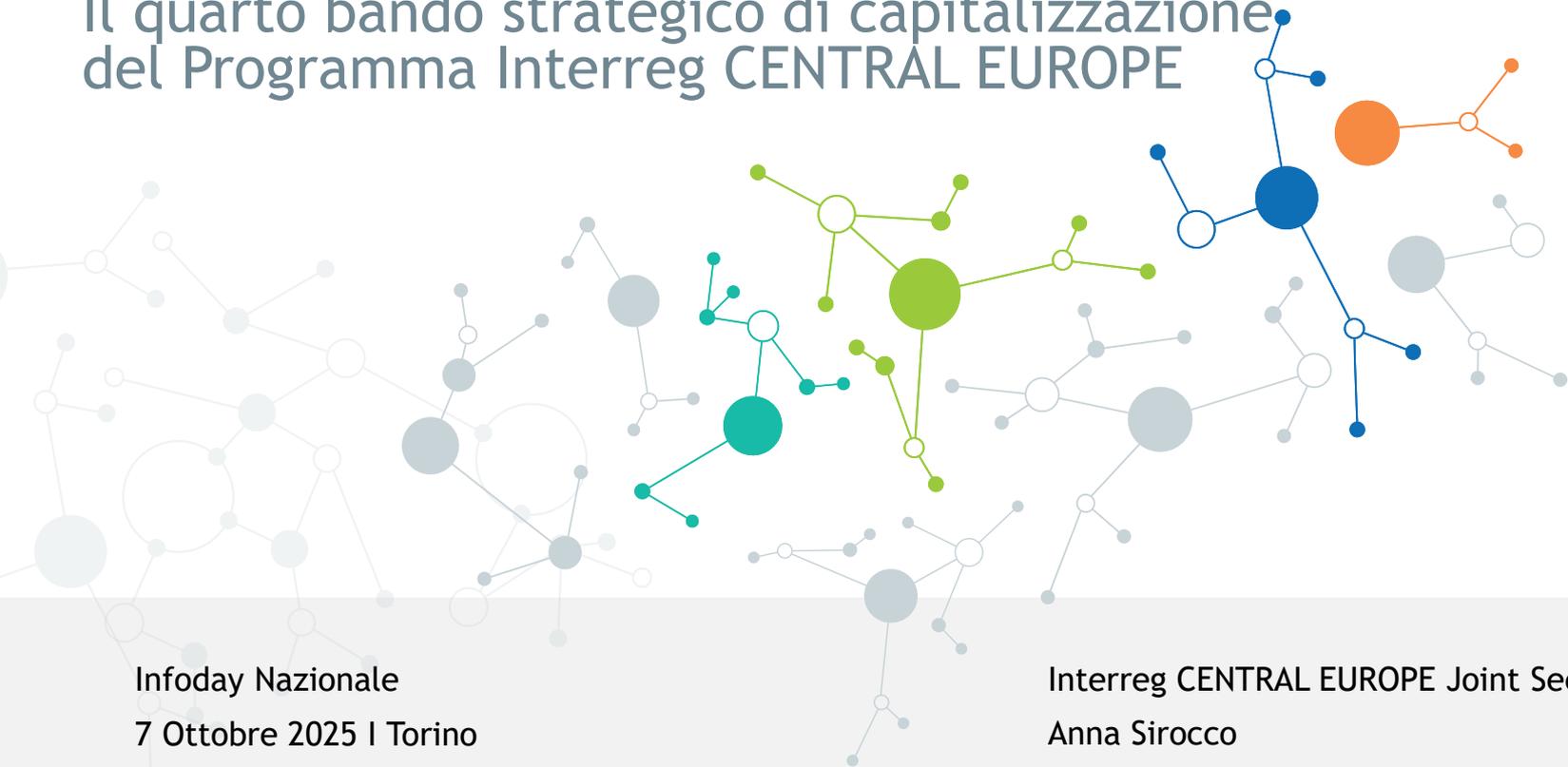




Il quarto bando strategico di capitalizzazione del Programma Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE



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CENTRAL EUROPE in a Nutshell

INTERREG COOPERATION IS CENTRAL

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE is a European Union funding programme that supports transnational cooperation to tackle shared challenges across borders. For over 25 years, we have connected regions to build trust and deliver solutions that make central Europe more resilient.
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Interreg
CENTRAL EUROPE



Co-funded by
the European Union

We fund transnational projects in 9 countries and 81 regions to make central Europe smarter, greener, better connected and more integrated. Our 4 funding priorities are further detailed into 9 specific objectives that address targeted challenges and needs across the programme area.



