# EU Funding Opportunities 2021 - 2027 -

# In a Nutshell

## A practical guide to EU funding

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## Introduction

The European Union's ninth funding phase began in January 2021 and will continue until 2027. The budget for this phase is 2.03 trillion euros (at current prices) and is managed through over 350 individual funding instruments.

Accessing these opportunities may seem complex and daunting at first. Accessing information at the beginning of a funding phase can be time-consuming and difficult. This is especially true if you are not familiar with the structures.

The structures of EU funding can already seem complex, and the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the European Union with unprecedented challenges. The European Union is facing new budgetary challenges and an increased number of funding programs.

This funding guide aims to help organizations anderstand and take advantage of the most important funding opportunities. EuroVienna compiled the document as support for the embedding and monitoring activities of EUSDR, based on EuroAccess (www.euro-access.eu), a free online search tool provided by EuroVienna.

The guide starts with a short introduction to the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027. Each program is then described in detail on two to three pages. These pages provide general information such as the funding region, eligible institutions, thematic priorities, and project partnership details. Additionally, a link to the corresponding page on EuroAccess is provided, which offers further information and details on project applications.

## Multiannual Financial Framework (MFFR) 2021-2027

The EU adopted the multiannual financial framework (MFF) and the additional EU recovery program in December 2020. The MFF defines the priorities for EU financial planning, determining how much the EU will invest in which areas over a period of seven years. It is an expression of political priorities, not the entire EU budget.

This marked the first time in the history of the European Union that a budget had decreased in size. The 2014-2020 EU budget was €960 billion, smaller than the previous budget of €975 billion for the 2007-2013 period. During the planning of the current EU budget, experts assumed that no more than €950 billion would be available for the 2021-2027 EU budget phase due to Brexit and the associated loss of one of the largest net contributors to the EU budget. However, the European Commission exceeded this mark for the first time by publishing its first proposals for the funding programs for the 2021-2027 multi-year period between the end of May and mid-June 2018, proposing a budget of over one trillion euros. In April 2020, the Commission presented a revised budget proposal in response to the pandemic and the crisis. This proposal included the new post-COVID recovery plan, NextGenerationEU.

The 2021-2027 EU budget prioritises climate adaptation and digitalisation. To survive Brexit and the coronavirus crisis, the

EU budget has been increased to over EUR 1.2 trillion. An additional stimulus package of aroand EUR 800 billion has been added to the existing EU funding instruments. This provides an excellent opportunity for all parties involved to boost the economy across Europe in the coming years.
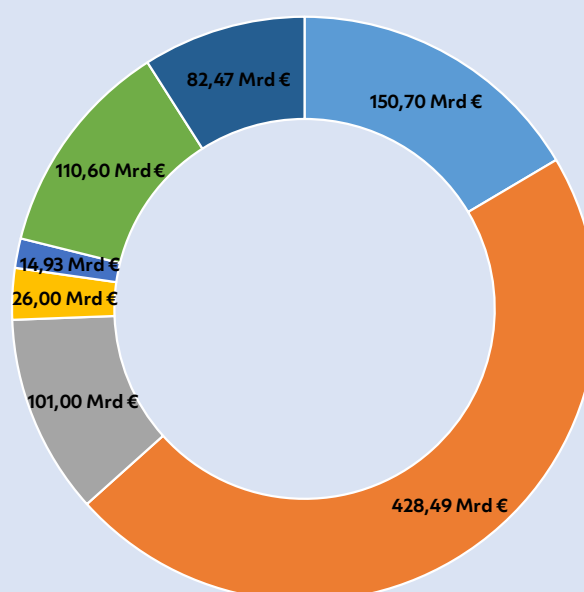
The general trends of the MFF and its programs are:

- Greater European cohesion with a larger budget
- Creation of synergies and standardization of redandant programs ander uniform regulations
- More efficient and targeted use of EU fands
- Strong focus on sustainability, environment & climate and digitalization
- More money for the thematic flagship programs (APs), less money for infrastructure and cohesion (ESIF)

EU funding instruments are divided into two groups: indirectly managed fands and directly managed fands. Indirect fands are further divided into 'fands for the implementation of cohesion policy' and 'fands for the implementation of agricultural and fisheries policy'. Directly managed fands are subdivided into 'sectoral programs' and 'programs for external measures'. The 'sectoral programs' have an internal effect and apply to the EU27. The member states of the EU mainly use them.

## Single Market, Innovation, Digital: € 150.70 billion
- Research and Innovation
- Strategic Investments of the EU
- Single Market
- Space

## Cohesion and Values: € 428.5 billion
- Regional Development and Cohesion
- Economic and monetary Union
- Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values

## Natural Resources / Environment: € 101.0 billion
- Agriculture and Maritime Policy
- Environmental and Climate Policy

## Migration and Border Management: € 26.0 billion
- Migration
- Measures at the external Borders

## Security and Defence: € 14.9 billion
- Security
- Defence
- Crisis Response

## Neighbourhood and World: € 110.6 billion
- External Measures
- Pre-accession Aid

## European Public Administration: € 82.5 billion

The EU uses the 'external action programs' to implement its foreign policy and they have an impact outside the EU. This classification is based on differences in management, objectives, and regional focus.

**Typical characteristics of indirectly managed fands**

These fands support national and regional projects aimed at promoting the structural adjustment of specific sectors, regions, or combinations thereof. Management and administration are decentralized and the responsibility of individual member states or regions.

The EU or its institutions in Brussels do not centralize management and administration, as these fands are primarily intended to work locally and at the national and regional levels.

The fands for implementing cohesion policy (ESF+, ERDF, Cohesion Fand, INTERREG) are distributed according to a regional key. More money is allocated to the less developed regions in relation to their respective national GDP. This approach aims to gradually equalize the level of development of all EU member states and regions through investments in infrastructure, the economy, and the population.

Agricultural and fisheries policies have their own fands, namely EAFRD/LEADER, EAGF, and EMFAF. These fands provide subsidies for these two sectors. Additionally, there is limited support for projects aimed at preserving and improving the rural areas and EU waters surroanding these sectors.

**Typical characteristics of directly managed fands**

The EU finances projects that support its common interests and values and contribute to its objectives in terms of innovation, employment, and growth. The EU Commission supports European cooperation projects in various thematic areas, such as research and innovation, entrepreneurship, culture, education, and the environment, each with its funding programs. The European Commission's specialist departments or executive agencies manage these programs. Additionally, national agencies in certain subject areas provide advice and manage programs at the national level, receiving fands from Brussels (e.g. ERASMUS+).

# Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital

## Cluster: Research and Innovation

## Cluster: Strategic Investments of the EU

## Cluster: Single Market

## Cluster: Space

# Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

| Region | | | | | | |
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| | EU | Iceland | Liechtenstein | Moldova | Norway | Ukraine |

| Entities / Organisations | |
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| • International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity | • Others |

| Partnership | |
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| Partnerships are not mandatory | |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/7/Connecting-Europe-Facility

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital Cluster: Strategic Investments of the  EU**

## Summary

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is an important EU funding instrument for promoting growth, employment and competitiveness through targeted **infrastructure investments** at European level. It supports the development of high-performance, sustainable and efficiently interconnected **trans-European networks in the areas of transport, energy and digital services**. CEF investments close the gaps in Europe's energy, transport and digital backbone.

CEF benefits people in all Member States by making **travelling easier and more sustainable, increasing energy security in Europe while enabling wider use of renewable energy and facilitating cross-border interaction** between public administrations, businesses and citizens.

In addition to grants, the CEF provides financial support for projects through innovative financial instruments such as guarantees and project bonds. These instruments create significant leverage in the use of EU budget fands and act as a catalyst to attract further funding from the private sector and other public sector actors.

## Priorities

**Connecting Europe Facility – Digital (CEF-DIG)**

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/60/Connecting-Europe-Facility-Digital

The second generation of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF-2 programme), Digital strand (2021-2027), aims to support and promote **investments in digital connectivity infrastructure** of common interest.

The measures to be supported ander CEF-2 Digital include:

- Deployment of or access to very **high capacity networks**, including 5G systems capable of providing gigabit connectivity in areas where socio-economic factors such as schools, universities, hospitals, transport hubs, public administrations, etc. are located;

- **Uninterrupted coverage with 5G systems on all major transport routes**, including trans-European transport networks;

- **Deployment of new or significant upgrades of existing backbone networks**, including submarine cables, both within EU Member States and between them and third countries;
- **Building digital connectivity infrastructures** related to cross-border transport and energy projects and/ or supporting operational digital platforms directly connected to these infrastructures.

## Connecting Europe Facility - Energy (CEF-E)

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/59/Connecting-Europe-Facility-for-Energy

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Energy is the EU funding program for the implementation of the Trans-European Networks for Energy policy. It aims to support investments in the construction of new **cross-border energy infrastructure in Europe** or in the rehabilitation and upgrading of existing infrastructure.

A forward-looking, modern, secure and smart energy infrastructure is key to achieving the European Green Deal.

The Trans-European Energy Networks (TEN-E) framework will be a key enabler for achieving the Union's 2030 and 2050 **decarbonization targets**, while contributing to sector and market integration, security of supply and competition.

The TEN-E policy focuses **on interconnecting the energy infrastructure of EU countries**. To address energy infrastructure needs at the regional and European level, the TEN-E strategy identified priority corridors and three priority thematic areas. The Connecting Europe Facility program supports the implementation of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) in these priority corridors and thematic areas.

The three priority thematic areas, which cover the entire EU, include the deployment of smart grids, electricity highways, and a cross-border carbon network.

- **Deployment of smart grids**: increasing the deployment of smart grids to support the integration of renewables and enable consumers to better regulate their energy consumption

- **Electricity highways**: Building electricity highways - large grids that allow electricity to be transported across Europe over long distances (e.g., from wind farms in the North and Baltic Seas to storage facilities in Scandinavia and the Alps)

- **Cross-border carbon dioxide network**: development of transport infrastructure for captured CO2 by dedicated thematic groups.

## Fazilität Connecting Europe Facility - Transport (CEF-T)

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/8/Connecting-Europe-Facility-for-Transport

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Transport is the financial instrument for implementing **European transport infrastructure policy**. It aims to support investments in the construction of new transport infrastructure in Europe or in the rehabilitation and modernization of existing infrastructure.

The policy objectives of the Trans-European Networks for Transport (TEN-T) provide for:

- **Completion of the core network by 2030**, consisting of nine multimodal core network corridors.

- **Completion of the comprehensive network by 2050** to facilitate accessibility to all European regions.

CEF Transport focuses on cross-border projects and projects to remove bottlenecks or bridge missing links in different sections of the core network and the comprehensive network (Link), as well as horizontal priorities such as traffic management systems.

The Transportation CEF also supports innovations in the transportation system to improve infrastructure use, reduce the environmental impact of transportation, increase energy efficiency, and improve safety.

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Digital Europe (DIGITAL)

| Region | In addition: Albania, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine  EU |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br><br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others/ Natural Person |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/9/Digital-Europe**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital Cluster: Strategic Investments of the EU**

## Summary

The Digital Europe programme is an EU funding programme focused on **making digital technologies accessible to businesses, citizens and public administrations**. The Digital Europe programme will provide strategic funding to address these challenges and support projects in five key areas: **High Performance Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Advanced Digital Skills and ensuring widespread use of digital technologies** in business and society, including through Digital Innovation Centres.

With a planned total budget of EUR 7.5 bn, the aim is to accelerate economic recovery and shape the digital transformation of European society and economy, benefiting everyone, but especially small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Digital Europe programme is strategic in supporting the digital transformation of the EU's industrial ecosystems and aims to upskill the workforce for these advanced digital technologies. It supports industry, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and public administration in their digital transformation with a reinforced network of European Digital Innovation Centres (EDIH). The programme will accelerate economic recovery and drive digital transformation in Europe.

## Priorities

**Specific objective 1 - High performance computing**

- Deploy, coordinate at Union level & operate a demand-driven & application-driven integrated Exa supercomputing & data infrastructure.

- Deploy ready-to-use operational technology from research & innovation to build an integrated ecosystem for high performance computing in the Union (with high levels of security and data protection).

- Deploy and operate a post-Exa infrastructure

**Specific objective 2 - Artificial Intelligence**

- Build & strengthen core capacities & basic knowledge in the field of AI.

- Making these capacities accessible to enterprises, SMEs & start-ups, civil society, non-profit organisations, research institutions, universities & public administrations
- Strengthening and networking of testing and experimentation facilities for AI
- Develop and strengthen commercial application and production systems.

**Specific Objective 3 - Cybersecurity and Trust**

- Develop & procure advanced cybersecurity equipment and tools & data infrastructures.
- Support the development and optimal use of European cybersecurity knowledge, capacities and competences, as well as the dissemination and general application of best practices
- Ensure widespread deployment of effective advanced cybersecurity solutions across all sectors of the European economy
- Strengthening capabilities in Member States and in the private sector to support compliance with Directive (EU) 2016/1148
- Strengthening the ability to defend against cyber-attacks, working towards better risk identification and knowledge of cybersecurity practices
- Improve cooperation between the civil and defence sectors on dual-use cybersecurity projects, services, capabilities and applications.

**Specific objective 4 - Advanced digital competencies**

- High-quality long-term training and courses, including integrated learning, for students and for the workforce;

- High-quality short-term training and courses for the workforce.
- High-quality on-the-job training and internships for students and workers.

**Specific objective 5 - Adoption and optimal use of digital capacities and interoperability**

- Support the public sector and areas of public interest to adopt and use advanced digital technologies, such as high performance computing, AI and cybersecurity.
- Deploy, operate and maintain trans-European interoperable modern infrastructures for digital services.
- Support the integration/use of trans-European infrastructures for digital services.
- Facilitate the development, update & use of solutions and frameworks by public administrations, businesses and citizens
- Offer the Union's public sector and industry the opportunity to test and pilot digital technologies.
- Support the deployment of advanced digital and related technologies
- Support the design, testing, implementation, deployment and maintenance of interoperable digital solutions.
- Ensure that the capacity for leadership in digital progress is consistently available at Union level.
- Supporting cooperation towards the realisation of a European ecosystem for trusted data sharing and trusted digital infrastructures
- Establish and strengthen the European Digital Innovation Centres and their network.

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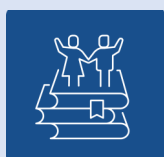
**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

# Horizon Europe

| Region |  EU | In addition: With Horizon Europe associated countries |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others<br>• EU-Institution/International Organisation |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/10/Horizon-Europe**

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital**
**Cluster: Research and Innovation**

## Summary

Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for **research and innovation** with a budget of EUR 95.5 billion running from 2021-2027. It tackles climate change, helps to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth. The programme facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing EU policies while tackling global challenges. It supports creating and better dispersing of excellent knowledge and technologies, creates jobs, boosts economic growth, promotes industrial competitiveness and optimises investment impact within a strengthened European Research Area.

Horizon Europe involves research and innovation missions to increase the effectiveness of funding by pursuing clearly defined objectives. The Commission has commissioned policy experts to produce studies, case studies and reports on how a mission-oriented policy approach can work.

Five areas have been identified, each with its own mission panel and assembly. The Panel and Assembly will help specify, design and implement the specific missions that will start under Horizon Europe in 2021.

- Adaptation to climate change, including societal transformation

- Cancer

- Climate neutral and intelligent (smart) cities

- Healthy oceans, seas. Coastal and inland waters

- Soil health and nutrition

## Priorities

Horizon Europe supports European Partnerships, in which the EU, national authorities and/or the private sector jointly commit to support the development and implementation of a programme of research and innovation activities. The aim of the European Partnerships is to contribute to the achievement of EU priorities, address complex challenges outlined in Horizon Europe and strengthen the European Research Area (ERA). For example, the partnerships aim to

improve preparedness and response to infectious diseases, develop efficient low-carbon aircraft for clean aviation or improve animal health. Horizon Europe sets out the conditions and principles for establishing European Partnerships.

Horizon Europe consists of three pillars, each of which is divided into different sub-areas:

**Pillar I– Excellent Science**

- European Research Council
- Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions
- Research Infrastructures

**Pillar II - Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness**

Cluster 1: Health

Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society

Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility

Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Non-nuclear direct actions of the Joint Research Centre

**Pillar III– Innovative Europe**

- European Innovation Council
- European Innovation Ecosystems
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Horizon Europe Cluster 1: Health

| Region | EU | In addition: With Horizon Europe associated countries |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others<br>• EU-Institution/International Organisation |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/10/Horizon-Europe**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital**
**Cluster: Research and Innovation**

## Summary

Cluster 1 "Health" of the Horizon Europe programme covers many topics from the field of health research. The projects cover as far as possible the entire spectrum of the research and innovation cycle and should also contribute to the implementation of research results in health care. The objectives of this cluster include improving and protecting the health and well-being of citizens of all ages by generating new knowledge, developing innovative solutions and, where appropriate, incorporating a gender perspective in the **prevention, diagnosis, monitoring, treatment and cure of diseases.**

Other objectives are to **develop health technologies, mitigate health risks, protect the population and promote health and well-being in general and in the workplace.** Finally, this cluster also aims to make **public health systems**

**more cost-effective, equitable and sustainable**, to prevent and address poverty-related diseases, and to support and enable patient participation and self-management.

**Areas of intervention:**

• Health throughout the life course.

• Environmental and social determinants of health

• Non-communicable and rare diseases

• Infectious diseases, including poverty-related and neglected diseases

• Tools, technologies and digital solutions for health and care, including personalised medicine Health systems

## Priorities

**Objective 1: Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society** will focus on the major societal challenges that are among the European Commission's policy priorities, in particular

nutrition and health (obesity), ageing and demographic change, mental health, digital empowerment for health literacy and personalised prevention.

**Objective 2: Living and working in health-promoting environments** aims to fill knowledge gaps on the impact on our health and well-being of those environmental, occupational and socio-economic risk factors that have the greatest or most far-reaching societal impact.

**Objective 3: Combating disease and reducing the burden of disease** will focus on the major societal challenges related to the Commission's policy priorities, such as combating cancer and other non-communicable diseases, better diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases, preparedness for, response to and surveillance of health threats and epidemics, reducing the number of antimicrobial resistant infections, improving immunisation rates, demographic change, mental health and digital empowerment for health literacy.

Under **Objective 4: Ensure access to innovative, sustainable and high-quality healthcare**, research and innovation aim to support health systems in their transformation to ensure equitable access to sustainable and high-quality health services for all citizens. Actions supported should support the development of innovative, feasible, implementable, financially sound and scalable solutions in the different areas of health systems (e.g. governance, financing, human and material resources, health service delivery and patient empowerment).

**Objective 5: Realising the full potential of new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society** aims to promote the development of tools, technologies and digital solutions for treatments, medicines, medical devices and improved health outcomes, taking into account safety, efficacy, appropriateness, accessibility, comparative added value and financial sustainability, as well as ethical, legal and regulatory issues.

In particular, to address the green and digital transformation and the proper supply of health technologies and products, **Goal 6: Sustaining an innovative, sustainable and globally competitive health industry** will focus on research and innovation activities aimed at

- Manufacturing of medicines in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal.

- Methods, guidelines and standards, evaluation studies and structuring activities adapted to digital solutions and measures for GDPR-compliant implementation in healthcare practice, including interoperability, cybersecurity and data confidentiality.

- Supporting authorities with better methodologies and interdisciplinary approaches to assess and evaluate new health technologies/interventions.

- Develop pharmaceutical products to address unmet medical needs in the context of market failure.

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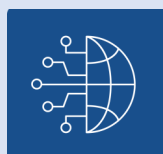
**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# Horizon Europe Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

| **Region** | EU | In addition:<br>With Horizon Europe associated countries |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others<br>• EU-Institution/International Organisation |
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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital**
**Cluster: Research and Innovation**

## Summary

The activities in Cluster 2 "Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society" are primarily aimed at researchers and applicants from the **humanities, social sciences, cultural studies and the arts**. Projects on the various topics in this cluster make an innovative and application-oriented contribution to important and forward-looking research and social issues in Europe.

Current and future developments require new thinking about how democratic institutions at all levels can adapt. This primarily involves issues of **greater diversity, global competition, technological progress and digitalisation**. Citizens' experiences of democratic discourses, practices and institutions are essential for successful adaptation to these changes.

This cluster aims to **strengthen European democratic values, including the rule of law and fundamental rights, preserve our cultural heritage and promote socio-economic changes that contribute to inclusion and growth.**

**Areas of intervention**

• Democracy and governance
• Cultural heritage
• Social and economic change

## Priorities

**Objective 1: Innovative research on democracy and governance**
Democratic governance will be revitalised by improving the **accountability, transparency, effectiveness and trustworthiness of rule of law institutions and policies**, and by expanding an active and inclusive citizenry empowered by respect for fundamental rights.

The implementation of **research activities** under the objective will contribute to the revitalisation and modernisation of democratic governance. The aim is to develop evidence-based innovations, strategies and policy recommendations as well as institutional frameworks that promote political participation, social dialogue, civic engagement, gender equality and inclusion

of all citizens. Activities will also contribute to improving the transparency, effectiveness, accountability and legitimacy of public policy-making. They will help strengthen trust in democratic institutions, protect civil liberties and the rule of law, and safeguard democracy from multidimensional threats. Rich historical, cultural and philosophical perspectives, including a comparative dimension, will provide the framework for a sound understanding of current developments and help chart future paths. In the medium to long term, the insights, data, science-based recommendations and innovations generated will improve decision-making in all areas relevant to democratic governance.

**Objective 2: Innovative research on European cultural heritage and cultural and creative industries**

- Use of digital/modern technologies

- Active and sustained collaboration with stakeholders, social innovators and citizens;

- Active involvement of local, regional or national authorities and sectoral social partners, in particular in the uptake and implementation of research findings and recommendations;

- A clear strategy for the uptake of research findings, recommendations or results, especially where CCIs are involved or affected;

- Training/education activities for specific groups of users and/or stakeholders;

- A solid plan for how projects will use or build on the results of research already conducted and technology already available;

- Increased participation of CCIs, SMEs and industry;

- Lessons learned from the COVID 19 crisis in terms of sustainable management of society after the crisis;

- Contribute to the European Green Deal, the New European Bauhaus and the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Objective 3: Innovative research on social and economic transformations**

Social and economic resilience and sustainability will be strengthened through a better understanding of the social, ethical, political and economic impacts of drivers of change (such as technology, globalisation, demography, mobility and migration) and their interactions.

Inclusive growth is promoted and vulnerabilities are effectively reduced through evidence-based policies to **protect and promote employment, education, social justice and address inequalities**, including in response to socio-economic challenges resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic.

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# Horizon Europe Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society

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| **Region** | **EU** In addition: With Horizon Europe associated countries |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others<br>• EU-Institution/International Organisation |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/10/Horizon-Europe**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital
Cluster: Research and Innovation**

## Summary

The Civil Security for Society Cluster supports the implementation of EU policy priorities in the areas of **security, cyber security and civil protection**. The aim is to provide new knowledge and innovations that help responders and managers to manage and prevent criminal activities, terrorist threats, cyber threats, crises and disasters.

The aim is to improve the **prevention, investigation and mitigation of the impact of crime, including new/ emerging criminal modus operandi (e.g. exploiting digitalisation and other technologies)**. Such an approach must be based on a deeper knowledge of the human and social aspects of relevant societal challenges such as child sexual exploitation, violent radicalisation, human trafficking, disinformation and fake news, corruption and cybercrime, including victim support.

This cluster responds to the challenges posed by persistent security threats, including cybercrime, as well as natural and man-made disasters.

**Areas of intervention**

• Disaster resilient societies
• Protection and security
• Cybersecurity

## Priorities

**Objective 1: Better protect the EU and its citizens from crime and terrorism** supports projects that demonstrate a way to contribute to the following expected impacts of the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2021-2024: *"Crime and terrorism will be fought more effectively, while respecting fundamental rights, thanks to more effective prevention,* *preparedness and response, a better understanding of the human, societal and technological aspects involved and the development of state-of-the-art capabilities for police authorities, including measures against cybercrime".*

**Objective 2: Efficient management of the EU's external borders** supports projects that demonstrate a way forward to contribute to the following expected impacts of the Horizon Europe 2021-2024 Strategic Plan: *"Legal passengers and consignments travel more easily to the EU, while illegal trafficking, smuggling, piracy, terrorist and other criminal activities are prevented due to improved management of air, land and maritime borders and maritime security, including better knowledge of social factors."*

**Objective 3: Resilient infrastructure** supports projects that demonstrate how to contribute to the following expected impacts of the Horizon Europe 2021-2024 Strategic Plan: *"The resilience and autonomy of physical and digital infrastructures will be strengthened and key societal functions will be ensured, thanks to more powerful prevention, preparedness and response, a better understanding of the human, societal and technological aspects involved and the development of leading-edge skills for infrastructure operators."*

**Objective 4: Enhanced Cybersecurity** supports projects that demonstrate a pathway that contributes to the following impact of the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan: *"Enhanced cybersecurity and a safer online environment through the development and effective use of EU and Member States' digital technology capabilities that support the protection of data and networks, striving for technological sovereignty in this area while respecting privacy and other fundamental rights; this should contribute to secure services, processes and products, as well as resilient digital infrastructures able to withstand and defend against cyber-attacks and hybrid threats."*

**Objective 5: A Disaster Resilient Society for Europe** supports projects that demonstrate how to contribute to the following expected impacts of the Horizon Europe 2021-2024 Strategic Plan: *"Losses from natural, accidental and man-made disasters will be reduced in a systematic way through enhanced disaster risk reduction based on preventive measures, improved societal preparedness and resilience, and improved disaster risk management."*

**Objective 6: Enhanced security research and innovation** supports projects that demonstrate a pathway to contribute to the following impacts:

- More effective and efficient evidence-based development of EU civil security capabilities based on a stronger, more systematic and more analysis-intensive security & innovation cycle;

- Increased industrialisation, commercialisation, adoption and use of successful security research results.

- R&I-led knowledge and added value in cross-cutting issues reduces sectoral biases and breaks thematic silos

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# Horizon Europe Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

| Region | EU | In addition: With Horizon Europe associated countries |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others<br>• EU-Institution/International Organisation |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital**
**Cluster: Research and Innovation**

## Summary

Digitalisation and technological progress are shaping all areas of the economy and society and influencing industrial development - including space research. Horizon Europe's Cluster 4 "Digitisation, Industry and Space" supports **key digital, industrial and space technologies** that are of strategic importance for **Europe's industrial future.** The aim is to build a **resilient, green and digital Europe.**

The overarching vision underpinning the proposed investments under Cluster 4 is for Europe to develop competitive and trusted technologies for a European industry that is a world leader in key areas, enabling production and consumption to respect the limits of our planet and maximise the benefits for all parts of society in the different social, economic and territorial contexts in Europe.

