

# Second call terms of reference

## 1. Legal basis

The Interreg Europe programme is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), whose principles and rules are laid down in the common provisions regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the ERDF regulation (EU) 2021/1058 and the Interreg regulation (EU) 2021/1059.

The expectations and requirements for projects are detailed in the Interreg Europe 2021-2027 cooperation programme and in the programme manual.

## 2. Context

Through its **cohesion policy**, the European Union works to reduce disparities both in the levels of development and in quality of life in European regions. It promotes actions aiming at making the European territory more innovative, more sustainable, and more inclusive, thus improving quality of life of the inhabitants. The large majority of the funds designated to reduce these disparities are managed at the regional or national levels. The European Union believes that regional development can also be improved through cooperation across borders.

In this context, the Interreg Europe programme supports the exchange and transfer of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building among public authorities and other policy relevant organisations across Europe with a view **to improving their regional development policy instruments** including programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal.

*A **policy instrument** is a means for public intervention. It refers to any policy, strategy, or law developed by public authorities and applied on the ground to improve a specific territorial situation. In most cases, financial resources are associated with a policy instrument. However, an instrument can also sometimes refer to a strategy or legislative framework with no specific funding (e.g., a Smart Specialisation Strategy) as long as this strategy or legislative framework comply with the above definition (i.e., 'developed by public authorities and implemented to improve a specific territorial situation'). In principle, internal documents of organisations (e.g., mission statements, in-house strategic orientations) does not qualify as policy instruments. In the context of Interreg Europe, operational programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal are considered as policy instruments. Beyond the programmes of the EU cohesion policy, local, regional or national public authorities develop their own policy instruments, which can also be addressed by Interreg Europe projects.*

The way projects can achieve policy improvements is explained in section 3.3.2 of the programme manual.

## 3. Eligible area

The programme eligible area covers the whole European Union territory with its 27 Member States, including insular and outermost regions. In addition, Norway and Switzerland are full members of the programme and organisations from these countries are eligible<sup>1</sup> to participate in projects. Partners from other countries can participate at their own costs.

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<sup>1</sup> As long as their legal status meets the programme requirements as mentioned in section 8.1 of the present terms of reference.

## 4. Timing of the call

The second call for proposals opens on **15<sup>th</sup> March 2023** and closes on **9<sup>th</sup> June 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (midday)** CEST (Paris time).

## 5. Action supported

This is a call for proposals for **interregional cooperation projects**. These projects gather policy-relevant organisations from different countries in Europe working together on a common regional development issue. The first three years of the projects ('core phase') are dedicated to exchange and transfer of experience among the participating partners in order to improve the policy instruments addressed by the project. In the fourth and last year ('follow-up phase'), the regions mainly focus on monitoring the results and impact of the cooperation.

A detailed description of this action is provided in section B 'Projects' of the programme manual.

## 6. Priorities

### Programme scope

The programme is structured around one single cross-cutting priority, the Interreg-specific objective 'a better cooperation governance'. This means that beneficiaries can cooperate on **any topics of shared relevance in line with their regional needs, as long as this falls within the scope of cohesion policy**.

This scope includes the topics defined by the policy objectives and specific objectives of cohesion policy as presented in Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (CPR), Article 5 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 on ERDF, Article 3. Despite one single priority, the actions of the programme are still organised according to the specific objectives of the cohesion policy listed in table 1 below. This means that projects need to select a specific objective in their application form.

As regards policy objectives 1 and 2, the programme welcomes applications dealing with innovative solutions to mitigate the effects of the energy crisis in the regions and accelerate their energy transition (e.g., policies supporting the development of research and innovation tools or the scaling up and diffusion of such tools).

### Concentration principle

The programme also recognises the need to concentrate resources on those policy areas that are most relevant and urgent for regions in Europe. For this reason, the programme plans to indicatively concentrate the largest share of its budget (80%) on the thematic areas covered by a selection of specific objectives. This budget concentration is summarised in table 1 below.

**Table 1 – Allocation of programme budget per Policy Objectives and corresponding Specific Objectives**

Share of programme budget	Policy objectives	Specific objectives
<b>80%</b>	1. Smarter Europe	All specific objectives: (i) Research and Innovation capacities, uptake of advanced technologies (ii) Digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities (iii) Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments (iv) Skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition & entrepreneurship (v) Digital connectivity
	2. Greener Europe	All specific objectives: (i) Energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse emissions (ii) Renewable energy (iii) Smart energy systems, grids and storage (iv) Climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention, resilience (v) Access to water and sustainable water management (vi) Circular and resource efficient economy (vii) Protection and preservation of nature and biodiversity, green infrastructures, pollution reduction (viii) Sustainable urban mobility for zero carbon economy
	4. More social Europe	The following selected specific objectives: (i) Effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour market, access to quality employment, social economy (v) Equal access to health care, health systems resilience, family-based and community-based care (vi) Culture and tourism for economic development, social inclusion and social innovation
<b>20%</b>	3. More connected Europe	All specific objectives: (i) Climate resilient, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal TEN-T (ii) Sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility
	4. More social Europe	The following selected specific objectives: (ii) Accesses to education, training and lifelong learning, distance and on-line education and training (iii) Inclusion of marginalised communities, low-income households and disadvantaged groups (iv) Socio-economic integration of third country nationals, including migrants
	5. Europe closer to Citizens	All specific objectives (i) Sustainable integrated territorial development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security (urban areas) (ii) Sustainable integrated territorial development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security (other than urban)

In addition, in the context of the Interreg-specific objective ‘a better cooperation governance’, Interreg Europe can support ‘non-thematic’ cooperation on issues dealing with pure implementation related challenges of regional development policies (e.g., state aid, public procurement, territorial tools, financial instruments, evaluation and monitoring). These **governance related issues** are also important when working on more efficient regional development policies.