PROGRAMME DURATION

Our programme runs from 2021 to 2027 and regularly offers funding opportunities.



BUDGET

Our programme provides €207 million in ERDF funding with up to 80% co-financing to support transnational projects that drive cooperation and innovation across central Europe.



125
PROJECTS

1.145
INSTITUTIONS
INVOLVED IN

190
MILLION ERDF
ALLOCATED

OUR PROJECTS PER PRIORITY



Explore our projects
in the Project Gateway
section on our website

Framework and Objective of the Strategic Call for Capitalisation

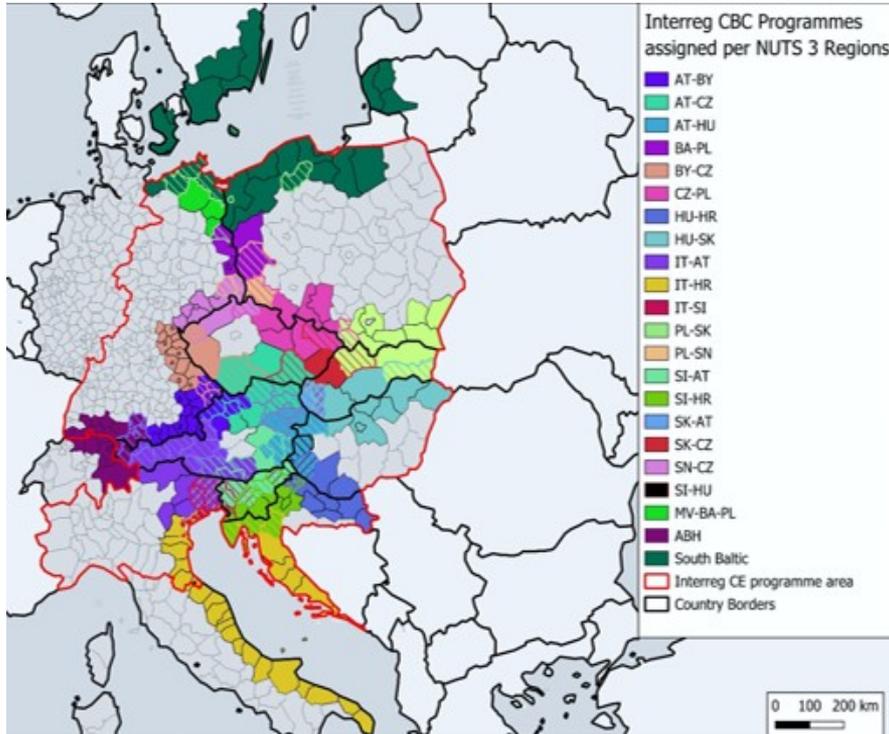
Objective of the Strategic Call for Capitalisation

To reduce the effects of borders on flows and functional linkages among central European regions, for a more competitive and resilient central Europe