This will build a **competitive, digital, low-carbon and**

**circular industry, ensure a sustainable supply of raw materials, develop advanced materials and provide the basis for progress and innovation to address global societal challenges.**

**Areas of intervention**

- Manufacturing technologies
- Key digital technologies, including quantum technologies
- Emerging enabling technologies
- Advanced materials
- Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- Next generation internet
- Advanced computing and Big Data
- Circular Economy
- Low carbon and clean industries
- Space including Earth observation

## Priorities

Actions under **Objective 1: Climate Neutral, Circular and Digitalised Production** focus on the double green and

digital transition, providing a green productivity premium for discrete manufacturing, construction and energy-

intensive industries, including process industries. This will make a substantial and significant contribution to achieving climate neutrality in the European Union by 2050 and to achieving a circular economy.

In the first work programme, the themes under **Objective 2: Greater autonomy in key strategic value chains for resilient industry** will tackle missing segments in strategic areas and value chains to strengthen the EU's industrial base and promote its competitiveness and open strategic autonomy. It also explores how a strengthened circular economy has the potential to increase the open strategic autonomy of EU industry through a more efficient use of resources and secondary raw materials.

The overarching goal of the themes in **Objective 3: World-leading data and computing technologies** is to establish European supply and value chains in cloud, edge computing, Internet of Things (IoT) and tactile internet by integrating relevant elements of computing, connectivity, IoT and AI cybersecurity. New cloud/edge technologies with improved performance enabled by AI will increase European autonomy in the data economy needed to support future hyper-distributed applications.

The objective of **Objective 4: Digital and Emerging Technologies for Competitiveness and Green Deal Suitability** is to develop a strong connectivity supply chain, increase European competitiveness and autonomy in

internet infrastructures, and contribute to reducing the growing global energy consumption of the internet and internet vertical, as well as other key SDGs such as affordability and accessibility to infrastructures. The topics in this work programme specifically address the need to develop microelectronic components and systems that support future disaggregated radio access networks, as well as components that enable the deployment of all-optical networks for ultra-low consumption and ultra-high security networks.

**Objective 5: Open strategic autonomy in the development, deployment and use of global space-based infrastructures, services, applications and data** will strengthen the independent European capacity for access to space, ensure autonomous supply of critical technologies and equipment and foster the competitiveness of the EU space sector.

Actions under **Objective 6: People-centred and ethical development of digital and industrial technologies** will support EU inclusivity objectives by promoting a people-centred approach to technology development that is consistent with European social and ethical values and sustainability. These actions will also help address the challenges facing European industry and support the creation of sustainable, high-quality jobs by addressing the skills mismatch, the need to empower workers and ethical considerations related to technological progress.

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| **Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness** | **Education, Children and Youth, Media** | **Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change** | **Digitisation, Digital Society** | **Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy** |
| **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** | **Migration, European Citizenship** |

# Horizon Europe Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility

| Region | EU | In addition:<br>With Horizon Europe associated countries |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others<br>• EU-Institution/International Organisation |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital**
**Cluster: Research and Innovation**

## Summary

An ambitious goal of the EU is to be **climate neutral by 2050.** The measures of the "Climate, Energy and Mobility" cluster will make an important contribution to this. Research and innovation projects in this cluster should bring significant added value for the population.

The aim of this cluster is to **combat climate change** by better understanding the causes, evolution, risks, impacts and opportunities of climate change and by making the **energy and transport sectors more climate and environmentally friendly**, more efficient and competitive, smarter, safer and more resilient.

**Areas of intervention**

* Climate science and solutions
* Energy supply
* Energy systems and grids
* Buildings and industrial facilities in the energy transition
* Communities and cities
* Industrial competitiveness in transport
* Clean, safe and accessible transport and mobility
* Intelligent mobility
* Energy storage

## Priorities

The activities carried out under **Objective 1 Climate Science and Responses for the Transition to Climate Neutrality** will enable the transition to a climate neutral and resilient society and economy by improving knowledge of the Earth system and the ability to predict and project its changes under different natural and socio-economic drivers, including a better understanding of

society's response and behavioural changes, and enabling better assessment of climate change impacts and the design and evaluation of solutions and pathways to mitigate and adapt to climate change and associated societal change.

**Objective 2: Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition** includes thematic areas that are inherently

cross-sectoral and can provide important solutions for climate, energy and mobility applications. In line with Cluster 5, these are batteries, hydrogen, communities and cities, breakthrough technologies in early-stage citizen engagement.

**Objective 3: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply** includes activities aiming at a sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply. In line with the scope of Cluster 5, this includes activities in renewable energy, energy systems, grids and storage, and carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS).

**Objective 4: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy** use addresses activities that target the energy demand side, especially more efficient energy use in buildings and industry. Themes targeting energy efficiency in buildings aim to achieve the following impacts:

- A more energy efficient building stock, based on a thorough understanding of building performance in Europe and related developments.

- A building stock that effectively combines energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and digital and smart technologies to support the transformation of the energy system towards climate neutrality.

**Objective 5: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes** addresses measures to improve the climate and environmental performance and competitiveness of different transport modes. Key areas:

- Accelerated deployment of zero-emission, affordable, user-oriented solutions for road-based mobility across Europe.

- Increased user acceptance, improved air quality, a more circular economy and reduced environmental impact.

- Affordable, user-friendly charging infrastructure concepts and technologies that include vehicle-network interactions.

- Innovative use cases for zero tailpipe vehicle integration and infrastructure concepts for on-road mobility of people and goods.

- Effective design, assessment and deployment of innovative concepts for road vehicles and mobility services using life cycle assessment tools and capabilities in the context of the circular economy.

**Objective 6: Safe, resilient transport and smart mobility services for people and goods** includes activities addressing safe and smart mobility services for people and goods through:

- Connected, Cooperative and Automated Mobility (CCAM).

- Multimodal and sustainable transport systems for people and goods

- Safety and resilience - per transport mode and across all transport modes
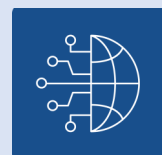
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| **Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness** | **Education, Children and Youth, Media** | **Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change** | **Digitisation, Digital Society** | **Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy** |
| **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** | **Rural & Urban Development** |
| **Migration, European Citizenship** | **Mobility & Transport** | | | |

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**Cluster: Research and Innovation**

## Summary

The goal of research, development and innovation in Cluster 6 is to expand knowledge, build capacity and develop innovative solutions in these relevant areas. These include, in particular, the **transition to a sustainable circular economy and the use of natural resources, as well as food security** for all.

This cluster aims to reduce environmental degradation, halt and reverse the decline of terrestrial, inland water and marine **biodiversity,** and better manage **natural resources** through economic and social transformation in both **urban and rural areas**.

**Knowledge, innovation and digitalisation** in agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and food systems will ensure food and nutrition security for all within planetary boundaries and guide and accelerate the transition to a low-carbon, resource-efficient circular economy and a sustainable bioeconomy, including forestry.

**Areas of intervention**

- Environmental monitoring
- Biodiversity and natural resources
- Agriculture, forestry and rural areas
- Seas, oceans and inland waters
- Food systems
- Bio-based innovation systems in the EU bioeconomy
- Circular systems

## Priorities

**Objective 1: Biodiversity and ecosystem services** will support policy objectives, develop nature-based solutions and holistic approaches to address the main drivers of biodiversity loss, especially related to production systems, and bring together all sectors to integrate them into ecosystem-based management. Investments in R&I will help protect and restore the integrity of terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems.

**Objective 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food systems from primary production to consumption** and the 'farm to fork' strategy aim to deliver shared environmental, health, social and economic benefits and ensure that the actions that lead to overcoming the COVID 19 crisis also put us on a sustainable path to the future. Research and innovation (R&I) are key drivers to guide and accelerate the transition to sustainable, safe, healthy and inclusive food systems, ensuring food and nutrition security for all.

**Objective 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors** aims at climate-neutral transitions in the circular and bioeconomy, encompassing safe integrated circular solutions at territorial and sectoral levels for key material flows and product value chains such as the textile, electronics, plastics and construction sectors, as well as key bioeconomy sectors.

**Objective 4: Clean environment and zero pollution**, the European Green Deal and the 2030 Climate Action Plan, as well as other relevant EU legislation, aim to stop and prevent pollution by focusing on fresh and marine waters, soils, air, including nitrogen and phosphorus emissions, and the environmental performance and sustainability of processes in bio-based systems.

**Objective 5: Land, ocean and water for climate protection** aims to assess the impacts of climate change on our land and marine environments, natural resources, agriculture and food systems, and identify options for mitigation and adaptation, requiring interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research and investment across a wide range of activities. Research is also needed to identify mitigation options that reduce the risk of long-term climate change.

**Objective 6: Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities** promotes transdisciplinary R&I with a strong social and behavioural science dimension and taking into account gender aspects to promote sustainable, balanced and inclusive development of rural, coastal and urban areas in three different ways: A) Improve our understanding of the different impacts of climatic, environmental, socio-economic and demographic change on rural, coastal and urban areas to find ways to transform these changes into equal opportunities for people wherever they live, strengthen territorial cohesion and enable a just transition. B) Explore innovative ways to find policy responses to place-based challenges identified at different levels of government. C) Support community-led innovation to enable communities to develop, test and disseminate solutions that address global challenges in locally appropriate ways.

**Objective 7: Innovative governance, environmental monitoring and digital solutions to support the Green Deal** aims to test new ways of managing the transition process and modernise governance. R&I for governance in support of the Green Deal aims to provide insights into institutional barriers such as lock-ins, path dependency, political and cultural inertia, power imbalances and regulatory inconsistencies or weaknesses.

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

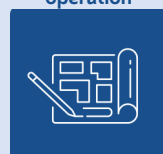**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

# Single Market Programme (SMP)

| Region | | Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine |
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| | EU | |

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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/116/Single-Market-Programme-SMP**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Single Market, Innovation and Digital Cluster: Binnenmarkt**

## Summary

The Single Market Programme (SMP) is the EU funding programme to **help the single market reach its full potential and ensure Europe's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic**. With €4.2 billion over the period of 2021-2027, it provides an integrated package to support and strengthen the governance of the single market.

The SMP has six objectives:

- **Food safety** - to ensure a high level of health for humans, animals and plants throughout the food chain

- **Consumer protection**- to promote the interests of European consumers and end-users, including in financial services; to ensure that consumer rights are respected and enforced in every EU country and to strengthen the consumer voice in policy-making

- **Support to small and medium-sized businesses** - to provide various forms of support to businesses, in particular SMEs; to boost their competitiveness and sustainability, including in the tourism sector

- **A more effective single market**- to ensure a well-functioning EU internal market for goods and services, including in the areas of financial services, anti-money laundering and the free movement of capital

- **High quality European statistics**- to provide financial support for the development, production and dissemination of high-quality European statistics by the European Statistical System in a timely, impartial and cost-efficient manner

- **Effective European standards**- to provide financial support to organisations that develop European-wide standards and to both European and international organisations developing auditing, and financial and non-financial reporting standards

# Priorities

## Food Safety

- The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)
- Training for competent authorities in the areas of food and feed, animal health and welfare, and plant health
- EU reference laboratories/reference centers
- Financing of emergency measures

## Consumer protection

- The European Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform, which helps consumers when shopping online
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), which helps consumers settle disputes out of court
- Safety Gate: the EU's rapid alert system for dangerous non-food products
- European Consumer Centers, which help consumers exercise their rights and access redress

## Support for small and medium-sized enterprises

- The Enterprise Europe Network will offer an integrated package of advice for SMEs to help them innovate and grow internationally.
- SME Envoy Network to promote SME-friendly regulation and policy-making at EU and national level.
- Erasmus for young entrepreneurs
- Joint Cluster Initiatives - a new generation of actions involving industrial clusters
- Further measures covering this SMP objective and implementing the EU SME strategy

## A more effective single market

- The "Your Europe" platform, which will be extended to provide online administrative services for citizens and businesses
- The Single Market Information System for the exchange of information between authorities involved in the practical implementation of EU law
- The SOLVIT network, which helps EU citizens and businesses when their EU rights are violated by authorities in another EU country
- FIU.net: An IT system connecting financial investigation units in EU countries

## High quality European statistics

- Strengthened partnership between Eurostat, the EU statistical office, national statistical offices and other national statistical authorities, and relevant external parties
- Develop new European statistics using multiple data sources, advanced data analysis methods, intelligent systems and digital technologies
- Provide funding to improve the comparability and quality of European statistics for monitoring the economic, social, environmental and territorial situation of the EU

## Effective European standards

- Cooperation between the European Commission and the European standardization organizations
- Grants from framework partnership agreements for European standards organizations, European interest groups representing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and societal stakeholders in standardization activities

Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness

Education, Children and Youth, Media

Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change

Digitisation, Digital Society

Health, Social, Sport

Governance, Institutional co-operation

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Circular Economy, Natural Resources

Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food

# Heading: Cohesion and Values

## Cluster: Regional development and Cohesion

## Cluster: Economic and Monetary Union

## Cluster: Invest in People, Social Cohesion and Values

# Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV)

| Region | EU | Interest in participating: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/49/Citizens-Equality-Rights-and-Values-programme

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Invest in People, Social Cohesion and Values**

## Summary

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) program was launched in 2021 and will run for seven years until 2027. It was established together with the Justice 2021-2027 program under the Justice, Rights and Values Fund.

The goal of the CERV program is to **support and develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law**. This includes a vibrant and empowered civil society that promotes democratic, civic and social participation of people and cultivates the rich diversity of European society based on our shared values, history and memory.

The CERV program consists of four pillars:

• **Equality, Rights and Gender Equality** - promoting rights, non-discrimination, equality (including gender equality) and promoting gender mainstreaming and non-discrimination.

• **Citizen engagement and participation** - promoting citizen engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union, exchanges between citizens of different Member States, and raising awareness of the common European history

• **Daphne** - combating violence, including gender-based violence and violence against children

• **Union values** - protecting and promoting the Union's values.

Civil society organizations operating at local, regional, national and transnational levels, as well as other stakeholders, can apply for CERV funding for initiatives aimed at civic engagement, equality for all and the protection and promotion of rights and EU values.

## Priorities

**Equality, Rights & Gender Equality Pillar:**

• Promote equality & prevent & combat inequality & dis-

crimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, & respect

the prohibition of discrimination on the grounds referred to in Article 21 of the Charter;

- Support, advance and implement comprehensive strategies:
  - ◆ Promote the full enjoyment of rights by women, gender equality, including work-life balance, empowerment of women in society and gender mainstreaming;
  - ◆ Promote the prohibition of discrimination and its mainstreaming;
  - ◆ Combat racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance both online and offline, including homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, interphobia and intolerance based on gender identity;
  - ◆ Protect & promote the rights of the child;
  - ◆ Protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Protect promote the rights of European citizenship and the right to the protection of personal data.

**Civic Participation & Involvement Pillar:**

- Support projects aimed at commemorating defining moments in recent and recent European history, such as the rise to power of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, including their causes and consequences, and projects aimed at raising Union citizens' awareness of their common history and culture, heritage and values, thereby improving their level of information about the Union, its origins, purpose, diversity and achievements, and the great importance of mutual understanding and tolerance;
- Promote the participation of citizens and representative associations in, and their contribution to, the democratic and civic life of the Union by enabling them to make known and exchange publicly their views in all areas of Union action;

- Encourage exchanges between citizens of different countries, in particular through town-twinning and town-networking schemes, so that they can grasp in a concrete way the richness and diversity of the Union's common heritage and realize that this richness and diversity form a solid basis for a common future.

**Daphne Pillar:**

- Prevent & combat all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and domestic violence at all levels, including by promoting the standards set out in the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing & Combating Violence against Women &Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention);
- Prevent and combat all forms of violence against children and young people and other vulnerable groups such as LGBTIQ persons and persons with disabilities;
- Support and protect all direct and indirect victims of the forms of violence referred to in points 1 and 2, such as victims of domestic violence within the family or in close relationships, including children orphaned as a result of crimes within the family, and support and ensure a consistent level of protection for victims of gender-based violence across the Union.

**Union Values Pillar:**

This pillar focuses on protecting & promoting rights & raising awareness of rights by providing financial support to civil society organizations that promote & nurture those rights at the local, regional, national, & transnational levels, thereby also strengthening the protection & promotion of Union values & respect for the rule of law and contributing to the building of a more democratic Union, democratic dialogue, transparency, and good governance.

Education, Children and Youth, Media

Equal Rights, Social Inclusion

Governance, Institutional co-operation

Migration, European Citizenship

Justice, Safety and Security

# Creative Europe (CREA)

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| **Region** | **EU**<br><br>In addition:<br>Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine |
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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/44/Creative-Europe**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Invest in People, Social Cohesion and Values**

## Summary

"Creative Europe" is the European Union's program for the European cultural and creative sectors for the period 2021-2027. The program bundles measures to support the European **cultural and creative sectors**, i.e. all sectors whose activities are based on cultural values and artistic and other individual or collective creative expressions, regardless of whether these activities are market- or non-market-oriented, what kind of structure carries them out and how this structure is financed.

## Priorities

Activities include the development, creation, production, dissemination, and preservation of goods and services that embody cultural, artistic, or other creative expressions, as well as related functions such as education or management. Many of these have the potential to **generate innovation and jobs,** particularly through intellectual property. Sectors include architecture, archives, libraries and museums, arts and crafts, audio-visual (including film, television, video games, and multimedia), tangible and intangible cultural heritage, design (including fashion design), festivals, music, literature, performing arts (including theatre and dance), books and publishing, radio, and visual arts.

The program builds on and continues the structure of its predecessor program for 2014-2020. The general objectives of Creative Europe are:

- **Protect, develop and promote Europe's cultural and linguistic diversity and heritage;**

- **To increase the competitiveness and economic potential of the cultural and creative sectors, in particular the audio-visual sector.**

These objectives are pursued through the following specific objectives:

- Improve artistic and cultural cooperation at European level to support the creation of European works and strengthen the economic, social and external

dimensions as well as innovation and mobility in the European cultural and creative sectors (**CULTURE strand**);

- Promote competitiveness, scalability, collaboration, innovation and sustainability, including through mobility in the European audio-visual sector (**MEDIA strand**); and

- Promote policy cooperation and innovative actions in support of all strands of the program, fostering a diverse, independent and pluralistic media environment and media literacy, thereby promoting freedom of artistic expression, intercultural dialogue and social inclusion (**CROSS-SECTORAL strand**).

The general and specific objectives of Creative Europe take into account the dual nature of the cultural and creative sectors, recognizing on the one hand the intrinsic and artistic value of culture and on the other hand the economic value of these sectors, including their wider contribution to growth and competitiveness, creativity and innovation. The objectives shall be pursued in a way that promotes inclusion, equality, diversity and participation, including, where appropriate, specific incentives that encourage the active participation of people with disabilities, people belonging to minorities and people belonging to socially marginalized groups in the cultural and creative sectors, including the creative process and audience development, as well as gender equality, in particular as a driver of economic growth, innovation and creativity.

### Creative Europe - Culture Strand (CREA-CULT)

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/46/Creative-Europe-Culture-Strand

Cultural funding under the EU's Creative Europe 2021-2027 program covers the **entire arts, culture and creative sector**. Funding is provided for transnational cooperation projects, European networks and platforms, literary translations, mobility of arts and culture professionals, and sector-specific activities.

The Culture strand of the Creative Europe program supports a wide range of cultural and creative sectors, including

- **Architecture**
- **Cultural heritage**
- **Design**
- **Literature and publishing**
- **Music**
- **Performing arts**

The Culture strand promotes cooperation and exchange between cultural organizations and artists in Europe and beyond.

Creative Europe aims to

- promote artistic creation and innovation

- support the promotion and dissemination of European content in Europe and beyond

- help artists find cross-border creation and performance opportunities

- promote the digital and environmental transformation of the European cultural and creative sectors.

The Culture strand includes the following actions:

- Horizontal actions for all areas of the cultural and creative sectors: support for cultural cooperation projects, networks of professional associations, platforms for the promotion of European artists and works, and individual mobility programs.

- Sector-specific support to complement horizontal measures in the fields of music, publishing, cultural heritage and architecture, among others.

- Specific measures to reward and promote excellence and creativity, including prizes for literature, music, architecture and heritage, the European Capitals of Culture action and the European Heritage Label.

### Creative Europe - Media Strand (CREA-MEDIA)

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/47/Creative-Europe-Media-Strand

The MEDIA strand of the Creative Europe program supports the European **film and audiovisual industry** in the development, distribution and promotion of European works, taking into account today's **digital environment**.

The MEDIA strand of the Creative Europe program

- Encourages collaboration across the audiovisual industry value chain and at EU level to promote companies and European content worldwide

- Nurtures talent - no matter where it comes from

- Appeals to audiences of all ages, especially younger generations.

To ensure more flexibility in the actions supported and to encourage collaboration between the different parts of the audiovisual value chain, the priorities of the Creative Europe 2021-2027 program are divided into four clusters:

- **Content cluster**
- **Business Cluster**
- **Audience cluster**
- **Policy Support Cluster**

**Content cluster**: The creation and production of high-quality content is the foundation of the European audio-visual industry. European content reflects European values, including diversity. European talent and creativity consistently result in works that are recognised and rewarded on the world stage. This cluster aims to support the industry to

- Promote the transnational circulation of European audio-visual works

- Adapt content to new audiences and platforms

- Introduce more robust business models that help to cope with production costs and increasing competition.

**Business cluster**: the business cluster under the MEDIA strand of Creative Europe promotes entrepreneurial innovation, scalability and talent throughout the value chain of the European audio-visual industry. This scaling is needed in the audio-visual environment given the growth of global players in the sector and the digital transformation. Specific groups driving the internationalisation of the sector will receive targeted support to strengthen cross-border cooperation and promote learning and knowledge sharing to enable the industry to move beyond its national borders. Support under the business cluster will:

- Encourage talent in the audio-visual sector with activities that have a strong focus on mentoring and digital and green skills.

- Promote business-to-business exchanges that cover all parts of the value chain and aim for a global reach

- Promoting transnational content dissemination across borders and platforms.

**Audience cluster**: the COVID 19 crisis has had a dramatic impact on the audio-visual viewing habits of European audiences. The gradual shift from cinema to platforms that the sector has experienced over the last year has been incredibly accelerated by the closure of cinemas. The aim of this cluster of the MEDIA strand is to connect European audio-visual works with their audiences and to support audience development across Europe and beyond. The programme aims to achieve this by

- Stimulating audience growth and renewal by increasing audiences on all platforms

- Targeting younger audiences through a variety of educational/promotional tools

- Ensuring access to content by supporting subtitling.

**Policy support cluster**: a common European approach to key audio-visual policy issues is essential for the consolidation of the European audio-visual single market. The aim of the Policy Support Cluster of the MEDIA strand is to promote a holistic European audio-visual policy through:

- Regulatory dialogue

- Sharing analyses/data

- Anticipatory information on trends

- Consultation with stakeholders

- Public relations and outreach activities

Particular priorities in this cluster are

- Fully exploiting the opportunities of digital transformation in the implementation of projects

- Promoting the greening of the sector and promoting inclusion, equality, diversity and participation.

**Creative Europe - Cross-Sectoral Strand (CREA-CROSS)**

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/48/Creative-Europe-Cross-Sectoral-Strand

For the first time, Creative Europe is offering funding to the news media sector to promote **media literacy, pluralism and media freedom**, as well as activities that help the sector adapt to the structural and technological changes it faces.

In 2021, Creative Europe launched a call for proposals for partnerships in journalism.

The action aims to:

- Promote cross-industry, cross-border collaboration between news media professionals in Europe

- Stimulate the exchange of best practices for collaborative business transformation

- Encourage journalistic collaboration through the development of standards, new business models, training programs, funding programs and other activities to promote quality journalism.

The support is aimed at the **entire European news media sector,** including small media.

Through the Creative Innovation Lab action, Creative Europe aims to promote innovative approaches to content creation, access, distribution and promotion in the cultural, creative and other sectors. These approaches should take into account the digital transformation and cover both market and non-market dimensions.

The **Creative Innovation Lab** aims to

- Incentivize stakeholders from different cultural and creative sectors to develop and test innovative digital solutions with long-term positive impact

- Facilitate the development of innovative, close-to-market tools, models and methodologies for the audio-visual sector and at least one other creative or cultural sector.

**Creative Europe Desks** have the following tasks:

- Provide information about the Creative Europe program in their country and promote it

- Support the cultural and creative sector in relation to the program and provide basic information about other funding opportunities

- Promote cross-border cooperation within the cultural and creative sectors

- Support the cultural and creative sectors in the participating countries

- Assist the Commission in ensuring appropriate communication and dissemination of the results and impact of the program

- Ensure the sharing and dissemination of information about the funding awarded to a participating country and the results achieved there.

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# ERASMUS+

| Region | EU | Iceland | Liechtenstein | North Macedonia | Norway | Serbia | Türkiye |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • International Organisation <br> • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) | • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body <br> • Private Entity <br> • Others/ Natural Person |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/50/Erasmus

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Invest in People, Social Cohesion and Values**

## Summary

Erasmus+ 2021-2027 is the EU programme for **education, training, youth and sport**, which are key areas for supporting citizens in their personal and professional development. High-quality, inclusive education, training, informal and non-formal learning ultimately equip young people of all ages with the qualifications and skills they need for meaningful participation in democratic society, intercultural understanding and a successful transition into the labour market. Spending time in another country to study, learn and work should become the norm, while speaking two other languages in addition to the mother tongue should be the norm.

The general objective of the programme is to **support, through lifelong learning, the educational, professional and personal development of people** in education, training, youth and sport in Europe and beyond, thereby contributing to sustainable growth, quality jobs and social cohesion, fostering innovation and strengthening European identity and active citizenship.

The programme has the following specific objectives:

- Promote individual and group mobility **for learning purposes**, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion and equal opportunities, excellence, creativity and innovation at the organisational and policy levels in education and training;

- Promote **non-formal and informal learning mobility** and active participation of young people, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth;

- Promote **learning mobility of sport** staff and cooperation, quality, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of sport organisations and policies.

## Priorities

### Inclusion and Diversity

The programme seeks to increase the qualitative impact of its actions and ensure **equal opportunities**. To this end, the programme will target people of different ages and cultural, social and economic backgrounds. It will focus on people with fewer opportunities, including those with disabilities, educational difficulties or migrant backgrounds, as well as those living in rural and remote areas.

