



# Il quarto bando strategico di capitalizzazione del Programma Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE



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# CENTRAL EUROPE in a Nutshell

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# 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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CENTRAL EUROPE



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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



**36** Projects funded  
**298** Partners  
**51** Million € funding allocated



**61** Projects funded  
**619** Partners  
**105** Million € funding allocated



**11** Projects funded  
**87** Partners  
**14** Million € funding allocated



**17** Projects funded  
**141** Partners  
**20** Million € funding allocated



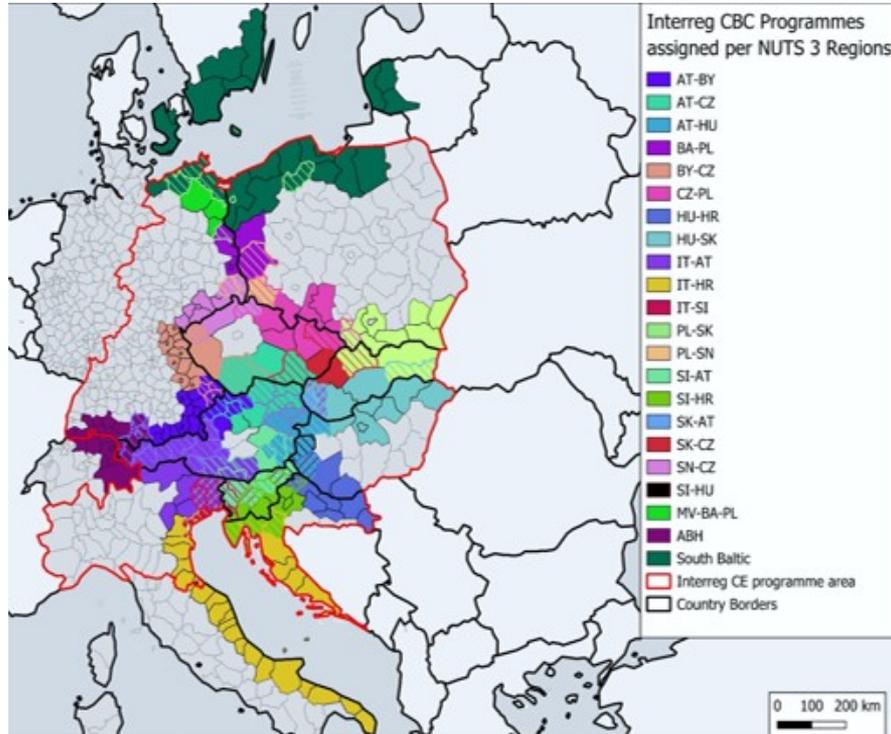
Explore our projects  
in the Project Gateway  
section on our website

# Framework and Objective of the Strategic Call for Capitalisation

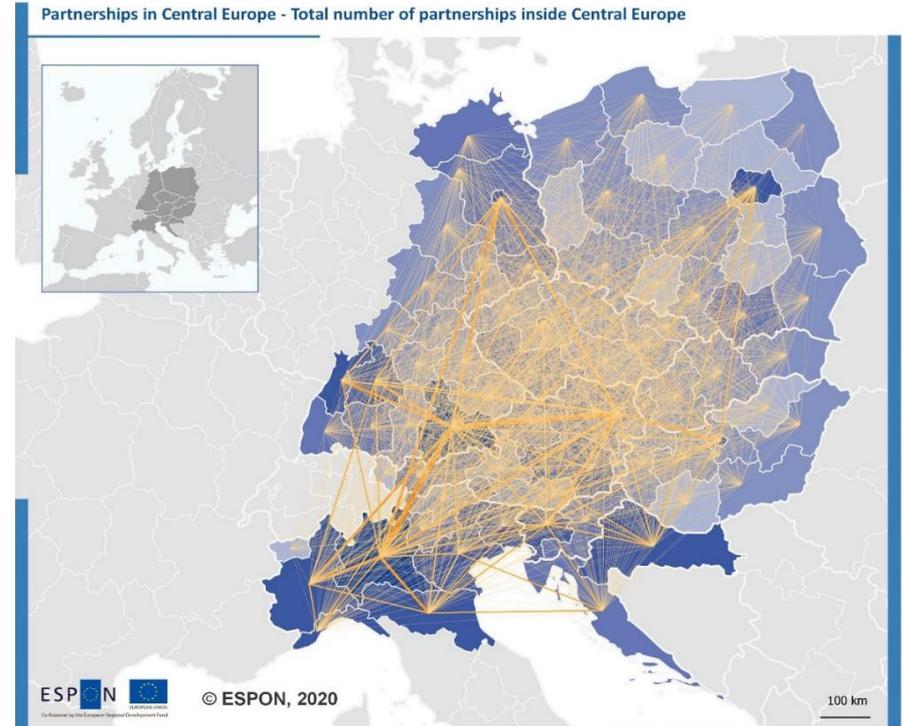
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# How Interreg Addresses Border Effects

