Introduction to INTERREG IVC

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1. Programme's core features

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Eligible area

All EU Member
States, Norway and
Switzerland

Total budget

€302 million for
project funding

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Overall Objective

- Improve the **effectiveness of regional development policies**

  by

- Enabling **exchange of experiences** and knowledge

- Matching less experienced and more advanced regions

  in the fields of

- **Innovation and the knowledge economy**

- **Environment and risk prevention**

Programme Priorities

Priority 1: Innovation and the knowledge economy

- Innovation, research & technological development

- Entrepreneurship and SMEs

- Information society

- Employment, human capital and education

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Priority 2: Environment and risk prevention

- Natural and technological risks; climate change

- Water management

- Waste prevention and management

- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage; air quality

- Energy and sustainable transport

- Cultural heritage and landscape

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Eligible partners

- **<u>Regional and local authorities</u>** as main 'target group'

- In justified cases, also bodies governed by public law
  See Directive 2004/18/EC on public procurement rules, Art. 1

- In case of doubt, National Contact Points
  are responsible for confirming the legal status
  of partners based on their territory

Types of Interventions

Type 1: **Regional Initiative Projects**

⇨ Cooperation between project partners on a shared regional policy issue within the thematic priorities of the programme

Type 2: **Capitalisation Projects**

⇨ Transfer of good practices into EU Structural Funds mainsteam programmes of the participating regions

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Regional Initiative Projects

- 'Classic' type of interregional cooperation projects: Cooperation projects between partners on a shared regional policy issue within the programme's thematic priorities

- Intensity of cooperation from networking activities to joint development of policy tools and pilot actions

- Regardless of the intensity, one core requirement for all: specific focus on the <u>interregional exchange of experience</u> at policy level

Regional Initiative Projects

Size of partnership	Recommended number of partners depends on the level of intensity of cooperation basic level (networking): up to 20 medium level (pilots, transfer): up to 15
Duration	36 months (including project closure)
Budget	Expected average ERDF budget: **€ 1-2 million**

Main activities

- Exchange of experience

    e.g. thematic seminars, workshops, conferences, study visits, staff exchange, joint training sessions, etc.

- Pilot actions (optional)

    testing good practice in selected partner regions

    NB! has to benefit all partners

- Communication and dissemination

    e.g. conferences, publications, website

- Management and coordination

Requirements for activities

- **Relevance to the programme**

  Activities have to be in line with the programme's overall objective - contributing to the improvement of policies

- **Interregionality**

  Joint implementation of interregional activities
  In case of pilot experimentation: transfer from one region to another, but benefiting all partners

- **Additionality**

  Activities would be different from the normal and regular tasks of the partners involved

Co-financing rates

75% ERDF	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
85% ERDF	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
50% NO funding	Norway

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Finances: good to know

- No pre-financing! Eligibile costs are later reimbursed

- Own financing can come from public sources at national, regional, or local level; not other EU funding!

- Staff costs count as cash contribution (if properly paid out)

- Recommendation: avoid shared costs!