### Digital transformation

In line with the priorities of the Digital Education Action Plan, the programme will develop **accessible and high-quality digital learning**, promote the capacity of teachers, trainers and youth workers, etc. to use digital tools and content, test and promote distance learning as well as blended learning. The programme's mobility actions will provide a greater number of opportunities to acquire and develop digital skills through initiatives such as the Digital Opportunity Traineeships programme. The implementation of the programme will be significantly digitalised and simplified for participants, in particular through the

European Student Card initiative and a redesigned IT architecture for beneficiaries and implementing bodies.

### Environment and the fight against climate change

In line with the European Green Deal, the programme will lead by example by encouraging participants to use lower-carbon transport as an alternative to flying. Erasmus funding will also go towards building knowledge and understanding of **sustainability and climate action**, so that Europeans acquire the world-leading skills needed to create sustainable societies, lifestyles and economies.

### Participation in democratic life

The programme addresses the limited participation of citizens in their democratic processes and their lack of knowledge about the European Union, and seeks to help them overcome the difficulties in becoming actively involved and participating in their communities or in the political and social life of the Union. **Strengthening citizens' understanding of the European Union** from an early age is crucial for the future of the Union.

## Erasmus+ - Key Action 1 – Learning Mobility of Individuals
### https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/51/Erasmus-Key-Action-1--Learning-Mobility-of-Individuals

The focus is on **mobility** - the stay abroad - of learners, teachers, staff, young people and professionals in the fields of education and youth. The aim is to achieve a positive and sustainable impact for participants and participating organisations. Mobility projects can be submitted by organisations working in the field of education and youth.

Actions funded under Key Action 1 are expected to have a positive and lasting impact on the participants and participating organisations involved, as well as on the policy systems in which these activities are embedded.

The Erasmus+ Programme reinforces the support offered to participants in mobility activities to **improve their foreign language competences** before and during their stay abroad, including an additional language support grant for participants in long-term mobility in VET and school education. An Erasmus+ Online Language Support (OLS)

service offers participants in mobility activities the possibility to check their proficiency in two languages as well as to attend online language courses to improve their competences. In addition to online language courses, the OLS offers several other features, such as supported and blended learning tools that allow teachers and youth workers to provide additional support to their learners, and social networking features that enable collaborative learning.

In addition, Erasmus+ provides space for the development of mobility activities involving partner organisations from different backgrounds working in different fields or socio-economic sectors (e.g. placements of higher education students or VET learners in enterprises, NGOs, public institutions; teachers in schools participating in professional development courses in enterprises or training centres;

business experts giving lectures or training in higher education institutions, etc.).

A third important element for the innovation and quality of mobility activities is that Erasmus+ participating organisations have the possibility to organise mobility activities within a **broader strategic framework and in the medium term**.

Accreditation schemes play an important role in ensuring a high impact of Key Action 1. The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, the Erasmus Accreditation for Higher Education Mobility Consortia and the Erasmus Accreditations in the fields of VET, School Education, Adult Education and Youth allow organisations to benefit from Key Action 1 on an ongoing basis, enabling them to focus on longer-term objectives and institutional impact.

## Erasmus+ - Key Action 2 – Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions
https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/52/Erasmus-Key-Action-2--Cooperation-among-Organisations-and-Institutions

Support is provided for cooperation projects between organisations. These aim to exchange **good practice, use new technologies, develop innovative teaching and learning methods, support non-formal learning and develop common tools and activities** at local, regional, national or European level.

This Key Action supports:

- Partnerships for Collaboration, including Collaborative Partnerships and Small Scale Partnerships;
- Partnerships for Excellence, including Centres for Professional Excellence, Teachers Academy and Erasmus Mundus action;
- Partnerships for Innovation, including alliances and forward-looking projects;
- Youth capacity-building projects;
- Non-profit European sport events.

For the participating organisations, the projects funded under this Key Action should lead to the following results

- **Innovative approaches to reaching their target groups** by, for example. : more attractive education and training programmes that meet individual needs and expectations; use of participatory approaches and digital methods; new or improved procedures for recognition and validation of competences; greater effectiveness of activities benefiting local communities; new or improved procedures to meet the needs of disadvantaged target groups and to address differences in learning outcomes related to geographical and socio-economic differences; new approaches to take account of social, ethnic,

linguistic and cultural diversity; new approaches to better support competitiveness and employment, especially at regional and local level; recognition of excellence in language learning or teaching through the European Language Label

- **A more modern, dynamic, committed and professional environment within the organisation:** ready to integrate best practices and new methodologies, including digital opportunities, into daily activities; open to synergies with organisations working in other fields or in other socio-economic sectors; strategic planning of staff professional development in line with individual needs and organisational objectives

- **Increased capacity and professionalism** to work at EU/international level: improved management skills and internationalisation strategies; increased cooperation with partners from other countries, other fields of education, training and youth and/or other socio-economic sectors; increased allocation of funding (other than EU funding) to organise EU/ international projects in the field of education, training and youth; increased quality in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and follow-up of EU/international projects; monitoring and follow-up of EU/international projects

- **Increased knowledge and awareness of sport and physical activity**

- Increased awareness of the role of sport in promoting social inclusion, equal opportunities and healthy lifestyles

## Erasmus+ - Key Action 3 – Support to Policy Development and Cooperation

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/53/Erasmus-Key-Action-3--Support-to-Policy-Development-and-Cooperation**

Key Action 3 supports policy cooperation at European Union level, contributing to the **development of new policies** that can trigger modernisation and reform at European Union and system level in the fields of education, training, youth and sport.

The Actions implemented under this Key Action have the following objectives

- Prepare and support the implementation of the **EU policy agenda in the fields of education, training, youth and sport** by facilitating the governance and functioning of open methods of coordination;

- Conduct European policy experiments, led by high-level public authorities and involving field tests of policies in several countries, based on sound evaluation methods

- **Gather evidence and knowledge** on education, training, youth and sport systems and policies at national and European level to facilitate informed policy-making;

- Facilitate **transparency** and recognition of skills and qualifications and transfer of credits to promote quality assurance, support validation of non-formal and informal learning, skills management and guidance;

- **Promote policy dialogue** with stakeholders inside and outside the European Union through conferences, events and other activities involving policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders in the fields of education, training, youth and sport in order to raise awareness of relevant European policy agendas and to promote Europe as a centre of excellence for study and research;

- Improve the implementation of the Programme in qualitative terms by facilitating the **transfer of knowledge and practice between National Agencies,** providing National Agencies and the Commission with "think tank" resources to enable the elaboration of activities and strategies for the implementation of the Programme in stronger connection with policy developments and providing tools to better exploit the potential of synergies and complementarities;

- **Provide opportunities for people at every stage of their lives to have a learning experience abroad** in their field of expertise, e.g. public administration, agriculture and rural development, new technologies, business, etc;

- Enable Erasmus+ Implementing Agencies to act as facilitators for the scaling up of Erasmus+ projects to apply for grants or develop synergies through support to the European Structural and Investment Funds managed at national and regional level, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and the programmes in the fields of migration, security, justice and citizenship, health and culture;

- Support events, campaigns and other activities that **inform citizens and organisations about the Erasmus+ Programme** and the European Union's policies in the fields of education, training, youth and sport;

- Contribute to the identification and dissemination of good practices as well as success stories from the funded projects in order to give them more visibility and scale them up at local, national and European level.

## Erasmus+ - Sport Actions

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/55/Erasmus-Sport-Actions**

Erasmus+ Actions in the field of sport promote participation in **sport, physical activity and voluntary activities.** They are designed to address societal and sport-related challenges. Opportunities are available under 3 calls for proposals for organisations addressing these challenges. A specific call for capacity building in the field of sport is also available from

2022 onwards. It is addressed to EU Member States and third countries associated to the programme, as well as to the Western Balkan countries.

**Collaborative Partnerships**

Designed for organisations to develop and implement joint

activities to promote (among other things) sport and physical activity, as well as to combat threats to the integrity of sport (e.g. doping or match-fixing), to promote dual careers of athletes, to improve good governance and to promote tolerance and social inclusion.

**Smaller partnerships**

For grassroots organisations, less experienced organisations and newcomers to the programme. Smaller partnerships have simpler administration, smaller grants and shorter durations than collaborative partnerships.

**European non-profit sporting events**

They aim to promote sporting activities, implement EU policies on social inclusion through sport, promote

volunteering in sport, combat discrimination and encourage participation in sport and physical activity.

**Capacity building in the field of sport**

Capacity-building projects are international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of sport in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme (formerly known as Programme Countries), as well as in the Western Balkans. They aim to support sporting activities and actions as a means of promoting values as well as an educational tool to foster the personal and social development of individuals and build more cohesive communities.

## Erasmus+ - Jean Monnet Actions

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/54/Erasmus-Jean-Monnet-Actions

The Jean Monnet Actions provide **opportunities in higher education and other fields of education and training**. The Jean Monnet Actions contribute to the dissemination of knowledge on European Union integration issues.

The following Jean Monnet Actions are supported:

- Jean Monnet Actions in the field of higher education.

- Jean Monnet Actions in other fields of education and training

The Jean Monnet Actions are expected to produce the following main results:

- Promote **knowledge and awareness of European Union affairs**;

- Promote **excellence in teaching and research** in EU studies;

- Improved opportunities for teaching, learning and debate on EU issues

- Improve the quality of teaching and professional training on EU issues

- Promote **dialogue** between academia and policy-makers, in particular to improve EU policy governance;

- **Diversification and inclusion** of EU-related subjects in the teaching programmes of higher education institutions

- **Greater engagement of young academics** in teaching and research on European issues.

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

| Region | EU<br>In addition:<br>EU candidate countries |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/56/European-Regional-Development-Fund**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) aims to **strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion in the European Union by redressing imbalances between regions**. Over the period 2021-2027, it will enable investment in a smarter, greener, better connected and more social Europe that is closer to its citizens.

ERDF funds programmes in shared responsibility between the European Commission and Member States' national and regional authorities. Member State administrations select the projects to be funded and are responsible for day-to-day management. Over the period 2021-2027, the Fund will enable investments that move Europe and its regions forward:

• **More competitive and smarter** through innovation and support for small and medium-sized enterprises, and through digitalisation and digital connectivity (policy objective 1 - PO1).

• **Greener, low-carbon and resilient** (policy objective 2 - PO2)

• **More connected by improving mobility** (policy objective 3 - PO3)

• **More social** by promoting effective and inclusive employment, education, skills, social inclusion and equitable access to health care, and strengthening the role of culture and sustainable tourism (Policy Objective 4 - PO4)

• Proximity to citizens, supporting locally-led development and sustainable urban development across the EU (Policy Objective 5 - PO5).

In addition to the five ERDF policy objectives, the Interreg programmes have two further policy objectives, namely "**Better governance of cooperation**" and "**A safer and more secure Europe**".

## Priorities

The European Regional Development Fund will support investments under all five policy objectives, but all regions and Member States will focus support on a more competitive and smarter Europe (PO1) and a greener, low-carbon, low-carbon economy and resilient Europe (PO2), based on their prosperity, through the "thematic

concentration" mechanism.

All regions and Member States will focus at least 30% of their allocation on PO2 and:

- More developed regions or Member States will devote at least 85% of their allocation to PO1 and PO2;
- Transition regions or Member States at least 40% for PO1;
- Less developed regions or Member States at least 25% for PO1.

All regions and Member States will also focus at least 8% of their allocation on urban development implemented through Local Development Partnerships with different instruments. ERDF activities are also expected to devote 30 % of the total financial envelope to climate objectives.

European Territorial Cooperation (ETC), better known as Interreg, provides a framework for the implementation of joint actions and policy exchanges between national, regional and local actors from different Member States. The overall objective of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) is to promote the harmonious economic, social and territorial development of the Union as a whole. Interreg is based on four areas of cooperation:

- **Cross-border cooperation** between neighbouring regions to promote integrated and harmonious regional development between neighbouring land and maritime border regions (Interreg A)
- **Transnational cooperation** in larger transnational areas or around sea basins, involving national, regional and local programme partners in Member States, third countries and partner countries and OCTs, to achieve a higher degree of territorial integration (Interreg B)
- **Interregional cooperation** to enhance the effectiveness of cohesion policy (Interreg C)
- **Cooperation between the outermost regions** themselves and with their neighbouring third or partner countries or OCTs, or with regional integration and cooperation organisations, or with several such organisations, in order to facilitate their regional integration and harmonious development in their neighbourhood (Interreg D)

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| **Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness** | **Education, Children and Youth, Media** | **Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change** | **Digitisation, Digital Society** | **Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy** |
| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Justice, Safety and Security** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** |
| **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** | **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Migration, European Citizenship** |
| **Mobility & Transport** | | | | |

# Interreg AT-CZ (Austria-Czechia)

| Region | Austria    Czechia |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/74/Interreg-Austria-Czechia**

## Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values
## Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion

## Summary

As a part of the European cohesion policy, the Interreg Programme Austria-Czech Republic aims to **support sustainable cross-border cooperation and to contribute to** **the improvement of economic, social and territorial integration.**

## Priorities

**Specific objective: Research and innovation**

• Cross-border research and exchange of expertise

• Joint pilot actions and solutions in shared research infrastructures and services

• Communication and mobility of researchers

**Specific objective: Climate change adaptation**

• Shared knowledge base - inventory and data sharing to better prepare for climate change impacts

• Joint pilot actions and solutions for climate change adaptation

• Awareness raising and training on climate change adaptation

**Specific objective: Nature Conservation & Biodiversity**

• Shared knowledge base - stocktaking and data sharing to improve water management

• Joint pilot actions and investment in common solutions for ecological water management

• Shared knowledge base - stocktaking and data sharing to improve biodiversity

• Joint pilot actions and common solutions to better protect biodiversity

• Awareness-raising/training measures to enhance biodiversity

**Specific objective: Education and training**

- Cross-border cooperation to improve cross-border education in kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, universities and vocational schools

- Joint pilot actions and investments to improve cross-border education in kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, higher education institutions and vocational schools.

**Specific objective: Culture and tourism**

- Cross-border knowledge and data exchange to promote the resilience of the tourism and culture sector

- Joint pilot actions and investments to promote the resilience of the tourism and culture sector.

**Specific objective: Legal and institutional cooperation**

- Joint strategy development and exchange of know-how

- Joint pilot actions to remove border barriers

- Networking and clustering activities to reduce administrative and legal barriers

Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness

Education, Children and Youth, Media

Digitisation, Digital Society

Governance, Institutional co-operation

Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism

Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food

Rural & Urban Development

# Interreg AT-HU (Interreg Austria-Hungary)

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| **Region** | Austria    Hungary |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/81/Interreg-Austria-Hungary-2021-2027

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The programme aims to address environmental, economic and demographic challenges with which extensive experience has been gained since the late 1990s. The needs of the region were assessed and resulted in four elaborated priorities to support targeted project development with a strong focus on the real needs of the border region. The main priorities and specific objectives of the programme are:

**A green and resilient border region**

• Adaptation to climate change

• Sustainable water supply

• Protection of nature and biodiversity

**A better connected border region**

• Sustainable transport

**A competent border region**

• Education and training infrastructure

• Culture and sustainable tourism

**An integrated border region**

• Legal and administrative cooperation

## Priorities

**Adaptation to climate change**

• Improving know-how and preparation for the impacts of climate change.

• Develop transboundary strategies, management & action plans to address climate change impacts, risks and natural hazards in the border region.

• Implementation of measures, including small-scale investments in climate change adaptation measures

• Raising awareness on climate adaptation and mitigation, especially at local level

**Sustainable water**

• Data collection, monitoring and analysis as well as exchange of know-how to improve knowledge on water quality and ecology, on sustainable water

management and on flood hazards

- Development of strategies and action plans for more sustainable water management in the border region

- Implementation of measures, including small-scale investments, to promote sustainable water management

**Nature conservation and biodiversity**

- Data collection and research as well as exchange of know-how to gain better knowledge of the ecological status and threats in the region

- Development of strategies and action plans to enable a positive development of nature and biodiversity in the transboundary region

- Implementation of measures, including small-scale investments, that contribute to the protection of nature or the reduction of environmental pollution

- Awareness-raising activities on the need for nature conservation and pollution reduction at local and regional level

**Sustainable transport**

- Cross-border data collection and exchange of know-how on cross-border transport patterns and mobility behaviour of the population

- Development of strategies/action plans to better organise and link different sustainable transport modes

- Measures, including small-scale investments, to better link regional/local public transport and cycling infrastructure and to improve the sustainability, multimodality and safety of cross-border mobility

**Education and training infrastructure**

- Improve coordinated decision-making on education and training issues across the border.

- Measures in cross-border education and training

- Implementation of joint training measures focusing on linguistic and intercultural aspects as well as labour market needs

**Culture and sustainable tourism**

- Cross-border data collection and exchange of know-how in the field of tourism and culture for a better understanding of the cross-border tourism landscape and potentials

- Enabling better strategic embedding of projects in the field of culture and tourism

- Implementation of measures, including small-scale infrastructure development for sustainable culture and tourism development

- Conducting thematic training and capacity building of stakeholders in the culture and tourism sector

**Legal and administrative cooperation**

- Development of monitoring and data exchange systems to improve the cross-border exchange of know-how

- Development of strategic frameworks for public organisations in all relevant sectors to address the upcoming challenges of the border region

- Implementing joint solutions to improve cross-border governance and reduce cross-border obstacles

- Developing skills and raising awareness for better cross-border cooperation

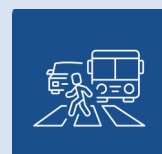| | | | | |
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| **Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness** | **Education, Children and Youth, Media** | **Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change** | **Digitisation, Digital Society** | **Health, Social, Sport** |
| **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Mobility & Transport** |

# Interreg BAYAUT (Bavaria-Austria)

| Region | | |
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| | Austria | Germany |

| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The INTERREG VI-A Programme Bavaria - Austria 2021-2027 pursues the strategy of an innovative, sustainable economy, a resilient environment, sustainable tourism as well as integrated regional development - embedded in a joint cross-border INTERREG governance.

The programme architecture comprises **5 priorities** (PA), which are thematically subdivided into a total of **7 specific objectives**:

**Priority 1: Sustainable Economy**

Objective 1: Innovative and accessible cross-border knowledge system

Objective 2: Sustainable and competent business landscape

**Priority 2: Resilient environment**

Objective 3: Proactive management of climate change and climate adaptation

Objective 4: Protection, enhancement and renewal of biodiversity

**Priority 3: Sustainable tourism**

Objective 5: Sustainable and integrated tourism development

**Priority 4: Integrated regional development**

Objective 6: Integrated territorial development to ensure quality of life

**Priority 5: Cross-border governance**

Objective 7: Joint removal of border barriers

## Priorities

**Objective 1: Innovative and accessible cross-border knowledge system.**

The R&D&I power should be further strengthened by using the potential of the entire region and possible synergies.

The regional knowledge systems are to be made accessible to enterprises in order to provide impulses for new developments. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in particular should benefit from this and participate more

strongly in the innovation process.

**Objective 2: A sustainable and competent business landscape in the programme area**

Entrepreneurial competences for innovation, specialisation, agility and resilience should ensure the future viability of the economy in the programme area. Application-oriented tools and offers are to strengthen entrepreneurship and business competences to successfully cope with current challenges. Above all, companies and organisations should benefit from this and position themselves for the future at European and international level. The projects to be funded in this

**Objective 3: Proactive management of climate change and climate adaptation**

Projects supported under Specific Objective 3 are intended to strengthen the adaptive capacity and resilience of natural and technical systems in the programme area and to minimise the risks and hazards to people, settlements and infrastructure in the programme area resulting from climate change. The damage caused by natural disasters, especially in mountain areas and along rivers, should also be minimised through concerted cross-border action.

**Objective 4: Protection, improvement and renewal of biodiversity in the border area**

The aim is to protect the diversity of natural areas, natural and cultural landscapes through integrated approaches and to safeguard or restore their ecosystem services, as well as to improve cooperation between administrations and other actors in the various protected areas and biotopes in the programme area. The aim is therefore not only to protect

but also to improve the natural areas, natural and cultural landscapes and biodiversity in the programme area and to jointly explore and implement potential for renewal.

**Objective 5: Sustainable and integrated tourism development**

The aim is to develop joint solutions in order to further develop tourism in a resilient, socially and environmentally compatible and integrated manner. In this way, tourism is to be strengthened as an economic and employment driver in the programme area, jobs in tourism are to be secured in the long term and economic recovery in the directly and indirectly dependent economic sectors is to be worked towards. At the same time, the aim is to reduce potential (use) conflicts.

**Objective 6: Integrated territorial development to safeguard the quality of life**

The aim is to secure and improve the quality of life locally through integrated regional development.

**Objective 7: Joint reduction of border obstacles**

Living and working together in the everyday life of the border regions is to be improved through encounter measures and long-term cross-border cooperation, and the use of existing common potentials in the programme area is to be facilitated by:

- Promotion of encounter measures
- Dismantling legal-administrative border obstacles
- Promotion of structural "governance projects

Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness

Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change

Digitisation, Digital Society

Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy

Governance, Institutional co-operation

Justice, Safety and Security

Disaster Prevention, Resilience

Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism

Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food
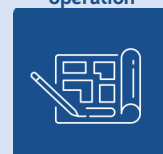
Rural & Urban Development

# Interreg BY-CZ (Bavaria-Czechia)

| Region | Czechia    Germany |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) | • NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/94/Interreg-Bavaria-Czech-Republic

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The programme INTERREG Bavaria-Czech Republic supports cross-border cooperation between Bavaria and Czechia. Funding is provided for innovative Bavarian-Czech projects that contribute to the dismantling of barriers, mutual understanding and networking among citizens and at the same time to improving the quality of life. Following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Research and knowledge transfer**

• SO 1.1: Development and strengthening of research and innovation capacities and the introduction of advanced technologies.

**P2: Adaptation to climate change and environmental protection**

• SO 2.1: Promote climate change adaptation and disaster prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches.

• SO 2.2: Improve the protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reduce all forms of pollution

**P3: Education**

• SO 3.1: Improve equitable access to inclusive and quality education, training and lifelong learning services through the development of accessible infrastructure, including by promoting the resilience of distance and online learning in education and training.

**P4: Culture and sustainable tourism**

• SO 4.1: Strengthen the role that culture and sustainable tourism play in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation.

**P5: Better Interreg governance**

• SO 5.1: Improve the efficiency of public administrations by promoting their legal and administrative cooperation as well as cooperation between citizens, civil society and institutions, in particular with the aim of removing legal and other obstacles in border regions.

• SO 5.2: Building mutual trust, in particular by promoting cooperation between citizens.

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Development and strengthening of research and innovation capacities and the introduction of advanced**

technologies

• Supporting the development & strengthening of joint

research capacities of knowledge and research institutions in the field of applied research & building joint transfer capacities of applied research results into the structures of the regional economy.
- Strengthening the innovation environment of the cross-border region

**SO 2.1: Promote climate change adaptation and disaster prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches.**
- Adaptation of transboundary ecosystems (terrestrial and aquatic) in protected areas and cultivated areas to changing climatic conditions
- Measures to coordinate and establish joint water management to enable a coordinated response to drought and heavy rainfall
- Coping measures for environmental disasters resulting from climate change (e.g. extreme weather events, floods, forest fires). .

**SO 2.2: Improve the protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reduce all forms of pollution.**
- Strategic cooperation in the field of nature and landscape protection
- Protection and enhancement of green infrastructure to improve ecosystem services and connectivity of biotopes
- Cross-border species protection (flora and fauna) in the form of coordinated protection concepts and their implementation.

**SO 3.1: Improve equitable access to inclusive and quality education, training and lifelong learning services through the development of accessible infrastructure, including by promoting the resilience of distance and online education and training.**
- Improving, expanding and networking common formal or informal education services for children, youth, trainees and students.

- Promotion of informal educational offers for adults in the fields of environmental education and the acquisition of social or socio-cultural competences, which improve, network and expand the existing offers.

**SO 4.1: Strengthen the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation.**
- Tourism valorisation of shared natural and cultural heritage (e.g. buildings or monuments) or the development of tourism infrastructure in the field of nature and active tourism (e.g. cycling routes, hiking routes).
- Presentation of the common natural and cultural heritage in exhibitions or joint cultural events with tourism potential.
- Coordination of mobility services for tourists.
- Coordination and services for joint marketing of tourist attractions and sights.

**SO 5.1: Improve the efficiency of public administrations by promoting their legal and administrative cooperation as well as the cooperation between citizens, civil society and institutions, in particular with the aim of removing legal and other obstacles in border regions.**
- Capacity building for cross-border cooperation of public administration institutions and providers of public services
- Removal of legal, administrative and socio-cultural obstacles, for example in the areas of cross-border public services and offers
- Promotion and creation of networks and platforms to achieve better coordination and greater effectiveness of individual measures of cross-border cooperation.

**SO 5.2: Building mutual trust, in particular by promoting cooperation between citizens**
- Cooperation between citizens and institutions within the framework of so-called people-to-people projects.

# Interreg BG-MK (Bulgaria-North Macedonia)

| Region | Bulgaria    North Macedonia |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | |

| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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## Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World
## Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance

## Summary

The INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria - North Macedonia 2021-2027 programme is a cross-border cooperation programme aiming to strengthen the territorial cohesion in the cross-border region between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia by providing support for increasing the competitiveness of SMEs and laying the foundations for the creation of cross-border value chains (cooperative cross-border markets), improving mobility and connectivity in the region with the construction of border crossings to deal with the growing traffic of people and goods between the two countries, as well as supporting joint actions to protect the environment and protect the biodiversity of the cross-border region that combine protection and conservation or focus on sustainable solutions for the protection of biological diversity and development of green infrastructure.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Greener border region**

- SO 1.1: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: More connected border region**

- SO 2.1: Developing a sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal TEN-T

**P3: Integrated development of the cross-border region**

- SO 3.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Support for joint strategies, action plans and concepts for developing new tools, instruments

- Transferring solutions between relevant stakeholders, joint capacity buildings activities
- Investments in building greens (green balconies, green walls, green roofs, atrium spaces, green pavements, green fences, noise barriers, etc.) based on the joint

concept/strategies and action plans

- Investments in developing urban and peri-urban green areas, including improving connections between green spaces (tree alley and street tree/hedge, street green and green verge, green and coloured squares, riverbank greens) based on the joint concept/strategies and action plans
- Investments in developing natural urban green areas (urban park, historical park/garden, pocket park/ parklet, neighbourhood green space, institutional green space, green sport facility, forest, scrubland, abandoned and derelict area with patches of wilderness) based on the joint concept/strategies and action plans
- Investments in developing green areas for water management (green roofs, permeable surfaces, infiltration trenches, swales, detention basins naturalized storm water pond, bio- retention areas)

**SO 2.1: Developing a sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal TEN-T**

- Upgrade of the existing facility and construction of new BCCP facility
- Purchase of specialized technical equipment and furniture
- Rehabilitation of existing and construction of new roads in both countries
- Environmental and other project-related assessments.