Further information on the programme priority axes and specific objectives can be found in the Interreg Europe Cooperation Programme and section 2.5 of the programme manual.

**Innovative character**

The 2021-2027 Interreg Europe programme needs to go beyond the results achieved in the 2014-2020 period where more than 250 projects were supported (detailed information on these projects can be found on: [www.interregeurope.eu/discover-projects](http://www.interregeurope.eu/discover-projects)).

As reflected in Annex 01 of the present terms of reference, the 2014-2020 projects cover a wide range of regional development policy issues and contributed to the identification of numerous **good practices**. Organisations interested in the second call are thus invited to check these projects to ensure that the innovative character of their proposal is demonstrated.

The participation of organisations not yet involved in the first call projects is encouraged. In particular, organisations from regions not yet represented in these projects will be positively regarded. The list of NUTS 2 regions not yet represented in first call approved projects is available as Annex 02 of the present document.

**Further information on the way to demonstrate the innovative character can be found in section 3.3.4 of the programme manual.**

**7. Funding available and co-financing rates**

Up to 40% of the overall ERDF budget (approximately **EUR 130 million**) of the Interreg Europe programme is made available for the second call for proposals. The final committed budget will depend on the quality of the submitted applications.

The eligible project activities are co-financed by the ERDF at a rate of either 70% or 80% depending on the legal status of the EU partner. Partners from Norway and Switzerland are not eligible to receive ERDF but can receive co-financing from their respective national funds. Organisations from Norway are invited to contact the Norwegian Interreg national point of contact to receive information on Norwegian funding opportunities.

Co-financing rate	Eligible project partner according to legal status and location
80% ERDF	Public bodies and bodies governed by public law from all 27 EU member states
70% ERDF	Private non-profit bodies from all 27 EU member states
Up to 50% Norwegian funding	Public bodies, bodies governed by public law and private non-profit bodies from Norway
Swiss funding	Partners from Switzerland are invited to contact the Swiss Interreg national point of contact to receive information on Swiss funding opportunities

## 8. Partnership requirements

All details related to projects' partnership are available in section 3.4 of the programme manual. The present terms of reference just highlight the most important requirements which are further explained in the manual.

### 8.1 Who can apply?

The following organisations are eligible to receive ERDF or Norwegian funding.

- Public authorities,
- Public law bodies (bodies governed by public law),
- Private non-profit bodies.

Private non-profit bodies and partners from Switzerland cannot take on the role of lead partner.

Beyond the issue of eligibility, one of the key success factors for any application is to ensure that the proposed partnership is coherent with the objective and issue addressed in the proposal (see section 3.4.4.1 of the manual).

### 8.2 Involvement of the policy responsible authorities

In line with the programme's objective, the policy responsible authorities are the core target group of Interreg Europe. These organisations can be national, regional or local authorities as well as other relevant organisations responsible for elaborating and/or implementing regional development policies. In the case of **Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, the responsible authorities are the relevant managing authorities or intermediate bodies**. Each 'region' involved in a project has to identify the main policy instrument it aims to improve through the cooperation. The direct involvement of the authorities responsible for these instruments is a key feature for projects to achieve their objectives.

Therefore, **the involvement of the policy responsible authority as partner is compulsory for at least 50% of the policy instruments addressed in a project application. For the remaining policy instruments (if any), these authorities must be involved as an 'associated policy authority'.**

The notion of 'associated policy authority' is defined in section 3.4.2.2 of the programme manual.

When preparing an application, it is essential to identify the relevant 'policy responsible authority' of each policy instrument addressed by the project. In case of doubt, the relevant Partner State should be contacted since only the Partner State can confirm whether an organisation from its territory qualify as a policy responsible authority for the policy instrument addressed in its country.

### 8.3 Geographical coverage

Based on Article 23 (1) of the ETC regulation (EC) 2021/1059, projects must involve partners from at least three countries, at least two of which must be beneficiaries from EU Member States, with the latter applying for Interreg Europe funding<sup>2</sup>. In addition, Interreg Europe requires a wide geographical coverage from all applications as reflected in the eligibility criterion 5 defined in section 4.3.1 the programme manual. Therefore, to be eligible in the second call, the applications submitted have to ensure that the **four areas below are represented in the partnership with at least one project partner**:

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<sup>2</sup> This latter specification is required due to the possibility for organisations to use funds from their Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes to be involved in an Interreg Europe project (see section 3.4.1.2 of the programme manual).