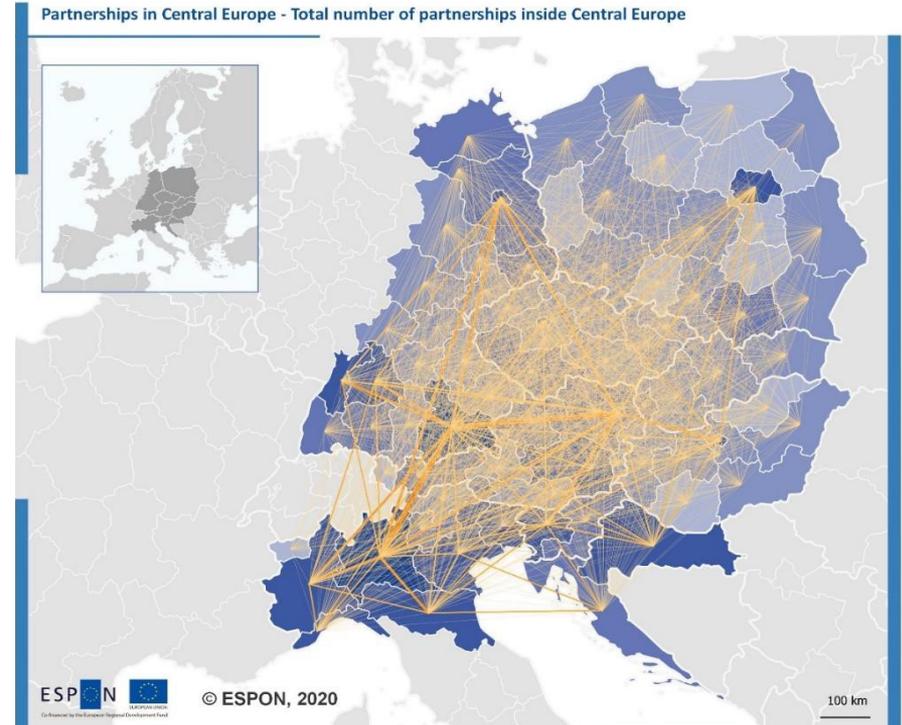
By **taking up** and **further developing** existing Interreg results to meet **new needs** and strengthen their **policy impact**

How Interreg Addresses Border Effects

Cross-border cooperation in CE

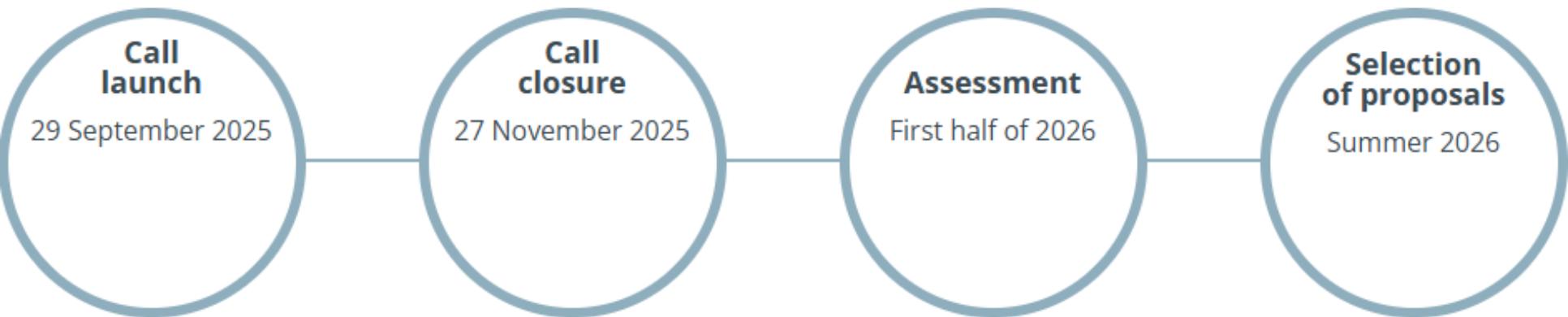


Interreg CE transnational cooperation



Strategic projects for capitalisation are expected to **leverage synergies, breaking the silos** between Interreg strands

Call Timeline



Thematic Scope

Main Features of the Call



Priority 1: Cooperating for a smarter central Europe (SO 1.1 & SO 1.2)



Priority 3: Cooperating for a better connected central Europe (SO 3.1)

All our funding priorities and specific objectives are open in this call



Priority 2: Cooperating for a greener central Europe (SO2.1, SO2.2, SO2.3, SO 2.4, SO 2.5)



Priority 4: Improving governance for cooperation in central Europe (SO 4.1)



Priority 1: Cooperating for a smarter central Europe

SO 1.1

- Innovation management in SMEs
- Health care (innovation) and silver economy

SO 1.2

- Entrepreneurship
- Matching skills to labour market needs of regions in industrial and digital transition



