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Opportunities of Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE in
implementing S3 strategies



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WHAT IS INTERREG

Interreg is an objective of the EU cohesion policy promoting integrated regional development and a higher degree of territorial integration between regions



Budget

10.1 billion EUR available for funding (less than 3 percent of total cohesion policy budget)



Programmes

Cooperation is funded in 107 cross-border, transnational and interregional programmes



Priorities

Up to 4 thematic priorities defined to maximise the impact of the available EU funding



Results

Effective, measurable, visible



KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

- 35 projects funded (70 M€)
- Call 2 under assessment
- Call 3 in 2017

146 MILLION
CITIZENS

9 PROGRAMME
COUNTRIES

76 REGIONS
AND CITIES

246 MILLION
EUROS ERDF

4 THEMATIC
PRIORITIES

10 SPECIFIC
OBJECTIVES



WHAT WE FUND



PRIORITY AXIS 1

Cooperating on innovation to make CENTRAL EUROPE more competitive



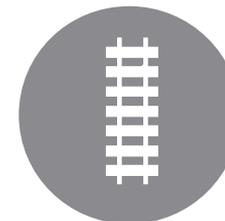
PRIORITY AXIS 2

Cooperating on low carbon strategies in CENTRAL EUROPE



PRIORITY AXIS 3

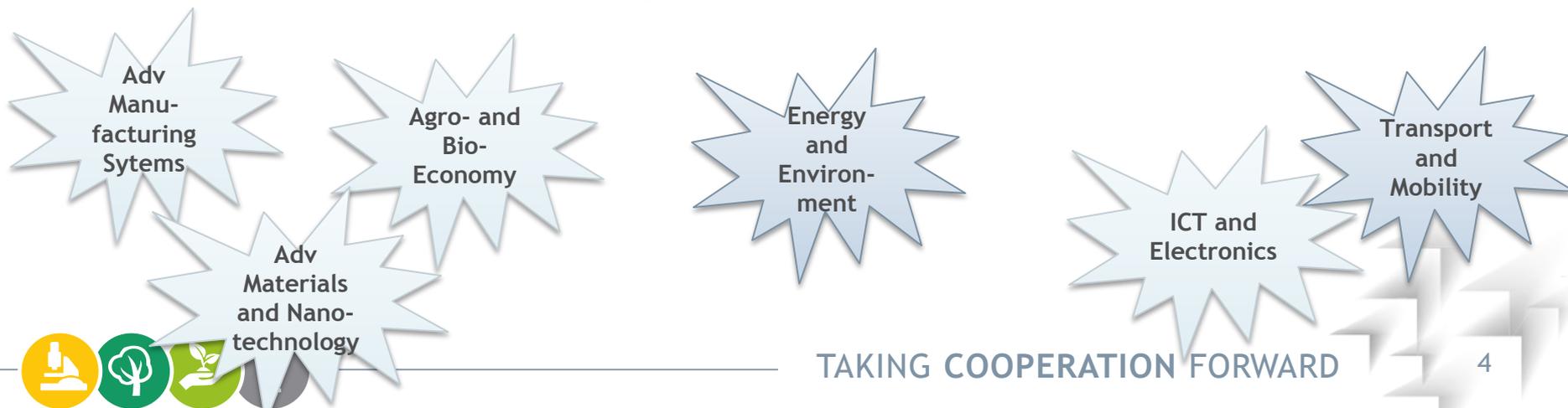
Cooperating on natural and cultural resources for sustainable growth in CENTRAL EUROPE



PRIORITY AXIS 4

Cooperating on transport to better connect CENTRAL EUROPE

S3 Thematic priority areas (according to S3 CE report)





PRIORITY AXIS 1

Cooperating on
innovation to make
CENTRAL EUROPE
more competitive



Boosting regional innovation capacities:

- Technology/innovation transfer
- Innovation ecosystems and support
- Innovation financing
- ...



Improving entrepreneurship and skills:

- Entrepreneurial capacities
- Strengthening skills for innovation
- Social innovation
- ...

