



Interregional Cooperation Programme INTERREG IV C

- financed by ERDF -

(total budget 405,094,936 EURO for the 2007-2013 period)

Eligible area

entire EU territory (27 Member States), Norway and Switzerland;



PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Project idea eligibility (addressing one of the priority axis and sub-themes within the programme)

Priority axis	Sub-themes	ERDF Budget 2007-2013 (EURO)	Project type		ERDF project value (EURO)		Implementation period (months)	
					Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Innovation and knowledge economy	Innovation, research and technology development	176,726,969	SOFT (Involving training sessions, studies etc.)	Type 1: Regional initiatives	500,000	5,000,000	N/A	36 months (48 months for mini-programmes)
	Entrepreneurship and SMEs			Type 2: Capitalization	1,000,000	2,000,000	N/A	24 months
	The information society							
	Employment, human capital and education.							
Environment and risk prevention	Natural and technological risks	125,315,487	(Involving training sessions, studies etc.)	Type 1: Regional initiatives	500,000	5,000,000	N/A	36 months (48 months for mini-programmes))
	Water management							
	Waste management			Type 2: Capitalization	1,000,000	2,000,000	N/A	24 months
	Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage							
	Energy and sustainable transport							
	Cultural heritage and landscape							

Common project (minimum 2 out of 4 criteria)

Joint development: joint project preparation involving project development meetings

Joint implementation: joint project management and joint implementation of the activities

Joint staff: joint staff within the project team

Joint financing: each partner contributes to the project budget

NB ! All INTERREG IV C project partners must co-finance the project budget (“joint financing” criteria is thus compulsory)

Project location:

Project activities must be implemented within the INTERREG IV C eligible area.

NB! Within a 10% limit (of the ERDF budget), the project may finance activities outside the EU territory (the activities implemented in Norway and Switzerland are not to be included in this 10% flexibility rule).

PARTNERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Before establishing the eligibility of the partnership, the eligibility of each partner must be established/ confirmed.

Project partner eligibility

Partner/ Lead partner status (*has access to the ERDF funds and equal rights within the partnership*)

- **Type of organization:** national public authority (ministries, national authorities), local public authority (county councils, city-halls, water directorates, environment directorates, county agencies), body governed by public law (as per definition of the Contracting Authority within OUG 34/2006, art 8- ex: Regional Development Agencies, Cross-border cooperation offices, associations of public authorities, National Institutes, State universities, management bodies of the Euro regions, European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation, international organisations)

- **Legal status and location**

The beneficiary has to have legal status given by the country whom it represents (in case of Romanian beneficiaries – Romanian legal status)

EGTC- special case

Observatory status (*without access to ERDF funds; institutions/organizations that can professionally contribute to the implementation of the project or whom offer any other type of support to the project without receiving any programme funding*)

INTERREG IV C does not allow this option – all INTERREG IV C project partners are financial contributing partners.

Partnership eligibility

All project partners must fulfill the same eligibility criteria (type of organization, legal status) as the Romanian project partner

Location of the partners

- Within the eligible area: located in one of the 27 Member States (financed by ERDF), Norway and Switzerland (financed by national funds)

- Outside the eligible area: as a general rule, all partners located outside the eligible area can participate in project using own-funding,

NB ! Countries outside the EU can be involved within the project using the 10% flexibility rule (maximum 10% out of the ERDF project budget), as long as these expenses are in the benefit of the EU regions (this will be mainly used for IPA country project partners).

Number of project partners

Type of project	Number of project partners	
	Min.	Max.
Type 1 – Regional initiatives	Partners coming from 3 partner states, out of which 2 should be EU member states	N/A <i>(max 8 project partners in case of mini-programmes)</i>
Type 2- Capitalization	6 countries	10 countries

RECOMMENDATION!

Project partners must be equally distributed within the eligible area.
A project should not involve more than 20 partners.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC ISSUES

The INTERREG IV C Programme supports **two different types of interventions (projects)**.

- **Type 1- “Regional Initiative Projects”** → initiated by regional actors aiming to exchange experience in a specific policy field in order to identify good practice and to develop new tools and approaches for implementation.

“Mini programmes” can be developed within this project type.

- **Type 2- “Capitalization, including Fast Track projects”** → ensures that good practice identified, for instance, by the regional initiative projects mentioned above, finds its way into the Convergence, Regional Competitiveness and Employment and European Territorial Co-operation programmes.

Within this project type the EC can participate, this projects becoming “fast track” projects.

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