EU Interregional Cooperation

State of play and perspectives

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Summary

1. INTERREG IVC state of play
2. CESR project
3. Future: INTERREG EUROPE
1. INTERREG IVC programme

‘Learning by sharing’

Local / regional authorities access the experience of others in Europe facing similar issues to improve their practices / policies

in the fields of

Innovation and the knowledge economy

Environment and risk prevention
Overview approved projects

- **204 projects**
- **2,274 partners**
- **90% of 271 NUTS 2 regions covered**

All funds (302 M€) committed

**Priority 1**
- Innovation, research and technology development: 37 (31%)
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs: 20 (17%)
- Information Society: 18 (16%)
- Employment, human capital and education: 44 (36%)

**Priority 2**
- Natural and technological risks: 10 (12%)
- Water management: 16 (19%)
- Waste management: 9 (11%)
- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage: 5 (6%)
- Energy and sustainable transport: 7 (8%)
- Cultural heritage and landscape: 38 (44%)
Thematic Programme Capitalisation

To exploit and build on knowledge from projects working on a similar topic for the benefit of local and regional authorities all around Europe.

Experienced thematic experts analyse projects in order to:

- identify synergies & complementarities
- discover innovative approaches & make them available to all EU regions
- draw policy recommendations for regional, national & EU levels
12 capitalisation topics
111 projects involved

Priority 1

- Innovation Systems – 10
  (triple helix & open innovation)
- Innovation capacity of SMEs – 7
- Eco-innovation – 7
- Creative industries – 14
- Entrepreneurship – 8
- E-government services – 6
- Demographic change – 9
- Rural development – 9

Priority 2

- Climate change – 7
- Energy efficiency – 12
- Renewable energy – 7
- Sustainable transport – 15

CESR participating in capitalisation lot on ‘Rural development’
1. INTERREG IVC state of play

Main achievements (as of June 2013)

Objective: EU wide exchange of experience / capacity building
- 90% of EU NUTS 2 regions covered
- 6,188 staff with increased capacity
- 369 ‘spin-off activities’

Objective: Identification / sharing / transfer of good practices
- 4,709 good practices identified
- 403 successfully transferred

Overall objective: Improvement of regional and local policies
- 1,943 policies addressed
- 432 policies improved

See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Report!
TOPIC & METHOD
Sustainability of employment in the rural services sector
+ Intense interregional exchange process

PARTNERSHIP
8 committed partners from 8 Member States representing a good balance in terms of type of partners and experience
Excellent and very cooperative management team

RESULTS (so far)
3 good practices identified and many others in progress
3. Future: INTERREG EUROPE
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Context

1. New objective set for interregional cooperation

2. Concentration principles

INTERREG EUROPE

3. Smart Specialisation strategies

4. Integration of Regions of Knowledge (RoK)
Policy learning among public authorities to improve performance of policies & programmes for regional development, in particular Structural Funds programmes.

EU Cohesion policy

Goal 1: Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 316 billion

Goal 2: European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 8.9 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m
Main features

- **Eligible area**: EU28 + Norway & Switzerland

- **Who is eligible?**
  - Public bodies
  - Bodies governed by public law
  - Private non-profit bodies (RoK ‘heritage’)

- **Co-financing rates**
  - 85% for public or public equivalent
  - 75% for private non profit
Four themes

- Research & innovation
- SME competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Environment & resource efficiency
2 actions

Interregional Cooperation
Projects

Policy Learning
Platforms
A. Interregional Cooperation Projects

Implementation in 2 phases

**Phase 1**

Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years) ending up with production of 1 Action Plan / Region

**Phase 2**

**Monitoring** of the Action Plan’s implementation + possible **pilot** actions (up to 2 years)

Creation of ‘**local stakeholder groups**’
B. Policy Learning Platforms

EU-wide capacity building on:

- Innovation
- Low-carbon economy
- SME competitiveness
- Resource efficiency

1 service provider per thematic objective via:

Online collaborative tool + Expert team
Platforms: objectives

**Overall objective:** To ensure policy learning across EU

**Specific objective:**

a) To contribute to EU-wide capacity building

b) To optimise the exploitation of project results

c) To improve the quality of the programme content
2 interrelated actions
Programming – Indicative timeline

March 2010
- EU2020 strategy

October 2011
- Draft regulation

June 2012
- INTERREG EUROPE Programming Committee set up
  - Adoption of legislative package & agreement on budget 2014-2020

Summer 2014
- Submission of the programme to the EC

2nd half 2014
- Approval of the programme by the EC

December 2014
- INTERREG EUROPE launch event

Early 2015
- First call for project proposals expected

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