Geographical areas	Countries covered
<b>North</b>	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
<b>East</b>	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
<b>South</b>	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
<b>West</b>	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland

It should however be highlighted that the fulfilment of eligibility criterion 5 is not sufficient to ensure that a partnership goes beyond transnational cooperation areas. For instance, a transnational programme like MED already covers three of the four geographical areas defined by Interreg Europe (South, East with Slovenia and Bulgaria and West with part of France).

## 8.4 Policy instruments addressed

The objective of an interregional cooperation project (in particular of the core phase) is to improve through exchange of experience the performance of the regional development policy instruments of the participating regions, including Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, in line with the programme mission stated in Article (3) (3) (a) of the ETC Regulation (EU) 2021/1059.

This particular focus on cohesion policy means that, at application stage, **at least one of the policy instruments addressed in a project must be an investment for jobs and growth goal programme.**

The policy instruments addressed by a project must be carefully selected and clearly defined at the application stage. In particular, the following elements should be ensured:

- Only one main policy instrument is addressed per participating 'region'.
- The scope of the different instruments is in line with the issue addressed by the project.
- The project addresses existing policy instruments whose time span covers at least the duration of the Interreg Europe projects. Policy instruments under preparation may be addressed only if sufficient details are available on its scope and nature (each policy instrument needs to be described in the application form) and if its policy responsible authority is already confirmed.

## 9. Application

The application pack for the call is available on the programme website ([www.interregeurope.eu](http://www.interregeurope.eu)) and includes the following:

- the present terms of reference
- the programme manual
- the application form template in the online application system: the **Portal**
- the 'declaration' template

Project applicants who would like to submit a proposal must complete an application form in English, as it is the working language of the programme. Applications submitted in another language will be considered ineligible.

The online system runs a number of automatic validation checks which prevents user from submitting the form if it is not properly filled.

All partners (including the lead partner) and associated policy authorities - if applicable - must provide a declaration using the template provided by the programme (see Annex 03). Those declarations must be uploaded in the **online system** as a part of the application.

**The complete application has to be submitted online at the latest by 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 12 pm (midday) CEST (Paris time).**

## 10. Selection procedure

### 10.1. Eligibility

All applications are subject to a two-step assessment procedure, eligibility and quality assessment.

**The non-fulfilment of only one eligibility criterion leads to the ineligibility of the whole application. Therefore, applicants must carefully check these criteria (as described in section 4.3.1 of the programme manual) to ensure that their proposal comply with the eligibility requirements.** These criteria are summarised below.

Eligibility criteria	
1. Respect of submission's deadline	The online application is submitted by the deadline set for the call.
2. Completeness of the application	The application is complete. It includes the application form itself and all declarations.
3. Correctness of the application form	The application form is fully and properly filled in according to the instructions.
4. Correctness of the declarations	The declarations are correct. The programme template is used and the declarations are properly filled-in and signed.
5. Geographical coverage	The application involves partners from the four geographical areas <sup>3</sup> defined by the programme (North, East, South and West). These partners also represent at least three countries, of which at least two partners must be from EU Member States with the latter applying for Interreg Europe funding.
6. Focus on Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes	At least one policy instrument addressed in the application is an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme.
7. Participation of policy responsible authorities	The policy responsible authorities are involved as partners for at least 50% of the policy instruments addressed in the application. For any instruments where this is not the case (if any), the relevant policy responsible authority are involved as an 'associated policy authorities'.

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<sup>3</sup> This eligibility criteria do not apply to applications where more than one **outermost regions** is involved. In such a case, the minimum regulatory requirement applies (project must involve partners from at least three countries, at least two of which shall be beneficiaries from EU Member States and shall apply for Interreg Europe funding).

## 10.2. Quality assessment

The quality assessment applies only to applications that pass the eligibility check. It consists of evaluating the quality of the eligible applications according to the following five criteria:

Criterion 1 – Relevance of proposal

Criterion 2 – Quality of the expected results

Criterion 3 – Quality of partnership

Criterion 4 – Coherence of the proposal and quality of approach

Criterion 5 – Budget

**Full details on the selection procedure and assessment criteria are provided in section 4.3 of the programme manual.**

Based on the results of the quality assessment, the decision on applications is made by the monitoring committee of the programme which is composed of representatives from both national and regional authorities within the 29 Partner States (27 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland). Decisions are communicated to all lead applicants via an electronic notification.

## 11. Further information

The programme supports applicants during the project development and application stage. Full details of the assistance offered to applicants is available in section 4.1 of the programme manual and on [www.interregeurope.eu](http://www.interregeurope.eu).