## Cross-border cooperation in CE



## Interreg CE transnational cooperation



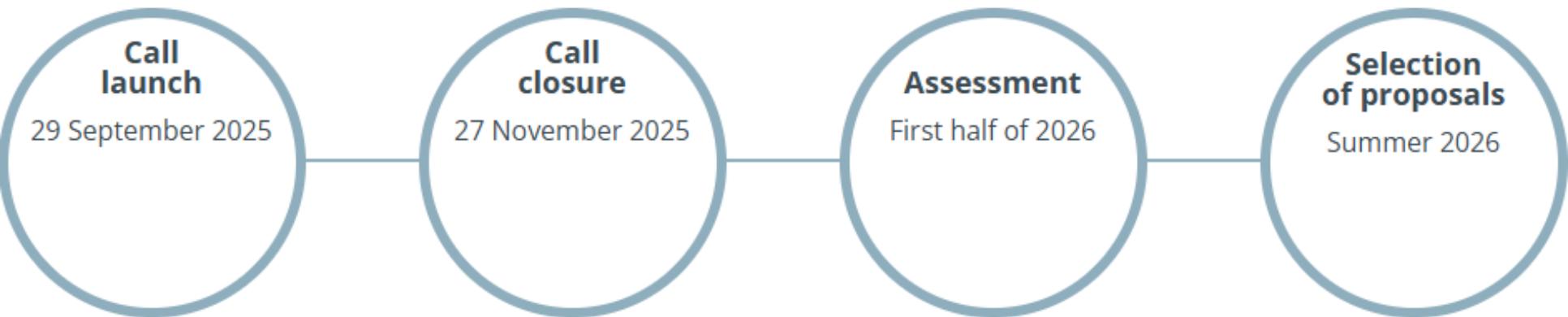
# Objective of the Strategic Call for Capitalisation

*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**

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

# Call Timeline



# Thematic Scope

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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)
<b>Priority 1: Cooperating for a smarter central Europe</b>	
SO 1.1 Innovation capacities	3,6
SO 1.2 Smart skills	1,8
<b>Priority 2: Cooperating for a greener central Europe</b>	
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
<b>Priority 3: Cooperating for a better connected central Europe</b>	
SO 3.1 Improving rural and peripheral transport	1,8
<b>Priority 4: Improving governance for cooperation in central Europe</b>	
SO 4.1 Governance for integrated territorial development	1,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

# Specificities of Strategic Call for Capitalisation

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# 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

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# 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)

