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**COOPERATION IN INVESTMENT
FOR JOBS AND GROWTH
GOAL PROGRAMMES**

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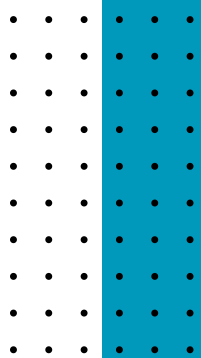


OVERVIEW

Greetings from the fascinating world of Cooperation actions, where programmes unite their efforts to build sustainable partnerships and face together the challenges of the day.

Regions with programmes under the ***Investment for Growth and Jobs*** goal can develop projects in partnership with other regions, to improve the capacity of programme authorities and enhance cooperation with partners within or outside the EU. Such projects include interregional, cross-border and transnational actions, in which each partner ensures the benefit for its own region.

Cooperation is not always easy. Therefore, this publication aims to show some examples for inspiration.



PLANNING THE COOPERATION

The initial step for setting up the cooperation action is to identify the potential partners (type of organisations), the topics of cooperation (thematic/specific objectives), and the allocation of funds.

Only then we could tackle the different matters of technical implementation, such as project selection criteria and selection procedures, project implementation arrangements, financial control and audit.

There is no “one-size-fits-all” approach and the combination of the above elements unlocks the cooperation actions, allowing for different depth/degree of cooperation. As a matter of fact, programmes can implement cooperation actions with varying degrees of cooperation simultaneously.

All degrees of cooperation require certain political will and commitment of the programme bodies, in order to set in motion the necessary administrative steps and procedures. The cornerstone for cooperation actions remains the requirement to commit to cooperation and plan the possibility of such cooperation, its thematic focus and partners needed. All that in section 2.1.1.1.1. *Interventions of the Funds* of the respective programme document.

DEGREES OF COOPERATION

1. One-sided cooperation

The interest for cooperation with potential partners from other regions is defined in the programme document, without identified reciprocal interest in the programmes of the partnering regions.

2. Mirror cooperation

The interest in cooperation with potential partners from other regions is defined in the programme documents of all partnering regions.

3. Agreed cooperation

Regions from different countries define not only potential partners for cooperation, but also the same topic(s) of cooperation in their programme documents, using similar description and specifying common and agreed interests.

4. Joint informal cooperation

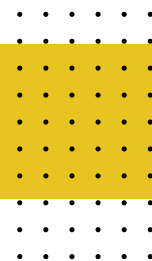
Cooperation may go further when regions decide not only to plan together, but to act in parallel, defining joint rules for project selection.

5. Joint formal cooperation

Regions planning and acting with complete agreement on partners, subject, type of actions and procedures, as well as possibly with joint finances.



TOOLS BY INTERACT



[Cooperationactions.eu](https://cooperationactions.eu)

Dedicated website to the cooperation actions, serving as a hub of knowledge and tools for practicing cooperation.



[Database with programmes](#)

Databases with description of cooperation actions envisaged in the programmes under the Investment for Growth and Jobs goal, for the periods 2014-2020 and 2021-2027.



[Guidelines on cooperation](#)