A comprehensive description of the programme's strategy and priorities, together with a socio-economic analysis of the European Union, are included in the Interreg Europe Cooperation Programme. Further guidance for project applicants is provided in the **programme manual** which is available as part of this application pack. All official documents and contact details of the joint secretariat as well as of Points of Contact are available on the programme website:



## Annex 01 - Interreg Europe 2014-2020 - topics of approved projects

Index	Acronym	Topics	Sub-topic
PGI05222	<u>BID-REX</u>	Biodiversity preservation	Governance
PGI02367	<u>BioGov</u>	Biodiversity preservation	Governance
PGI02179	<u>INVALIDIS</u>	Biodiversity preservation	Invasive species
PGI02271	<u>Night Light</u>	Biodiversity preservation	Light pollution
PGI02261	<u>BIOREGIO</u>	Circular economy	Circular economy
PGI00023	<u>CECI</u>	Circular economy	Citizens engagement
PGI02018	<u>CESME</u>	Circular economy	Circular economy
PGI05500	<u>CircE</u>	Circular economy	Circular economy
PGI06086	<u>CircPro</u>	Circular economy	Procurement
PGI00040	<u>COLOR CIRCLE</u>	Circular economy	Circular economy
PGI00016	<u>REDUCES</u>	Circular economy	Business models
PGI00060	<u>REPLACE</u>	Circular economy	Circular economy
PGI05906	<u>RETRACE</u>	Circular economy	Circular economy
PGI02158	<u>SYMBI</u>	Circular economy	Industrial symbiosis
PGI00274	<u>TRIS</u>	Circular economy	Industrial symbiosis
PGI00304	<u>CHERISH</u>	Cultural heritage	Fishing communities
PGI05951	<u>CRinMA</u>	Cultural heritage	Crossborder regions (Mountains)
PGI06030	<u>Cult-RInG</u>	Cultural heritage	Cultural routes
PGI02229	<u>FINCH</u>	Cultural heritage	Financial instruments
PGI06160	<u>Green Pilgrimage</u>	Cultural heritage	Cultural routes
PGI01462	<u>INNOCASTLE</u>	Cultural heritage	Built heritage
PGI01388	<u>KEEP ON</u>	Cultural heritage	Sustainability of projects in heritage sector
PGI04868	<u>Local Flavours</u>	Cultural heritage	Sustainable tourism (Small/medium towns)
PGI06094	<u>RFC</u>	Cultural heritage	Built heritage
PGI05280	<u>SHARE</u>	Cultural heritage	Urban areas
PGI00176	<u>WaVE</u>	Cultural heritage	Coastal areas and rivers
PGI06144	<u>BUILD2LC</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI05018	<u>CLEAN</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI06004	<u>EMPOWER</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI02078	<u>ENERSELVES</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings (Self consumption)
PGI05062	<u>FINERPOL</u>	Energy efficiency	Financial instruments
PGI02256	<u>LOCARBO</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI02115	<u>REBUS</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI04950	<u>RESOR</u>	Energy efficiency	Enterprises in remote areas
PGI05984	<u>S3UNICA</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI00029	<u>SET-UP</u>	Energy efficiency	Smart grids
PGI00013	<u>SMEP2.0+</u>	Energy efficiency	SMEs
PGI06131	<u>SOCIALGREEN</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings (Social housing)
PGI00020	<u>VIOLET</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI05377	<u>ZEROCO2</u>	Energy efficiency	Buildings
PGI01993	<u>AERIAL UPTAKE</u>	Innovation capacity	Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)
PGI02400	<u>MANUMIX</u>	Innovation capacity	Advanced manufacturing (RIS3)
PGI02026	<u>NMP-REG</u>	Innovation capacity	Nanotechnologies
PGI01400	<u>P2L2</u>	Innovation capacity	Advanced materials (RIS3)
PGI00010	<u>REMIX</u>	Innovation capacity	Raw materials (RIS3)
PGI05839	<u>S34GROWTH</u>	Innovation capacity	Industrial value chains (RIS3)
PGI02406	<u>STEPHANIE</u>	Innovation capacity	Photonics (RIS3)
PGI02501	<u>InnoBridge</u>	Innovation capacity	Research to market
PGI00014	<u>Islands of Innovation</u>	Innovation capacity	Island regions
PGI01366	<u>P-IRIS</u>	Innovation capacity	Rural
PGI02122	<u>RATIO</u>	Innovation capacity	Rural
PGI05884	<u>Urban M</u>	Innovation capacity	Maker spaces
PGI05025	<u>DIALOG</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Open/Social innovation
PGI00190	<u>iBuy</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Public procurement of innovation
PGI00048	<u>InnoHEIs</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Infrastructures (Higher Education)
PGI05810	<u>MARIE</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Responsible Research and Innovation
PGI02227	<u>OSIRIS</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Open/social innovation
PGI00018	<u>PASSPARTOOL</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Open/Social innovation

