European Territorial Co-operation
2007-2013

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Co-operation programmes

- **Strand A**  Cross-border co-operation (CBC)
  local joint initiatives promoting integration of border areas, joint use of infrastructure and services, diminishing of border obstacles (€ 5.4 billion)

- **Strand B**  Transnational co-operation
  concrete, strategic projects with transnational impact (€ 1.8 billion)

- **Strand C**  Interregional co-operation
  exchange of experiences and good practices to improve regional policy design and implementation (€445 million)

ENPI (€ 591 million), IPA (€ 330 million), Peace (€225 million)

TOTAL BUDGET: € 8.7 billion
Regions eligible for cross-border co-operation 2007-2013

More than 50 programmes on EU internal borders

+ 12 IPA programmes
A wide menu for cross-border cooperation

- Entrepreneurship and SMEs, cross-border trade, tourism and culture
- Protection and joint management of the environment
- Better access to transport
- Information and communication networks
- Water, waste management and energy management systems
- Joint use of health, culture and education infrastructure
- Judicial and administrative co-operation
Transnational cooperation - Focus on 4 priority themes

- Innovation, RTD, enterprises
- Environment, water management, risk prevention, incl. maritime safety
- Improved accessibility, transport, information and communication technology
- Sustainable urban development
Transnational cooperation

- Well planned strategic projects with some investments leading to tangible results having transnational impact
- More involvement of national level
- Networking, plans and studies only to prepare for concrete projects
Successful transnational projects

- Produce innovative concrete results and outputs of benefit and relevance to entire programme area
- Contribute significantly to meeting the objectives of programme
- Have broad and deep project partnerships, involving both regional and national authorities
- Have Lead partners with the right skills and experiences
- Where relevant, link up to other programmes, e.g. Convergence and Competitiveness
A more strategic approach

• Territorial cooperation programmes offer platforms for joint development of ideas, action plans and projects, part of which could be implemented via Convergence and Competitiveness programmes.

• Opens up for development of more strategic approach to entire zone, for example in the Baltic Sea region, the Mediterranean area, the Alps or the Danube area.
Baltic Sea transnational cooperation area
Baltic Sea Region programme

1. External and internal accessibility of BSR
2. Management of the Baltic Sea as a common resource (environment)
3. Fostering innovations across the BSR (SMEs, economic development)
4. Promoting attractive and competitive cities and regions

Budget: € 208 million ERDF, € 23 million ENPI
Regions for economic change

INTERREG IV C
Environm/Innovation

URBACT II

Convergence- & Competitiveness programmes
Regions will be asked to conceive and structure their networks and programmes around these 30 themes.
Project type 1 – “Regional Initiatives”

Traditional INTERREG C projects supporting exchange of experience/good practice and development of new tools and methods

- Priority 1: Innovation and the knowledge economy
  - Research, technology and development
  - Information society
  - Entrepreneurship, SMEs and economic sectoral development
  - Employment, human resources and education

- Priority 2: Environment and risk prevention
  - Energy and sustainable public transport
  - Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
  - Natural and technological risks
  - Water & waste management
  - Cultural heritage
Regional Policy

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Project type 2 - “Capitalisation” & “Fast Track”

- Transfer of good practice identified by networks to Convergence and Competitiveness programmes = building bridges
- Regional action plans leading to concrete project ideas for implementation
- List of 30 themes (INTERREG IVC / URBACT II)
- Networks to be set up for each theme bringing together regions with specific experience and those having special interest
Greater emphasis on CAPITALISATION

- greater attention to true regional involvement
- partnerships include policy makers, decision makers and relevant experts
- regional action plans, reporting
- specific emphasis on dissemination
- some networks get “Fast Track” label (specific support from COM)
Interregional co-operation in Convergence and Competitiveness and Employment programmes

- Specific priority for interregional cooperation can be included in the Convergence and Competitiveness and Employment programmes
- Will allow cooperation between Objective 1 and/or Objective 2 regions
- Interregional cooperation covers topics of the regional programmes concerned
- Each project partner funds its own activities from its respective programme
- Aim: enriching the implementation of the regional programmes