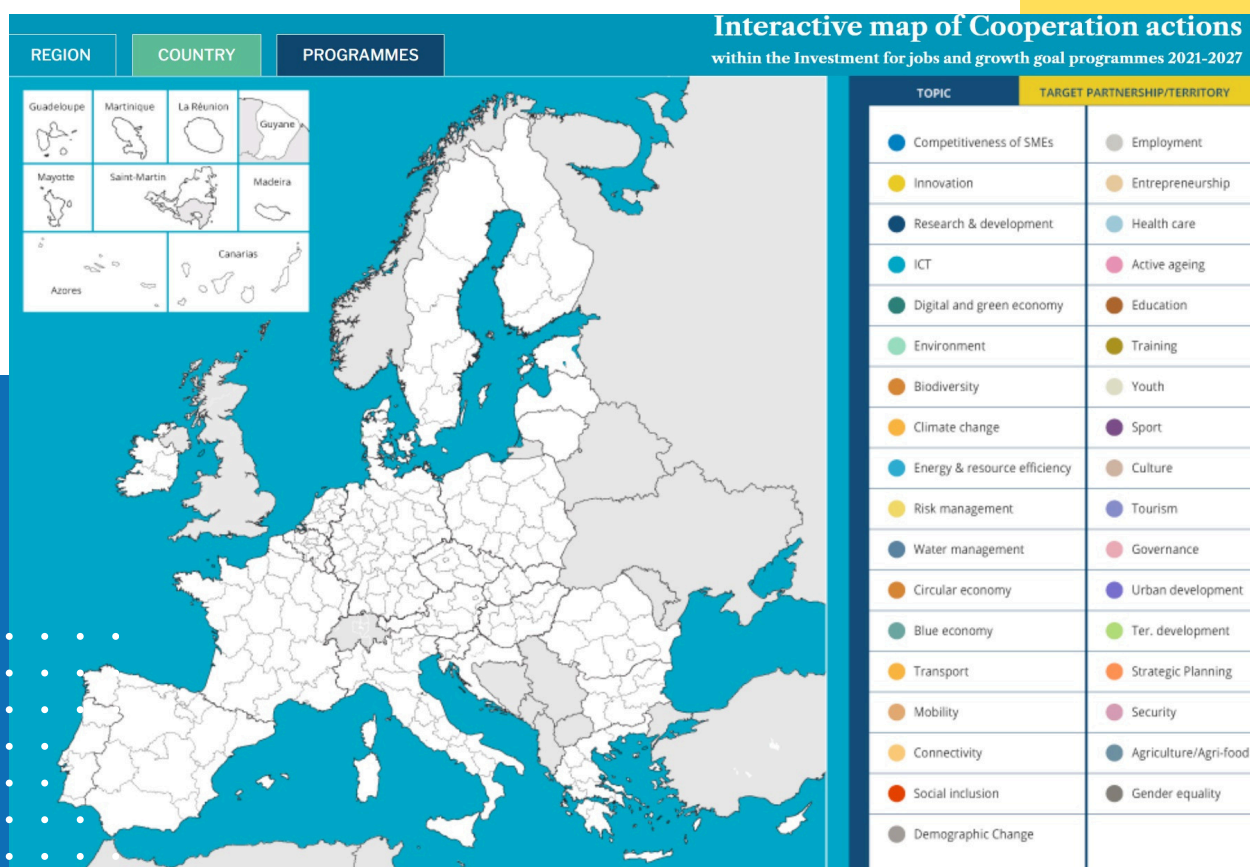
Developed by Interact in 2021 to help programmes methodologically in structuring and implementing cooperation actions.

INTERACTIVE MAP

The tool is dedicated to all parties interested in finding their best match for cooperation actions. It provides a simplistic map interface, highlighting key categories of cooperation with automatized search option.

The map facilitates the search of partners, based on several criteria:

- Programme title - by manually typing it;
- Country - by choosing from list of countries (both in and outside the EU);
- NUTS III region - by choosing from list of regions;
- Topic of cooperation actions - by choosing from list;
- Scope of partnership needed - by choosing from list.





SUPPORT THAT WE OFFER

- ☒ Introduction and guidance in the sea of possibilities for cooperation actions and identification of possible approaches for your specific case.
- ☒ Providing examples and contacts with ongoing cooperation actions, facilitating the exchange with practitioners.
- ☒ Help in setting up the management system and other administrative/planning arrangements related to the form of cooperation actions call, choosing the right type and degree of cooperation, etc.
- ☒ Assistance in partner search and pairing of cooperation actions partners.

PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

Introduction to good practices
in cooperation actions



CALL FOR COOPERATION PROJECTS

BASILICATA, ITALY

Partners:	Office of the Managing Authority of the ERDF Operational Programmes of Basilicata, Italy
Degree of cooperation:	1 - One-sided cooperation
Scope:	The Basilicata Region has promoted cooperation actions in the context of the territorial strategies and the regional smart specialisation strategy, which includes five areas: Automotive, Energy, Aerospace, Bioeconomy and Cultural and Creative Industry. The cooperation actions 2014-2020 period were financed under the ERDF.
How:	<p>The tool for implementation was the Call for selection of interregional and transnational cooperation projects, which included 2 action lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Line A aimed at creating new networks or strengthening existing networks with European partners to exchange good practices and knowledge and/or favoring the participation of the regional research system in the European networks on research technological innovation and digitalization of the economy; • Action Line B aimed at improving strategies and plans on local development and/or developing new governance tools for regional and local administrative management.
Results:	<p>The opening up to transnational activities turned out to be advantageous for the region, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost of the Research & Innovation sectors' potential; • Support to local entities, lacking administrative capacity to build new interregional and transnational partnerships; • Creation of a bridge between ECT/INTERREG and ROP; • Innovative results achieved and the possibility to develop pilot projects to be submitted under Horizon 2020 or national and regional calls, also in view of the creation of "Projects Pool". <p>11 cooperation projects were funded in total, with 71 partners, 33 of which from foreign countries (15 from EUSAIR and 7 outside the EU).</p>
For more details:	<u>Basilicata website</u>

