

## Thematic focus of third call - Innovation and knowledge development\*

Priority Axis (PA)	Specific Objective (SO)	Targeted Focus
1  Cooperating on <u>INNOVATION</u> to make central Europe more competitive	1.1 Improve <u>sustainable linkages among actors of the innovation systems</u> for strengthening regional innovation capacity in central Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bottom-up implementation of smart specialisation strategies (RIS3) in industrial sectors that are technology priority areas in central Europe:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Energy and environment</li> <li>○ Public health, medicine and life sciences</li> <li>○ Agro- and bio-economy</li> <li>○ Advanced materials and nanotechnology</li> <li>○ Transport and mobility</li> <li>○ Advanced manufacturing systems</li> <li>○ ICT and electronics</li> </ul> </li> <li>Projects are encouraged to address also multiple sectors under broader headings such as circular economy.</li> <li>▪ Triple and quadruple helix approaches to strengthen the participation of public and civil society actors (in particular RIS3 key actors)</li> <li>▪ Innovative practices such as co-creation approaches involving e.g. the creative sector (<i>overlaps with SO 3.2 targeting creative industries have to be avoided</i>).</li> <li>▪ Actions for bringing innovation closer to the market such as financing mechanisms for market introduction and leverage of innovation</li> </ul>
	1.2 Improve <u>skills and entrepreneurial competences</u> for advancing economic and social innovation in central European regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social innovation and integration of disadvantaged groups and regions:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bottom-up social innovation practices creating and strengthening support infrastructure, services and schemes (e.g. mentoring, vouchers schemes, community-owned initiatives, services of general interest)</li> <li>○ Integration of migrants and other disadvantaged groups into society and the labour market</li> <li>○ Social innovation policies (e.g. tackling policy-related challenges, policy improvements and coordination)</li> <li>○ Development of entrepreneurial competences for social entrepreneurship (including entrepreneurship of migrants) and entrepreneurship aiming to create positive social effects</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Thematic focus of third call - Low carbon economy\*

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2 Cooperating on <u>LOW CARBON</u> strategies in central Europe	2.1 Develop and implement solutions for increasing <u>energy efficiency and renewable energy usage in public infrastructures</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public infrastructure other than public buildings and streetlights:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transport infrastructure incl. railway, road, waterways, terminals etc. (<i>overlaps with Priority Axis 4 have to be avoided</i>)</li> <li>○ Water infrastructure incl. distribution and maintenance of water supply</li> <li>○ Waste and waste water infrastructure incl. collection and treatment</li> <li>○ ICT infrastructure incl. information storage and distribution systems</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Financing aspects of energy-efficient renovation e.g. considering investment and operational costs or financial savings during the operation phase (exclusively related to above listed types of public infrastructure)</li> <li>▪ Integration of renewable energy sources (exclusively related to above listed types of public infrastructure)</li> </ul>
	2.2 Improve territorial based <u>low-carbon energy planning strategies</u> and policies supporting climate change mitigation	<b>No focus</b> , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (zip 8.5 MB)
	2.3 Improve capacities for <u>mobility planning in functional urban areas</u> to lower CO2 emissions	<b>Remains closed</b> because topics are already sufficiently covered by projects. No project proposals can be submitted in this specific objective.

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## Thematic focus of third call - Natural & cultural resources and transport\*

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3	Cooperating on <b><u>NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES</u></b> for sustainable growth in central Europe	3.1 Improve integrated environmental management capacities for the <b><u>protection and sustainable use of natural heritage and resources</u></b>	<b><u>No focus</u></b> , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (zip 8.5 MB)
		3.2 Improve capacities for the <b><u>sustainable use of cultural heritage and resources</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cultural and creative industries (CCI) including CCI entrepreneurship, CCI policies, cross-sectorial cooperation and linkages of CCI to other sectors or innovative technologies</li> </ul>
		3.3 Improve <b><u>environmental management of functional urban areas</u></b> to make them more liveable	<b><u>No focus</u></b> , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (zip 8.5 MB)
4	Cooperating on <b><u>TRANSPORT</u></b> to better connect central Europe	4.1 Improve <b><u>planning and coordination of regional passenger transport system</u></b> for better connections to national and European transport networks	<b><u>No focus</u></b> , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (zip 8.5 MB)
		4.2 Improve <b><u>coordination among freight transport stakeholders</u></b> for multi-modal environmentally-friendly freight solutions	<b><u>No focus</u></b> , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (zip 8.5 MB)