**SO 3.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas**

- Actions aimed at improving the knowledge capacity of SMEs to operate in a greener, more digital & competitive environment
- Solutions aimed at increasing the productive capacity of the SMEs to become greener, more digital and more competitive (technological modernization)
- Actions aimed at building effective product development process (it encompasses all steps needed to take a product from concept to market availability) and reaching new markets (marketing, entrepreneurship, internationalization)
- Actions aimed at developing all-season, integrated & resilient tourist products, accompanied by competitive branding & marketing practices, with the aim to untap the cross-border tourism potential by increasing the economic benefits of the sustainable use of its resources while prioritizing protection of the environment
- Actions aimed at rationalizing the use of tourist resources in the region, incl. development of new integrated regional tourist products; investments in infrastructure and facilities to support tourists; strengthening the links between natural and cultural sites; training of staff of tourist attractions; improving marketing practices and brands
- Actions aimed at improving the mobility & connectivity of the transport and engineering infrastructure by a system of alternative mobility, including a grid of bicycle lanes, 'dirt' forest and country roads, and etc.
- Actions aimed at elaborating & applying joint measures for reducing the vulnerability of services in the tourism sector to the effects of pandemic/epidemic situations.

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**
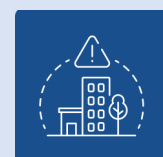
**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg BG-RS (Bulgaria-Serbia)

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| **Region** | Bulgaria   Serbia |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution • Research Institution incl. University • NPO/NGO • Public Body          • International Organisation |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria-Serbia 2021-2027 is a cross-border cooperation programme with the aim to strengthen the territorial cohesion of the cross-border region Bulgaria-Serbia by providing framework support to local businesses for growth and expansion, for better performance in a greener and smarter competitive global market, supporting enterprises through direct production investments to increase productivity and support joint actions to prevent the risk of natural and man-made hazards through inter-institutional coordination for risk prevention and rapid response management, harmonization of procedures and approaches, and preparation of citizens for disaster response.

The following prioritiy objectives and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Competitive border region**

- SO 1.1: Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments

**P2: Integrated development of border region**

- SO 2.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas

**P3: A more resilient border region**

- SO 3.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments**

- Joint development and implementation of technological solutions that address regional socio-economic

challenges, leading to financial and/or non-financial results obtained through cooperation

- Technological and/or organizational investments aimed at reducing the cost of production/service delivery and any other investment leading to joint solutions for

increasing enterprise competitiveness including but not limited to purchase of specialized equipment and technologies (inlc. related upskilling), monitoring systems; purchase of IT equipment, training and know-how transfer part of which may consist of digital components such as virtual business centres, e-commerce solutions, possibilities for electronic payments, etc; Joint solutions aimed at increasing productive capacity.

- Investments aimed at improving product/service quality, including but not limited to improvements in the design of product/service features, improvements in customer after-sales service, improvements in product guarantee, total quality management systems, and any other aspect that defines overall product/service quality level

- Joint actions aimed at fostering networking and business collaboration across the border, as well as accessing new markets or market segments including but not limited to marketing studies, distancespanning technologies, organisational cooperation and joint business schemes with other enterprises, integration into regional value chains, etc.

- Joint marketing and promotion actions, participation in international fairs, exhibitions and other promotional events, consultation and information services, including e -marketing, communication with clients, etc.

**SO 2.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas**

- Actions aimed at expanding accessibility and improving quality of services of general interest in support of social /

economic growth

- Development and provision of framework support to local businesses to grow, expand, perform better in a greener and smarter competitive global market

- Actions aimed at streamlining the utilization of the CBC regions's tourist resources, incl. ensuring faster, equitable & environmentally friendly access to and conditions for networking of cultural heritage and tourist sites

**SO 3.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Optimizing the educational process in regards to the development and the implementation of a disaster response framework aiming to enhance the interface between science and policy for a stronger joint knowledge base for decision-making

- Actions aimed at strengthening the institutional cooperation in the cross-border region through development of guiding and strategic documentation; exchange of information, knowledge and skills; implementation of joint field trainings, etc.

- Development and implementation of a specific preparedness programme for border communities to adequately response to natural disasters, including insitu joint trainings, joint awareness campaigns, etc.

- Small-scale investments in public training infrastructure and investments in specialised equipment;

- Joint development of protocols, procedures and approaches on risk prevention and rapid response management to many potential emergencies.
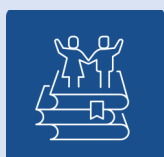
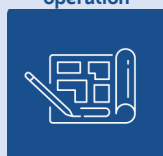| | | | | |
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| **Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness** | **Education, Children and Youth, Media** | **Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change** | **Digitisation, Digital Society** | **Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy** |
| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** |
| **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Mobility & Transport** | |

# Interreg BG-TR (Bulgaria-Turkey)

| Region | Bulgaria    Türkiye |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body | • Private Entity <br> • EU Institution <br> • International Organisation |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The Interreg - IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme is designed in the framework of the European strategy for a smart, inclusive and sustainable growth and the relevant national strategic documents. The Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance II and the two partnering countries Bulgaria and Turkey.

The following prioritiy objectives and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Environmentally-friendly cross-border region**

- SO 1.1: Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

- SO 1.2: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

**P2: Integrated development of the cross-border region**

- SO 2.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas

**P3: More secure cross-border region**

- SO 3.1: Mobility and migration management

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions**

- Investments for reducing GHG emissions and energy consumption in the entire industry life cycle
- Investments for energy efficiency of enterprise-owned building stock
- Investments for implementation of digital solutions for collecting and analyzing data on GHG emissions and energy consumption

- Investments for implementation of energy real-time information and management systems and energy end-use applications
- Investments for implementation of technological solutions for reducing energy consumption in industrial processes and energy efficiency measures
- Joint development of new and providing access to existing technological solutions
- Improving exchange of know-how, best practice &

information between the relevant local businesses
- Joint trainings and providing consultancy services to enterprises on energy efficiency

**SO 1.2: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy**
- Development of last-longer and suitable for reuse, repair, and recycling products
- Development of new business models based on renting and sharing goods and services
- Development of circular business models to favour the establishment of the regional close-loop value chain by employing B2B, B2C and C2C models of cooperation
- Development of circular biobased business models, solutions and products
- Supporting measures for knowledge sharing, design methodology, innovation labs/hubs, clustering as approaches to promote circular products and production processes
- Development of regional certification practices that reward regional products based on their different sustainability performance, environmental impact and circularity potential.

**SO 2.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas**
- Joint actions for promoting entrepreneurship, digitalization, technological modernization, participation in regional value chains and internationalisation, applying new business and technology innovation models, upgrading production and outreach strategies, wider adoption and implementation of circularity principles, solutions and models; marketing and research.
- Upskilling and building new knowledge and skills of local employees and NEETs
- Joint development of new integrated regional tourist products where applicable with zero environmental footprint
- Promoting joint actions for the development of ecosystem practices and services in the management of natural assets with tourism potential
- Support for joint actions aimed at wide implementation of consumer-oriented approaches in the provision of services of general interest
- Implementation of joint actions to reduce pollution and ecological footprint, and provide clean air, water and food, to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to prevent and mitigate the consequences of natural and man-made disasters.

**SO 3.1: Mobility and migration management**
- Conducting trainings, exchange of experience and good practices, study visits in order to improve institutional cooperation
- Measures for the enhancement of the security in urban and suburban areas of the cross-border region
- Delivery of specialised equipment/devices to improve the technical capabilities and enhance the physical capacity of the law enforcement officers/departments

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**
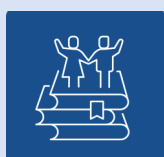
**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

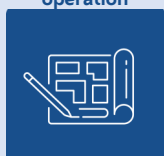**Justice, Safety and Security**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg CZ-PL (Czechia-Poland)

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| | Czechia  Poland |

| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values
Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The cooperation programme Interreg V-A in the Czech Republic and Poland addresses the most important cross-border challenges and taps into the potential of eight Czech-Polish border regions.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Integrated Rescue System and Environment**

- SO 1.1: support for climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem approaches

- SO 1.2: strengthening the protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: Tourism**

- SO 2.1: strengthening the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P3: Transport**

- SO 3.1: Developing and enhancing a sustainable, smart and intermodal statewide, climate-resilient, intermodal, regional and local mobility, including improved access to the TEN-T network and cross-border mobility

**P4: Cooperation of institutions and residents**

- SO 4.1: Increasing the efficiency of public administration by supporting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and authorities, in particular with the aim of solving legal and other obstacles in border regions

- SO 4.2: Building mutual trust, in particular by promoting people to people events

**P5: Economic development**

- SO 5.1: Enhancing the sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and the creation of jobs in SMEs, including through productive investments
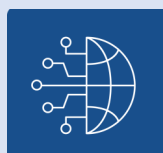
## Priorities

| **SO 1.1: support for climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem approaches** | • Systematic measures to strengthen cross-border cooperation<br>• Education & exchange of experience, joint exercises, |
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exchange internships

- Modernisation/acquisition of specialised equipment necessary for the prevention and elimination of the consequences of risks associated with climate change

**SO 1.2: strengthening the protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Networking, coordination, monitoring
- Field measures

**SO 2.1: strengthening the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Support for the creation of new or development of existing tourism elements
- Connecting and creating tourism products and their promotion
- Support of accompanying activities related to the development of tourism

**SO 3.1: Developing and enhancing a sustainable, smart and intermodal statewide, climate-resilient, intermodal, regional and local mobility, including improved access to the TEN-T network and cross-border mobility**

- Modernization, reconstruction or repair of cross-border road bridges
- Modernization, reconstruction or repair of cross-border railway lines

- Adaptation of road infrastructure for the development of cross-border public and emission-free individual transport
- Measures for the development of cross-border public and individual transport

**SO 4.1: Increasing the efficiency of public administration by supporting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and authorities, in particular with the aim of solving legal and other obstacles in border regions**

- Identify specific obstacles and find solutions to problems that are common on both sides of the border
- Mutual cooperation, transfer of experience and good practice

**SO 4.2: Building mutual trust, in particular by promoting people to people events**

- Support for institutional cooperation
- People-to-people projects

**SO 5.1: Enhancing the sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and the creation of jobs in SMEs, including through productive investments**

- Cross-border services for entrepreneurs with the aim of sustainably expanding the activities of their businesses across borders
- Cross-border services for entrepreneurs to improve access to innovation and research/research and development services

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**
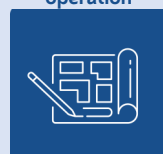
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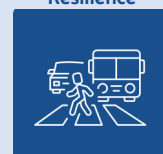
**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg HR-RS (Croatia-Serbia)

| Region | Croatia    Serbia | |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory | |

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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values /Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The Interreg IPA Croatia-Serbia programme aims to strengthen the social, economic and territorial development of the cross-border area through the implementation of joint projects and activities.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Cooperating for a smarter programme area**

- SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

**P2: Cooperating for greener and climate change resilient programme area**

- SO 2.1: Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein

- SO 2.2: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches

**P3: Cooperating for healthier and more inclusive programme area**

- SO 3.1: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care

**P4: Cooperating for more sustinable and socially innovative tourism and culture**

- SO 4.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies**

- Cross-border innovation/technology based on smart specialization approach & improving cooperation between research institutions, SMEs, public sector & business support organisations
- Pilot lines, early product validation, certification, advanced

manufacturing capabilities including via science – business collaboration

- Strengthening/modernising business support services
- Accelerating innovation/technology transfer to support the roll out of innovative solutions
- Pilot actions aimed at transferring good practices on green economy trends and standards

**SO 2.1: Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein**

- Development of joint solutions to increase the production of additional capacity for renewable energy
- Implementing pilot actions to test innovative and climate-neutral solutions
- Improving energy demand management and fostering behavioural changes of consumers for reducing energy consumption and a resource-efficient and sustainable use of energy,
- Promoting the production and use of advanced biofuels, and biomass supplied from sustainable sources

**SO 2.2: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches**

- Joint climate change adaptation, disaster prevention and first response plans, SECAP, as well as solutions and systems for monitoring, prevention and management of potential risks
- Encouraging intersectoral/interstate cooperation in risk prevention and rapid response management
- Strengthening of institutional and expert capacities and raising awareness to address environmental issues, climate change & disaster risks reduction
- Development of cross-border risk assessment and disaster risk strategies for cross-border hazards
- Increasing climate resilience of critical infrastructure and cultural/natural heritage sites

**SO 3.1: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care**

- Development and implementation of ICT solutions and (pilot) actions to support digitalization in health and social care
- Improving access to long-term health and social care services for vulnerable and marginalised groups, such as children (e.g., childrean deprived of parental care), elderly, persons with disabilities through investments in individual social housing, equipment, transport means, etc.
- Improving the accessibility and effectiveness of cross-border public health care services by investing in telemedicine, diagnostics, mobile clinics/infirmaries and mobile assets, including small scale infrastructure preferring nature-based solutions
- Transfer of knowledge through exchange of experience, awareness raising, lifelong learning, education and training programmes, and capacity building through online and in-situ trainings to improve skills in the field of health care and social care and enhance the delivery of primary care and family-based and community-based care services
- Developing and implementing joint activities/solutions to promote healthy lifestyles, active and healthy aging, disease prevention.

**SO 4.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Developing and implementing joint (pilot) actions to support diversification and sustainability of the tourism by investing in lesser-known destinations and diverse forms of tourism
- Developing and implementing innovative solutions and creating smart destinations (e.g., through digitalisation and creative industries), and new services and products for specific targeted market segments
- Development and implementation of measures to protect, develop and promote sustainable cultural heritage and cultural services, landscape heritage, public tourism assets and tourism services including investments in physical regeneration and security of public spaces (including small-scale infrastructure preferring nature-based solutions), in the scope of their inclusion in the touristic and/or cultural circuit
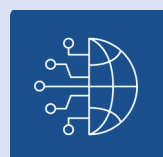- Support of social innovation and inclusion in tourism and culture
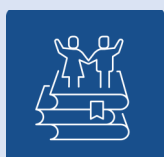


**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

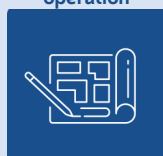**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg HR-BA-ME (Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro)

| Region | Croatia | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Montenegro |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | • International Organisation |
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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The Interreg VI-A IPA Programme Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro will support cross-border cooperation between the participating countries. Expected Programme results will contribute to reaching the goals set by the European Green Deal and underlined by the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Following priorities / objectives have been developed:

**P1: Smart investments in research, innovation and competitive entrepreneurship**

- SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
- SO 1.2: Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments

**P2: Green investments in environmental protection and efficient risk management**

- SO 2.1: Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- SO 2.2: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches
- SO 2.3: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

**P3: Accessible and resilient health services**

- SO 3.1: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care

**P4: Sustainable and inclusive tourism and culture**

- SO 4.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies**

- Supporting actions that accelerate innovation and technology transfer,

**SO 1.2: Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments**

- Supporting local SMEs to face challenges related to their size,

limited resources or industry and market conditions

- Improving the capacity of micro/small entrepreneurs such as family farms regarding marketing, branding, e-business, competitiveness including education and training in entrepreneurship skills
- Developing and supporting existing business clusters and/or networks of SMEs in applying ICT, innovation and new technologies

- Implementing joint pilot actions to introduce product and/or process innovations
- Supporting actions related to development of innovative products and services (e.g., patents, industrial design, trademark and innovation etc.)
- Promoting and introducing certifications and standards of existing and new products and services
- Development, adaptation and exchange of best practices in digitisation and application of new technologies, processes, products or services t

**SO 2.1: Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions**

- Focus on public infrastructure, creation of knowledge-base and human resources required for energy transition, as well as on national, regional and local agencies that promote energy efficiency and support and encourage end users to use energy from renewable sources

**SO 2.2: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Development and introduction of joint climate change adaptation, cross-border disaster prevention strategies and first response plans, as well as solutions and systems for monitoring, prevention and management of potential risks
- Encouraging intersectoral/interstate cooperation in risk prevention and rapid response management
- Strengthening of institutional and expert capacities & raising awareness to address environmental issues, climate change & disaster risks reduction
- Establishment of joint emergency centres
- Development of cross-border risk assessment and disaster risk strategies for cross-border hazards
- Exchanging knowledge and good practices on eco-system based climate change adaptation measures
- Testing integrated climate-adaptation solutions in pilot actions
- Increasing climate resilience of critical infrastructures and cultural/natural heritage sites

- Integrating climate change aspects into water management strategies
- Sharing knowledge/developing solutions for climate proofing the agricultural and forestry sectors
- Developing solutions for strengthening eco-system services for human health and wellbeing

**SO 2.3: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy**

- Approaches and solutions for limiting landfilling of all types of waste
- Increasing awareness of policy makers and stakeholders about environmental and economic opportunities of a circular economy
- Pilot/demonstration actions involving citizens
- Improving waste management policies
- Developing and testing solutions that support the recovery and reuse of raw material
- Gigital solutions for circular economy

**SO 3.1: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care**

- ICT solutions and (pilot) actions to support digitalization in health care
- Improving access to health care services for vulnerable and marginalised groups,
- Improving the accessibility and effectiveness of cross-border public health care services
- Transfer of knowledge through exchange of experience, awareness raising, lifelong learning, education and training programmes, and capacity building
- Activities/solutions to promote healthy lifestyles and active and healthy aging, disease prevention

**SO 4.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Support the specific, innovative, sustainable, green, digital and smart forms of tourism and culture
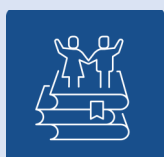
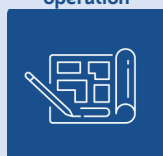| | | | | |
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| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** |
| **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Mobility & Transport** | |

# Interreg EL-BG (Greece-Bulgaria)

| Region | Greece     Bulgaria | |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory | |

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**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interreg Cooperation Programme Greece – Bulgaria  is a cross-border cooperation programme aims at promoting cross border cooperation by bringing together the different actors of the cross border area, in order to strengthen the development of the region and its transformation into a centre for sustainable development. Following priorities / specific objectives have been developed:

**P1: A more resilient and greener Greece-Bulgaria Cross Border Territory**

- SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches
- SO 1.2: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
- SO 1.3: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including

in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: A more accessible Greece-Bulgaria Cross Border Territory**

- SO 2.1: Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

**P3: A more inclusive Greece-Bulgaria Cross Border Territory**

- SO 3.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training
- SO 3.2: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Risk prevention, monitoring, planning & installation of early warning systems

- Climate-proof landscape planning and ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction measures
- Cooperation plans, protocols, infrastructures, & equipment for effective risk treatment, incl. digital solutions

**SO 1.2: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy**

- Joint or coordinated action plans for the promotion and application of circular economy and resource efficiency
- Creation & support of cross-border & cross-sectoral networks and secondary / used material and product markets
- Development & application of Circular transformation models solutions and products
- Awareness raising & know-how exchange

**SO 1.3: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Development of Green infrastructure, including developing and implementing new tools, transferring solutions between stakeholders and promotion of environmentally friendly practices
- Installation of monitoring systems regarding the prevention and control of air pollution at multiple territorial levels

**SO 2.1: Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility**

- will be applied by exclusively a targeted call for the following Action: improvement of multimodal, smart and secure mobility in Greece - Bulgaria CBC area

**SO 3.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning** through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training

- Training activities to workers, self-employed, unemployed, and would-be Entrepreneurs on priority topics
- Information and technical exchange on educational and training practices
- Training and support of special target groups focusing on cooperation and entrepreneurship
- Growth of digital competences of enterprises and self-employed
- Corporate Infrastructure and equipment serving the above activities

**SO 3.2: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation**

- Support of tourism destination and attractions networking across borders,
- Adaptation of tourism sector to cl. change and inclusiveness
- Promotion of digitization of tourism resources and processes and adoption of digital and innovative tools in local tourism industry
- Upgrade of human resources and entrepreneur skills in tourism
- Link tourism with local supply chain in the context "farm to fork" EU strategy

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

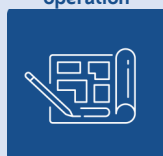**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg HU-RS (Hungary-Serbia)

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| **Region** | Hungary   Serbia |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/100/Interreg-Hungary-Serbia

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

Interreg VI-A IPA Hungary Serbia is an initiative implemented within the 2021-2027 European Union financial framework, under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA). The main aim of the Programme is to foster and encourage the harmonious cross-border development of the region, by co-financing great ideas by non-profit organizations from the Programme's territory.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: A greener region**

- SO 1.1: Climate change adaptation, risk prevention

- SO 1.2: Biodiversity and reduced pollution

**P2: Enhancing the human and cultural values**

- SO 2.1: Education and lifelong learning

- SO 2.2: Culture and tourism

**P3: Cross-border institutional and civil cooperation**

- SO 3.1: Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation

- SO 3.2: Border crossing management

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Climate change adaptation, risk prevention**

- Joint development, coordination and improvement of the cross-border risk prevention and disaster management systems

- Joint actions for adaptation to climate change in view to reducing the impact of climate change, addressing natural phenomena occuring as a consequence of climate change

- Joint awareness raising and educational activities on causes, consequences of climate change and possible adaptation and mitigation measures

**SO 1.2: Biodiversity and reduced pollution**

- Joint activities which identiy and contribute to the elimination of the cross-border pollution sources
- Joint initiatives for ensuring the sustainable development of natural areas
- Joint awareness raising and educational activities on environmental and nature protection topics in the border region

**SO 2.1: Education and lifelong learning**

- Lifelong learning for social inclusion, social cohesion and environmentally sustainable and healthy digitalization
- Joint development of training, mentoring and outreach programs to combat and reverse early school leaving
- Joint development of vocational training

**SO 2.2: Culture and tourism**

- Development of joint tourism products with joint marketing management of these products
- Cultural cooperation
- Joint management of information for tourism and cultural purposes

**SO 3.1: Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation**

- Building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people to people actions
- Actions supporting better cooperation governance

**SO 3.2: Border crossing management**

- Capacity development of border crossing management and mobility

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

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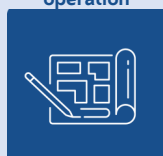
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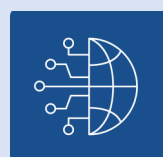
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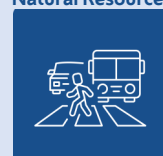
**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg HU-SK (Hungary-Slovakia)

| Region | Hungary    Slovakia |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution • Research Institution incl. University • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) • NPO/NGO | • Public Body • Private Entity • International Organisation |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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## Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values
## Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion

## Summary

The programme Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary aims at the joint protection, development and touristic utilization of the border regions' common natural and cultural heritage. This includes joint water management, disaster avoidance, the creation of the right conditions for the renewal of cultural and architectural heritage and the development of cross-border sustainable tourism.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Green cooperations**

- SO 1.1: Promoting transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

- SO 1.2: Protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure

**P2: Social cooperations**

- SO 2.1: Enhancing access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy

- SO 2.2: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education

- SO 2.3: Ensuring equal access to health care

- SO 2.4: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development

**P3: Institutional cooperations**

- SO 3.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation

- SO 3.2: Build up mutual trust

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Promoting transition to a circular and resource efficient economy**

- More efficient production to improve the reuse of raw materials through greater 'industrial symbiosis' and

enhance the exchange of information between SMEs on routes to resource efficiency, that can prevent waste, boost innovation and create new markets.

- Sustainable waste management and waste prevention

- Creation of short supply chains involving food producers, processors and consumers in close geographical and social relations committed to cooperate for local economic development

**SO 1.2: Protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure**

- Cross-border initiatives that protect and restore natural wetlands, grasslands and shrubs
- Biodiversity-friendly afforestation, reforestation, tree-planting and re-grassing
- Promotion of agroforestry and activities significantly contributing to prevention of soil degradation and preservation of soil functions
- Awareness-raising educational campaigns
- Nature-friendly forest management.

**SO 2.1: Enhancing access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy**

- Social innovations for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups focusing on development or adaption of social innovations which can be products, services or models addressing unmet social needs more effectively

**SO 2.2: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education**

- Investment in education in order to ensure the citizens' right to quality and inclusive education, training and lifelong learning that develops their key competences and basic skills.

**SO 2.3: Ensuring equal access to health care**

- Family and community-based health care systems
- Promote research and innovation to improve the lives of people with disabilities, people with mental health problems and older people
- Improve services enabling people working outside of health facilities discharging their services at the individual, family or community level
- Promote e-inclusion and e-health and technological and ICT innovations (e.g.: telemedicine)
- Cross-border development of healthcare institutions

**SO 2.4: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development**

- Preservation of local heritage
- Complex development of tourism destinations

**SO 3.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation**

- Eliminating border obstacles

**SO 3.2: Build up mutual trust**

- This action is expected to contribute to the strengthening of cross-border cooperation by people-to-people actions via Small Project Fund.
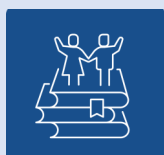
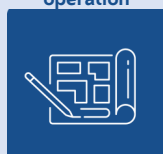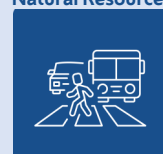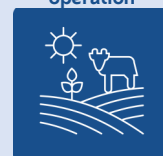| | | | | |
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| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** |
| **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Migration, European Citizenship** | **Mobility & Transport** |

# Interreg IT-AT (Italy-Austria)

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| **Region** | Austria    Italy |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO    • Public Body<br>• Private Entity |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values
Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Italy-Austria Cooperation Program supports projects with a concrete and sustainable cross-border approach that fall within one of the investment priorities of the Cooperation Program and correspond to the defined beneficiaries. The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the program:

**P1: Innovation and Enterprise**

SO 1.1: Development and expansion of research and innovation capacities and the introduction of advanced technologies.

**P2: Climate change and biodiversity**

SO 2.1: Promote climate change adaptation and disaster prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches.