Project URGES



1 Project

The project aims to show how "urban greenery" (green infrastructure), designed in particular for public housing districts, can contribute to environmental balance, urban and architectural quality, energy saving and the overall well-being of the local community. Research, comparison and analysis of national and foreign case studies, as well as a concrete and interdisciplinary experimentation, were conducted on a pilot site in Matera (an ATER public housing building). The project aimed to assess the potential of public housing, the well-being (environmental, psychological, etc.) and the housing conditions of people, in order to design sustainable solutions through "green infrastructure". The multidisciplinary and international research group, together with the inhabitants who took part in a friendly architecture programme, aimed to design and build a typical form of greenery on the pilot site of Matera where the ecological effectiveness of native plant species is currently being measured.

2 Partners

Lead partner: University of Basilicata - Department of European and Mediterranean Cultures: Architecture, Environment, Cultural Heritage (Basilicata)

Beneficiary partner: Regional Agency for Development and Innovation in Agriculture (Basilicata).

Partners:

- University of Seville
- University "G. d'Annunzio" Chieti-Pescara
- University of Ljubljana
- University of Reggio Calabria

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INNOVATION EXPRESS 2021

Partners:	Baden-Württemberg (DE), Brandenburg (DE), Salzburg (AT), Canton Fribourg (CH)
Degree of cooperation:	5 - Joint formal cooperation
Scope:	Innovation Express 2021 was designed to support the recovery of SMEs post-Covid-19 by fostering cross-border partnerships from Europe, with a focus on AI in healthcare and digital solutions for sustainable industries. It aimed to advance internationalization and innovation via collaborative projects of SMEs and research bodies, emphasizing cross-sectoral collaborations. It also aimed to tackle mutual challenges and seize market opportunities, emphasizing cross-sectoral collaborations.
How:	<p>The call was open in 2021 and supported by a partner matchmaking event. It was open to legal entities located in the partner regions. To be eligible, applications had to include partners from at least two different partner regions.</p> <p>Each applicant had to complete the Innovation Express 2021 summary application form in English. In addition, each applicant had to apply in their own region following the existing application procedure. Assessment was based on national/regional funding rules and covered: clarity of relevance, added value, coherence of the work plan, and partner involvement assessment aspects. Funding decisions were made by regional/national funding agencies.</p>
Results:	Innovation Express is continued within the support of the INNOBIOVC project co-financed by the Interreg Alpine Space programme. Within the project framework, partners launched the Innovation Express Call 2024. The call aims to support SMEs in international matchmaking and joint RDI projects focused on the circular bioeconomy, covering sectors like agriculture, food, and energy. The call targets two main themes: the application of bio-based solutions for circular production and materials, and the development of new solutions for climate protection and decarbonization of supply chains.
For more details:	<u>Innovation express website</u>

How to build a synchronized call?



1 Set up

The call uses existing operational and regional fund programmes. Eligibility, focus and activities to be financed are determined by each funding partner according to own eligibility rules. The partners agree together on the call timeline, the right to introduce a summary application, matchmaking, etc.

2 Call

The call typically lasts approximately two months. Applications should be submitted individually according to local requirements. In addition, the consortia are asked to complete a standardized summary form in English and submit all documents electronically by the set deadline to the specified email or via a database.

3 Specifics

Since the call is using existing programmes, no changes in fund implementation rules are required. However, funding partners should be ready to invest the necessary resources for coordination activities, which include meeting scheduling, organisation of exchange among the group members, and support to beneficiaries, including matchmaking events.