Priority 3: Cooperating for a better connected central Europe

SO 3.1

- Accessibility of peripheral areas including digital transport solutions, transport strategies and planning

Ideas are welcome in all relevant topics of each specific objective.
Among others, the following topics show a good potential for capitalisation:



Priority 2: Cooperating for a greener central Europe

SO 2.2

- Risk awareness, prevention and management such as for forest fires, floods, landslides and erosion
- Climate change adaptation

SO 2.4

- Biodiversity conservation and recovery
- Protection of ecosystems and sustainable management



Priority 4: Improving governance for cooperation in central Europe

SO 4.1

- Integrated territorial development including establishment of formal cooperation structures, access to public services of general interest and tourism

Call budget per programme SO (indicative)

Programme priorities and specific objectives (SO)	Indicative ERDF budget (million EUR)
Priority 1: Cooperating for a smarter central Europe	
SO 1.1 Innovation capacities	3,6
SO 1.2 Smart skills	1,8
Priority 2: Cooperating for a greener central Europe	
SO 2.1 Clean energy transition	2,7
SO 2.2 Climate change resilience	3,4
SO 2.3 Circular economy	2,7
SO 2.4 Environment	3,4
SO 2.5 Green urban mobility	1,8
Priority 3: Cooperating for a better connected central Europe	
SO 3.1 Improving rural and peripheral transport	1,8
Priority 4: Improving governance for cooperation in central Europe	
SO 4.1 Governance for integrated territorial development	1,8
Total	23

Specificities of Strategic Call for Capitalisation

Minimum Requirement for Synergies

Project proposals must take up existing outputs and results from:



At least two Interreg **CENTRAL EUROPE** projects 2021-2027 (first and second call)

At least two Interreg cross-border cooperation projects 2021-2027 (or, if relevant, 2014-2020), addressing [internal central European borders](#)

Key Project Features



Objective

Clear emphasis on capitalisation of transnational and cross-border [outputs and results](#)



Transnationality

At least three partners from three countries, two of which are located in central Europe



Duration

Between 18 and 24 months



Budget

Up to 1 million EUR of ERDF



Operations of Strategic Importance (OSI)

- They widen the impact and multiply the effects of projects already approved in previous calls, thus increasing efficiency and effectiveness for the benefit of CE regions.
- They will benefit from high visibility through special programme communication measures