- Public procurement: EU, national, and internal rules apply
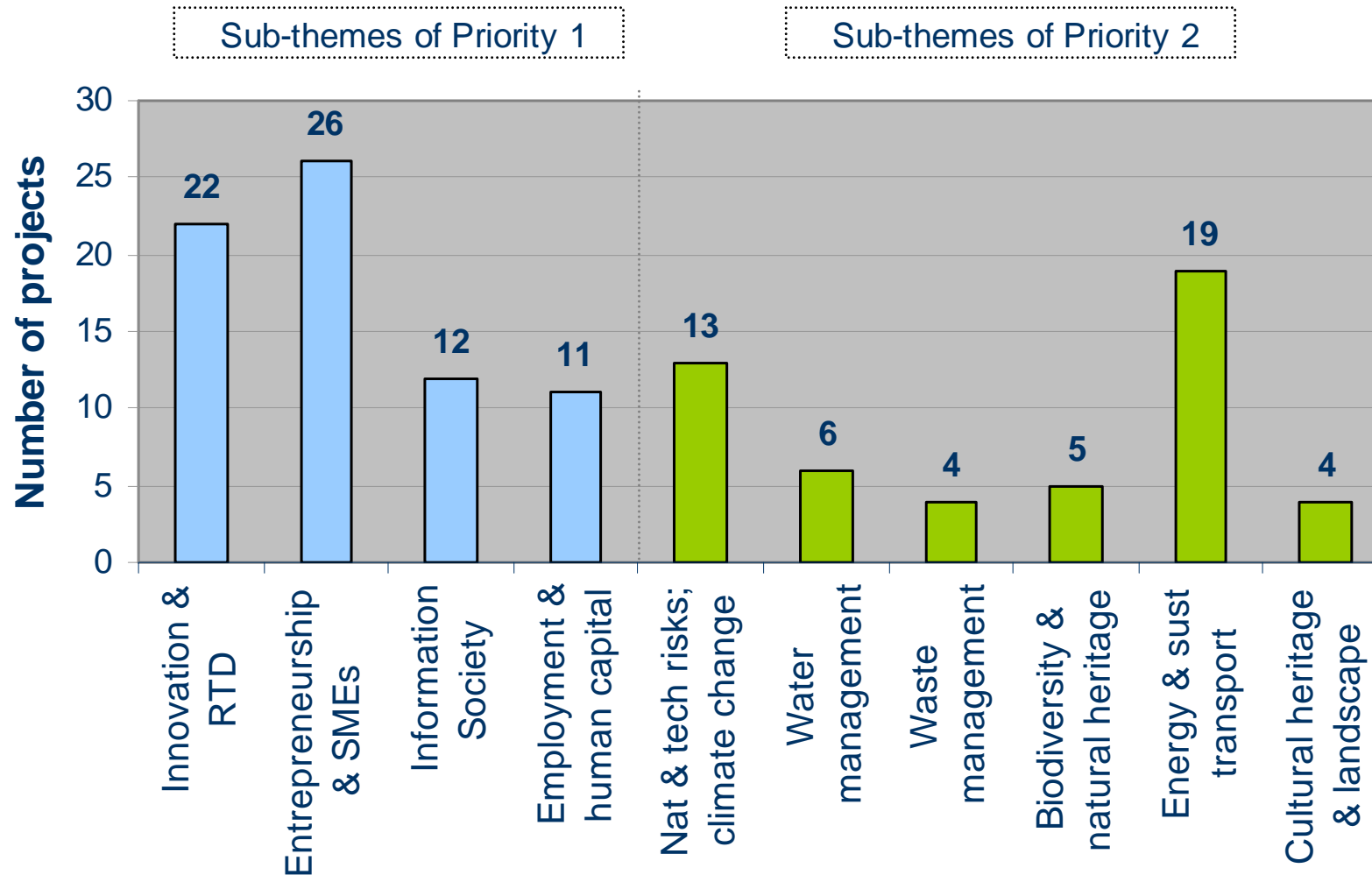
- Equipment costs considered exceptional

