

INTERREG EUROPE

Emphasis on improving regional policies & programmes

The INTERREG EUROPE programme aims to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for **Investment for Growth and Jobs** and European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes.

Four themes were selected in order to make the best use of limited funds. The more focused the actions, the higher chances they deliver effective results.

4 themes

Research & innovation

SME competitiveness

Low-carbon economy

Environment & resource efficiency

Under this theme partners can work on

- strengthening research & innovation infrastructure and capacities

e.g. improving financial instruments for innovation support

- innovation delivery through regional innovation chains in chosen “smart specialisation” field

e.g. increasing commercialisation of R&D results

This theme allows regions to improve their policies in supporting SMEs in all stages of their life cycle to develop and achieve growth and engage in innovation

e.g. creating and boosting entrepreneurial spirit

e.g. responding to obstructions to business growth

This theme addresses the transition to a low-carbon economy in all sectors. This could be through policies aimed to raise the share of renewable energy sources in the energy mix to promoting multi-modal sustainable transport.

e.g. developing regional low-carbon strategies

Two distinct fields are open for cooperation

- protection & development of natural and cultural heritage

e.g. improving management of regional nature parks

- transition to a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth and eco-innovation

e.g. increasing recycling rates among SMEs

PROJECTS

Public organisations from different regions in Europe work together for 3 to 5 years on a shared policy issue.

An **action plan**, specific for each region, will ensure that the lessons learnt from the cooperation are put into action.

Regional partners will **monitor** how far the action plans are implemented.

Calls for project proposals will be launched throughout the programming period.

2 actions

PLATFORMS

A tool for faster and better sharing of knowledge to help policymakers do their job better.

Platforms are a space for **continuous learning about public policies** in the four themes of the programme.

Organisations dealing with regional development policies in Europe can find **solutions** there to improve the way they manage and implement their policies.

The main aim is to **support** local and regional governments to be more effective when planning and implementing policies for the benefit of citizens.