Up-streaming of outputs and results

MAIN FOCUS ON
THE
IMPLEMENTATION
OF STRATEGIES
AND ACTION
PLANS

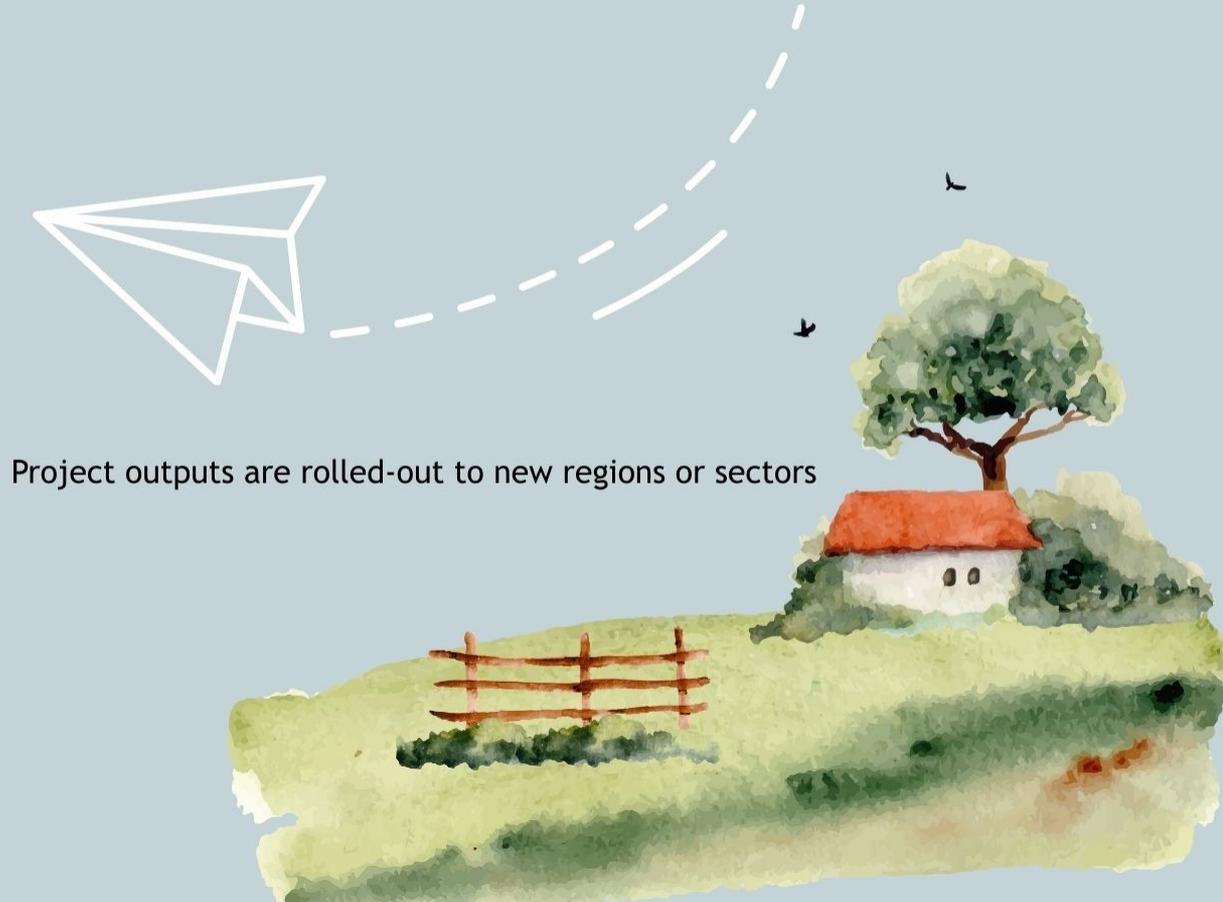


Project outputs are integrated into policies



Down-streaming of outputs and results

MAIN FOCUS ON
THE
IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PILOT
ACTIONS AND
SOLUTIONS



Project outputs are rolled-out to new regions or sectors

INPUT: EXISTING OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

Transnational project outputs
and results

Cross-border project outputs
and results

Outputs and results of other
project(s)

CAPITALISATION PROJECT

Addressing specific needs and
challenges of new
stakeholders and territories

Outputs and results fitting
the new needs

IMPACT/RESULTS

UP-STREAM

to policy levels

New
stake-
holders

**DOWN-
STREAM**

New
regions

New
sectors

How to Build your Partnership and Project Proposal

Partnership



Partnership size and transnationality

- Minimum requirement

3

Partners

3

Countries

2

At least from
Central Europe

- No recommended size (consider project scope and budget limitations)

Partnership composition - recommendations



- All types of institutions can participate
- Coherence with the territorial and thematic scope of the project (e.g. competencies, governance level, sectors, outreach to target groups etc.)
- Composed of
 - organisations that were actively participating in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE projects to be capitalised; and
 - organisations that were actively participating in the Interreg cross-border cooperation projects to be capitalised
- Owning the outputs and results being capitalised, or holding the relevant user rights
- Involving additional organisations that can facilitate the upstreaming or down-streaming of existing outputs and results (e.g. public actors in charge of policies, organisations representing the new territories or sectors addressed)

Intervention logic

- **Project objectives**

- To be clearly aligned to the call objective of reducing border effects
- To reflect the capitalization focus of the call

- **Project outputs**

- Full set of output types (strategies, action plans, pilot actions, solutions, cooperations)