SO 2.2: Enhance the protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reduce all forms of pollution.

**P3: Sustainable tourism and cultural tourism.**

SO 3.1: Strengthen the role that culture and sustainable tourism play in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation.

**P4: Local development**

SO 4.1: Promote integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and safety outside urban areas.

**P5: Reduce cross-border barriers**

SO 5.1: Improve the efficiency of public administration bodies by promoting their cooperation in the fields of law and administration as well as cooperation between citizens, civil society and institutions, especially with the aim of removing legal and other obstacles in border regions.

## Priorities

The program proposes the following types of measures:

**P1 Innovation and Enterprise** invests in the areas of smart specialization strategies, promotes investment in research and development, and supports companies on topics of cross-border importance:

- Energy transition
- Support for start-ups and entrepreneurship
- Circular production processes
- New and sustainable technologies
- "Life sciences" or life sciences
- ICT and digitalization

**P2 Climate change and biodiversity** focuses on disaster management, risk prevention, ecosystems, environmental protection and biodiversity:

- Disaster mitigation measures for risk management
- Climate change adaptation systems Awareness raising activities for climate change adaptation
- Nature conservation and biodiversity enhancement

**P3 Sustainable tourism and cultural tourism** promotes sustainable tourism models:

- Smart and sustainable tourism (ecotourism).
- Seasonal adaptation of the tourist offer
- Digitalization of the cultural and tourist offer
- Promotion of cultural and creative enterprises

**P4 Local Development** finances the implementation of four cross-border local development strategies through the CLLD (Community-Led Local Development) instrument.

- Areas of intervention selected by the CLLD strategies.

**P5 Reducing Cross-Border Barriers** supports digital solutions developed by public administration for citizens, sustainable mobility, combating brain drain, promoting employment, sharing health services, and reducing cross-border barriers:

- Identify cross-border barriers through consultation with stakeholders operating in the territories.
- Possible areas of intervention: (1) ICT and digitalization of public administration, (2) health and digitalization of healthcare, (3) mobility.

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| Rural & Urban Development | Migration, European Citizenship | Mobility & Transport | | |

# Interreg IT-HR (Italy-Croatia)

| Region | Italy     Croatia |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• International Organisation |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interreg Italy-Croatia CBC Programme 2021-2027 will be focussing on the blue economy, capitalising previous cooperation experiences and creating stronger synergies with EUSAIR. Cross-border cooperation among the territories overlooking the Adriatic Sea has been encouraged by Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme during the 2014-2020 programming period and will be further supported in the forthcoming period 2021-2027.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Sustainable growth in the blue economy**

- SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
- SO 1.2: Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship.

**P2: Green and resilient shared environment**

- SO 2.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches
- SO 2.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution.

**P3: Sustainable maritime and multimodal transport**

- SO 3.1: Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

**P4: Culture and tourism for sustainable development**

- SO 4.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P5: Integrated governance for stronger cooperation**

- SO 5.1: Other actions to support better cooperation governance (all strands)

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies**
- Cooperation between public bodies, academic institutions, private actors and civil society

- Supporting market driven research
- Promoting career opportunities in R&D
- Supporting the joint development of sustainable technologies and materials, as well as efficient productive processes in terms of

resource saving and recycling.

**SO 1.2: Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship.**

- Dialogue and increase cooperation in the common areas of expertise of smart specialisation strategies
- Developing and consolidating entrepreneurial skills
- Supporting cross-border initiatives, training programmes and mutual learning
- Boosting the development of entrepreneurial skills of graduates to support their entry in the labour market.

**SO 2.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Coordinating and harmonising methodologies and processes related to climate change monitoring and adaptation
- Strengthening joint coordination of risk assessment process for those hazards that are common for the Programme area but not considered by national assessment reports of both countries
- Strengthening cooperation of the civil protection strategies throughout all its stages, from risk assessment, to definition of protocols and equipment supplies, and finally to post-disaster management
- Defining a more effective and strategic approach to climate change adaptation and risk prevention by the use of nature-based solutions
- Improving knowledge development and capacity building linked to climate change, its consequences and how to adapt.

**SO 2.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution.**

- Creating a stronger knowledge-based information & joint monitoring system necessary for embracing a new approach to biodiversity/pollution challenges
- Investing in protecting marine ecosystems, exploiting good practices provided by existing protected areas, and preserving sea habitats from pollution due to human activities and from the arrival of alien fauna in the basin
- Promoting public awareness especially through the development of responsible behaviour.

**SO 3.1: Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility**

- Promoting transition towards greener and alternative transport solutions
- Strengthening and modernizing cross-border maritime connections by fostering ICT solutions
- Investing in a sea-land integrated approach and improvement of multimodal capabilities of ports, supporting both the central role played by TEN-T ports for the overall macro regional area connections, as well as minor ports for their relevance at the local level and for remote areas.

**SO 4.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Boosting innovation and digitalisation with the aim to valorise cultural sites and activities leading to a positive impact on local communities
- Investing in alternative routes and creating new integrated offers – such as experiential tourism - able to diversify the traditional flows and to reduce seasonality also supporting the creation of business and stable jobs through tourism/culture
- Promoting inclusive education and training focused on a smarter strategic management of sustainable tourist destinations

**SO 5.1: Other actions to support better cooperation governance (all strands)**

- Identifying/reducing cross-border obstacles and improvement of legal/administrative cooperation
- Enhancing institutional capacities of public administration and stakeholders
- Strengthening of cooperation and multi-level governance
- Establishing closer cooperation in key areas such as risk management, marine spatial planning, fisheries, and aquaculture.

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**
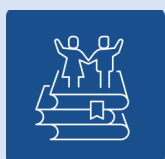
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**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

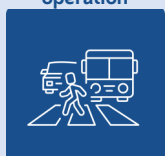**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg IT-SI (Italy-Slovenia)

| Region | Italy    Slovenia |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO<br><br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/86/Interreg-Italy-Slovenia**

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Cohesion and Values
Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The general objective of the Interreg VI-A Italy-Slovenia Programme is enhanced cross-border cooperation for improving the quality of life of the population, preserving and promoting cultural and natural heritage and enhancing the climate neutrality of the Programme area through sustainable, innovative and inclusive growth.

The following prioritiy objectives and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**PO 1: A more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity**

- SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

**PO 2: A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk prevention and management**

- SO 2.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

- SO 2.2: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

- SO 2.3: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**PO 3: A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights**

- SO 3.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**Interreg Specificv Objective 1: A better cooperation governance**

- ISO 1.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular, with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions

- ISO 1.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

# Priorities

**SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies**

- Joint pilot actions to foster innovation processes through exploiting new advanced technologies
- Developing partnerships through the approach of the quadruple helix in order to stimulate knowledge sharing, open innovation strategies and the joint development of new product and services,
- Promoting technology transfer processes

**SO 2.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Tools to counteract the effects of climate change/extreme events & to improve quality of life
- Strengthening cross-border cooperation among local authorities to build up integrated risk management systems and joint action plan
- Promoting awareness of risks due to anthropogenic and climate changes on local ecosystems
- Design of coordinated rescue protocols/actions

**SO 2.2: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy**

- Innovative and sustainable solutions for the conversion of production activities
- Exchanges of good practices for the design of new models for the optimization of the use of resources and the diffusion of eco-innovations
- Developing cross-border services based on ICT solutions
- Supporting the creation of experimental supply chains using digital technologies/AI
- Developing/ testing innovative technologies following the concepts of industrial symbiosis and facilitating waste reuse
- Supporting projects relating to ecosystem services and water management

**SO 2.3: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Promoting green and blue infrastructures
- Joint strategies for the conservation and protection of biodiversity and geodiversity
- Preserving and restoring the natural capital of the cross-border area
- Promoting sustainable spatial planning, including transfer of best practices and pilot actions
- Implementation of the strategic project POSEIDONE -

Promotion Of greenSEa Infrastructure Devoted tO a New Enviroment

**SO 3.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Developing integrated tourism products based on the natural and cultural resources of the area
- Preservation, revitalisation, maintenance & promotion of tangible/intangible cultural heritage
- Strengthening the linkage between education and tourism/cultural labour market
- Supporting ECoC 2025 through Small Project Fund
- Digitalising the tourism and culture sector
- Promoting minorities, their culture & identities
- Developing joint strategies, structures and communication platforms for the exchange of experience
- Contributing to the implementation of macro-regional connections linked to the ADRIONCYCLETOUR cycle route flagship
- Implementation of strategic project KRAS-CARSO I

**ISO 1.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular, with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions**

- Joint investments to improve quality and accessibility of public services for the benefit of the most isolated and remote areas
- Exchange of experience and data, training programmes to enhance the capacity of public authorities to design and implement integrated cross-border initiatives
- Improving institutional multilevel governance to reduce administrative, cultural and social obstacles and promote common solutions in specific sectors
- Supporting strategies for multimodal accessibility

**ISO 1.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions**

- Supporting all types of joint actions
- Valorising and promoting local cultural elements
- Promoting exchange of experiences, networking, living labs bringing together citizens and local actors
- Integrated digitalisation of the cross-border cultural heritage
- Creating education and training possibilities taking into account the needs of national minorities

# Interreg PL-SK (Poland-Slovakia)

| Region | Poland    Slovakia |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Cooperation programme addresses the most important cross-border challenges which are linked to the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy in the Polish-Slovak border region. Strategically, the programme will support the development of transport infrastructure to improve cross-border accessibility and provide easier access to TEN-T networks. At the same time, it will address environmental issues and promote effective and sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Nature-friendly and safe borderland**

- SO 1.1: Supporting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account an ecosystem approach
- SO 1.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including

in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: Better connected borderland**

- SO 2.1: Developing and improving sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal mobility at national, regional and local level, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

**P3: A borderland that is creative and attractive for tourists**

- SO 3.1: Strengthen the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P4: Cooperation of institutions and inhabitants of the borderland**

- SO 4.1: Strengthen the institutional capacity of public institutions, in particular those entrusted with the management of a specific territory, and stakeholders
- SO 4.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Supporting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account an ecosystem approach**

- The protection of biodiversity and the enhancement of environmentally valuable areas, for example: A) protection,

restoration and enhancement of natural habitats, including wetlands, wetlands and breeding sites of protected animal species, especially in protected areas, including, if necessary, inter alia, nature inventory, nature monitoring, monitoring of the ecosystem for the effects of atmospheric pollution,

reduction of tourism pressure, improvement of water relations, complementary planting; B) protection, maintenance and improvement of the connectivity of ecological corridors, in particular between protected areas, including, inter alia, removal of physical barriers, making corridor connectivity clear (inter alia, by upgrading/ constructing culverts under transport routes), development of green and blue infrastructure

- Countering the spread and emergence of invasive species through detection and control of invasive species, isolating populations of invasive species, removal of invasive species

- Analyses, strategies, action plans and pilots that address the protection or creation of forms of nature conservation and the maintenance of transboundary ecological corridors

**SO 1.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

Their aim is to raise public awareness of nature conservation and biodiversity preservation by:

- promoting the principles of sustainable management and use of natural environment resources

- communicating the benefits of maintaining the continuity of ecological corridors and preserving biodiversity, including the benefits of ecosystem services

- promoting green and blue infrastructure

- communicating the risks associated with the spread of invasive species

- learning about ecosystems (including through field visits) and their current threats

- Examples of educational and promotional activities: creation of educational trails, meetings, lectures, workshops, seminars, conferences concluding projects

**SO 2.1: Developing and improving sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal mobility at national, regional and local level, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility**

- Providing a climate-resilient and safe transport infrastructure that is conducive to increasing economic and social

integration

- Promoting pollution-free and sustainable multimodal mobility

- Improving cross-border mobility

**SO 3.1: Strengthen the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Supporting the development of cross-border competitive / innovative / integrated tourism products / services / offers

- Preserving, providing access to & promoting tangible and intangible cultural and natural heritage

- Creation of tourism information and promotion systems that popularise the region as an attractive tourist destination

- Building human capital and raising the level of knowledge particularly with regard to the dissemination of sustainable tourism practices and the requirements of the European Green Deal (including the New European Bauhaus) and digital competence

**SO 4.1: Strengthen the institutional capacity of public institutions, in particular those entrusted with the management of a specific territory, and stakeholders**

- Building cross-border partnerships, for example cooperation of public institutions and not-for-profit organisations related in particular to education, ecology, culture, arts, sports, active leisure, tradition, economic cooperation, tourism, nature, emergency management, rescue

- Supporting local cross-border initiatives to improve the quality of life in the Borderland

- Strengthening cross-border integration and building a common identity of Borderland inhabitants

- Exchange of good practices, promotion of cooperation for common solutions in the field of environment and low-carbon economy

- Raising awareness and promoting pro-ecological behaviour

**SO 4.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions**

- Only small-scale projects are eligible

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg RO-BG (Romania-Bulgaria)

| Region | Romania    Bulgaria |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, financed through  the European Regional Development Fund, aims  to improve the Romanian-Bulgarian border area in the 2021-2027 period.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: A well connected region**

- SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to ten-t and cross-border mobility

**P2: A green region**

- SO 2.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches

- SO 2.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P3: An educated region**

- SO 3.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training

**P4: An integrated region**

- SO 4.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to ten-t and cross-border mobility**

- Actions enhancing rail connectivity and mobility across the Danube

- Actions improving the navication conditions and safety on the Danube and Black Sea in order to enhance mobility and connectivity

**SO 2.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches**

- Climate change adaptation measures to reduce the vulnerability of natural and human systems to actual or expected effects of climate change.
- Risk prevention and management of natural and hazardous events and risks linked to human activities
- Promoting disaster resilience

**SO 2.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Reducing all types of pollution, by supporting investments in monitoring and data collection on air, soil and water pollution
- Supporting the development of green infrastructures, including by developing and protecting green areas in human settlements and raising awareness of the benefits of green spaces
- Enhancing biodiversity conservation, recovery and sustainable use and protection of natural heritage, including Natura 2000 and RAMSAR sites

**SO 3.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training**

- Development of extensive and structured language-learning schemes, as a vector for building trust across the border, for creating the basis for future exchanges and also as an employment-boosting factor
- Development of joint cross-border education and training schemes - on-site in areas where accessibility is not a hindrance or online, using digitised learning tools and methods, if physical presence is not an option
- Development of cross-border internship or placements and student exchange programmes for young graduates/students
- Development of joint initiatives supporting adult education and learning (LLL), including facilitating learning mobility
- Development of partnerships between secondary and higher

education establishments and businesses, in order to improve the market orientation and the quality aspect of education and offer young students the possibility to train and/or study on the other side of the border
- Development of partnerships between education and training institutions and stakeholders, at all education levels (early to tertiary), to support mutual learning and exchange of practices between teachers and trainers
- Development of joint initiatives and actions to support access to quality inclusive education and training, including LLL, to vulnerable or marginalized groups, including disabled persons, SEN
- Joint measures for improving the link between the labour market and the education and training system
- Investments in the infrastructure of educational facilities (e.g. learning spaces such as classrooms, labs, libraries, workshops, gyms, outdoor learning spaces but also other facilities) for all education levels and educational activities (including remedial and after-school), technical and vocational training and LLL etc.; special attention will be given to promoting accessible and inclusive learning for all persons
- Investments in ensuring proper endowment for joint learning facilities with focus on digitalization: equipment, tools, etc., especially those that support the development of practical and/or digital skills and remote learning, such as computers, videoconferencing/distance education equipment, VR learning etc.

**SO 4.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas**

- Developing the Eurovelo 6 route
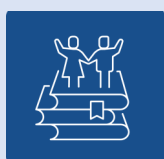- Supporting tourism activities, connected sectors and industries
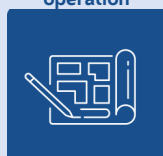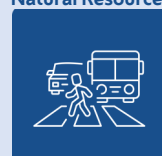
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| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** |
| **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Migration, European Citizenship** | **Mobility & Transport** |

# Interreg RO-HU (Romania-Hungary)

| Region | Romania    Hungary |  |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory | |

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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The vision for the ROHU Programme is a greener, more resilient, and cohesive cross-border region between Romania and Hungary, with enhanced understanding of cooperation opportunities, increased trust and reduced barriers to cooperation, towards Agenda 2030 common targets with a more sustainable cooperation framework.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Cooperation for a green and more resilient cross-border area between Romania and Hungary**

- SO 1.1: Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001[1], including the sustainability criteria set out therein

- SO 1.2: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches

- SO 1.3: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: Cooperation for a more social and cohesive PA between Romania and Hungary**

- SO 2.1: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care

- SO 2.2: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P3: A more sustainable, community-based and effective cross-border cooperation**

- SO 3.1: Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and of all stakeholders

- SO 3.2: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions

- SO 3.3: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

**SO 1.1: Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001[1], including the sustainability criteria set out therein**

Increased cooperation in the field of renewable energies, contributing to build green and renewable energy communities in the PA, including by promoting joint solutions to upscale and further promote RES in the PA (generating of RES projects).

**SO 1.2: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account eco-system based approaches**

Increased capacity and efficiency of the emergency services and risk prevention (both climate and non-climate related) thanks to cooperation.

**SO 1.3: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

Improved coordination and protection of the natural heritage across the border.

**SO 2.1: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care**

Increased resilience, personalisation and quality of the health care sector thanks to cooperation

**SO 2.2: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

Development of a common vision for the joint promotion of common cultural and natural heritage, including cultural initiatives and the development of tourism sites and tourism niches

**SO 3.1: Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and of all stakeholders**

Increased understanding of cross-border exchanges and increased capacity to plan effective joint actions leading to an increased number and quality of joint strategies

**SO 3.2: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions**

Increased understanding of barriers to cooperation and definition of possible solutions with the involvement of the adequate governance level

**SO 3.3: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions**

Increased people-to-people actions and cross-border cooperation in community initiatives pave the way to future, more structured, community-led interventions

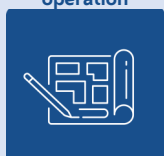| | | | | |
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| **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** | **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** |
| **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Migration, European Citizenship** | **Mobility & Transport** | |

# Interreg SI-AT (Slovenia-Austria)

| Region | Slovenia  Austria |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Institution<br>• International Organisation |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/93/Interreg-Slovenia-Austria**

## Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values
## Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion

## Summary

The goal of the program is to improve coordination and cooperation in the SI-AT border area in order to reduce border barriers and unleash the potential for a resilient and competitive region.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed under the program:

**P1: A more resilient and sustainable region**

SO 1.1: Promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention, and disaster resilience.

SO 1.2: Promote the transition to a circular economy

**P2: A more competent and competitive region**

SO 2.1: Develop skills and competencies for work and life

SO 2.2: Sustainable economic development based on culture and tourism

**P3: A better governance of cooperation**

SO 3.1: Improve coordination and cooperation between institutions

SO 3.2: Strengthening trust and cooperation between people

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention, and disaster resilience**
- Develop and implement strategies, action plans, and pilot actions.
- Sharing expertise and building capacity, and strengthening research and innovation capacity.
- Awareness raising and digital solutions

**SO 1.2: Promote the transition to a circular economy**
- Develop and implement strategies, action plans and pilot actions.
- Establish/establish cross-sectoral transboundary networks.
- Innovative and applicable resource efficiency solutions that promote the transition to a circular economy and

the effective use of natural resources

- Strengthening research and innovation capacities
- Identifying regulatory barriers and proposing ways to address them
- Digital solutions, awareness raising and sharing of know-how.

**SO 2.1: Developing skills and competencies for work and life**

- Develop/implement concepts, models, and tools at all levels of education/training
- Pilot actions
- Development of curricula, training content and tools.
- Education and training activities, knowledge exchange, mentoring, internships
- Mobility of teachers/students workers and exchanges
- Establishment of cross-border networks and cross-border & cross-sector partnerships and exchanges
- Awareness raising /competence promotion

**SO 2.2: Sustainable economic development based on culture and tourism**

- Development and implementation of longer-term cooperation strategies, concepts, action plans
- Development and implementation of new cooperation models and instruments
- Development & implementation of pilot actions
- Development of curricula, training content and tools

- Education, training, mentoring, counseling, student/ staff/employee exchanges
- Joint promotional activities and awareness raising activities.

**SO 3.1: Improve coordination and cooperation between institutions**

- Organization of joint meetings, workshops and events & exchange of experiences (to share solutions and increase their impact)
- Transfer of best practices
- Training, peer reviews and staff exchanges (to improve institutional capacity)
- Data collection and studies
- Identification of legal barriers and proposals to address them
- Development and implementation of strategies and action plans
- Cooperation agreements, administrative & legal provisions
- Publications & campaigns

**SO 3.2: Strengthening trust and cooperation between people**

- Organization of joint meetings, workshops and events, etc.
- Exchange of information, know-how and personnel
- Creation of joint structures and interventions in the addressed thematic areas.



**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

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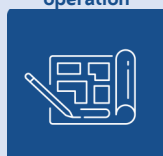
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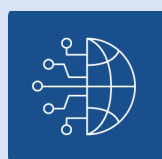
**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg SI-HR (Slovenia-Croatia)

| Region | Slovenia    Croatia |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/105/Interreg-Slovenia-Croatia**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interreg SI-HR programme supports cross-border cooperation between Slovenia and Croatia in the programming period 2021-2027.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: A green and adaptive region**

• SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches

• SO 1.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: A resilient and sustainable region**

• SO 2.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation

**P3: An accessible and connected region**

• SO 3.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation, and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors, and institutions, in particular with a view toward resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions

• SO 3.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches**
The aim of support under this specific objective is to enhance the preparedness of local communities and

responsiveness of rescue response units by joint upskilling and unified equipment, the establishment of joint protocols (concrete and comprehensive plans), and co-ordination mechanisms, so that units from both countries will be able to jointly respond to the same disaster and adapt to different

climate change-related and other shared risks along the entire cross-border area, including the capacity building of different target groups to protect against shared risks. The activities must be aligned with responsible authorities for provision and co-ordination of protection, rescue, and relief in case of natural and other disasters from both countries.

**SO 1.2: Enhanching protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

The aim of support under this specific objective is to enhance, develop, or introduce green infrastructure as strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services, particularly addressing the biodiversity loss. Cross-border cooperation for improved protection, restoration, and management of the environment will be boosted (incl. Natura 2000 and other protected areas and areas of ecological importance. Actions will be focused to mitigate threats (e.g., pollution, climate change, invasive species, biodiversity loss, habitat fragmentation) and improve cross-border landscape management as the key to improving biodiversity.

**SO 2.1: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation**

The aim of the support under this specific objective is to facilitate the recovery of tourism and culture in the PA by greening of tourism, supporting shift from quantity towards quality, increasing diversity of tourism products and services, and supporting cultural tourism entrepreneurship and innovation. Special attention will be given to rural border areas to unlock their hidden potentials to offer demand-driven products and services, while conserving their cultural uniqeness and protecting the natural environment. All the actions supported by this priority will contribute to strengthening local communities and local economy, increasing competitiveness, and job creation in the Programme area.

**SO 3.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation, and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors, and institutions, in particular with a view toward resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions**

The support under this specific objective is to support public administration in its role as an initiator/coordinator of processes aimed at improving the quality of services and developing innovative solutions in the area of health care, social inclusion and welfare, energy efficiency, and accessibility in the border region. A place-based and participatory approach, sustainability and digitalisation are the guiding principles when implementing the activities within this priority. The cross-border cooperation and resolving legal and other obstacles is crucial when taking into account the functional relations between the different actors and activities in the border area.

**SO 3.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions**

The aim of support under this specific objective is to build trust and understanding among people living in the cross-border area by supporting joint cross-border events, intergenerational cooperation, and joint learning and awareness-raising.
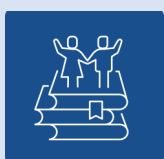
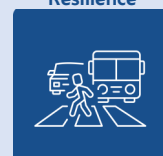| | | | | |
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| **Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness** | **Education, Children and Youth, Media** | **Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change** | **Digitisation, Digital Society** | **Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy** |
| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Justice, Safety and Security** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** |
| **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** | **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Mobility & Transport** |

# Interreg SI-HU (Slovenia-Hungary)

| Region | Slovenia    Hungary |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Institution |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/76/Interreg-Slovenia-Hungary

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interreg programme Slovenia-Hungary is a European Union funding programme that supports crossborder cooperation. The vision of the cross-border programme is to **contribute to an active and cooperating border/ programme region aware of its environmental, natural and cultural values, through promoting sustainable utilisation, preservation and exploitation for tourism purposes, setting up a well identifiable and attractive green tourism destination.**

The Programme is divided into three priority axes:

**Green Border Region**

• Enhancing protection and preservation of nature,

biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**Inclusive Border Region based on sustainable tourism**

• Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**Cooperation border Region**

• A better cooperation governance

• Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

## Priorities

**Priority Green border region:** Supported projects are expected to result in joint solutions and actions contributing to improvement and maintenance of biodiversity in the border area, improvement in the status of green and blue infrastructure, better quality of the water bodies, reduction

of various forms of pollution in the programme area. Supported actions should be in line with the relevant directives (Habitats, Birds, Invasive Alien Species, also Water Framework, Drinking Water and Floods Directives) and the Biodiversity Strategy /EU Forest Strategy for 2030.

- Elaboration of cross-border/common analytical studies, strategies, action plans and models for more effective preservation of natural assets, biodiversity and improvement or maintenance of natural assets

- Implementing joint pilot actions contributing to protecting biodiversity, fostering joint water and disaster management and reduction of pollution

**Priority Inclusive border region based on sustainable tourism:** Supported natural and cultural tourism-related projects are expected to result in sustainable and harmonized cross-border tourism offer of the region and destination management with higher integration in local economy contributing to increased local tourism income and employment in the programme area.

- Establishment of joint tourism quality standards and joint tourism destination management models on the basis of significant cultural (and natural) potentials and of cooperation of tourism organisations

- Implementing pilot actions and joint solutions for better inclusion of culture and cultural heritage in development of quality touristic attractions and connected tourism services

**Priority Cooperating border region:**

- Legal and administrative cooperation projects are expected to:

  ♦ improve knowledge of local decision makers in various thematic areas,

  ♦ create new bottom-up initiatives for cross-border cooperation,

  ♦ result in better harmonised planning systems and processes, data collection and assessment methods, commonly identified regional interests and investigation of new development directions

- Mutual trust building projects are expected to generate new links in civil society cooperation in the border region, as well as enhanced individual relationships, new range of actors involved in a wide variety of events, increased level of mutual understanding resulted by positive experience of cooperation. Trust building projects are considered of strategic importance and highly contribute to the visibility of the Programme
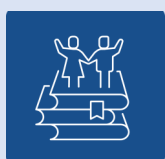
Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness

Education, Children and Youth, Media

Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change

Digitisation, Digital Society

Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy

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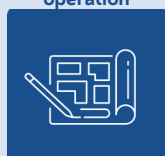
Rural & Urban Development

Mobility & Transport

# Interreg SK-AT (Slovakia-Austria)

| Region | Austria Slovakia |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/80/Interreg-Slovakia-Austria**

## Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values
## Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion

## Summary

The cooperation program "Interreg V-A Slovakia - Austria" focuses on smart and sustainable growth in the Austrian-Slovak border region.