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PGI05786	<u>SUPER</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Environmentally Sustainable Innovations
PGI00277	<u>TraCS3</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Infrastructures
PGI05481	<u>EU SHAPE</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI02182	<u>HELIUM</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI01964	<u>HoCare</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI00049	<u>INNOVASTA 4 HEALTH</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI05289	<u>INTENCIVE</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI05981	<u>ITHACA</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI05001	<u>Medtech4 Europe</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI00243	<u>REGIONS 4FOOD4.0</u>	Innovation in sector	Food
PGI05819	<u>TITTAN</u>	Innovation in sector	Health
PGI05787	<u>Agri Renaissance</u>	Innovation in sector	Food
PGI05966	<u>CREADIS3</u>	Innovation in sector	Cultural and creative industries (RIS3)
PGI01356	<u>FoodChains 4 Europe</u>	Innovation in sector	Food
PGI02395	<u>Inno4Sports</u>	Innovation in sector	Sports
PGI05876	<u>INNOTRANS</u>	Innovation in sector	Transport
PGI05491	<u>iWATERMAP</u>	Innovation in sector	Water technologies
PGI02123	<u>NICHE</u>	Innovation in sector	Food
PGI00129	<u>RECORD</u>	Innovation in sector	Rail
PGI05964	<u>RESET</u>	Innovation in sector	Textile
PGI01511	<u>S3Chem</u>	Innovation in sector	Chemical industry (RIS3)
PGI05343	<u>SmartPilots</u>	Innovation in sector	Bio-economy
PGI05456	<u>BRIDGES</u>	RIS3	Bio-economy
PGI02083	<u>ClusterFY</u>	RIS3	Clusters (KETs)
PGI00046	<u>Clusterix 2.0</u>	RIS3	Clusters
PGI05040	<u>ClusterS3</u>	RIS3	Clusters
PGI02176	<u>ELISE</u>	RIS3	Clusters
PGI00087	<u>RUMORE</u>	RIS3	Clusters
PGI05254	<u>STRING</u>	RIS3	Clusters
PGI05574	<u>BETTER</u>	Innovation capacity	eGovernment
PGI02042	<u>Digital Regions</u>	Innovation capacity	Industry 4.0
PGI05992	<u>INNO PROVEMENT</u>	Innovation capacity	Industry 4.0
PGI05831	<u>INNO INFRA SHARE</u>	Innovation capacity	Industry 4.0
PGI02523	<u>SMARTY</u>	Innovation capacity	Industry 4.0
PGI00241	<u>TRINNO</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Digital uptake in traditional sector
PGI02237	<u>CARPE DIGEM</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Digital Innovation Ecosystems
PGI05374	<u>ERUDITE</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Digital Innovation Ecosystems
PGI02189	<u>INNO INDUSTRY</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Industry 4.0
PGI06122	<u>Next2Met</u>	Innovation ecosystems	Digital Innovation Ecosystems
PGI01464	<u>Digitourism</u>	Innovation in sector	Tourism / Digitisation (RIS3)
PGI02022	<u>CD-ETA</u>	Natural and cultural heritage	Digitisation
PGI00172	<u>DEVISE</u>	Support to SMEs	Digital technologies
PGI05800	<u>DigiBEST</u>	Support to SMEs	Digitisation
PGI02238	<u>FuturE.com</u>	Support to SMEs	Digitisation
PGI01981	<u>ACSELL</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Health
PGI05275	<u>GROW RUP</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Peripheral regions / blue and green economy
PGI05301	<u>INNOGROW</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Rural
PGI02364	<u>Innova Foster</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Startups
PGI00142	<u>40Ready</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Industry 4.0
PGI04926	<u>Design 4 Innovation</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Design
PGI05850	<u>KISS ME</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Crossborder regions
PGI00017	<u>RegionArts</u>	Innovation capacity of SMEs	Cultural and creative industries
PGI05205	<u>QUALIFY</u>	Support to sector	Food
PGI05967	<u>COALESCCE</u>	Low carbon strategies	Community
PGI00088	<u>Green Screen</u>	Low carbon strategies	Audiovisual sector
PGI00070	<u>INTENSIFY</u>	Low carbon strategies	Community
PGI00028	<u>LC Districts</u>	Low carbon strategies	Districts
PGI02268	<u>MOLOC</u>	Low carbon strategies	Urban
PGI06208	<u>PASSAGE</u>	Low carbon strategies	Maritime cross border areas
PGI06072	<u>POTEnT</u>	Low carbon strategies	Local energy transition / Communities
PGI00115	<u>SmartEdge</u>	Low carbon strategies	Edge cities
PGI05321	<u>SME POWER</u>	Low carbon strategies	SMEs
PGI06047	<u>SMOOTH PORTS</u>	Low carbon strategies	Ports
PGI05114	<u>SUPPORT</u>	Low carbon strategies	Sustainable Energy Plans
PGI04987	<u>A.L.I.C.E.</u>	Support to sector	Cultural and creative industries (Animation)