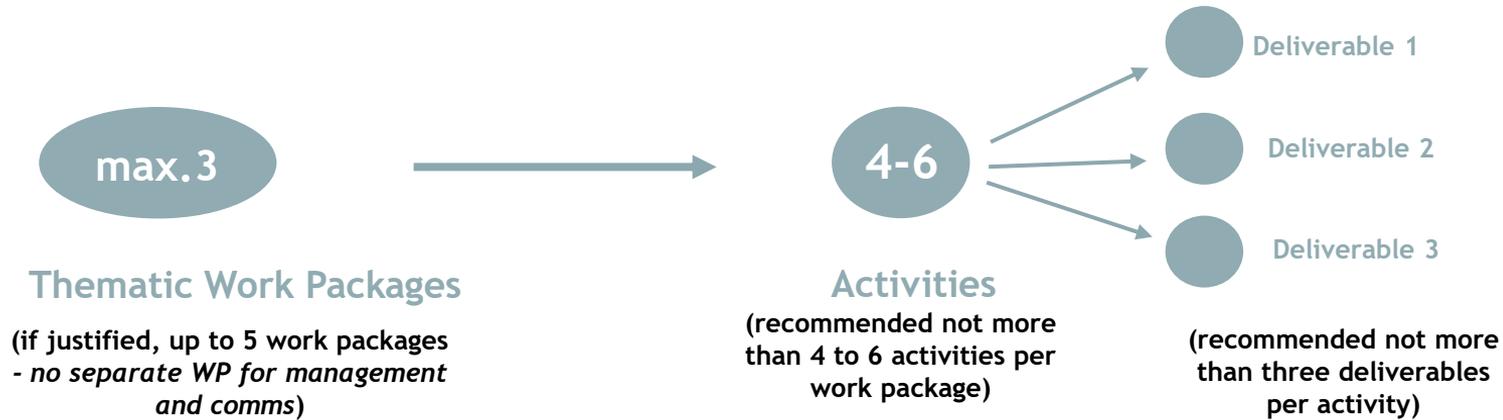
- **Capitalisation approach**

- Upstreaming of outputs and results - main focus on the implementation of strategies and action plans
- Downstreaming - main focus on pilot actions and solutions

- **Project results**

- Concrete uptake of existing outputs and results
- Generating impact and effects for the benefit of wider areas, beyond border regions

Project work plan



For guidance and details on the project intervention logic and work plan, please refer to the programme manual, the offline template of the application form and the online tutorials.

Key features of a good capitalisation project (1)

-  **Clear and Relevant Logic:** A good project has a clear and relevant intervention logic, contributing to the call objective.
-  **Transnational Added Value:** The project must show clear added value from transnational cooperation.
-  **Clear capitalisation approach:** It has to clearly build on outputs and results of previous projects and demonstrate a concrete capitalisation approach.
-  **Sound Work Plan:** A good project has a well-focused and mature work plan.

Key features of a good capitalisation project (2)

-  **Competent Partnership:** Partnerships should include partners which were actively involved in the projects to be capitalised and further institutions relevant for their **downstreaming** and/or **upstreaming**
-  **Strong Management:** Effective project management ensures quality outputs and results.
-  **Effective Communication:** A strong communication manager coordinates communication activities.
-  **Value for Money:** Projects must demonstrate value for money with an efficient budget.
-  **Long-lasting Impact:** Projects should ensure long-lasting benefits and broad uptake and roll-out of results in additional sectors and/or regions.

Project budget



Maximum total project budget EUR 1.250.000

(=max. EUR 1.000.000 ERDF)

Each LP/PP has to choose ONE of the following budget options:

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

Preparation

Lump sum for preparation and contracting costs

Project implementation

CC1 Staff Costs
Real costs

CC1 Staff Costs
Flat rate 20% of CC4, CC5 & CC6

CC1 Staff Costs
Real costs

CC2 Office & Admin Costs
Flat rate 15% of CC1

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Flat rate 15% of CC1

CC3 Travel & Acc. Costs
Flat rate % of CC1
(% is country specific)

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CC4 Ext. Exp. & Services
Real costs

CC4 Ext. Exp. & Services
Real costs

CC5 Equipment Costs
Real costs

CC5 Equipment Costs
Real costs

CC6 Infrastructure & Works
Real costs

CC6 Infrastructure & Works
Real costs

All other CCs
Flat rate 40% of CC1

Closure

Same as option chosen for project implementation

-  Real Costs
-  Simplified cost option (SCO)
-  Obligatory SCO

Support and Tools

Individual consultations

- **Early consultation:** It is advised to request the consultation early in the project development phase, but with a sufficiently mature project idea.
- **Consultation input:** Consultations are based on the project idea form, which must be submitted through our applicant community platform (it is not obligatory to publish it).
- **Consultation requesting period:** Request your consultation between 30 September and 19 November 2025.