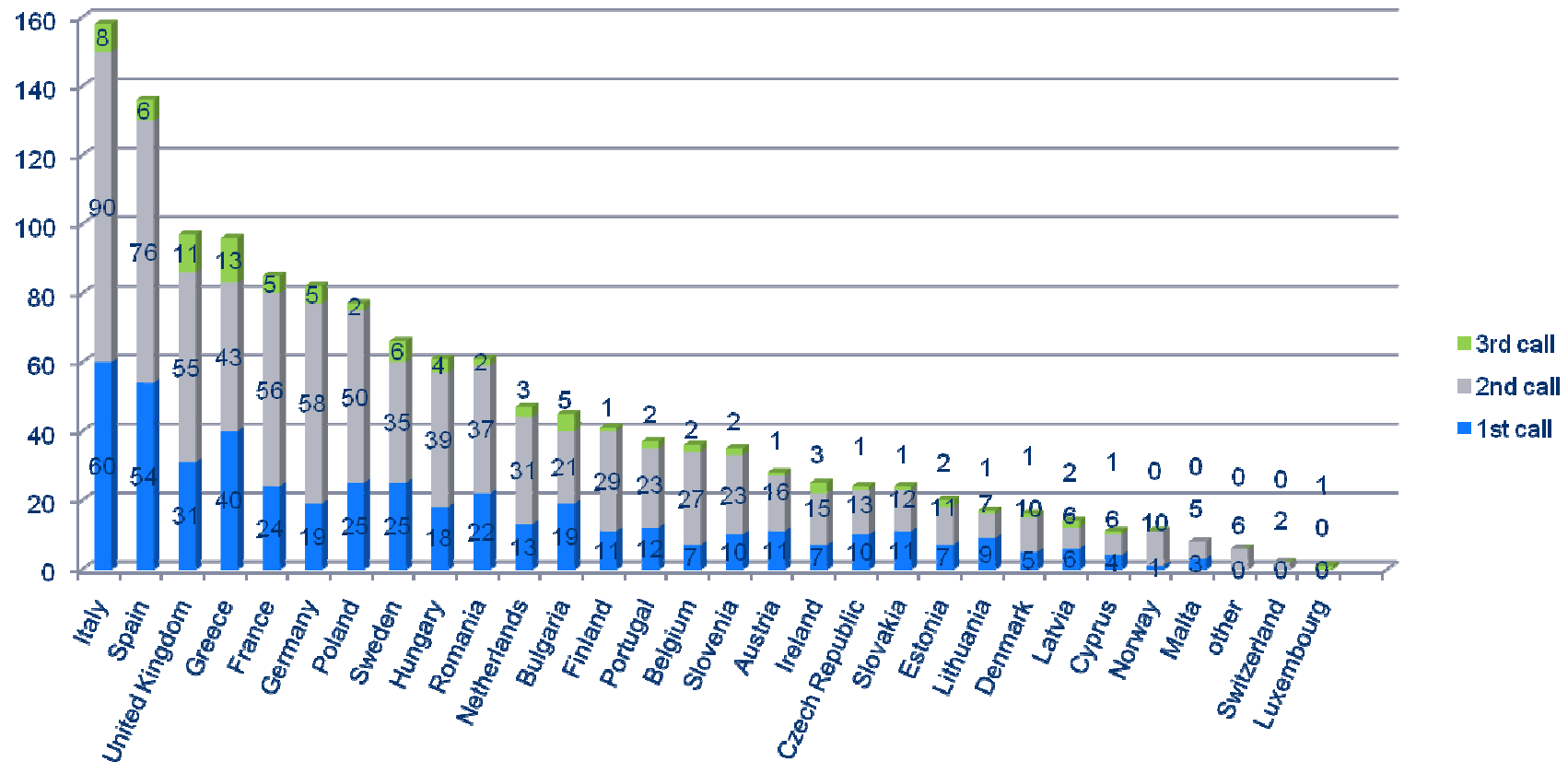# 2. Programme state of play

Approved projects and ERDF committed

Projects	Submitted	Approved	Funds committed
Regional Initiative Projects	934	102	€ 173,746,470
Capitalisation Projects	68	20	€ 30,556,492
TOTAL	1002	122	€ 204,302,962

≈ 68% of available ERDF budget

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Approved projects by sub-theme (1-3 Call)

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Country representation in approved projects

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	Regions represented in INTERREG IVC projects (two or more partners)
	Regions underrepresented in INTERREG IVC projects
	Regions not represented in INTERREG IVC projects

3. Fourth call for proposals

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Core features of the call

- Timing of the call - <u>Open</u>: 1 December 2010

  <u>Close</u>: 1 April 2011

- All priorities / sub-themes open

- Types of intervention: open only to <u>Regional Initiative Projects</u>

  (excluding mini-programmes)