The main priorities and specific objectives of the program are:

**A more competitive and smarter SK-AT border region**

• Development and improvement of research and innovation capacities and the adoption of advanced technologies

**A more environmentally friendly and low-carbon SK-AT border region**

• Promoting climate change adaptation, disaster preparedness and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches

• Improving the protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**A more socially inclusive SK-AT border region**

• Improving equitable access to inclusive and quality education, training, and lifelong learning services through the development of accessible infrastructure, including by promoting the resilience of distance and online education

• Ensuring equitable access to health care and promoting the resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family and community-based care

• Strengthening the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation

**A better cooperating SK-AT border region**

• Improving efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and collaboration between citizens, civil society and institutions, especially with regard to removing legal and other obstacles in border regions

• Building mutual trust, especially by promoting people-to-people actions

## Priorities

**Development and improvement of research and innovation capacities and the adoption of advanced technologies**

- Interdisciplinary cross-border cooperation in research & innovation.
- Actions including small-scale investments in joint research facilities
- Science education/awareness raising

**Promotion of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches**

- Collection/analysis of data, exchange of know-how & development of strategies
- Implementation of joint (pilot) activities, including small-scale investments
- Awareness raising activities and capacity building

**Improve protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reduce all forms of pollution**

- Data collection & analysis, exchange of know-how & interdisciplinary strategy development
- (pilot) actions, including small-scale investments.
- Awareness raising activities and capacity building

**Improve equitable access to inclusive and quality education, training and lifelong learning services through the development of accessible infrastructure, including through the promotion of distance and online education resilience**

- Developing joint strategies & implementing joint solutions, including small-scale investments, to promote education collaboration
- Sharing expertise and training relevant stakeholders who are actively involved in the education process

**Ensure equitable access to health care and promote resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promote transition from institutional to family and community-based care**

- Develop & implement cross-border strategies & action plans to strengthen collaboration among health & social service providers
- Implement solutions, including small-scale investments, to facilitate cross-border collaboration in health & social service delivery

**Strengthening the role of culture and sustainable tourism for economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Develop and implement cross-border strategies and action plans for sustainable tourism development
- Implementing joint solutions, including small-scale investments in natural & cultural heritage sites & joint tourism services
- Investing in infrastructure to improve the accessibility of cross-border regions and sites for citizens and tourists

**Improving efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and collaboration between citizens, civil society and institutions, especially with regard to the removal of legal and other obstacles in border regions**

- Know-how & data exchange to improve strategy development in the region
- Pilot actions for the removal of border obstacles
- Strengthening the institutional capacity of authorities/ organizations

**Building mutual trust, especially by promoting people-to-people actions**
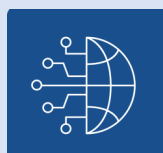
- Joint actions to strengthen mutual trust and promote cooperation among citizens.

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Rural & Urban Development**

# Interreg SK-CZ (Slovakia-Czechia)

| Region | Slovakia    Czechia |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | <ul><li>Education and Training Institution</li><li>Research Institution incl. University</li><li>NPO/NGO</li><li>Public Body</li></ul> |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/109/Interreg-Slovakia-Czechia

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The aim of the Interreg Czech Republic-Slovakia programme is to address the common challenges of cross-border regions through joint cross-border projects.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Environment**

- SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches
- SO 1.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: Education, culture and tourism**

- SO 2.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning

through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training

- SO 2.2: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P3: Institutional cooperation and local initiatives**

- SO 3.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions
- SO 3.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Collection and evaluation of climate data and the expected impacts of climate change, the production of analyses, models and forecasts of future climate change developments and the

exchange of experience in this field (disaster management - floods, fires, water erosion, etc.)

- Implementation of joint measures to prevent the drying up of water resources and aquatic ecosystems, the implementation of joint strategies and action plans to prevent and address the consequences of natural risks (floods, water erosion, fires,

invasive plant and animal species), the development of joint integrated risk management systems

- Raising awareness on the causes and impacts of climate change, with an emphasis on practical application in everyday life, dissemination of examples of good practice

**SO 1.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Monitoring the status and evolution of species and habitats, producing studies, analyses related to biodiversity conservation (e.g. occurrence of invasive plant and animal species, status of different forms of pollution) and jointly seeking solutions, exchange of experience and good practice in the use of green infrastructure and pollution reduction
- Implementation of joint actions to improve the status of species & habitats, the implementation of joint strategies/action plans supporting the construction, promotion & use of green infrastructure
- Raising awareness of the importance of nature and biodiversity conservation, dissemination of examples of good practice

**SO 2.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training**

- Creation of common educational materials and content, support for the development of digital skills, including online safety and the prevention of socio-pathological phenomena (cyberbullying, discrimination, etc.), activities aimed at increasing the use of innovative and new forms and practices, including online and distance learning (e.g. activities promoting pupil and student mobility (between educational institutions) and teacher mobility, activities promoting cooperation with employers to increase the quality and relevance of dual and vocationally oriented education

**SO 2.2: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Activities aimed at preserving and improving the technical condition of tangible cultural heritage and natural monuments, activities aimed at building facilities for the preservation and development of intangible cultural heritage, including its digitisation, activities aimed at creating a comprehensive tourist offer in the border area (e.g. linking certain types of monuments in the form of nature trails, thematic routes), activities aimed at preserving, modernising and building tourist infrastructure
- Activities to raise awareness of the possibilities of exploiting the cultural and natural heritage in the border area, including innovative and digital approaches, the implementation of joint activities and strategies involving the integration of destinations, cooperation in the field of training of tourism professionals, exchange of know-how.

**SO 3.1: Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions**

- Activities supporting the creation and strengthening of partnerships, networks and cross-border support structures, activities supporting the exchange of experience and good practice between public administration institutions and cooperating entities in various fields, activities aimed at identifying and reducing administrative barriers to cross-border cooperation

**SO 3.2: Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions**

- Activities promoting social, sporting and cultural contacts in the cross-border area, joint activities in different fields (e.g. history, culture, art, nature, technology, health, lifestyle), activities promoting the involvement of citizens in governance



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Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change

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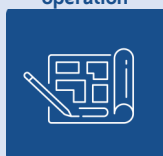Governance, Institutional co-operation

Disaster Prevention, Resilience

Circular Economy, Natural Resources

Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism

Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food

Rural & Urban Development

Migration, European Citizenship

Mobility & Transport

# Interreg SN-CZ (Saxony-Czech Republic)

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| **Region** | Germany     Czechia |

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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO     • Public Body<br>    • Others |

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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/78/Interreg-Saxony-Czech-Republic**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interreg Saxony - Czech Republic 2021-2027 programme supports cooperation projects that contribute to the **further economic, ecological and social development** of the common border area.

## Priorities

The programme offers the possibility to implement cooperation projects within four priorities:

**Priority 1: Innovation and competitiveness Climate change and sustainability**

- Improving the involvement of SMEs in research and innovation

- Establishing and expanding networking activities and services for SMEs

**Priority 2: Climate change and sustainability**

- Prevention, mitigation and management of environmental and climate change risks

- Intensification of cooperation in the field of fire protection, rescue and disaster management

- Conservation and restoration of biodiversity, development of green infrastructure and displacement of invasive species

**Priority 3: Education, lifelong learning, culture and tourism**

- Early childhood education

- School and out-of-school educational opportunities

- Vocational education and training, qualification of skilled workers

- Cooperation between universities and vocational academies

- Enhancement of the common tourism region

- Preservation, maintenance and communication of the cultural heritage

**Priority 4: Cooperation and confidence building**

- Improving cooperation between authorities, courts,

- public and state institutions and bodies

- Cross-border strategies

- Encounter projects (small project fund)

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# IPA III (Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance)

| Region | Albania | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Kosovo | Montenegro | North Macedonia | Serbia | Türkiye |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Institution<br>• International Organisation<br>• EU Institution |
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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/114/Instrument-for-Pre-accession-Assistance-IPA-III

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Neighbourhood & the World**
**Cluster: Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The general objective of the IPA III instrument is to assist beneficiaries in adopting and implementing the political, institutional, legal, administrative, social and economic reforms necessary for those beneficiaries to **align themselves with the values of the Union and to progressively align themselves with the rules, standards, policies and practices of the Union** with a view to contributing to their stability, security and prosperity.

## Priorities

The IPA III programming framework provides for five thematic windows:

- **Window 1 - Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy**: the overall objective of IPA III in this window is to strengthen the rule of law, democracy, respect for human rights and international law, civil society and security, and to improve migration management, including border management.

- **Window 2 - Good governance, alignment with the EU acquis, good neighborly relations and strategic communicatio**n: the overarching objective of EU assistance under Window 2 is to promote good governance, greater respect for the Union's values and alignment with the Union's rules, standards and practices in the areas concerned. EU assistance will also promote peace and stability throughout the region.

- **Window 3 - Green Agenda and Sustainable Connectivity**: the overarching objectives of EU assistance under Window 3 are to promote the green agenda by strengthening environmental protection, contributing to climate change mitigation, increasing resilience to climate change, accelerating the transition to a low-carbon economy and circular economy, and developing the

digital economy and society. This approach applies not only on land but also at sea with a new approach to a sustainable blue economy. It will help build resilience and prevent the emergence and spread of future health crises.

- **Window 4 - Competitiveness and Inclusive Growth**: the overall objective of EU assistance under Window 4 is to strengthen economic and social development, including through education, competitiveness, research and innovation, social inclusion, industrial and employment policies, with a particular focus on private sector development, agriculture, rural and industrial development. Gender equality, reduction of inequalities and strengthening of social cohesion must be taken into account, for example through the greening of companies to create jobs, with a focus on women, youth and refugees.

- **Window 5 - Territorial and cross-border cooperation**: the strategic objectives of the cross-

border cooperation programs between IPA III beneficiaries are:

♦ Promote reconciliation and confidence building and good neighborly relations.

♦ Economic, social and territorial development of border areas, promoting cooperation between national local/regional authorities, associations, non-governmental organizations and enterprises from neighboring regions

♦ Building the capacity of local, regional and national institutions to manage EU programs and preparing for the management of future structural funds under the territorial cooperation objective implemented upon accession.

In addition, a number of **cross-cutting issues such as climate change, environmental protection, civil society, gender equality and a rights-based approach** will be included in the five windows and thus implemented.

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| **Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness** | **Education, Children and Youth, Media** | **Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change** | **Digitisation, Digital Society** | **Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy** |
| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Justice, Safety and Security** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** |
| **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** | **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Migration, European Citizenship** |
| **Mobility & Transport** | | | | |

# IPA III Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro

| Region | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Montenegro | |
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| Entities / Organisations | <ul><li>Education and Training Institution</li><li>Research Institution incl. University</li><li>NPO/NGO</li><li>Public Body</li></ul> | | |
| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory | | |

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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Neighbourhood & the World**
**Cluster: Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The Cross-border Cooperation Program Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro 2021-2027 is implemented within the framework of IPA III. Its general objective is to contribute to the improvement of good neighborly relations and the promotion of sustainable, dynamic, strong and connected communities.

The program supports projects aimed at **environmental protection, promotion, adaptation and mitigation of climate change, risk management and prevention, as well as a better business environment and competitiveness through the promotion of tourism development and the protection of cultural and natural heritage.**

More sustainable and better cultural and nature tourism products, improving the capacity of relevant authorities and emergency services to manage risks from natural and man-made disasters, improving the capacity of local authorities, businesses and civil society organizations to address the challenges of climate change are just some of the expected outcomes of the Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro 2021-2027 Cross-Border Cooperation Program that will ultimately contribute to improving living and working conditions in the border area.

In this way, the series of successes achieved by projects under IPA I and IPA II will be continued, during which tourism services were improved and significant progress was made, with the aim of creating new opportunities for further development, work and employment, and motivating people to create better conditions for themselves and the community through their own efforts.

## Priorities

**Topic cluster 1: Better employment opportunities and social rights**

- Exchange and cooperation between labor market services, education and the business sector.

- Support partnerships between education and business to improve youth employability

- Improve digital skills and use of transition to online tools,

- Sharing experiences in developing new approaches to support vulnerable groups through social innovation and social economy.
- Cooperation in the field of lifelong learning to improve the skills of employed and unemployed people.

**Topic cluster 2: More environmentally friendly and improved resource efficiency**

- Promote cross-sectoral and cross-border collaboration to strengthen resilience to climate change
- Further cooperation and capacity building for integrated management of protected areas and valorization of natural resources
- Promote resource efficiency and circular economy business models related to waste management and other economic sectors in the program area

**Thematic cluster 3: Improved public infrastructure/ connectivity (transport, digitalization, energy, waste and water)**

- Introduction of sustainable mobility solutions in urban areas.
- Promoting the production and use of renewable energy sources
- Sharing experiences and best practices in spatial planning and integrated solutions
- Promoting the capacity of local government to improve digital skills and services for citizens.
- Promotion of digital economy solutions for SMEs.

**Topic cluster 4: Improving the business environment and competitiveness**

- Promote tourist flows from the most visited destinations with high concentration of visitors to discover the hinterland
- Digital promotion of the offer and development of competences for digital marketing.
- Collaboration to improve the business environment - local and regional business support centers or hubs
- Promoting entrepreneurial skills among the young population
- Promote digital and green economy solutions for SMEs
- Promote R&D in regional product development (agriculture and food processing, forestry, processing, clean energy, tourism)

**Theme cluster 5: Improved capacity of local and regional authorities to address local challenges**

- Collaborate to strengthen the institutional capacity of local authorities to improve the quality of services provided to citizens.
- Improved capacity for strategic local and regional planning and implementation
- Jointly addressing common challenges (climate change, disaster preparedness, social welfare, etc.)
- Expanding opportunities for local and regional civil society organizations to collaborate across borders

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

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**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg IPA RO-RS (Romania-Serbia)

| Region | Romania  Serbia | |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory | |

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## Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World
## Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance

## Summary

The Interreg IPA Programme Romania-Serbia focuses on socio-economic development, mobility, energy, natural and cultural resources and risks of environmental catastrophes.

The Programme developed the following priorities and specific objectives:

**P1: Environmental protection and risk management**

- SO 1.1: enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution
- SO 1.2: promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein
- SO 1.3: promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- SO 1.4: promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

**P2: Social and economic development**

- SO 2.1: improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training
- SO 2.2: ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care
- SO 2.3: enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P3: Increasing border management capacity**

- SO: enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and of stakeholders

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Protection of landscapes and implementation of measures to conserve and restore ecosystems, biodiversity, forestry and to protect wildlife;

- Conversation and protection measures of Natura 2000 sites on the Romanian side and equivalent natural protected areas on the Serbian side;
- Reducing pollution and raising awareness
- Rehabilitation of industrial sites and contaminated land, support to

the closure and rehabilitation of substandard and illegal landfill sites;

- Air quality (monitoring) and noise reduction ;
- Green infrastructure mainly in urban areas , but also connecting habitats, strengthening ecological corridors and protected sites,

**SO 1.2: promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein**

- Joint "pilot actions" in renewable energy

**SO 1.3: promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions**

- Energy efficiency for public infrastructure;
- Reducing emissions of green-house gas and air pollutants;

**SO 1.4: promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Restoration of natural areas (e.g. forests, river banks) to prevent floods and land-slides;
- Afforestation and reforestation
- Prevention/management of climate related risks, like: fires, storms, drought and non-climate related natural risks/risks linked to human activities
- Awareness measures/training products in the field of environment and emergency preparedness and climate change
- Flood prevention on Danube River

**SO 2.1: improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training**

- Working procedures, joint platforms, joint events for online education and training and exchange of best practice or guidelines
- Adaptation of youth to market needs
- Ensure social inclusion and social innovation, as well as support for

green and digital re-skilling and up-skilling;

- Creation of resilient/sustainable jobs & employing people with vulnerable background;
- Joint IT solutions and infrastructure and services for training, including technical and vocational and life-long learning.

**SO 2.2: ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care**

- Support digitalization in healthcare and health mobile assets;
- Improve accessibility effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services, especially for the elderly
- Investments in building/renovation/endowment of healthcare facilities (including laboratories) including purchase of high-tech equipment
- Elaborating working procedures, platforms, strategies for tackling cross-border medical threats;
- Know-how exchange and capacity building activities (joint trainings, conferences, workshops).

**SO 2.3: enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Develop and promote sustainable tourism assets and services
- Protect, develop and promote natural and cultural heritage and eco-tourism

**SO: enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and of stakeholders**

- Strengthening institutional capacities, policies and strategies for improvement of services in the field of border management; pandemic response,
- Joint trainings of border police personnel
- Infrastructure and equipment for effective border surveillance

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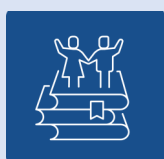
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Disaster Prevention, Resilience

Circular Economy, Natural Resources

Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism

Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food

Rural & Urban Development

Migration, European Citizenship

# Interreg NEXT BSB (Black Sea Basin Programme)

| Region | Bulgaria | Georgia | Greece | Moldova | Romania | Türkiye | Ukraine |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The Programme aims to remain a platform where the links between the participating countries are strengthened and new ones are created and where the **regional actors get together and contribute to a sustainable management of resources for the benefit of local citizens**.

The Programme will further deepen the cross-border cooperation in the Black Sea Basin in a transnational configuration, supporting **three specific objectives**:

- Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities;

- Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention;

- Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure.

## Priorities

**Fields of action:**

- Use of innovative technological developments, including enhancement and application of Artificial Intelligence technologies, in support of the blue economy

- Development of research on integrated coastal and marine management including the interaction between land-based and sea-based activities and their impacts on coastal zones

- Use of innovative technologies for sustainable fisheries and eco-friendly aquaculture

- Promotion of innovation for improved tools for smart observing, monitoring and accurate environmental forecasting

- Measures to prevent and mitigate the impacts of climate change on the Black Sea region, including on water quality and quantity

- Addressing environmental hazards, coastal erosion, landslides, sea level rise, extreme events, non-indigenous species (NIS), invasive alien species (IAS), flooding, and drought in connection with climate change

- Development and improvement of mechanisms of monitoring and early warning for natural or/and man-made disasters

- Development and implementation of green recovery actions, contributing to climate change adaptation in the Black Sea Basin area building on lessons learnt and best practices

- Protection and promotion of biodiversity and natural heritage

- Actions on environment protection at all educational levels

- Investing in green infrastructure to mitigate air, water, noise, soil pollution and degradation

- Actions for pollutants reduction, as well as marine and river litter reduction, collecting and recycling

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

# Interreg NEXT HU-SK-RO-UA (Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine)

| Region | | | | |
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| | Hungary | Slovakia | Romania | Ukraine |

| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENI CBC Programme aims to promote cooperation across the borders between EU Member States and the countries in the European Neighbourhood.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: A resilient and green border region**

- SO 1.1: promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approached

- SO 1.2: enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: A healthy and attractive border region**

- SO 2.1: ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care

- SO 2.2: enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P3: A cooperating border region**

- SO 3.1: enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approaches**

- Joint actions aimed to reduce the impact of climate change and human threats on nature: technical preparation of common infrastructure development projects and implementation of common interest infrastructure development projects

- Joint education, awareness raising and knowledge sharing activities in the field of climate change adaptation and risk prevention for better understanding, increasing preparedness and prevention

**SO 1.2: enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Joint initiatives for ensuring the sustainable development of natural areas: technical preparation of common infrastructure development projects and implementation of common interest infrastructure development projects
- Joint education activities, and awareness raising and knowledge sharing in the field of nature protection and biodiversity

**SO 2.1: ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care**

- Creation of the legislative, administrative and technical framework for common epidemiological measures and the cross-border rescue services
- Investments for improving cooperation in epidemiology and in cross-border rescue services
- Enhancing the use of digital technologies in healthcare

and health development

- Implementation of health screening and health promotion programmes

**SO 2.2: enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Capacity development by data collection, knowledge sharing and training
- Development of common or joint tourism products, including development of cross-border networks and routes
- Promotion of local and regional cooperation in culture and arts
- Pilot actions to boost social innovation and the inclusion of vulnerable groups of the society in cultural activities, tourism services and projects

**SO 3.1: enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions**

- Institutional cooperation between public and civil society organisations

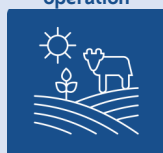| | | | | |
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| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Justice, Safety and Security** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** |
| **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** | **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Migration, European Citizenship** |
| **Mobility & Transport** | | | | |

# Interreg NEXT RO-MD (Romania-Moldova)

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| **Region** | Romania  Moldova |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

The programme will finance projects aimed at **modernising the medical system**, equipping and modernising **schools and other educational institutions**, developping **tourism** in the border area. Projects aimed at strengthening administrative capacity, prevention and preparation for interventions in emergency situations will also receive funding.

## Priorities

Priorities and objectives:

**Green Communities**

- Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

- Enhancing protection and preservation of nature biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**Social Development across Borders**

- Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training

- Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community- based care

- Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**Cooperation across borders**

- Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in

particular, with a view to resolving legal, capacity and other obstacles in border region

- Border crossing management and mobility and migration management

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg NEXT RO-UA (Romania-Ukraine)

| Region | Romania    Ukraine |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body ┊ • International Organisation |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Headings: Cohesion and Values / Neighbourhood & the World Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion / Pre-Accession Assistance**

## Summary

Interreg NEXT Romania-Ukraine will finance projects in the field of health, education, tourism and culture, adaptation to climate change and border management.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Environmental focus across borders**

- SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

- SO 1.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

**P2: Social development across borders**

- SO 2.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training

- SO 2.2: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to familybased and community- based care

- SO 2.3: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**P3: Border Cooperation**

- SO 3.1: Border crossing management

## Priorities

**SO 1.1: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches**

- Construction/rehabilitation/modernization of infrastructure related to systems/structures dealing with fires and floods
- Necessary equipment to address emergency situations

- Common strategies and tools for hazard management and risk prevention including joint action plans
- Joint training programmes, networking, exchanging experience and knowledge, including raising awareness in the field of efficient risk prevention and management in the crossborder area

**SO 1.2: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature biodiversity**

and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

- Creation/extension of natural reserves
- Improving human/technical capacity and modernizing monitoring equipment of protected areas
- Studies, research, common protocols for coordinated implementation on European conventions, joint strategies & plans, trainings/awareness campaigns
- Assessment, protection and improvement of existing ecosystems
- Urban green infrastructure

**SO 2.1: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training**

- Rehabilitation/modernization/extension/equipment procurement for the educational infrastructure with a strong focus on accessibility for disabled people
- Investments in hardware and software necessary for the development of digital skills
- Joint educational and learning plans and strategies, training and mentorship programmes
- Partnerships between training/education institutions and specialized civil society organisations
- Joint initiatives that support adult education and training, including mobility programs

**SO 2.2: Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to familybased and community- based care**

- Enhance the access to health in the border area through construction/rehabilitation/modernization of infrastructure
- Developing labs and mobile labs for screening / clinical monitoring of diseases and prevention of cross border epidemics
- Equipping specific public medical service infrastructure, including emergency infrastructure
- Mobile health status screening caravans for monitoring health status as well as dental care assistance providing to population in rural areas
- Joint training programs/exchange of experience,
- Ensure compatibility of the treatment guidelines, joint diagnosis programmes
- Awareness campaigns concerning public education on health, diseases & prevention of epidemics
- Specific equipment for digitalization in healthcare

**SO 2.3: Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation**

- Restoration, conservation, consolidation, protection, security of cultural and historical monuments, archaeological sites and objects
- Supporting and promoting specific and traditional craftsman activities,
- Construction, modernization of visiting centers of protected natural areas
- Development of ecofriendly tourist routes
- Investments in hardware and software necessary for digitalization of cultural sites and events
- Promoting digital platforms for tourism
- Promoting cultural heritage sites
- Joint campaigns, publications, studies, strategies to improve cross border tourism potential
- Partnerships with civil society

**SO 3.1: Border crossing management**

- Specifric equipment for the activity of the police/customs/border police/gendarmerie
- Joint trainings of police, customs, border police, gendarmerie, other structures involved in border management, exchange of best practices
- Modernization, rehabilitation, renovation, upgrading of police and border crossing infrastructure
- Common policies, strategies, common intervention plans and strategies, awareness campaigns related to human trafficking and other issues related to border management



**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

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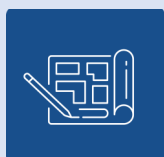**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

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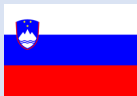
**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interreg Alpine Space programme

| Region | Germany | France | Italy | Liechtenstein | Austria | Switzerland | Slovenia |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) <br> • NPO/NGO | • Public Body <br> • Private Entity <br> • Others |
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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Alpine Space Programme is a European transnational cooperation programme that funds projects across the Alps. It provides a framework to connect actors from different sectors and different policy levels from seven Alpine countries. Key actors from science and administration, business and the innovation sector as well as policy makers work together to address common challenges and develop joint solutions for the Alpine Space. They share their experience and expertise and strive to improve the quality of life of Alpine inhabitants.

The programme will **focus on green, carbon neutral, innovative and governance-related issues.** The programme's mission statement also reflects this focus and aims to make this approach widely visible. The following priorities are defined for the period 2021-2027:

**Priority 1: "Climate-resilient and green Alpine Space".**

• Objective: Promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience.

• Objective: Improve conservation and nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reduce all forms of pollution.

**Priority 2: "Climate neutral and resource efficient Alpine Space".**

• Objective: Promote energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

• Objective: Promoting the transition to a circular economy and resource efficiency

**Priority 3: "Innovation and digitalisation for a green Alpine Space".**

• Objective: Improve research and innovation capacities and the adoption of advanced technologies.

• Objective: Exploit the benefits of digitalisation for citizens, businesses, research institutions and public authorities.