Call-related documents

All relevant documents are available for download at www.interreg-central.eu/documents



Application Package

- a. Terms of Reference (ToR)
- b. Offline application form template with guidance;
- c. Lead partner & project partner declaration templates;
- d. Simplified financial statement (*applicable only to private lead applicants*);



Tools

- a. Self-assessment tool of your project proposal
- b. Project summary generator
- c. Financial capacity check for private lead applicant
- d. Mapping of B-solutions



Manuals

- a. Programme manual*
- b. Jems manual*

**available as PDF and in HTML*

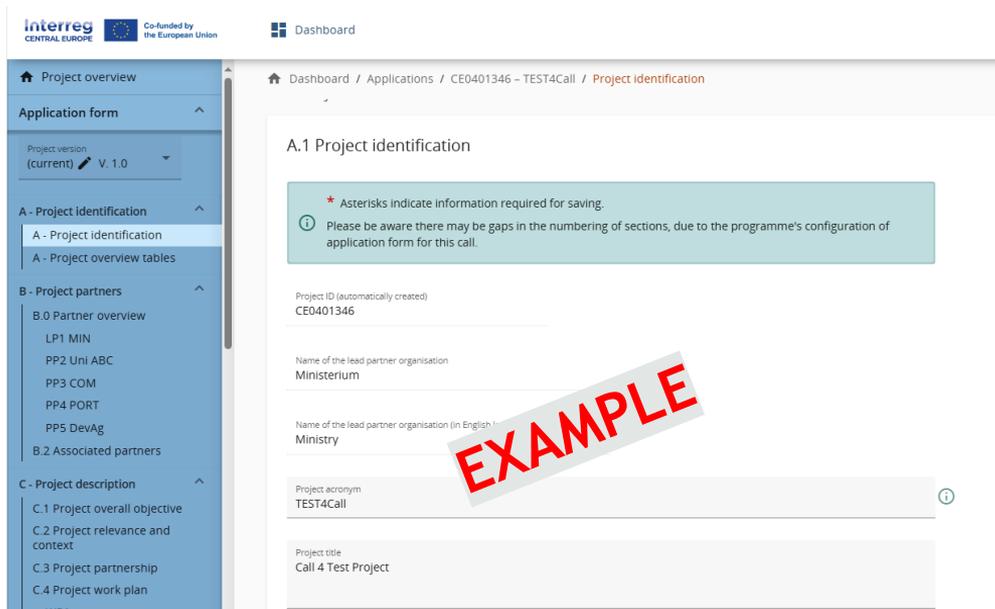
Jems

Applications have to be submitted through the web-based Joint electronic monitoring system (Jems) available at

<https://jems.interreg-central.eu>

Attention:

Regularly run the pre-submission checks of your application when preparing your project proposal and don't wait the last minute!



The screenshot shows the 'Project identification' section of the application form. The breadcrumb trail is 'Dashboard / Applications / CE0401346 - TEST4Call / Project identification'. The form contains the following fields:

- Project ID (automatically created): CE0401346
- Name of the lead partner organisation: Ministerium
- Name of the lead partner organisation (in English): Ministry
- Project acronym: TEST4Call
- Project title: Call 4 Test Project

A warning message is displayed: 'Asterisks indicate information required for saving. Please be aware there may be gaps in the numbering of sections, due to the programme's configuration of application form for this call.' A large red 'EXAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the form.

	Error - verification failed. Required user interaction.
	Warning - there is recommendation how to enhance data quality of Application Form User interaction is desirable.
	Info - verification passed successfully.

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