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PGI06022	<a href="#">CHRISTA</a>	Natural and cultural heritage	Sustainable tourism
PGI00111	<a href="#">EPICAH</a>	Natural and cultural heritage	Crossborder regions
PGI05501	<a href="#">HERICOAST</a>	Natural and cultural heritage	Coastal areas and rivers
PGI02159	<a href="#">MOMAr</a>	Natural and cultural heritage	Singular rural heritage
PGI02119	<a href="#">OUR WAY</a>	Natural and cultural heritage	Cultural routes (Greenways)
PGI02359	<a href="#">ThreeT</a>	Natural and cultural heritage	Cultural routes (Thematic trails)
PGI00141	<a href="#">Blue Green City</a>	Natural heritage	Green and blue infrastructure
PGI06110	<a href="#">Delta Lady</a>	Natural heritage	Coastal areas and rivers (Delta rivers)
PGI04871	<a href="#">IMPACT</a>	Natural heritage	Protected areas
PGI01403	<a href="#">Land-Sea</a>	Natural heritage	Coastal areas and rivers
PGI02121	<a href="#">PERFECT</a>	Natural heritage	Green infrastructure
PGI02021	<a href="#">PROGRESS</a>	Natural heritage	Ecosystem services
PGI02505	<a href="#">PROSPERA</a>	Natural heritage	Peri-urban areas
PGI01361	<a href="#">RAMSAT</a>	Natural heritage	Sustainable tourism (Mountainous areas)
PGI02020	<a href="#">RENATUR</a>	Natural heritage	Peri-urban areas
PGI01568	<a href="#">STAR Cities</a>	Natural heritage	Sustainable tourism (Riverbanks)
PGI01482	<a href="#">SWARE</a>	Natural heritage	Coastal areas and rivers (Waterways)
PGI05092	<a href="#">UrbanLinks 2 Landscapes</a>	Natural heritage	Peri-urban areas
PGI06201	<a href="#">WLE</a>	Natural heritage	Ecosystem services
PGI01484	<a href="#">SHREC</a>	Renewable energy	Business and households
PGI05899	<a href="#">AgroRES</a>	Renewable energy	Agriculture
PGI01473	<a href="#">APPROVE</a>	Renewable energy	Stakeholders engagement
PGI02366	<a href="#">BIO4ECO</a>	Renewable energy	Bioenergy
PGI00015	<a href="#">DeCarb</a>	Renewable energy	Coal-intense regions
PGI06062	<a href="#">FIRESPOL</a>	Renewable energy	Financial instruments
PGI05543	<a href="#">IRENES</a>	Renewable energy	Environment / Ecosystem services
PGI01518	<a href="#">POWER-TY</a>	Renewable energy	Vulnerable groups / Energy poverty
PGI05587	<a href="#">RESINDUSTRY</a>	Renewable energy	Industry
PGI05584	<a href="#">2LIFES</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Reuse)
PGI06168	<a href="#">AQUARES</a>	Resource efficiency	Water (Reuse)
PGI05794	<a href="#">BIGDATA 4RIVERS</a>	Resource efficiency	Water (ICT)
PGI06158	<a href="#">CAPonLITTER</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Marine litter)
PGI06148	<a href="#">CityZen</a>	Resource efficiency	Urban farming
PGI01972	<a href="#">COCOON</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Landfills)
PGI05292	<a href="#">CONDEREFF</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Construction and demolition)
PGI05809	<a href="#">ECOWASTE 4 FOOD</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Food)
PGI01979	<a href="#">ENHANCE</a>	Resource efficiency	Environmental performance management (EMAS)
PGI00066	<a href="#">EURE</a>	Resource efficiency	Environmental performance management
PGI06011	<a href="#">GPP4Growth</a>	Resource efficiency	Green public procurement
PGI05434	<a href="#">GPP-STREAM</a>	Resource efficiency	Green Public Procurement
PGI06130	<a href="#">INTHERWASTE</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Heritage cities)
PGI02448	<a href="#">LCA4Regions</a>	Resource efficiency	Life cycle instruments
PGI06120	<a href="#">LINDANET</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Soil and water contamination)
PGI01611	<a href="#">OptiWaMag</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Households)
PGI02450	<a href="#">PLASTEKO</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Plastic)
PGI01985	<a href="#">SMART WASTE</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Reuse)
PGI05948	<a href="#">TANIA</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (Soil pollution / Nanoremediation)
PGI06133	<a href="#">WIN-POL</a>	Resource efficiency	Waste (ICT)
PGI05792	<a href="#">BRANDTour</a>	Support to sector	Tourism
PGI05232	<a href="#">BRESE</a>	Support to sector	Social enterprises
PGI06099	<a href="#">CLAY</a>	Support to sector	Cultural and creative industries
PGI05942	<a href="#">CLIPPER</a>	Support to sector	Maritime industries
PGI02049	<a href="#">CRAFTS CODE</a>	Support to sector	Cultural and creative industries
PGI02331	<a href="#">CRE:HUB</a>	Support to sector	Cultural and creative industries
PGI00154	<a href="#">Cult-CreaTE</a>	Support to sector	Cultural and creative industries
PGI05382	<a href="#">CYBER</a>	Support to sector	Cibersecurity
PGI01997	<a href="#">Destination SMEs</a>	Support to sector	Tourism
PGI05173	<a href="#">EUREGA</a>	Support to sector	Food
PGI05830	<a href="#">EXTRA-SMEs</a>	Support to sector	Aquaculture
PGI02299	<a href="#">FRiDGE</a>	Support to sector	Food
PGI02468	<a href="#">RaiSE</a>	Support to sector	Social enterprises
PGI00116	<a href="#">RCIA</a>	Support to sector	Cultural and creative industries
PGI00193	<a href="#">RECREATE</a>	Support to sector	Transport
PGI02068	<a href="#">RuralGrowth</a>	Support to sector	Tourism in rural areas