Contribution to smart specialisation
strategies is a core element



SOME EXAMPLES (CALL 1 PROJECTS)



3DCentral

3DCentral - Catalyzing Smart Engineering and Rapid Prototyping

Budget: ca. 1,9 M€

Aim:

Connecting “islands of innovation” for **smart engineering and rapid prototyping**



Exploiting synergies between different initiatives of S3 strategies of involved regions



Direct involvement of S3 responsible actors as partners or associated partners



Countries/regions involved: IT (Lombardy, South Tyrol), AT (Styria), DE (Saxony, Baden-Württemberg), PL (Malopolska), SI (whole country), HU (Vas County)



SOME EXAMPLES (CALL 1 PROJECTS)



I-CON

I-CON - Improving COmpetences and skills through Food sector InNovations

Budget: ca. 2,2 M€

Aim:

Improving entrepreneurial skills for innovation in peripheral areas within the **food value chain**



Coherent with **smart specialisation strategies of regions in the involved countries**



Interdisciplinary approach with engagement of “**knowledge partners**” representing sectors of mechatronics (novel technologies), biotech (food safety & quality), design (packaging) and “**regional partners**” responsible to facilitate improvement of technological competences on a regional level



Countries/regions involved: SI (whole country), AT (Upper Austria), HU (South Transdanubian Region), IT (Emilia Romagna, Veneto), DE (Stuttgart), PL (whole country) and SK (whole country)



SOME EXAMPLES (CALL 1 PROJECTS)



FabLABNET - Making Central Europe more competitive by unlocking the innovation capacity of Fab Labs within an enhanced innovation ecosystem

Aim: Establishing a **CE network of FabLabs** to strengthen innovation potentials especially in business creation

Budget: ca. 2,7 M€



Creating **links to S3 strategies** (thematic specialisation) and policy actors within innovation ecosystems

Increasing awareness on potential **impacts of FabLabs on innovation performance**



Active involvement of S3 stakeholders: public authorities, innovation agencies, etc. via consultations and Fab Net events



Countries/regions involved: IT (Province of Trento), AT (Vienna), HU (Budapest), DE (Nürnberg), CZ (South Moravia), PL (Bielsko-Biala), SI (Ljubljana), SK (Bratislava), HR (Zagreb)



SOME EXAMPLES (CALL 1 PROJECTS)



InduCult2.0

InduCult2.0 - Industrial heritage, cultural resources of current industries and creative pioneers - utilizing Industrial Culture in Central Europe

Budget: ca. 3,0 M€

Aim:

To influence smart specialisation strategies through the positioning on industrial culture



Development of regional strategies for **deploying Industrial Culture as a pull-factor for work force and companies** and generating inspiring milieus in industrial regions



Appointment of coordinators for Industrial Culture allows for **policy advice and uptake in S3 strategies**



Countries/regions involved: DE (Saxony-Anhalt), AT (Styria), CZ (Karlovy Vary Region), IT (Padova province), SI (Gorenjska region), HR (Sisak-Moslavina County), PL (Opolskie Voivodeship), BE (province of Limburg)
involving also 37 associated partners presenting mostly S3 stakeholders



PROJECT STORY (CE 2007-2013)



AutoNET- Transnational Network of Leading Automotive Regions in CE

Budget: ca. 1,8 M€

Aim:

To boost **innovation processes in automotive industry** through transnational cooperation

Achievements:

 **Stable network** of companies, research centres, universities, international organisations and public institutions **from leading CE automotive regions**



- Matchmaking database (more than 470 registered organisations)
- 27 special training sessions in 9 regions with more than 800 participants
- 12 MatchMaking events with ca. 1.300 bilateral meetings
- 6 long-term agreements signed



Countries involved: SK, IT, SI, HU, DE, CZ, PL



Addressing the overall high cooperation potential among stakeholders in the CE automotive sector (as highlighted in the S3 CE report)



WHAT WE FUND... AND WHAT NOT



- Cooperation between regions for answering to common challenges and shared needs
- Novel solutions and their pilot implementation
- Transfer of existing knowledge for better solutions
- Creating opportunities, seeding larger investments



- Actions that can be implemented at the sole regional/local level
- Mere exchange of experience not further implemented
- Solutions not taken over by target groups, continuing after project end



**Next funding opportunity:
3rd Call will be launched in autumn 2017**



- Public authorities and related entities
- Regional development and innovation agencies
- Enterprises (including SMEs)
- Chambers of commerce and other associations
- NGOs
- Financing institutions
- Technology transfer institutions, universities and research institutes
- Energy suppliers and management institutions
- Environmental facilities
- Education and training organisations
- Transport operators and infrastructure providers

... and others



Potential beneficiaries can cover the full range of S3 stakeholders





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