4 Details

More information on the call available [here](#)

VANGUARD INITIATIVE

Partners:	36 regions in Europe
Degree of cooperation:	4 - Joint informal cooperation
Scope:	The members of the Vanguard Initiative is a unique alliance of regions across Europe with strong commitment to foster interregional collaboration based on regional complementarities. The members have not only committed themselves politically to collaborate based on their smart specialization strategies to advance technological developments. They implement their interregional collaboration following a 'place-based' approach in the framework of 8 pilots to develop new European value-chains.
How:	The core activity is the implementation of pilot projects, developed through the active participation of clusters, SMEs, science parks, research institutes and universities in the member regions. By bringing regions and their stakeholders together, the pilot projects aim to accelerate the market uptake of innovations, pioneering a new approach to support EU industry internationalization and competitiveness.
Results:	The Vanguard Initiative has implemented an innovative methodology for developing concrete results, that consists of four phases: learn, connect, demonstrate, commercialize. The methodology is deployed by all projects, that fall under the following thematic areas: 1) Bio-Economy; 2) Efficient and Sustainable Manufacturing (ESM); 3) High Performance Production through 3D-Printing; 4) New Nano-Enabled Products Pilot; 5) Artificial Intelligence; 6) Advanced Manufacturing for Energy Related Applications in Harsh Environments; 7) Smart Health/ Personalized Medicine; 8) Hydrogen (H2). Another main result of the Vanguard initiative is the developed interactive map, giving an overview of EU-funded innovation projects.
For more details:	Vanguard initiative website

Vinnovate Call 2024



1 Projects



Funding & activities

- Grant. Funding rate to be checked at regional level
- Supporting TRLs 6-8 activities



Scope

- Solutions for twin transition or more autonomous industry
- Thematically linked to at least one VI Pilot



Consortia

- At least 2 organisations, from at least 2 Vinnovate 2024 regions and 2 countries/states (i.e. international cooperation)
- At least 1 SME, in cooperation with other companies or research centres/universities



Range

- Total project costs: min. 100.000€
- Total project duration: max. 36M

2 Regions

- East NL (Gelderland & Overijssel provinces)
- South NL (Noord Brabant province)
- North East Romania
- Norte
- Wallonia
- Lower Austria
- Emilia-Romagna
- Wales
- Lower Saxony
- Galicia
- Flanders

3 Next steps

- Guide for applicants: Download [here](#)
- Vinnovate call 2024 website: Visit [here](#)
- Looking for Vinnovate partners? Join the Gateway [here](#) and express your interest!

HORIZON EUROPE

Partners:	Legal entities from the EU and associated countries
Degree of cooperation:	5 - Joint formal cooperation
Scope:	Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation. It addresses climate change, supports the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth. The programme facilitates international collaboration and supports creating and better dispersing of excellent knowledge and technologies.
How:	<p>It offers opportunities to researchers and innovators to apply for fellowships to come to work in European research groups or for European Research Council grants to establish a research group. They can be included as partners in research consortia for collaborative research proposals, and if they plan to establish a start-up or SME in Europe, they can apply for additional funding.</p> <p>The programme allows for tackling global societal challenges and access to the world's best talents, expertise and resources. It encourages international partnerships, that should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-programmed - based on Memoranda of Understanding or contractual arrangements; • Co-funded - based on a joint programme agreed and implemented by partners, and commitment for financial / in kind contributions.
Results:	<p>1. Achieving Scientific Impact through: Creating high-quality new knowledge, Strengthening human capital in R&I and Fostering diffusion of knowledge and Open Science</p> <p>2. Achieving Societal Impact through: Addressing EU policy priorities & global challenges through R&I, Delivering benefits & impact via R&I missions and Strengthening the uptake of R&I in society</p> <p>3. Economic Impact through: Generating innovation-based growth 8. Creating more and better jobs 9. Leveraging investments in R&I</p>
For more details:	Horizon Europe website

European Heritage Cloud Call



1 Intro

With an envisaged budget of €110 million from Horizon Europe, the European Heritage Cloud will be a unique infrastructure that will enable unprecedented transdisciplinary and large-scale collaboration between specialists. It will provide cutting-edge technologies for digitising artefacts, researching artworks, and documenting data, all of which will significantly advance and add a new digital dimension to cultural heritage research, preservation, conservation, and restoration. Moreover, it will aim to facilitate the access to advanced technologies and remove barriers for smaller and remote institutions.

2 Call

The call for proposals for the European Cultural Heritage Cloud is open again in 2024. For all that would like to meet and connect with other prospective applicants, identify possible partners to facilitate forming strong project consortia and share ideas and brainstorm potential projects, they can use the dedicated [brokerage platform](#) to benefit from the matchmaking.