**Priority 4 - Specific objective of Interreg: "Better governance of cooperation".**

**Objective: Promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience**

Under this specific objective, measures to promote adaptation to climate change, i.e. "the process of adapting to the actual or expected climate and its impacts", as formulated by the IPCC, should be covered.

**Objective: Improve conservation and nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reduce all forms of pollution**

Continued and projected habitat loss and fragmentation of biotopes are leading to high biodiversity losses and reducing ecosystem services. The need to reduce fragmentation and loss of biotopes and to promote ecosystem connectivity is therefore great.

**Objective: Promote energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

Efficiency concepts alone will most likely not be sufficient to make the transition to a carbon-neutral or even post-carbon society. Innovative steps should therefore go beyond efficiency and promote integrated, sufficiency-oriented concepts of well-being and carbon-neutral lifestyles. This should be coupled with the use of renewable energy sources, which are widely available in the Alpine Space (e.g. hydro, wind, solar, etc.).

**Objective: Promoting the transition to a circular economy and resource efficiency**

The principles of avoiding waste and trying to use resources for as long as possible are relevant to the entire production cycle. In this respect, the circular economy is a much more comprehensive approach than just recycling or waste management. It strongly supports sustainable development,

mindful use of resources, climate neutrality and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

**Objective: Enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies**

Cooperation in the field of innovation capacities is a transversal activity that can enhance the impact of the programme in specific thematic areas by increasing the innovation potential of Alpine stakeholders. The improvement of research and innovation capacities in the Alpine Space should be effectively promoted through cooperation between actors and stakeholders in different regions.

**Objective: Exploit the benefits of digitalisation for citizens, businesses, research institutions and public authorities**

New digital tools can be developed to increase the resilience of Alpine regions and mitigate the effects of accessibility problems and remoteness linked to the negative demographic situation in many regions. Such increased flexibility can be particularly attractive in the context of the territorial specificity of the Alps as well as their ambition to become climate resilient, carbon neutral, green, inclusive and resource efficient.

**Specific objective of Interreg: "A better governance of cooperation"**

This objective represents a tailor-made opportunity to deepen and develop cooperation and governance structures in the Alpine Space, with a particular focus on professionalising governance and stakeholder structures, as well as preparing the ground for innovative projects and greater involvement of civil society.

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# Interreg Central Europe

| Region | Germany, Italy, Croatia, Austria, Polen, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czechia, Hungary |
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| Entities / Organisations | <ul><li>Education and Training Institution</li><li>Research Institution incl. University</li><li>Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)</li><li>NPO/NGO</li></ul> | <ul><li>Public Body</li><li>Private Entity</li><li>International Organisation</li><li>Others</li></ul> |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE envisions a **united Central Europe working together - to become smarter, greener and better connected together**. Based on common needs and a shared identity in an area long divided by the "Iron Curtain", the programme aims to create a trusting culture of cooperation across administrative borders.

The programme aims to bring regions and cities together across borders to find appropriate solutions for their citizens - in a fair and equal way everywhere. It promotes and **supports transnational cooperation to make regions more resilient to common challenges** that know no borders and cannot be solved alone. These challenges include economic transition, climate change and the long-term socio-economic consequences of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The programme priorities and specific objectives form the backbone of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE funding strategy 2021-27. In line with the thematic areas, transnational cooperation actions should address the development and implementation of strategies, action plans, tools, training, pilot actions and related solutions. All actions shall comply with the horizontal principles of sustainable development, including environmental protection, as well as equal opportunities, non-discrimination and gender equality.

The programme has the following priorities:

- **Priority 1: Cooperation for a smarter Central Europe.**
- **Priority 2: Working together for a greener Central Europe**
- **Priority 3: Working together for a better connected Europe**
- **Priority 4: Improving governance for cooperation in Central Europe**

## Priorities

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| **SO 1.1 Strengthening innovation capacities** <br> Strong innovation capacities are important for Central | Europe given its strong industrial base & the importance of sectors such as agriculture, food & tourism. |

**SO 1.2 Strengthening skills for smart specialisation, industrial change and entrepreneurship**

SMEs have been identified as the main employment providers in Central Europe and it is important to foster the locally available human skills, especially for the transition to Industry 4.0, digitalisation and a green economy.

**SO 2.1 Supporting the energy transition to a climate-neutral Central Europe**

Central Europe needs to accelerate its performance in both energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and use to meet EU targets and the climate goals of the European Green Deal.

**SO 2.2 Increasing resilience to climate change risks**

To increase resilience to climate change, general approaches need to be adapted locally to develop feasible and manageable integrated solutions that can be disseminated across Central Europe.

**SO 2.3 Advancing the circular economy in Central Europe**

A climate-neutral, resource-efficient & competitive economy requires highly scaled circular approaches. This economic transformation needs to considert that a circular economy often requires a reorganisation of value chains, changing interdependencies & creating new profit options.

**SO 2.4 Safeguarding the environment**

The economic and ecological importance of natural assets and landscapes in Central Europe requires coordinated valorisation and protection of biodiversity and ecosystems. There is an urgent need to counteract the negative effects of human activity through integrated environmental management concepts.

**SO 2.5 Greening urban mobility**

Smart and greener urban mobility requires an integrated response. Many functional urban areas in Central Europe face similar challenges in greening their mobility.

**SO 3.1 Improving transport accessibility of rural and peripheral regions**

The programme area is an important crossroads in Europe. This can strategically facilitate participation in trade and increase competitiveness. However, accessibility to major transport corridors is comparatively weak. There is a need to connect peripheral regions in particular to the nodes of the TEN-T core network corridors (CNC), to remove bottlenecks and bridge missing transport links to ensure good accessibility throughout Central Europe.

**SO 4.1 Strengthening governance for integrated territorial development**

Central Europe is very heterogeneous both territorially and socio-economically. There is a need to improve the capacity of authorities at all territorial levels to elaborate and implement integrated territorial development strategies. Cooperation should be promoted within and between territories that have functional links.

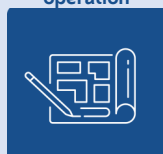| | | | | |
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| **Health, Social, Sport** | **Equal Rights, Social Inclusion** | **Governance, Institutional co-operation** | **Disaster Prevention, Resilience** | **Circular Economy, Natural Resources** |
| **Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism** | **Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food** | **Rural & Urban Development** | **Migration, European Citizenship** | **Mobility & Transport** |

# Interreg Danube Region Programme

| Region | Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Germany, Croatia, Moldova, Montenegro, Austria, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czechia, Ukraine, Hungary |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• International Organisation<br>• Others |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/61/Interreg-Danube-Region-Programme-2021-2027**

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interreg Danube Region Programme works for **economic, social and territorial cohesion through policy networking in selected areas in the Danube Region**. To achieve more territorial integration in the highly heterogeneous Danube Region, the transnational cooperation programme acts as a policy driver and enabler to address common challenges and respond to needs in specific policy areas where transnational cooperation is likely to deliver tangible results.

The Danube macro-region is a region of barriers as it is highly fragmented politically, socio-economically and administratively. The effects of this fragmentation are crucial for the development of the entire region; therefore, the associated boundary effects should be addressed and mitigated. **The fragmentation of the region is not only a weakness, but also an opportunity for greater cooperation and coordinated action** between these countries to overcome these barriers in the areas of innovation, environment, governance and social issues.

## Priorities

The following priorities have been identified for the period 2021-2027:

**Priority 1: A Smart Danube Region**

• Specific objective: Develop and improve research and innovation capacities and the adoption of cutting-edge technologies.

• Specific objective: develop capabilities for smart

specialization, industrial transformation and entrepreneurship

**Priority 2: A greener, low-carbon Danube Region**

• Specific objective: promoting renewable energy in line with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein

• Specific objective: to promote climate change

adaptation capacities in the Danube Region and disaster management at the transnational level in relation to environmental risks, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches

- Specific objective: sustainable, integrated, transboundary water and sediment management in the Danube River Basin to ensure good quality and quantity of water and sediment balance
- Specific objective: Protection and conservation of biodiversity in ecological corridors and ecoregions of transnational importance in the Danube basin.

**Priority 3: A more social Danube Region**

- Specific objective: Accessible, inclusive and effective labor markets

- Specific objective: Accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning.
- Specific objective: Strengthening the role of culture and sustainable tourism for economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

**Priority 4: Better governance of cooperation**

- Specific objective: strengthening institutional capacity for territorial and macro-regional governance.

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# Interreg Europe

| Region | EU | Norway | Switzerland |
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| Entities / Organisations | • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

Interreg Europe is an interregional cooperation programme co-financed by the European Union. The European Union aims to **reduce disparities in development, growth and quality of life within and between the regions of Europe.** The aim of Interreg Europe is to **enable public authorities and other relevant organisations to actively learn from the experiences of other regions**. This is a learning process in which good practices are identified, analysed and transferred in order to improve regional development policy instruments and ultimately find solutions that benefit all citizens.

The overall objective of Interreg Europe is to **"improve the implementation of regional development policies, including programmes focusing on investment in jobs and growth, by promoting the exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building in relation to the identification, dissemination and transfer of good practice among regional policy stakeholders".**

The programme will fund two complementary types of strategic actions:

- **Interregional Cooperation Projects**: These are partnerships consisting of policy-relevant organisations from different countries in Europe working together for four years to share experiences on a specific regional development theme. In the fourth and final year of implementation, partner regions focus mainly on monitoring the results and impact of their project. Calls for project proposals are launched throughout the programme period.

- **A policy learning platform**: It provides a space for continuous or demand-driven learning where any policy-relevant organisation dealing with regional development policy in Europe can find solutions and request expert support to improve their policies.

# Priorities

Interreg Europe contributes to all EU priorities and aims to improve regional governance through capacity building in the following areas:

**Smarter Europe**

- Research and innovation capacities
- Digitalisation
- SME competitiveness
- S3, Industry and Entrepreneurship
- Digital connectivity

**Greener Europe**

- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energies
- Smart Energy Systems
- Climate Change
- Water Management
- Circular economy
- Nature and Biodiversity
- Carbon-free urban mobility

**A better connected Europe**

- Sustainable TEN-T
- Sustainable mobility

**A more social Europe**

- Education
- Social inclusion
- Integration of third country nationals
- Health care
- Culture and sustainable tourism

**A Europe close to its citizens**

- Integrated urban development
- Integrated non-urban development

**Better regional governance**

- Political governance

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# ESPON 2030

| Region | EU | Iceland | Liechtenstein | Norway | Switzerland |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• EU-Institution<br>• Others/Natural Person |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/73/ESPON-2030

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

ESPON is an EU-funded programme that **supports public authorities** responsible for shaping territorial policies with high-quality expertise.
**ESPON creates facts and knowledge by developing studies** based on the needs of European authorities at all levels. Any local, regional or national authority as well as an EU institution can inform ESPON about policy support needs and become an ESPON stakeholder.

The studies have a territorial focus, which means that the analyses are adapted to the specificities and needs of the people and places studied.

For the ESPON 2030 Programme, the studies and events are bundled in the so-called Thematic Action Plans (TAPs):

• **Climate Neutral Territories**

• **Managing New Geographies**

• **Crisis Resistant Places**

• **Perspectives for all people and places**

## Priorities

**Local, regional and national authorities** are the main beneficiaries of ESPON's outputs. They can request services and purchase customised studies that include benchmarking, case analysis and policy advice on the topics of their interest.

ESPON is a unique source of information for **academics, researchers and students**. Since 2006, ESPON has been cited more than 20,000 times in academic publications. At the same time, many European universities and research centres are commissioned by ESPON to conduct studies.

As ESPON's content is freely accessible and downloadable for all, the **private sector** also benefits from the work. Consultancies, SMEs and even industry can use the publications to better position themselves in specific markets and/or adapt their products and services.

ESPON is a goldmine for **journalists**. It provides them with

evidence and data to back up their reports and connects them to a large pool of experts and advocacy groups.

ESPON can also be useful for active **citizens** who want to know how a city/region is performing, get an overview of the main territorial trends in Europe or simply browse through interactive maps and graphs.

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# European Urban Initiative (EUI)

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| **Region** | EU |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) <br> • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body <br> • Private Entity <br> • Others |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/66/European-Urban-Initiative**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The European Urban Initiative is an important tool to **support cities of all sizes, build capacity and knowledge, foster innovation and develop transferable and scalable innovative solutions to urban challenges of EU relevance**.

Under the first funding approach, **innovative and experimental sustainable urban development** measures and projects will be supported. Thematically, these must be closely linked to current challenges agreed by the Commission, Member States and associations of cities in the framework of the EU Urban Agenda. In addition, the transfer of already tested innovative solutions to other cities is to be promoted.

In the second strand, **knowledge on sustainable urban development will be shared and used**. Therefore, the cooperation of the cities participating in the networks will be supported, for example through peer learning activities. This will also further develop the EU Urban Agenda and support intergovernmental cooperation on urban issues. A network of urban contact points will be established in EU Member States to facilitate work at local, regional and national level.

## Priorities

In times of rapid urbanisation, Europe is increasingly facing major urban challenges ranging from the global health crisis and increasing digitalisation to social inequalities, demographic change, climate change and environmental degradation.

To address these pressing challenges, cities in the EU need to transform and adapt to **develop their creative and innovative potential within their competences, financial resources and capacities.**

As part of this transformative perspective for cities, the EUI, funded by the European Union, supports urban areas of all sizes with innovative actions, capacity and knowledge building, and policy development and communication on sustainable urban development.

The legal basis of the European Urban Initiative is contained in Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund (hereinafter the ERDF/CF Regulation), which sets out the main content and strategic framework of the initiative. The general objectives of the EUI are

- strengthening integrated and participatory approaches to sustainable urban development; and
- to establish stronger links with EU policies, in particular cohesion policy.

The initiative aims to **provide coherent support to cities in order to overcome the current fragmented landscape of multiple initiatives, programmes and instruments** supporting cities under Cohesion Policy. Within its strategic approach, the EUI covers all urban areas, including large, small and medium-sized cities ("**cities of all sizes**") as well as functional urban areas. It supports the EU Urban Agenda and, at the request of one or more Member States, the EUI can support intergovernmental cooperation on urban issues. In this context, the aim is to create additional effective links and synergies between the activities of the EUI and the EU Urban Agenda and intergovernmental cooperation.

The European Urban Initiative comprises two strands of action:

- Supporting innovative actions and
- Supporting capacity building and knowledge, territorial impact assessments, policy development and communication.

## European Urban Initiative - Innovative Actions (EUI-IA)
### https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/67/European-Urban-Initiative-Innovative-Actions

The European Urban Initiative is an important tool to support cities of all sizes, build capacity and knowledge, foster innovation and develop transferable and scalable innovative solutions to urban challenges of EU relevance.

EUI-IA offers two levels of support:

- **Funding for the testing and transfer of your innovative urban solution.** EUI-IA co-finances up to 80% of your project's activities and can provide you with up to €5 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for the implementation of your project.

- **Capture, share and disseminate the knowledge your project generates**. The EUI is interested in understanding what worked and what did not work in the implementation of the innovative solution in order to learn lessons, capture the knowledge and share it with urban decision-makers and practitioners across Europe. Therefore, after the implementation of the innovative measures, the EUI will collect and share the results of the project trials. This will feed into transfer activities, with the aim of fostering innovation capacity and knowledge building for all urban areas in the EU and incorporating innovative solutions into sustainable urban development.

Based on calls for proposals on predefined themes proposed by the European Commission, the following projects were selected for innovative actions:

**Innovative**

Innovative actions support pilot projects that have not yet been tested anywhere else in Europe. Such projects are highly experimental and therefore risky and are therefore unlikely to be funded through traditional or conventional funding sources. The innovative nature of the proposed solution can be understood as an evolutionary approach, where the innovation lies in the new elements added to the existing idea, or as a revolutionary approach with completely new solutions that have never been tested before in the relevant policy area in the EU.

**Participatory**

The partnership must be relevant to addressing the identified urban challenges and implementing the proposed solution. Participation and co-design with partners, relevant stakeholders and target groups are key to the development and implementation of truly innovative and experimental projects.

## Measurable

The innovative actions implemented must be measurable in order to draw meaningful conclusions regarding the added value of the project in the policy area concerned. A sound methodology is needed to measure the expected impact, as well as clear and quantified results to capture the expected change in the local situation as a result of the project.

## Transferable and scalable

The selected solutions address urban problems that may be relevant to other urban authorities in Europe and transferable to other local contexts. Based on the lessons learned from the project and shared with a wider audience of policy makers and practitioners, the innovative actions have the potential to be scaled up and transferred to other urban areas in Europe.

## Of good quality

Proposals for innovative actions must be sound and ready to be implemented. They must prove to be justified, realistic, consistent and coherent. They should also be able to be managed efficiently and implemented quickly, and offer good value for money.

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Rural & Urban Development**

# URBACT IV

| Region | EU <br> In addition: <br> Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Switzerland, Serbia |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Public Body |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/de/programs/101/URBACT-IV**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regionale Development and Zusammenhalt**

## Summary

For the period 2021-2027, URBACT IV builds on the legacy of past programs and offers cities even more opportunities to bring about positive change. The current program integrates the overarching EU priorities of digital, green, and gender-responsive policymaking into its activities. The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed under the program:

**P1: Promote integrated sustainable urban development through collaboration.**

SO 1.1: Improve the institutional capacity of public authorities, especially those charged with managing a given area, and stakeholders.

## Priorities

**P1: Promote integrated sustainable urban development through collaboration.**
SO 1.1: Improve the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those charged with managing a given area, and stakeholders

- **Leverage transnational networks to improve the capacity of European cities** to co-design and implement integrated action plans related to common sustainable urban development challenges, transfer established urban best practices, and design investment plans to replicate elements of urban innovative actions.

- **Enhance the capacity of urban stakeholders** to design and implement sustainable urban development policies, practices, and innovations in an integrated, participatory, and place-based manner.

- **Ensure that URBACT knowledge and practice are made available to urban practitioners** and policy makers to inform local, regional, national and European urban policy, in particular through the European Urban Initiative; and contribute to the Urban Agenda for the EU.

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Mobility & Transport**

# Interact IV

| Region | EU    Norway    Switzerland |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) <br> • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body / EU-Institutionen <br> • Private Entity <br> • International Organisation <br> • Others / Natural Person |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/108/Interact-IV

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Regionale Development and Zusammenarbeit**

## Summary

Interact has a **supporting function between the territorial cooperation programmes**. It provides free services to the actors of Interreg, Interreg-IPA CBC and ENI CBC.

The following priorities and specific objectives have been developed within the programme:

**P1: Service delivery - SO 1.1: Improve the institutional capacity of public authorities, especially those in charge of managing a given territory, and of stakeholders (all strands).**
Under the specific Interreg objective "Better Governance", Interact has identified three perspectives that aim to improve the institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders for effective implementation of Interreg programmes and other cooperation activities. These perspectives aim to: Better and more effective management of processes and procedures; Better cooperation in the context of Interreg; and Improving the evidence base and visibility of Interreg. Building on the experience of promoting cooperation and coordination between different actors in the implementation of MRS and more recently SBS, Interact intends to continue to support the existing territorial framework programmes, their actors and their outward orientation whenever they benefit Interreg and promote cooperation as an effective policy tool. This includes capacity building approaches, staff exchange methods, cooperation models and experiences for actors inside and outside Interreg.

## Priorities

**Increasing efficiency: strengthening the management capacity of Interreg programmes and other cooperation actors**

• Harmonisation of approaches focusing on interpretation and harmonisation of rules, information flows and procedures for Interreg programmes from different sectors and other cooperation actors in line with Interact's mandate, including harmonisation pilots (e.g. harmonisation of procedures such as ongoing reporting and project changes, business intelligence dashboard, capitalisation toolkit) to support

cooperation activities as mentioned above.

- Simplification of approaches followed in the structures for Interreg programmes in the rules & procedures for programme/project management & information flows, & through pilot processes in the cooperation actions mentioned above.

- Efficient programme management to support leaner management, clearer delineation of roles and responsibilities, better internal communication and transparency of processes.

**Empowerment of individuals: Strengthening capacity to work in cooperation programmes and contexts**

- Institutional knowledge and competence to support the learning and development of those working in Interreg programmes and cooperation contexts in general. The aim is to develop the skills to better manage the implementation of programmes and projects and to strengthen the skills and expertise to find new ways of managing cooperation and to develop synergies between programmes/funding instruments

- Strengthen cooperation and coordination skills between stakeholders of Interreg programmes (including EGTC actors) and those stakeholders involved in the management and implementation of territorial

governance frameworks and initiatives such as MRS and SBS. The pilot actions will also be aligned with the objective of the IJG.

- Innovative approaches: Support actions to promote innovative tools and methods in a cooperation context and for cooperation purposes.

**Interreg Visibility: Strengthening the capacity to collect and communicate programme and project results and to increase visibility**

- Building and collecting thematic knowledge and awareness of results, aggregating and analysing Interreg results and promoting coordination and capitalisation as a mainstream management process in programmes.

- Communicating results, aiming at integrating communication into the programme life cycle, communicating and promoting results and building knowledge about what to promote and to whom.

- Visibility of Interreg: This is about promoting strategic communication, the use of joint initiatives to reach relevant stakeholders, the overall visibility of Interreg in relevant fora and the design of cooperation processes.
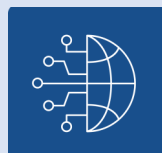


**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**
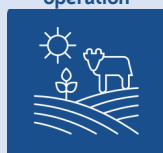
**Justice, Safety and Security**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

**Mobility & Transport**

# European Social Fund+ (ESF+)

| Region | EU | Iceland | Kosovo | Montenegro | Norway | Serbia |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) | • NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• EU-Institution |
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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/79/European-Social-Fund**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Invest in People, Social Cohesionand Values**

## Summary

The European Social Fund+ (ESF+) is the European Union's (EU) main instrument for investing in people. With a budget of almost €99.3 billion for the period 2021-2027, the ESF+ will continue to make an important contribution to policies and reforms in the fields of employment, social affairs, education and skills.

Objectives of the ESF+:

- **Equality for women and men** - incl. innovative childcare services.

- **Active ageing** - incl. digitalisation issues
- **Active inclusion** - improving professional participation
- Support for **young people** in schools and at the transition from school to education and work
- Access to **lifelong learning** - incl. digital competences
- **Social innovation**
- **Just Transition Fund** in specific regions particularly affected by the impact of the greening of the economy

## Priorities

- **Invest in young people** who have been hit particularly hard by the socio-economic crisis following the Corona virus outbreak. Member States above the EU average in terms of the proportion of young people not in employment, education or training (the so-called "NEETs", aged 15-29) should devote at least 12.5% of their ESF+ funding to helping these young people find a qualification or a quality job. All other Member States

must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ funds to targeted actions to support youth employment measures.

- **Support the most vulnerable people** suffering from job losses and income cuts: Member States must allocate at least 25% of their ESF+ funds to support social inclusion.

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- **Provide food and basic material assistance to the most vulnerable** by integrating the current Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) into the ESF+. All Member States will devote at least 3% of their ESF+ funds to this objective.

- **Invest in measures for children** who have suffered from the effects of the crisis. Member States where the level of child poverty is above the EU average should devote at least 5% of their ESF+ funds to tackling this problem. All other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF Plus funds to targeted measures to tackle child poverty.

- **Contribute to the green and digital transformation**, with investment in skills opportunities for workers in a climate-neutral, digital and inclusive society.

- **Directly support social innovation**, social entrepreneurship and cross-border labour mobility through the new Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand of ESF Plus, with earmarked funding of €676 million. EaSI will support analytical activities, capacity building and transnational/cross-border cooperation to strengthen social protection and inclusion, fair working conditions and equal access to the labour market and improve labour mobility.

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Digitisation, Digital Society**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# EU4Health Programm 2021-2027

| Region | | | | | |
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| | EU | Iceland | Moldova | Norway | Ukraine |

| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • International Organisation <br> • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) | • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body <br> • Private Entity <br> • Others |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/117/EU4Health-programme-2021-2027-**

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Reconstruction and Resilience**

## Summary

The EU4Health programme was launched in response to the COVID 19 pandemic and aims to strengthen the EU's crisis preparedness. The pandemic demonstrated the vulnerability of our national health systems. The programme aims to make health systems stronger, more resilient and more accessible to address long-term health threats.

**Improving and promoting health in the EU**

• Health promotion and disease prevention, especially for cancer

• Health initiatives and cooperation at international level

**Protecting people**

• Prevention, preparedness and rapid response to cross-border health threats

• Supplementing national stockpiles with essential crisis-related products

• Establishment of a reserve of medical, health and support staff

**Access to medicines, medical devices and crisis-related products**

• Ensuring that these products are accessible, available and affordable

**Strengthening health systems**

• Improving health data, digital tools and services; digitising health systems

• Facilitating access to healthcare

• Developing and enforcing EU health law and evidence-based decision-making

• Coordination between national health systems

EU4Health will pave the way to a **European Health Union** by investing in urgent health priorities:

- Response to the COVID-19 crisis and reinforcing the EU's resilience for cross-border health threats

- Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

- Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

Other areas, such as health systems' digitalisation, reducing the number of antimicrobial-resistant infections and improving vaccination rates will also be boosted.

The EU will expand successful initiatives like the European Reference Networks for rare diseases and continue to pursue international cooperation on global health threats and challenges.

EU4Health is implemented by annual Work Programmes supporting a broad range of actions that are clustered under four overarching "strands" with a cross-cutting focus on cancer.

- Crisis preparedness

- Health promotion and disease prevention

- Health systems and healthcare workforce

- Digital

The programme provides funding to eligible entities, health organisations and NGOs from EU countries, or non-EU countries associated to the programme.

**Health, Social, Sport**

# Interregional Innovation Investments (I3)

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| **Region** | EU |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• International Organisation<br>• Others |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are mandatory |

**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/113/Interregional-Innovation-Investments**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values
Cluster: Regional Development and Cohesion**

## Summary

The Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument, as part of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), aims to **support interregional innovation projects** in their commercialisation and scaling-up phase and provide them with the tools to overcome regulatory and other obstacles and bring their project to investment level.

## Priorities

The I3 instrument work programme aims to foster innovation through smart specialisation and interregional cooperation. The I3 instrument supports greater interregional cooperation on investments and creates sustainable linkages by connecting regional ecosystems in common areas of smart specialisation, which are crucial for accelerating market uptake of research results and stimulating innovation. Therefore, the focus is on the following areas:

**Action Line 1 - Financial and advisory support for investments in interregional innovation projects.**

Action Line 1 targets mature partnerships to support them in accelerating market uptake and scaling innovative solutions in common focus areas of smart specialisation and in developing a portfolio of investment projects.