- Budget available: all remaining funds

  Around <u>EUR 100 million ERDF</u>: EUR 62 million for priority 1

  EUR 38 million for priority 2

Specific requirement:
Elaboration of Implementation Plans

- Additional output required in component 3 ('Exchange of experience' component)

- To be produced by each participating 'region'

- It specifies how each 'region' will work to integrate the lessons learnt from the cooperation into its policies

- Aim: to professionalise the exchange of experience and to contribute to improve the durability of projects results

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Specific requirement: geographical coverage

- At least one partner from each of the four Information Point areas

  - IP North: DE, DK, EE, FI, LT, LV, NO, SE

  - IP East: AT, BG, CZ, HU, PL, RO, SK, SI

  - IP South: CY, EL, ES, IT, MT, PT

  - IP West: BE, CH, FR, IE, LU, NL, UK

- At least one partner from the 12 newer Member States (joined 2004 or later): BG, CY, CZ, EE, HU, LT, LV, MT, PL, RO, SK, SI

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Importance of the innovative character

To clearly demonstrate the **added-value** of fourth call applications compared with the 122 approved projects in particular regarding:

✓ the <u>topic</u> tackled

✓ the <u>partners</u> involved

An analysis of the current programme thematic & geographical coverage is available in the programme evaluation on <u>www.interreg4c.eu</u>

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Innovation & RTD sub-theme: 22 projects already

Index	Acronym	Project title
0004R1	MINI EUROPE	Mainstreaming Innovative Instruments for SME development in Europe
0055C1	ERIK ACTION	ERIK ACTION - Upgrading the innovation capacity of existing firms
0086R1	CLIQ	Creating Local Innovation through a Quadruple Helix
0120R1	I4W	Innovation for Welfare
0230C1	RAPIDE	Regional Action Plans for Innovation Development and Enterprise
0326R1	NANO4M	Nanotechnology for Market
0499R2	FRESH	Forwarding Resgional Sustainable Environmental Hierarchies
0557C2	MKW	Making Knowledge Work
0568R2	Know-Man	Knowledge Network Management in Technology Parks
0595R2	PERIA	Partnership on European Regional Innovation Agencies
0596R2	ECREIN+	European Clusters and Regions for Eco-Innovation Network Plus
0602R2	IPP	Interregional Partnership Platform
0649R2	INNOHUBS	Innovation Hubs for Edge Cities
0699R2	ChemClust	Improving Innovation Capacity in European Chemical Clusters
0744R2	INNOPOLIS	Innovation Policy in University City Regions
0787R2	DISTRICT+	Disseminating Innovative STRategIes for Capitalization of Targeted Good Practices
0799R2	SMART+	Mini-Programme for SME Innovation and Promotion of RTD
0806R2	EURIS	European Collaborative and Open Regional Innovation Strategies
0809R2	PROSESC	Producer Services for European Sustainability and Competitiveness
0842C2	SCINNOPOLI	SCanning INNOvation POLicy Impact
0945R2	INOLINK	Connecting the territory through the innovation network
0969R2	ERMIS	Effective Reproducible Model of Innovation Systems

Financial simplification on administration costs

- Administration costs = all types of office running costs (direct and indirect)

- Up to now, all expenditure reported based on real costs (=> extensive evidence)

- For fourth call applications, administration costs are **automatically calculated** as **12%** of budgeted (and later on reported) staff costs

4. Recommendations & advice

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Eligibility requirements

- Almost 20% of submitted applications ineligible during the previous calls

- Main reasons for ineligibility: wrong co-financing statements
  (60% of the ineligible cases)

Please check the eligibility rules carefully !

Quality of the work plan in the application form

- Activities of the work plan need to be **described as precisely as possible**:

  ➢ To allow a proper assessment (without detailed information, the whole application remains vague and the compliance of the activities with programme's requirements cannot be checked)
  ➢ To allow a proper monitoring in case of approval (the work plan is the main basis for monitoring project's implementation

- Description of the work plan need to be **consistent** (i.e. perfect correspondence between indicators / activities / outputs)

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Quality of the work plan in the application form

Activities Jan-Jun 2010	Creation of working group Set up of research methodology Approval of the methodology
Output(s)	1st meeting of Trasnational Working group Proposal about research phase

Activities and outputs not described in detail and not consistent

NO!