3 Details

More information for the European Heritage Cloud Call is available [here](#)

BASQUE DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB

Partners:	The Hub is co-owned by R&D centres, vocational training centres and universities, and is supported by regional public institutions.
Degree of cooperation:	4 - Joint informal cooperation
Scope:	The Basque Digital Innovation Hub network provides SMEs with access to the technological capabilities they need to rise to the challenges of smart industry, energy and health, and to be able to grow in the digital and sustainable environment. The network supports efforts in incorporating technology into projects to improve production, prevent cyber-attacks or predict customer behavior. They provide a connected network of assets and smart industry services for training, research, testing and validation of technologies.
How:	<p>The Hub operates to transform the capabilities of Basque SMEs through technology under 8 nodes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart and connected machines via testing of advanced solutions; • Digitalising electricity networks and incorporating new technologies; • Additive manufacturing - main CT stakeholders collaborate to provide services to Basque SMEs • Flexible robotics - experimentation to solve automation challenges; • Medical devices and digital health - prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation; • Advanced materials - scaling of new functionalities and processes; • Demonstrating Data Driven Solutions for industry; • Promotion and development of cybersecurity business culture.
Results:	<p>The Hub provides SMEs with infrastructure and know-how, laboratories, equipment, software, scientific and technological capabilities, and an expert team to support each project. They have developed more than 250 technological assets and provide expert help and support throughout the process.</p> <p>The unique feature of the Hub is the possibility to test the technology prior investment, as part of the Deep Dive technology days, allowing SMEs to get the full experience and combine it with other technologies.</p>
For more details:	Basque Digital Innovation Hub

Asset catalogue



1 Intro

The Asset catalogue has more than 250 technological assets and provide expert help and support throughout the process. Interested parties can find assets with the global search engine or by application category and contact the Basque Digital Innovation Hub. If their expert team is requested, they will give advise on how to combine assets to get the best from the industry, or which asset has given the best results.

The categories with assets include:

ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING	+
FLEXIBLE AND COLLABORATIVE ROBOTICS	+
SMART AND CONNECTED MACHINES	+
CYBERSECURITY	+
ADVANCED MATERIALS	+
Digital Electricity Grids	+
MEDICAL DEVICES AND E-HEALTH	+

2 Combinations

The Basque Digital Innovation Hub know all about the potential of each asset, and how they often work better together. Depending on the specific needs they could advise interested parties how to combine assets to get more from technology.

3 Specifics

Asset catalogue available [here](#)

THE BALTIC SEA NETWORK-ESF

Partners:	ESF+ programme managing authorities and implementing bodies from countries and regions in the Baltic Sea Region
Degree of cooperation:	4 - Joint informal cooperation
Scope:	The cooperation amongst the ESF programmes in the Baltic Sea Region has been active since the establishment of the cooperation network in 2011. The network aimed to strengthen the transnational cooperation between ESF managing authorities, intermediate/implementing bodies and projects. It includes partners from Sweden, Åland-Islands, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Land of Hamburg (Germany).
How:	The Network holds regular meetings supporting work on joint topics and allowing room for exchange and peer learning, and works to identify and integrate links between ESF+ projects. It actively participates in organising meetings, project visits, and disseminating best practices while developing a common communication platform to enhance collaboration and evaluation of projects with a Baltic Sea Region perspective.
Results:	<p>Network partners from Sweden, Finland, and Poland participated in the ESF's Common Framework for Transnational Cooperation, initiated by the European Commission in 2016. This framework enabled coordinated transnational projects across member states, adhering to a synchronised timeline and shared criteria, with each project mandating cross-border partnerships, but still following national rules. ESF partners used the framework to jointly finance School-to-Work partners (see below).</p> <p>This experience helped the partners to draw these conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synchronising call timelines does not require calls to launch simultaneously across regions; launching within six months is adequate for supporting project cooperation. • Cooperation networks ease defining common cooperation themes. • Small lump-sums effectively aid partner search.
For more details:	EUSBSR website more about the Network read here .

Project Scool-to-Work



1 Project

School to Work is one of the flagship initiatives implemented within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Policy Area Education. The initiative by the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions started in 2012. It addresses early school leaving of vulnerable youth and facilitates a smoother transition from school to employment across the Baltic Sea Region and enhances social inclusion. It focuses on sharing best practices and providing integrated support services through Youth Guidance Centres.