**Action Line 2a - Financial and advisory support for value chain development in less developed regions.**

Action Line 2a focuses on increasing the capacity of regional innovation ecosystems in less developed regions to participate in global value chains, as well as increasing their capacity to engage in partnerships with other regions.

**Labour Market/Employment, Competitiveness**

# Justice Programme (JUST)

| Region | EU (außer DK) | Albania | Kosovo | North Macedonia | Serbia | Ukraine |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | • International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/68/Justice-Programme

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Cohesion and Values**
**Cluster: Invest in People, Social Cohesion and Values**

## Summary

The Justice program runs from 2021 to 2027, providing funding to **support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**, such as training for judges and other legal professionals and effective access to justice for citizens and businesses. It contributes to the further development of a European judicial area based on the rule of law, including the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, mutual recognition, mutual trust and judicial cooperation. It strengthens democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights. This program is part of a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund established in conjunction with the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values program.

## Priorities

**Judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**

Projects in this area aim to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters and to promote the rule of law, independence and impartiality of the judiciary, including by supporting efforts to improve the efficiency of national judicial systems and the effective enforcement of decisions, and should achieve the following results:

- **Strengthen the capacity of national practitioners and authorities** to address issues related to judicial cooperation and the application of Union instruments;

- **Strengthen cooperation and exchange of information** between national competent authorities regarding judicial cooperation in civil matters, also taking into account the relevant case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union;

- **Increase awareness** among legal professionals and policy makers.

**Legal education**

Projects in this area aim to support and **promote the education and training of judges and prosecutors** in order to foster a common culture of law, justice and the rule of law, as well as the coherent and effective application of the

Union's legal instruments in the areas of civil law, criminal law and fundamental rights, judicial ethics and the rule of law, by filling the gaps in training needs in these areas:

- Improve legal professionals' knowledge of EU civil, criminal and fundamental rights instruments;

- Improve mutual trust among legal professionals in cross-border judicial cooperation;

- Improved cooperation between training providers of the different legal professions.

**Effective access to justice in Europe, including the rights of crime victims and procedural rights in criminal proceedings**

Projects in this area aim to **facilitate effective and non-discriminatory access to justice for all and effective legal protection**, including by electronic means (e-Justice), by promoting efficient civil and criminal proceedings and by promoting and supporting the rights of all victims of crime and the procedural rights of suspects and defendants in criminal proceedings.

The Justice program also supports the maintenance and development of the e-Justice portal, which contains useful documents and databases that facilitate access to justice for citizens (e.g., information on cross-border court proceedings, rights of crime victims or defendants in court proceedings, family law, the Find a Lawyer and Find a Notary interfaces) and businesses (e.g., search engines for interconnected insolvency registers, business registers, European order for payment forms, and land registry databases, information on monetary claims and legal professions).

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

# Heading: Natural Resources and Environment

## Cluster: Agriculture and Maritime Policy

## Cluster: Environment and Climate Policy

# Promotion of Agricultural Products (AGRIP)

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| **Region** | EU |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • International Organisation <br> • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) <br> • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body <br> • Private Entity <br> • Others |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/70/Promotion-of-Agricultural-Products

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Natural Resources and Environment**
**Cluster: Agriculture and Maritime Policy**

## Summary

The European Commission co-funds campaigns to promote European **agricultural products** worldwide and raise the profile of EU agricultural products in new markets.

## Priorities

The EU Agricultural Product Promotion Policy (AGRIP) has the general objective of **improving the competitiveness of the Union's agricultural sector**. Specifically, the information and promotion measures are intended to:

- Increase awareness and recognition of Union quality schemes, as well as consumer awareness of the benefits of Union agricultural products and production methods;

- Increase the competitiveness and consumption of the Union's agricultural products, improving their visibility and increasing their market share.

There are two types of promotion:

- Actions organized by European trade or inter-trade organizations and co-financed by the EU

- Actions organized by the EU itself, e.g. diplomatic efforts by the responsible Commissioner in non-EU countries to develop agricultural trade, participation in trade fairs and communication campaigns for EU agricultural products.

The rules for promotion policy define the way in which EU funds can be used for information and promotion activities in EU member countries and countries outside the EU.

The annual work programs contribute to the implementation of the European Commission's policy priorities for the period 2019-2024, in particular the "**From farm to fork**" strategy.

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

# LIFE - Programme for the Environment and Climate Action

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| **Region** | EU   Iceland   Moldova   North Macedonia   Ukraine |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body<br>• International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/5/LIFE--Programme-for-the-Environment-and-Climate-Action

**Multiannual Financial Framework  - Heading: Natural Resources and Environment
Cluster: Environment and Climate protection measures**

## Summary

The LIFE program is one of the key contributors to the European Green Deal, which aims to transform the EU into a just and prosperous society with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy where there are **no net greenhouse gas emissions in 2050** and where economic growth is decoupled from resource use.

## Priorities

The general objective of the LIFE Programme shall be to contribute to the shift towards a **sustainable, circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and - resilient economy**, in order to protect, restore and improve the quality of the environment, including the air, water and soil, and to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and to tackle the degradation of ecosystems, including by supporting the implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network, thereby contributing to sustainable development. The LIFE Programme shall also support the implementation of general action programmes adopted in accordance with Article 192(3) TFEU.

Specific objectives of the LIFE Programme are:

• to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches for reaching the objectives of Union legislation and policy on the environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action, including the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency, and to contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practice, in particular in relation to nature and biodiversity, including through the support of the Natura 2000 network;

• to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of relevant Union legislation and policy on the environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular by

enhancing the capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

- to act as a catalyst for the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing relevant Union legislation and policy on the environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency, by replicating results, by integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, by mobilising investment and by improving access to finance.

The LIFE Programme is structured as follows:

the field **' Environment'**, which includes:

- the subprogramme **' Nature and Biodiversity'**

- the subprogramme **' Circular Economy and Quality of Life'**

the field **' Climate Action'**, which includes:

- the subprogramme **' Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation'**

- the subprogramme **' Clean Energy Transition'**

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

# Sub-programme "Nature and Biodiversity" (LIFE-NAT)

| Region | EU | Iceland | Moldova | North Macedonia | Ukraine |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | • International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/65/LIFE-sub-programme-Nature-and-Biodiversity

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Natural Resources and Environment**
**Cluster: Environment and Climate protection measures**

## Summary

The Nature and Biodiversity sub-program aims to **protect and restore European nature and to halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity.** Therefore, the LIFE-Nature and Biodiversity subprogram will continue to fund nature conservation projects, especially in the areas of biodiversity, habitats and species. It will support projects that contribute to the implementation of the EU Birds and Habitats Directives, and in particular to the development and management of the Natura 2000 network and the IAS Regulation, and it will support the achievement of the objectives of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030, which is part of the European Green Deal.

The Nature and Biodiversity sub-program aims to:

- Develop, demonstrate, promote and stimulate the **dissemination of innovative techniques, methods and approaches** (including nature-based solutions and ecosystem approaches) to achieve the objectives set out in the Union's nature and biodiversity legislation and policy, and contribute to the knowledge base and application of best practices, including through support to the Natura 2000 network;

- Support the development, implementation, monitoring and **enforcement of relevant Union legislation and policy related to nature and biodiversity**, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular by strengthening the capacity of public and private actors and engaging civil society, taking also due account of the potential contributions of citizen science;

- Catalyzing the **large-scale adoption of successful solutions/approaches** to the implementation of relevant nature and biodiversity legislation and Union policy through replication of results, mainstreaming of related objectives into other policy areas and public and private sector practices, mobilizing investment, and improving access to finance.

# Priorities

The Nature and Biodiversity Sub-Program will be implemented primarily through the following types of actions:

- A continuation of the traditional **bottom-up approach** of implementing practical and effective actions to improve the conservation status of species and habitats, ecosystem health, and related services through the co-financing of **Standard Action Projects (SAPs)**. All SAPs should be designed to achieve tangible improvements to species, habitats, ecosystems, and related services as a direct result of their implementation, to be defined based on specific and measurable (SMART) objectives. The general focus of the SAPs is on the following: (1) area-based conservation and restoration actions ("Space for Nature") and (2) additional specific actions for species and ecosystems/habitats with measures other than area-based ("Protect/Safeguard Our Species and Habitats");

- A continuation of the **integrated approach** to support the full implementation of national or regional **Prioritized Action Frameworks (PAFs)** and other EU biodiversity policy planning tools through **Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)**. SNAPs include capacity building and mainstreaming activities, including through mobilizing other funding sources for nature and biodiversity. SNAPs may also include specific conservation actions, especially when these cannot be supported by mobilizing additional funding from other EU funding programs;

- A **structured approach** to support the implementation of specific policy priorities through **specific calls for proposals under Other Actions (OAs)**;

- **Technical Assistance** (TA) projects.

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

# Sub-programme "Circular Economy and Quality of Life" (LIFE-ENV)

| Region | EU | Iceland | Moldova | North Macedonia | Ukraine |
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| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) |
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| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/64/LIFE-sub-programme-Circular-Economy-and-Quality-of-Life-

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Natural Resources and Environment**
**Cluster: Environment and Climate protection measures**

## Summary

The Circular Economy and Quality of Life subprogram aims to facilitate the transition to a sustainable, circular, toxin-free, energy-efficient, and climate-resilient economy and to protect, restore, and enhance environmental quality, either through direct interventions or by supporting the integration of these goals into other policies.

The specific objectives of the Circular Economy and Quality of Life subprogram are:

• Develop, demonstrate, and promote innovative techniques, methods, and approaches to **achieve the objectives of Union environmental law and policy**, and contribute to the knowledge base and, where appropriate, the application of best practices;

• Support the development, implementation, monitoring, and **enforcement of relevant Union environmental law and policy**, including by improving governance at all levels, particularly through capacity building of public and private stakeholders and the involvement of civil society;

• Catalyzing the **large-scale adoption of successful technical and policy solutions** for the implementation of relevant Union environmental law and policy through replication of results, integration of related objectives into other policy areas and public and private sector practices, mobilization of investment, and improvement of access to finance.

## Priorities

The program will contribute to relevant European Union priorities by:

• **Reducing resource consumption** and facilitating the transition to a sustainable, circular, toxic-free, energy-efficient and climate-resilient environment

• **Developing circular systems** in line with the new Circular Economy Action Plan, which focuses on sustainable products, material- and energy-intensive sectors, and circular business models to preserve value. Projects from EU outermost regions and islands will be given special consideration

- **Reduce waste generation** in line with the Waste Framework Directive and reduce hazardous waste in view of the EU's commitment under the Basel Convention

- **Improving waste management** in terms of waste collection and storage, recovery options and end-of-life disposal, including on islands, in remote coastal or land areas and in outermost regions where waste management faces particular challenges

- **Reduce emissions of pollutants** to air and seas and ensure clean air and seas for EU citizens in line with the EU acquis and the objectives of the Pollution Action Plan

- Achieve and maintain good status of the **Union's water bodies**

- Ensure **clean surface and groundwater** in sufficient quantity for humans and other species, including through more efficient water use

- **Reducing the production, use, and emissions of hazardous chemicals** and reducing human and environmental exposure to them

- Promoting the development, commercialization, and adoption of **safe and sustainable substances, materials, and products**

- **Reducing exposure to harmful noise** levels

- Protecting the **quality of EU soils**, preventing soil degradation, and increasing the resilience of soils to climate threats and combating desertification through sustainable soil and land management practices; remediating soil pollution and increasing the capacity to improve water quality by reducing nitrate leaching and reducing emissions through carbon sequestration; and preventing and mitigating soil sealing.

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

# Sub-programme "Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation" (LIFE-CLIMA)

| Region | EU | Iceland | Moldova | North Macedonia | Ukraine |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | • International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Natural Resources and Environment**
**Cluster: Environment and Climate protection measures**

## Summary

The Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme will contribute to the shift towards a sustainable, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The specific objectives of the sub-programme "Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation" are:

- to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches for **reaching the objectives of Union legislation and policy on climate action** and to contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practices;

- to support the development, implementation, monitoring and **enforcement of relevant Union legislation and policy on climate action**, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

- to **catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions** for implementing relevant Union legislation and policy on climate action by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.

## Priorities

**Climate Change Mitigation**

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances, in line with the EU's climate neutrality target and the improvement of energy efficiency, including addressing the policy and market framework for the

development and deployment of low-carbon or energy efficient products and services, as well as by promoting the transition of the transport sector.

- Enhancing the functioning of the Emissions Trading System.

- Support to sustainable land, forest, soil, sea and ocean

management practices, which reduce emissions or remove CO2 from the atmosphere.

- Develop and promote solutions to remove/sequester CO2 from the atmosphere. Carbon capture and carbon removals can be nature-based and coupled with restoration projects or rely on storage in specific long–term media or use of long-lasting products.

**Climate Change Adaptation**

- Support adaptation related policy development, and improve adaptation strategies and plans at all levels and in all sectors, in line with the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change;

- Improve, promote, and scale up the use of state-of-the art tools and solutions for adaptation modelling, risk assessment, management and decision support; adaptation monitoring, reporting and evaluation; and ex-ante project assessment tools to better identify co-benefits and positive impacts on the economy of adaptation and prevention projects;

- Support the rollout of viable nature-based solutions in the management of land, coastal and marine areas including through assessments, guidance, capacity building, and suitable financial approaches and products;

- Approaches and solutions for adapting cities and regions to climate change, notably in support of the EU and Global Covenant of Mayors and of the European Climate Pact;

- Approaches and solutions to ensure a stable and secure supply of high quality freshwater, prevent droughts, reduce water use, protect and restore wetlands, and prevent floods;

- Solutions to climate-proof and enhance the resilience of infrastructure and buildings, including by using blue-green infrastructure and through cooperation with standardisation organisations;

- Support preparedness for extreme weather events, notably at a local level and in the outermost regions;

- Promote financial instruments and innovative solutions to deal with climate-induced risks, and public-private collaboration to reduce the share of uninsured climate-related economic losses, including by improving collection and access to climate-related economic loss data.

**Climate Change Governance and Information, which will include actions contributing to climate change mitigation or adaptation**

- Incentivise changes in behaviour and practices, as well as improving citizens' knowledge and awareness, notably through the support of the implementation of the European Climate Pact, mainstreaming emission reduction and resource efficiency actions in relevant sectors;

- Development and implementation of climate and energy strategies or mid-century strategies at local, regional and national level;

- Improve greenhouse gas monitoring, accounting and reporting and contribute to policy monitoring, assessment and ex-post evaluation;

- Information on best practices and awareness raising on climate change mitigation and adaptation, including on climate-proofing of infrastructure investment and policies;

- Development of climate services and promotion of climate science;

- Development and promotion of sustainable finance instruments and support for climate diplomacy.

**Biodiversity & Environment, Climate and Climate Change**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

**Circular Economy, Natural Resources**

**Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries, Food**

**Rural & Urban Development**

# Sub-programme "Clean Energy Transition" (LIFE-CET)

| Region | EU | Iceland | Moldova | North Macedonia | Ukraine |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• NPO/NGO<br>• Public Body | • International Organisation<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• Private Entity<br>• Others |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/63/LIFE-sub-programme-Clean-Energy-Transition**

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Natural Resources and Environment**
**Cluster: Environment–and Climate protection measures**

## Summary

Building on the success of the Intelligent Energy Europe (2003-2013) and Horizon 2020 Energy Efficiency (2014-2020) programmes, the LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme continues to support the delivery of EU policies in the field of sustainable energy, in particular, the European Green Deal, the Energy Union (2030 energy and climate targets) and the European Union's 2050 long-term decarbonisation strategy.

The sub-programme will aim at facilitating the **transition toward an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and -resilient economy** by funding coordination and support actions across Europe. These actions aim at breaking market barriers that hamper the socio-economic transition to sustainable energy, typically engaging multiple small and medium-size stakeholders, multiple actors including local and regional public authorities and non-profit organisations, and involving consumers.

The sub-programme will contribute to the implementation of the energy-related actions of the European Green Deal, including the 'Renovation wave' initiative for the building sector and will give due consideration to territories not connected to the European grids such as the EU outermost regions. It will contribute to the Just Transition objectives by accompanying the territories and the groups of citizens negatively affected by the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, by building capacity of actors and fostering clean energy investments, in energy efficiency and locally available, sustainable, renewable energy sources. Activities related to technology development will not be included.

## Priorities

The specific objectives of the sub-programme "Clean Energy Transition" are the following:

• to develop, demonstrate and promote **innovative techniques, methods and approaches for reaching the objectives of Union legislation and policy** on the transition to sustainable renewable energy and increased energy efficiency, and to contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practice;

- to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of **relevant Union legislation and policy** on the transition to sustainable renewable energy or increased energy efficiency, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

- to catalyse the **large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions** for implementing relevant Union legislation on the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.

This sub-programme will fund the activities responding to the specific topics defined in the annual calls for proposals which are based on the list of priority topics. Other activities related to energy efficiency and renewable energy, which do not address the specific requirements of the calls defined under this sub-programme can be submitted to the calls under the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme.

A significant part of this budget will be used to finance Coordination and Support Actions (CSA) under OAs grants for the four year period, whereas the possibility to finance SAPs is only foreseen as from 2023.

**Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Disaster Prevention, Resilience**

# Heading: Migration and Border Management

## Cluster: Migration

## Cluster: Measures at external borders

# Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

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| **Region** | EU |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution • Research Institution incl. University • International Organisation • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) • NPO/NGO • Public Body • Private Entity • Others |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/69/Asylum-Migration-and-Integration-Fund-

**Multiannual Financial Framework - Heading: Migration and Border Management**
**Cluster: Migration**

## Summary

The AMIF aims to further develop national capacities and improve migration management procedures, as well as strengthen solidarity and responsibility sharing between Member States, in particular through emergency assistance and the resettlement mechanism.

AMIF will contribute to the achievement of four **specific objectives**:

• Strengthen and further develop all aspects of the **Common European Asylum System**, including its external dimension.

• Support **legal immigration** to Member States, including by contributing to the integration of third-country nationals

• Contribute to the **fight against irregular migration** and ensuring effective return and readmission to third countries

• **Strengthen solidarity** and responsibility-sharing among Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum challenges

## Priorities

Actions financed by the AMIF can cover a wide range of initiatives, such as:

• Ensure uniform application of the **EU acquis (common rulebook)** and priorities related to the Common European Asylum System, legal migration and return.

• Provide **support and services** appropriate to the status and needs of the person concerned, in particular vulnerable groups

• Support the **resettlement, humanitarian admission and transfer of persons** who have applied for or been granted international protection

- Support the development and implementation of measures to **promote legal migration**, such as developing EU mobility programs and raising awareness of appropriate legal immigration channels

- Support **integration measures** tailored to the needs of third-country nationals and early integration programs that focus on education, language, and other training (such as civic orientation courses and career counseling) to prepare for their active participation in and acceptance by the host society

- Support **infrastructures for the reception of third-country nationals**, including the possible sharing of such facilities by more than one Member State

- Support an **integrated and coordinated approach** to return management at EU and Member State level, building capacity for effective and sustainable return and reducing incentives for irregular migration

- Support **assisted voluntary return and reintegration**.

- **Cooperation with third countries** in the areas of asylum, legal migration and the fight against irregular migration, as well as in effective return and readmission for the purpose of migration management

**Migration, European Citizenship**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Justice, Safety and Security**

# Other Programmes

# Grants in the area of Communication of the European Parliament (EP-COMM)

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| **Region** | EU |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • International Organisation <br> • EU-Institution <br> • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |

## Summary

The Directorate-General for Communication of the European Parliament (EP) awards grants in the field of communication to raise public awareness of the role of the European Parliament in our lives, promote democracy, increase civic participation and mobilise voters for the 2024 European Elections (EE24).

The EP Civic Engagement Grants for Communication consist of one-off grants to build an **informed and engaged European electorate and increase democratic participation in the European Union (EU).**

The purpose of this call is to select proposals for grants for one or a series of actions aimed at engaging the broadest possible segment of European citizens to promote the role and work of the EP and the importance of making parliamentary democracy a reality through participation in the 2024 European elections (EE24). The EP will launch its institutional EE24 communication campaign in early 2024 to inform the public about the European elections and increase voter turnout. The activities organised by the grantees will complement and support this campaign. Therefore, grantees are expected to adapt the timing of their activities to the different phases of the EP campaign.

Projects co-funded by the EP under this call should cover a wide range of non-partisan communication activities related to European democracy and community engagement.

The engagement grants will enable civil society organisations and change agents to harness the potential of their networks and their ability to reach out to other citizens. The grants will fund communication activities to ensure that even more citizens are informed about the role of the DP in our daily lives and also play an active role in the EE24 by mobilising others to vote.

The actions funded under this call aim to equip European citizens with the skills, knowledge and motivation they need to participate effectively in EE24 and to encourage and support others to participate in turn.

## Priorities

The objectives of the actions funded under this call are:

- Raise awareness of the **role and democratic values of the EU** among European citizens from as diverse a population as possible, provide an understanding of the benefits of the European Parliament, the impact of the European Parliament on our daily lives and the importance of voting through participation in the forthcoming EE24, including in the context of the together.eu community (promoting democratic engagement).

- To support increased non-partisan civic engagement of European citizens and organisations from as diverse groups as possible, while promoting the idea of the importance of voting and thus encouraging active participation (including as decision-makers), with a focus on mobilising voters in the run-up to the European election(s), also in the framework of the together.eu community.

The expected results of the actions funded under this call are as follows

- **Capacity building and strategic cooperation** with other civil society organisations (at national or local level) and active citizens (potential and existing decision-makers) to support and facilitate their engagement and provide them with information and

tools to effectively spread the message of democratic participation (through the together.eu community) in view of the upcoming 24 February.

- Raise citizens' awareness of the benefits of European parliamentary democracy, the powers the EP has to influence our daily lives and why it is therefore important to vote in EE24. Actions should inform citizens about why and how they can participate in EE24 in order to promote civic education and build an informed and engaged electorate (also through the together.eu community).

- Empowering organisations and active citizens (decision-makers) to increase voter participation by further mobilising their networks and communities (through together.eu) and supporting and facilitating their initiatives.

- Support civil society organisations, change stakeholders and their networks and communities in the last phase of voting (a few days before 24 March and on the day of the European election(s)).

Overall, all actions aim to **increase the number of citizens and organisations registering on together.eu and to promote their active participation in the together.eu community.**

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Governance, Institutional co-operation**

**Migration, European Citizenship**

# Innovation Fund (InnovFund)

| Region | EU     Iceland     Norway |
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| Entities / Organisations | • Education and Training Institution<br>• Research Institution incl. University<br>• Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)<br>• NPO/NGO | • Public Body<br>• Private Entity<br>• International Organisation<br>• Others |
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| Partnership | Partnerships are not mandatory |
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**https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/103/Innovation-Fund**

## Summary

The Innovation Fund is one of the world's largest **funding programmes for the demonstration of innovative low-carbon technologies**. The Innovation Fund provides grants for projects aiming at the commercial deployment of innovative low-carbon technologies. The aim is to bring industrial solutions to market to decarbonise Europe and support its transition to climate neutrality.

The Innovation Fund supports large and small projects that focus on:

- Innovative low-carbon technologies and processes in energy-intensive industries, including products that replace carbon-intensive industries
- Carbon capture and utilisation (CCU).
- Construction and operation of carbon capture and storage (CCS)
- Innovative renewable energy generation
- Energy storage

## Priorities

Projects funded under this call for proposals for the Innovation Fund are expected to contribute to the transition to a climate neutral economy by 2050 and to the achievement of the target to reduce emissions by at least 55% by 2030 as set out in the European Climate Change Act and the European Green Deal, , as well as to the achievement of the targets set out in the REPowerEU Plan for Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Hydrogen.

The Innovation Fund focuses on highly **innovative technologies and large-scale flagship projects** in Europe that can deliver significant emission reductions. It is about sharing the risk with project promoters to support the demonstration of highly innovative projects that are unique in their kind.

The aim is to fund a diverse project pipeline that strikes an optimal balance between a broad range of innovative technologies in all eligible sectors and Member States, Norway and Iceland.

At the same time, projects must be sufficiently mature in terms of planning, business model and financial and legal structure.

The Fund supports cross-cutting projects on innovative low-carbon solutions that lead to emission reductions in several sectors, for example through industrial symbiosis.

The fund is also open to small-scale projects with total capital costs of less than €7.5 million.

# Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PPPAs)

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| **Region** | EU |
| **Entities / Organisations** | • Education and Training Institution <br> • Research Institution incl. University <br> • NPO/NGO <br> • Public Body <br> • International Organisation <br> • Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) <br> • Private Entity <br> • Others |
| **Partnership** | Partnerships are not mandatory |

https://www.euro-access.eu/en/programs/118/Pilot-Projects-and-Preparatory-Actions-PPPAs

## Summary

Pilot projects and preparatory actions (PPPAs) are **new initiatives that might turn into EU funding programmes**. Pilot projects are designed to test the feasibility of an action, and last not more than 2 years.

Preparatory actions last for up to 3 years, and are often the successor of a successful pilot project. They are designed to **prepare new EU policies, legislation, programmes** etc.

## Priorities

EACEA manages PPPAs in the areas of **sport, culture and media**.

Actions will focus on **encouraging community integration of children and youth**. By improving their mental well-being by attending sport sessions, these individuals will eventually become ready to adjust to their new environment. Sport activities, with their power of bringing people together, will help interaction with the host community; facilitate integration into the education system and the labour market.

Additionally, actions may focus on **examples of inspirational behaviour and practices at grassroots level** that can be multiplied and on methods to engage citizens and sport stakeholders in communities to co-create and cooperate on sustainable sport practices

Other actions work on pooling voices, forces and resources – both public and private - for the **benefit of a holistic and integrated approach to cultural heritage policies** at all levels, notably at the EU level, and ensure that all relevant EU and national policies and priorities duly incorporate a cultural heritage dimension, as explained in the abovementioned Annual Work Programme for 2022. In pursuing this objective, the Hub will build on and pool the resources of the data space for cultural heritage, based in Europeana and in the 15-years work of over 4000 museums, libraries and archives across Europe, including Ukraine and the Balkans as well as the upcoming Competence Centre for the conservation of cultural heritage (which is also leading an initiative called SUM (Save the Ukraine Monuments).

**Education, Children and Youth, Media**

**Health, Social, Sport**

**Equal Rights, Social Inclusion**

**Cultural Heritage, Art & Culture, Tourism**

**Migration, European Citizenship**