

**Nationale Informationsreihe zu den
ersten Calls:
Interreg Central Europe 2021-2027**

Digitale Informationsveranstaltung des National Contact Points am 1. Dezember 2021



Nationale Inforeihe zu den ersten Calls: Interreg Central Europe, 1. Dezember 2021

9:30	Begrüßung und Einleitung	Alexandra Deimel
9:40	Eckpunkte des Programms Central Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Allgemeines, Rahmenbedingungen 1. Call– Fragen und Antworten	Andrea Rainer Cerovska
10:10	Projekteinreichung (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Thematische Ausrichtung– Fragen	Winfried Ritt
10:40	PAUSE	
10:55	Projekteinreichung (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Finanzmanagement– Projektentwicklung– Fragen und Antworten	Andrea Rainer Cerovska Winfried Ritt
12:00	Abschluss & Ende der Veranstaltung	Alexandra Deimel



Fragestellungen über Sli.Do

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www.sli.do

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Event link: <https://app.sli.do/event/ahwxbcqd>

Event code: #CentralEuropeCall1

Fragen bitte im Bereich **Questions & Answers (Q&A)** schreiben und/oder liken
kleine Umfragen zwischendurch (werden immer durch Veranstalter aktiviert)



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EINLEITUNG

Alexandra Deimel, BMLRT, Abt. V/5

 Bundesministerium
Landwirtschaft, Regionen
und Tourismus

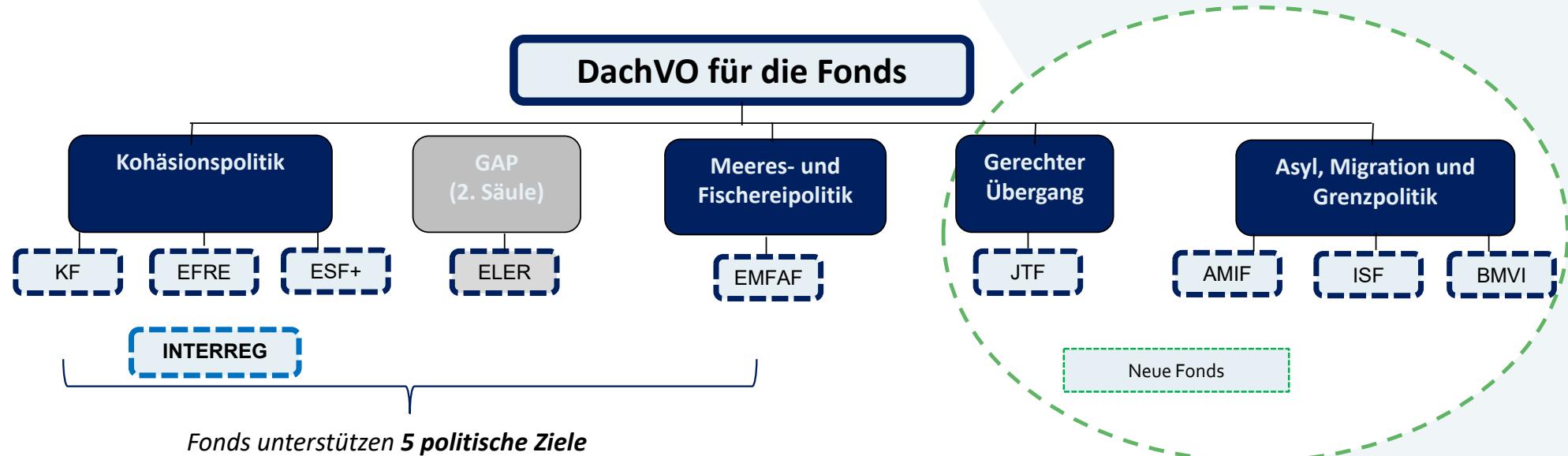
EU-Kooperationen

www.oerok.gv.at

Allgemeine Zielsetzungen – Zielsetzung Interreg

- **Ziel der Kohäsion** in AEUV Art. 174 bis 176 festgelegt: *Stärkung des wirtschaftlichen, sozialen und territorialen Zusammenhalts*
- mit **rd. 1/3 des EU-Haushalts - 373 Mrd. €** - zählt die Kohäsionspolitik auch weiterhin **zu den wichtigsten Investitionspolitiken der EU**
- kohäsionspolitische Instrumente (EFRE, ESF+) können **in allen Regionen Europas** eingesetzt werden!
- ❖ **Zielsetzung Interreg:** „Um die harmonische Entwicklung des Unionsgebiets auf verschiedenen Ebenen zu fördern, sollte der EFRE die **grenzübergreifende Zusammenarbeit, die transnationale Zusammenarbeit, die interregionale Zusammenarbeit** und die Zusammenarbeit der Gebiete in äußerster Randlage im Rahmen des Ziels Interreg unterstützen.“;
dafür stehen **EU-weit 8,9 Mrd. €** zur Verfügung (insg. 96 Interreg Programme – 14 davon transnational)

Kohäsionspolitik 2021-2027: Architektur und 5 politische Ziele



EFRE: Europäischer Fonds für Regionale Entwicklung

ESF+: Europäischer Sozialfonds Plus

ELER: Europäischer Fonds für die Ländliche Entwicklung

EMFAF: Europäischer Meeres- Fischerei und Aquakulturfonds

JTF – Fonds für einen gerechten Übergang (Just Transition Fund)