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PGI05931	<u>SARURE</u>	Support to sector	Rural retail
PGI00100	<u>SILVER SMEs</u>	Support to sector	Silver economy
PGI05855	<u>SinCE-AFC</u>	Support to sector	Food
PGI00208	<u>SME ORGANICS</u>	Support to sector	Food
PGI00008	<u>SOCIAL-SEEDS</u>	Support to sector	Social enterprises
PGI02217	<u>SUBTRACT</u>	Support to sector	Social enterprises (Reuse centers)
PGI01505	<u>ATMforSMEs</u>	Support to SMES	Access to finance (Microfinance)
PGI04824	<u>ESSPO</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI05271	<u>FFWD EUROPE</u>	Support to SMES	Access to finance (Venture capital)
PGI05290	<u>Innova-FI</u>	Support to SMES	Access to finance (innovative SMEs)
PGI04888	<u>Road-CSR</u>	Support to SMEs	Corporate social responsibility
PGI00057	<u>COMPETE IN</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI06218	<u>EIS</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI05790	<u>FOUNDATION</u>	Support to SMEs	Industrial transition
PGI05836	<u>Inside Out EU</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI05046	<u>INTER VENTURES</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI05090	<u>INTRA</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI01983	<u>PURE COSMOS</u>	Support to SMEs	Administrative burden
PGI05897	<u>SCALE UP</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI05798	<u>SIE</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI05866	<u>SKILLS+</u>	Support to SMEs	Rural (ICT skills)
PGI02343	<u>STOB regions</u>	Support to SMEs	Business transfer
PGI04846	<u>SUCCESS ROAD</u>	Support to SMEs	Business transfer
PGI01996	<u>UpGradeSME</u>	Support to SMEs	Internationalisation
PGI04910	<u>ABCitiEs</u>	Entrepreneurship	Area Based Collaborative Entrepreneurship
PGI02116	<u>ECoc-SME</u>	Entrepreneurship	Cultural and creative industries
PGI04939	<u>FEMINA</u>	Entrepreneurship	Female entrepreneurship
PGI02464	<u>GRESS</u>	Entrepreneurship	Green economy
PGI02129	<u>SPEED UP</u>	Entrepreneurship	Business incubation
PGI00031	<u>E-COOL</u>	Entrepreneurship	Young entrepreneurs
PGI00094	<u>iEER</u>	Entrepreneurship	Young entrepreneurs
PGI05215	<u>OSS</u>	Entrepreneurship	Support services
PGI01975	<u>REBORN</u>	Entrepreneurship	Second chance
PGI06095	<u>Rur@I SMEs</u>	Entrepreneurship	Rural
PGI05077	<u>SOCENT SPAs</u>	Entrepreneurship	Social enterprises
PGI05955	<u>START EASY</u>	Entrepreneurship	Administrative burden
PGI00294	<u>Beyond EDP</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI05391	<u>COHES3ION</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI05972	<u>ecoRIS3</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI05962	<u>HIGHER</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI05949	<u>IMPROVE</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI05592	<u>INKREASE</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI06140	<u>MONITORIS3</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI01963	<u>RELOS3</u>	RIS3	Governance
PGI02398	<u>2050 CliMobCity</u>	Sustainable transport	Urban
PGI05896	<u>CISMOB</u>	Sustainable transport	ICT
PGI00059	<u>CYCLEWALK MODE</u>	Sustainable transport	walking and cycling
PGI00045	<u>DEMO-EC</u>	Sustainable transport	Urban
PGI05807	<u>DESTI-SMART</u>	Sustainable transport	Tourism
PGI05919	<u>E-BussED</u>	Sustainable transport	Public transport
PGI00291	<u>ECO-CICLE</u>	Sustainable transport	Sustainable tourism (Cycling)
PGI01487	<u>E-MOB</u>	Sustainable transport	Electromobility
PGI05074	<u>E-MOBICITY</u>	Sustainable transport	Electromobility
PGI02462	<u>e-MOPOLI</u>	Sustainable transport	Electromobility
PGI05251	<u>e-smartec</u>	Sustainable transport	Transport
PGI05871	<u>EU CYCLE</u>	Sustainable transport	Cycling
PGI02321	<u>EV Energy</u>	Sustainable transport	Electromobility
PGI05889	<u>InnovaSUMP</u>	Sustainable transport	SUMP
PGI05970	<u>LAST MILE</u>	Sustainable transport	Last mile transport
PGI05560	<u>MATCH-UP</u>	Sustainable transport	Intermodality
PGI02134	<u>OptiTrans</u>	Sustainable transport	Rural and Urban
PGI00196	<u>PE4Trans</u>	Sustainable transport	Public engagement
PGI06085	<u>PriMaaS</u>	Sustainable transport	Mobility as a Service (MaaS)
PGI04924	<u>PROMETEUS</u>	Sustainable transport	Electromobility

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PGI02009	<u>REFORM</u>	<b>Sustainable transport</b>	<b>SUMP</b>
PGI06172	<u>REGIO-MOB</u>	<b>Sustainable transport</b>	<b>Urban</b>
PGI06169	<u>RESOLVE</u>	<b>Sustainable transport</b>	<b>Retailing economy</b>
PGI05847	<u>SCHOOL CHANCE</u>	<b>Sustainable transport</b>	<b>Schools</b>
PGI06059	<u>SMART HY-AWARE</u>	<b>Sustainable transport</b>	<b>Electromobility (Hydrogen)</b>
PGI05799	<u>SMART-MR</u>	<b>Sustainable transport</b>	<b>Metropolitan regions</b>
PGI02125	<u>TRAM</u>	<b>Sustainable transport</b>	<b>Urban</b>