The initiative has successfully defined and piloted a new role of coordinator across the Baltic Sea Region. It targets organisations aiding youth at risk of early school leaving, offering development support, advocacy activities, and access to EU funding to improve education and employment pathways for those aged 15-29. The initiative has also facilitated a collaborative network, providing members with access to knowledge and partnerships.

2 Partners

School to Work is a collaboration since 2014 between a number stakeholders, both public authorities and Non-Government Organizations. Current partners are Norden Association Sweden, SALAR (Swedish Association of Regions and Local Authorities) and Turku City.

The flagship approach allows School to Work to engage various stakeholders and maintain a long-term process perspective.

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REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY – REGIOWIN 2030

Partners:	Three ministries of Baden-Württemberg: Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism; Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts and Ministry of Food, Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection
Degree of cooperation:	3 - Agreed cooperation
Scope:	The competition RegioWIN 2030 is launched by the state of Baden-Württemberg to make optimal use of regional on-site competence as part of a bottom-up process. It aims to improve regional competitiveness through innovation and sustainability, and thus contribute to sustainable regional development.
How:	<p>RegioWIN 2030 support is in the form of grants in the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of research institutions for non-university research; • Capacity for innovation and technology transfer for regional value creation; • Development of prototypes, pilots and demonstrations; • Intermediaries between companies and scientific institutions to increase participation of SMEs in innovation; • Research and development projects with a focus on bioeconomy, circular economy and climate protection; • Infrastructure or a successful entrepreneurship in the high-tech.
Results:	The competition creates an incentive for the regions to systematically pursue a strategy-based and targeted regional and innovation policy in the functional areas, as a permanent structural and regional policy task. Its focus is on innovation and sustainability orientation in the conceptual structure and at the strategy level, each local authority can only participate in the competition process in a defined functional space. More than 20 Lighthouse projects supported with 80 M € from the ERDF and 40 M € from the state of Baden-Württemberg.
For more details:	<u>REGIOWIN2030</u>



1 Partners

Infrastruktur-Trägersgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG, Offenburg University of Applied Sciences, Klimapartner Südbaden e.V. (Germany), Pôle véhicule du futur (France)

2 Objective

The project supports the introduction of new technologies for hydrogen on the market through investments. The establishment of the technologies is supported by accompanying research, as modeling H2 development paths, interaction of H2 with power grid and development of the business model potentials. The investments and research are complemented by the professionalization of the cluster initiative 3H2 for the purpose of know-how, knowledge and experience transfer, cross-border transparency regarding the respective hydrogen projects, strategies, pilot projects and the promotion of cross-border cooperation with the goal of a likewise cross-border hydrogen infrastructure.

3 Cooperation

The project addresses the border triangle Germany-France-Switzerland. It supports the introduction of hydrogen technology in all three countries. For this purpose, a contact person is established in each country and accompanying research is carried out by the Offenburg University of Applied Sciences. However, the main focus of the project is to support companies in all three countries in the introduction and use of hydrogen technologies through appropriate grants.

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ESF MANAGING AUTHORITIES NETWORK IN THE DANUBE REGION

Partners:	Representatives of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region Priority Area 9 (People and Skills) and Priority Area 10 (Institutional Capacity), ESF Managing Authorities (Baden-Württemberg/Germany, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Czechia, Bulgaria), national line ministries dealing with labour market policy in candidate countries in the Danube Region, European Commission (DG EMPL and DG REGIO), and other partners.
Degree of cooperation:	4 - Joint informal cooperation
Scope:	The Network was initiated in 2015 and serves as a collaborative platform. It aims at strengthening cooperation and coordination between ESF+ Programmes and the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) by fostering transnational cooperation and enhancing institutional capacity. The network seeks to align the ESF+ operational programs with the EUSDR's objectives, particularly focusing on people and skills development, and institutional capacity.
How:	The Network serves as a platform to exchange on implementing transnational cooperation through the ESF programmes in the region. It provides a platform for informal mutual learning on aspects of programme development and implementation.
Results:	At the programming level, the Network agreed on a unified draft text module for ESF+ programmes referencing the EUSDR. At the policy level, the members agreed on the key topics for transnational cooperation, including women's labour market participation, vocational training, social entrepreneurship, inclusion of vulnerable groups/Roma, ageing, lifelong learning, social innovation, and digitalisation, alongside disseminating best practices. At the cooperation and implementation level, a shared vision was developed.
For more details:	<u>ESF Managing Authorities Network in the Danube Region</u>

