/2020 - 31/05/2021

The project GIP Extra ERW aims to further develop and improve the services of the border info points (known as 'GrenzInfoPunkte' or GIPs) in the Euregio Rhine-Waal (ERW). In doing so, the so-called 'click-call-connect'-principle shall be followed, meaning that clients should receive advice digitally, by phone or within a group presentation before a face-to-face consultation takes place. The services should pay more attention to providing information and supporting employers. Following the implementation phase, the network of GIPs has further developed, specifically with regard to quality assurance and the intensification of cooperation. On a regional level, the GIP ERW has organised expert sessions for the most relevant labour market stakeholders.



Programme:

2014 - 2020 INTERREG V-A Germany - The Netherlands

Partners: **6**

Project budget: **€ 0.42 M**

EU funding: **€ 0.21 M**

INTERREG Deutschland Nederland

Europäische Union
Europese Unie

Visit the website of the project →

SIRCLES

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Supporting Circular Economy Opportunities for Employment and Social Inclusion

10/02/2021 - 09/08/2023

SIRCLES partners want to explore new employment opportunities by applying the circular economy model applied to the biowaste sector. The project mainly focuses on developing new capacities oriented to business development and separation, collection, composting and agriculture processes. The training has been tested through 7 pilot projects that address the hotel, food retail and household sectors, adjusted to the diverse local contexts of each territory involved in the project. Consequently, SIRCLES is contributing to the creation of green jobs by involving the most vulnerable sectors of the population and supporting environmental sustainability.

Programme:

2014 - 2020 Mediterranean Sea Basin ENI CBC

Partners: **10**

Project budget: **€ 3.90 M**

EU funding: **€ 3.40 M**

ENI CBCMED
Cooperating across borders in the Mediterranean

Programme funded by the EUROPEAN UNION

REGIONE AUTÒNOMA DE SARDIGNA
REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA

Visit the website of the project →

InsertaTIC

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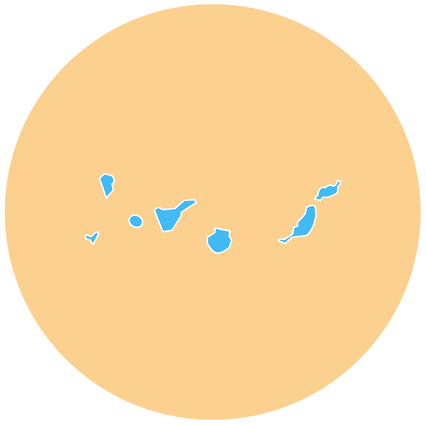
System for the transfer of knowledge through human capital and the promotion & use of ICTs

31/01/2017 - 31/12/2019

InsertaTIC is a project whose objective is to transfer knowledge between research groups/centres and companies in the regions in order to develop innovation projects that result in products or services that companies need. For this purpose, InsertaTIC incorporates a new expert in innovation: young students (or recent graduates) who are measured on their competence and skills (transversal and technical). After that, they are trained through an online training itinerary so that they become the agents that develop these projects. To achieve this, IT tools have been developed. The main sectors involved are: ICT, Tourism, Transport and Logistics and Agri-food Industry among others.



Programme:

2014 - 2020 INTERREG V-A Spain - Portugal (Madeira - Açores - Canarias (MAC))

Partners: **4**

Project budget: **€ 0.41 M**

EU funding: **€ 0.35 M**

MAC 2014-2020
Cooperación Territorial

Visit the website of the project →

TASKFORCOME

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Transnational Action to advance SKills and competences FOR COmmunity engagement and social Migrants Entrepreneurship initiatives in the Central Europe

01/03/2019 - 30/11/2021

The integration of migrants into labour markets and ultimately social systems is a major challenge for regions in central Europe. The TASKFORCOME project assisted migrants in launching and further developing for-profit firms and social enterprises. The project developed education, training and support tools for migrant entrepreneurs and business service providers in five central European countries (i.e. Austria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, and Poland). The partnership also launched a new e-learning platform, which can be accessed at https://learning.taskforcome.eu. In total, the project trained around 100 migrant entrepreneurs and 100 business service providers.

Programme:

2014 - 2020 INTERREG VB Central Europe

Partners: **12**

Project budget: **€ 2.70 M**

EU funding: **€ 2.30 M**

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE

European Union European Regional Development Fund

Visit the website of the project →

Like!

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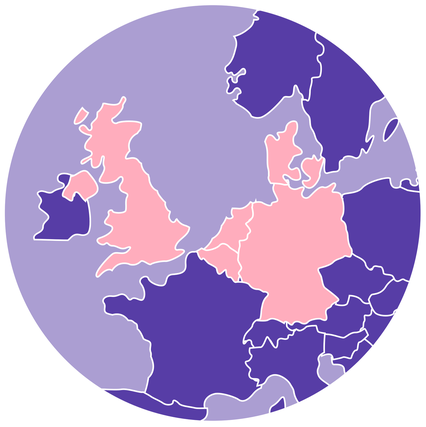
Building a Local Digital Innovation Culture

01/10/2016 - 01/03/2020

Like! has demonstrated how to establish a local digital innovation culture, providing public servants with new digital skills to deliver innovative services. From inclusive hackathons to digital coaches, chatbots, dashboards, and a host of other inventions, Like! tools have made public services more accessible and enhanced citizen engagement.

The smart tools enable professionals to focus on what is really important. Testimonials from those involved, and the permanent integration of many project activities by the participating organisations, show that Like! has significantly enhanced the digital capacity of the public sector.



Programme:

2014 – 2020 INTERREG VB North Sea

Partners: **10**

Project budget: **€ 4.20 M**

EU funding: **€ 2.10 M**

Interreg North Sea Region
European Regional Development Fund
EUROPEAN UNION

Visit the website of the project →

Do you think Interreg can play an important role in the field of skills?

Yes

No

Which skills do you think will be most important to improve the employability of citizens in the next decade? (Choose only one)

Digital skills

Business and entrepreneur skills

Social innovation skills

Skills related to climate change

Green economy skills

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Do you think that skills projects should focus on... (Choose one only)

Only young people

Adults who need to improve their employability (upskilling)

Adults seeking other jobs (reskilling)

All of the above

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If you have worked on skills, what has been your main challenge?

Low presence of digitalisation skills projects

Few life-long learning projects

Imbalance between economic actors and social actors

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