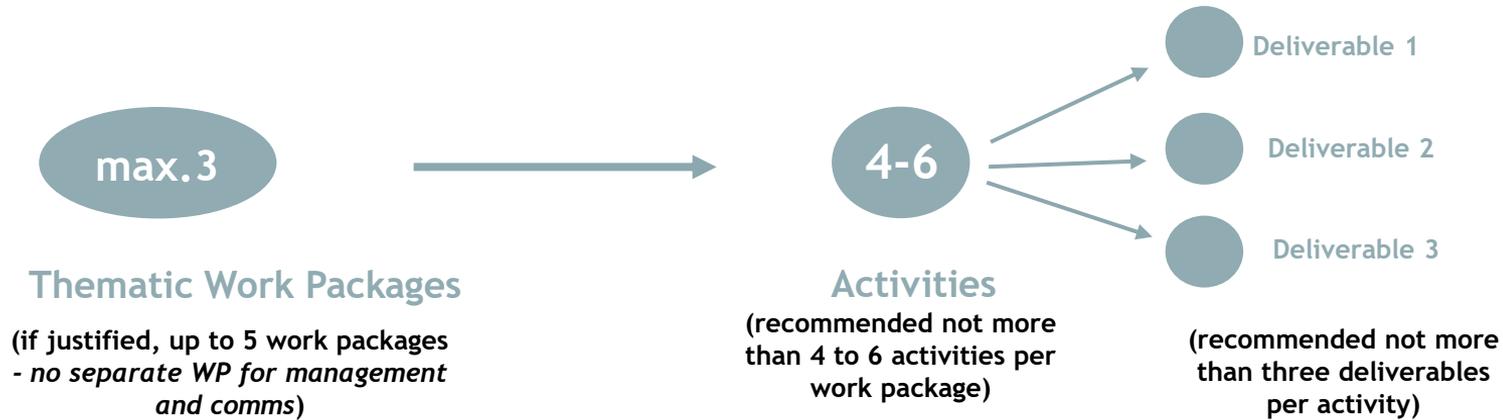
- **Capitalisation approach**

- 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)

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

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	CC2 Office & Admin Costs Flat rate 15% of CC1	All other CCs Flat rate 40% of CC1
	CC3 Travel & Acc. Costs Flat rate % of CC1 (% is country specific)	CC3 Travel & Acc. Costs Flat rate % of CC1 (% is country specific)	
	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	
Closure	Same as option chosen for project implementation		

# Support and Tools

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# Call-related documents

All relevant documents are available for download at [www.interreg-central.eu/documents](http://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*

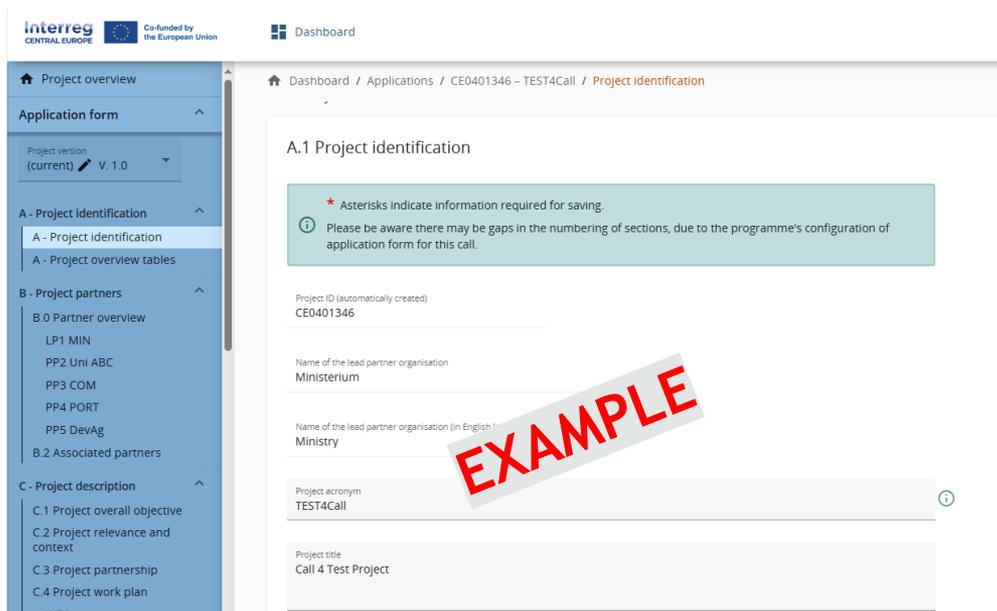
# Jems

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 Jems application form. The left sidebar lists various sections: A - Project identification, B - Project partners, and C - Project description. The main content area shows the 'A.1 Project identification' form with fields for Project ID, Name of the lead partner organisation, Project acronym, and Project title. A red 'EXAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the form. A green information box at the top of the form states: '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.' Below the form, a legend explains the error icon: a red exclamation mark in a circle indicates 'Error - verification failed. Required user interaction.' A yellow warning triangle indicates 'Warning - there is recommendation how to enhance data quality of Application Form. User interaction is desirable.' A green checkmark in a circle indicates 'Info - verification passed successfully.'

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Project overview

Application form

Project version (current) V. 1.0

A - Project identification

A - Project identification

A - Project overview tables

B - Project partners

B.0 Partner overview

LP1 MIN

PP2 Uni ABC

PP3 COM

PP4 PORT

PP5 DevAg

B.2 Associated partners

C - Project description

C.1 Project overall objective

C.2 Project relevance and context

C.3 Project partnership

C.4 Project work plan

WP1

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A.1 Project identification

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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

EXAMPLE

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