Cooperation in EU macro-regions and sea basins



1 Set up

EU macro-regional and sea basin strategies are frameworks initiated by countries and regions to address common challenges across defined geographical areas. They do not possess their own funding but rely on various sources at EU, national, and regional levels to address identified challenges. To achieve the intended long-term changes in the regions, they pool resources and bring together relevant stakeholders. This also provides a framework for networking and cooperation across programmes working in the region. There are several managing authorities' networks established in the Baltic, Danube, Adriatic-Ionian, and Atlantic regions, as well as financial dialogues in the Alpine region.

2 Objective

The objectives of the managing authorities networks are to integrate Strategies into relevant EU funding programmes and to enhance transnational cooperation and information exchange among stakeholders. These networks facilitate coordination, promote best practices, as well as peer learning.

3 Cooperation

The cooperation approach varies based on regional specifics and challenges. For example, in the Adriatic-Ionian region, Interreg programmes collaborate to implement Strategy flagships. In the Alpine Region, partners work on green hydrogen solutions. In the Baltic Sea Region, the ERDF programme network aims to link cluster calls and projects, enhancing coordination and impact.

4 More info

INTERREG EUROPE SUPPORT TO MAINSTREAM PROGRAMMES

Partners:	Interreg Europe is an interregional cooperation programme, that covers 36 countries and all topics relevant to the Cohesion policy.
Scope:	<p>The programme supports exchange of experience and capacity building through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interregional cooperation projects: regions working together on a common challenge through identification and transfer of good practices. • the Policy Learning Platform: builds on project results and provides services to EU regions viz peer reviews, thematic events, etc.
How:	<p>A few projects have addressed the embedding cooperation:</p> <p>In the <u>S34Growth</u>, regions from 9 countries collaborated to align their Smart Specialisation Strategies. Based on the lessons learnt, the Basque County in Spain launched an interregional voucher scheme.</p> <p>The <u>Smart Pilots</u> brought together regions from Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Finland to improve bioeconomy pilot facilities. Through policy learning and exchange, this contributed to the alignment of investment priorities between programmes.</p> <p>Regions from the Netherlands, Hungary, Spain, Finland, and Italy collaborated in the <u>Inno4Sports</u> to integrate sports innovation into broader economic strategies. This led to the development of joint investment plans aimed at enhancing sports infrastructure and promoting sports tourism. By developing joint investment strategies, Inno4Sports strengthened the impact of mainstream programmes.</p>
Results:	<p>For more than 20 years now, Interreg Europe has been promoting the participation of mainstream programmes in interregional cooperation. In the 2014-2020 period, 258 projects were approved with 25% of managing authorities involved as partners. Almost 80% of the policy instruments addressed in those projects were the Investment for growth and jobs goal programmes, and more than 1,200 MEUR from were mobilised to implement good practices identified in the projects.</p>
For more details:	Interreg Europe

Peer review service of the Policy Learning Platform

1 Intro

In today's fast-changing world, local and regional authorities need to deliver, adapt and respond quickly to emerging development needs and citizens' concerns. Targeted peer learning with like-minded colleagues from other European countries can help public bodies to design and deliver better policies.



2 Details

The service offers an interregional policy learning on a concrete policy challenge faced by a municipality, city or region.

For 2 days, policymakers and key stakeholders team up with carefully selected practitioners from other regions. The first day is driven by an in-depth analysis of the host situation and an interactive exchange. On day 2, the participants draft policy recommendations, paving the way for targeted policy action by the host.

"For us this exercise provides enormous help as we can verify whether our activities are on the right trajectory."

Lars Wirbatz, Ministry of Finance and European Affairs, Brandenburg, DE

3 Target groups

This service is dedicated to public authorities from the EU27, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine. Requests for a peer review can be submitted at any time through a short online form.

4 Contacts

[Policy learning platform](#)

[Peer review Brandenburg](#)

INTERACT TEAM

We are a team of two experts in programme management, fascinated by the charm and possibilities for development, represented by the cooperation actions.

Our work is an example of cooperation between people working in different Interact offices, situated in different regions and cities, but focused on a joint cause - listening, taking on feedback and working together for best solutions.

We combine our diverse background and experience, to provide service excellence and to help you in making your cooperation actions story a successful one.



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