## Annex 02 – NUTS2 regions

94 NUTS2 regions are not represented in the Interreg Europe projects approved in the first call for proposals.

AT11	Burgenland	DE91	Braunschweig	FRJ2	Midi-Pyrénées
AT21	Kärnten	DE93	Lüneburg	FRK1	Auvergne
AT31	Oberösterreich	DE94	Weser-Ems	FRM0	Corse
AT32	Salzburg	DEA2	Köln	FRY1	Guadeloupe
AT33	Tirol	DEA3	Münster	FRY2	Martinique
AT34	Vorarlberg	DEA4	Detmold	FRY3	Guyane
BE22	Prov. Limburg (BE)	DEB1	Koblenz	FRY4	La Réunion
BE31	Prov. Brabant Wallon	DEB2	Trier	FRY5	Mayotte
BE32	Prov. Hainaut	DEC0	Saarland	HU12	Pest
BE34	Prov. Luxembourg (BE)	DED2	Dresden	HU31	Észak-Magyarország
CH01	Région lémanique	DED4	Chemnitz	HU33	Dél-Alföld
CH02	Espace Mittelland	DEF0	Schleswig-Holstein	ITC2	Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste
CH03	Nordwestschweiz	DEG0	Thüringen	ITF1	Abruzzo
CH04	Zürich	DK01	Hovedstaden	ITF3	Campania
CH05	Ostschweiz	EL42	Νότιο Αιγαίο	NL13	Drenthe
CH06	Zentralschweiz	EL54	Ἡπείρος	NL22	Gelderland
CH07	Ticino	EL61	Θεσσαλία	NO02	Innlandet
CZ02	Střední Čechy	EL62	Ιόνια Νησιά	NO06	Trøndelag
CZ04	Severozápad	ES23	La Rioja	NO08	Oslo og Viken
CZ06	Jihovýchod	ES30	Comunidad de Madrid	NO09	Agder og Sør-Østlandet
CZ07	Střední Morava	ES41	Castilla y León	NO0B	Svalbard og Jan Mayen
CZ08	Moravskoslezsko	ES63	Ciudad de Ceuta	PL41	Wielkopolskie
DE13	Freiburg	ES64	Ciudad de Melilla	PL43	Lubuskie
DE22	Niederbayern	ES70	Canarias	PL62	Warmińsko-mazurskie
DE24	Oberfranken	FI1B	Helsinki-Uusimaa	PL71	Łódzkie
DE25	Mittelfranken	FI20	Åland	PL92	Mazowiecki regionalny
DE26	Unterfranken	FRB0	Centre — Val de Loire	PT15	Algarve
DE27	Schwaben	FRD1	Basse-Normandie	SE11	Stockholm
DE30	Berlin	FRD2	Haute-Normandie	SK02	Západné Slovensko
DE72	Gießen	FRE2	Picardie	SK03	Stredné Slovensko
DE73	Kassel	FRF2	Champagne-Ardenne		
DE80	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	FRI3	Poitou-Charentes		

## Annex 03 – Declaration template

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the organisation (original)	
Name of the organisation (English)	
Role of the organisation in the project (i.e., partner or associated policy authority)	

Partner declaration	Associated policy authority declaration
<p>In the event of approval of funding for the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg Europe programme, the indicated <b>partner</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirms fulfilling the criterion of a public body or a body governed by public law or private non-profit body as defined in the programme manual.</li> <li>2. Commits itself to the project and the activities laid down in the application form and intends to contribute to the project's budget the amount indicated in the application form from its own or other funding sources.</li> <li>3. Is aware of the programme rules on reimbursement and non-existence of advance payment and confirms the financial capacity to prefinance the activities.</li> <li>4. Is aware of the programme rules on state aid, horizontal principles of gender equality, non-discrimination and sustainable development, public procurement, publicity and information and will act accordingly.</li> <li>5. Declares that it is not under proceedings linked to financial difficulties (e.g., insolvency/bankruptcy proceeding), is not considered as an undertaking in difficulty with regard to European law on state aid (Article 2 (18) of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014), bears full legal capacity, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation.</li> <li>6. Confirms that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be co-financed by any other EU-funded programme, except for partners that do not receive co-financing directly from the Interreg Europe programme.</li> <li>7. Declares to accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the subsidy contract signed by the lead partner as well as the project partnership agreement concluded between all partners participating in the project.</li> <li>8. Acknowledges that access and use of the programme online system as well as collection of personal data are subject to the "terms and conditions" published on the online system.</li> </ol>	<p>In the event of approval of the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg Europe programme, the indicated <b>associated policy authority</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirms that its organisation is responsible for the elaboration and/or delivery of the policy instrument for which it is indicated as associated policy authority in the application form</li> <li>2. Confirms that the topic tackled by the project is in line with the scope of this policy instrument</li> <li>3. Commits itself to engage with the stakeholder group and participate, when possible and relevant, in the project activities</li> <li>4. Confirms that it will consider the possibilities for implementing the lessons learned from the project through its policy instrument.</li> </ol>

Name of signatory	
Position of signatory	
Date	
Signature (compulsory) and stamp of partner organisation (if exists)	