Activities Jan-Jun 2010	T3.1:SFM will host the 5th Training Course (TC5) "FTS in urban and area mobility schemes: integration in ICT Multi-service Platform", together with SCM4. T3.2:ATL will organise the 3rd Technical visit (SV3) titled "Multi-services management" to the Multi-service Platform in Livorno AUTh will organise the 4th Technical visit (SV4) to the DRT service for disables in Thessaloniki. The title will be "DRT transport service for people with disabilities using "light" transport systems". T3.3:RAL will host the 4th Workshop (WS4) "FTS schemes for Environment management" in Kilkenny. ATL will organise the 5th Workshop(WS5) "Role of ICT in FT services provision" in Livorno jointly with SV3 (T3.2).Volos will organise the 6th Workshop (WS6) "The FTS Organizational and operational dimensions: in real applications and good practices" in Volos. T3.4:UNIABDN will improve on the "Virtual Library" on the basis of users' feedback producing a "First year Implementation of the Virtual Library on FTS"(D5).
Output(s)	Training course 5 (TC5) host by SFM - TC5 materials on Virtual Library Technical Visit 3 (SV3) host by ATL, SV4 by AUTh Workshops 4,5,6 (WS4, WS5 & WS6) host respectively by RAL, ATL and Volos - WS4, WS5 & WS6 proceedings on Virtual Library "First year Implementation of the Virtual Library on FTS " (D5) by UNIABDN

YES!

Importance of the programme's rationale!

Programme strategic <u>objective</u>: improvement of regional policies

- **INTERREG IVC = 'capitalisation' programme**

- Interregional cooperation ≠ cross-border cooperation

- Interregional cooperation ≠ transnational cooperation

Capitalisation: process of collecting, analysing, disseminating and transferring good practices in a certain policy area with the objective of optimising the results achieved in this specific domain of regional policy

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Importance of the programme's rationale!

Key elements derive from this programme's rationale:

➤ **Local & regional authorities** = 'natural' target group of IVC
Other bodies may be involved only if their link with regional
and local policies is clearly demonstrated

➤ **Exchange of experiences** = core activities of all IVC projects
Pilot actions / experimentations possible but only under very
strict conditions (relevance, interregionality & additionality)

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Partner search

- Project Idea Database at www.interreg4c.eu

- Four Information Points
- National Contact Points
- Partner search events

Project Idea Exchange

A project idea database has been developed to facilitate the partner search throughout Europe. If you wish to participate in an INTERREG IVC project, you should check this section on a regular basis until you find the project idea you are looking for! This database will provide you with the necessary information to make possible useful contacts. All current project ideas are sorted by project priority, type of project, country or region.

If you intend to submit a proposal as lead partner and are seeking partners, you can also complete the Project Idea form to be included in the database.

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Search project idea

Search by keywords :	Enter keywords
Type of projects :	Select type of project
Project submitted by country :	Select country
Priority : Innovation and the knowledge economy Environment and risk prevention	⦿ ○
Sub-theme :	Select thematics
Search by countries required for partnership :	Select country

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Upcoming events

Interregional partner search forum

- 3-4 February 2011 in Budapest, Hungary

Lead Applicant Seminar, followed by individual consultations

- 3 March 2011 in Vienna, Austria

Individual consultations in Katowice, Poland

- 8, 22 February 2011
- 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 March 2011

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Additional Information

Reference documents at **www.interreg4c.eu**

- Terms of reference for the 4th call
- Programme Manual
- FAQ section
- Programme publications

Assistance

- Project Assistance Forms
- Lead Applicant Seminars
- Individual consultations
- Advice by phone and e-mail

Contact us and share your interesting ideas!

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