

INTERREG EUROPE 2021-2027 (DRAFT Programme Manual)

FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS – 2022 (DRAFT Terms of reference)

Opening: 5 April 2022

Deadline: 31 May 2022
at 12:00 p.m.

Execution period: 3+1
years

ERDF Budget¹ per project: 1-2 M€

Supported Actions: [Interregional Cooperation Projects](#), to exchange and transfer of experience among the participating partners to improve the policy instruments addressed by the project. (See section 3 of the Programme Manual)

Eligible² territory: 27 UE Member States, including insular and outermost regions, Norway, and Switzerland.

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

*To be eligible in this call, the projects must ensure that the 4 areas are represented in the partnership.

Partnership: [Policy-relevant organizations](#) (public authorities³, public law bodies⁴, private non-profit bodies). See section 3.4 of the Programme Manual.

Priorities: The programme is structured around one single cross-cutting priority, the Interreg-specific objective '[a better cooperation governance](#)'. This means that the beneficiaries can cooperate in any topics of shared relevance in line with the regional needs if this falls within the scope of cohesion policy. Nevertheless, there are some policy areas that are most relevant and urgent for regions in Europe (80% programme budget). See [Table 1 – Allocation of programme budget per Policy Objectives and corresponding Specific Objectives](#) in the Terms of reference.

Eligible costs: Further information in section 6.2 of the Programme Manual

Staff	It applies to the staff employed by the project partners
Office and administration	15% staff costs
Travel and accommodation	1. Flat rate of 15% of staff costs or 2. Real costs (if justified)
External experts and services	Less than 50% of the budget (including travel cost for staff of the associated policy authorities and stakeholders)
Equipment	Office equipment (usually not exceeding EUR 7,000 per project) and other equipment (in case of pilot actions)
Infrastructure and works	Only in case of pilot actions, if needed

Other aspects of interest:

- Up to 40% of the overall ERDF budget (approximately EUR 130 million) of the Interreg Europe programme is made available for this call.
- Innovative character: to check [approved projects](#) by previous programme to ensure this requirement. See section 3.3.4 of the programme manual.
- Eligibility criteria: relevance of proposal, quality of the expected results, quality of partnership, coherence of the proposal and quality of approach, budget. A score of 1 to 5 is attributed to each quality criterion. Successful projects should reach at least an average score of 3.00. See section 4.3 of the programme manual.

¹ Partners from Norway and Switzerland are not eligible to receive ERDF but can receive co-financing from their respective national funds.

² See section 8.1 of the present terms of reference

³ 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'

⁴ (a) they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character.

(b) they have legal personality; and

(c) they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law; or are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or have an administrative, managerial, or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law; [...]