AMIF: Asyl-, Migrations- und Integrationsfonds

ISF: Fonds für Innere Sicherheit

BMVI: Instrument für finanzielle Hilfe im Bereich Grenzverwaltung und Visumspolitik

Anmerkung: GAP/2. Säule/ELER: nicht mehr von DachVO umfasst!
ELER weiterhin auf die Entwicklung der ländlichen Regionen ausgerichtet

Fonds unterstützen 5 politische Ziele + EFRE auch 2 Interreg spezifische Ziele (IO)

- I. Ein wettbewerbsfähigeres und intelligenteres Europa** – Förderung eines innovativen und intelligenten wirtschaftlichen Wandels und regionale IKT-Konnektivität
 - II. Ein grüneres, CO2-armes und widerstandsfähigeres Europa** – Förderung von sauberen Energien und einer fairen Energiewende, der Kreislaufwirtschaft, der Anpassung an den Klimawandel, der Risikoprävention und des Risikomanagements, nachhaltige städtische Mobilität
 - III. Ein stärker vernetztes Europa** – Steigerung der Mobilität
 - IV. Ein sozialeres und inklusiveres Europa** – Umsetzung der europäischen Säule sozialer Rechte
 - V. Ein bürger näheres Europa** – Förderung einer nachhaltigen und integrierten Entwicklung aller Arten von Gebieten und lokalen Initiativen
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- IO I. Bessere Governance in Bezug auf die Zusammenarbeit** – u.a. Verbesserung der institutionellen Kapazitäten für die Umsetzung von MRS und anderer territorialer Strategien, Abbau von administrativen oder rechtlichen Hindernissen in Grenzregionen
 - IO II. Mehr Sicherheit in Europa** - u.a. Grenz-, Mobilitäts-, Migrationsmanagement

Begleitstrukturen Interreg transnational und interregional

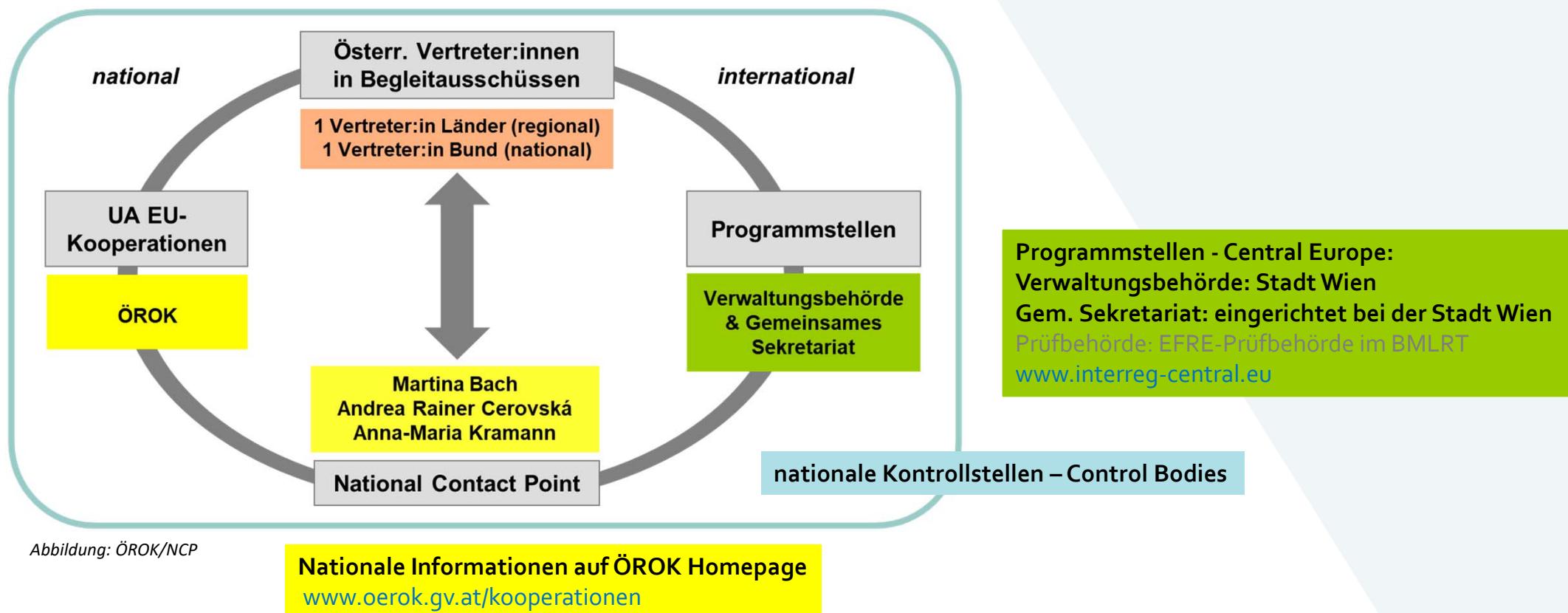


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Danke für Ihre
Aufmerksamkeit!

Alexandra Deimel
Abt. V/5
Wien, 1. Dezember 2021

ECKPUNKTE des Programms Interreg Central Europe

Andrea Rainer Cerovska, ÖROK-Gst./National Contact Point

The first call for proposals



The Interreg CE Programme 2021-2027



9 Countries

81 Regions

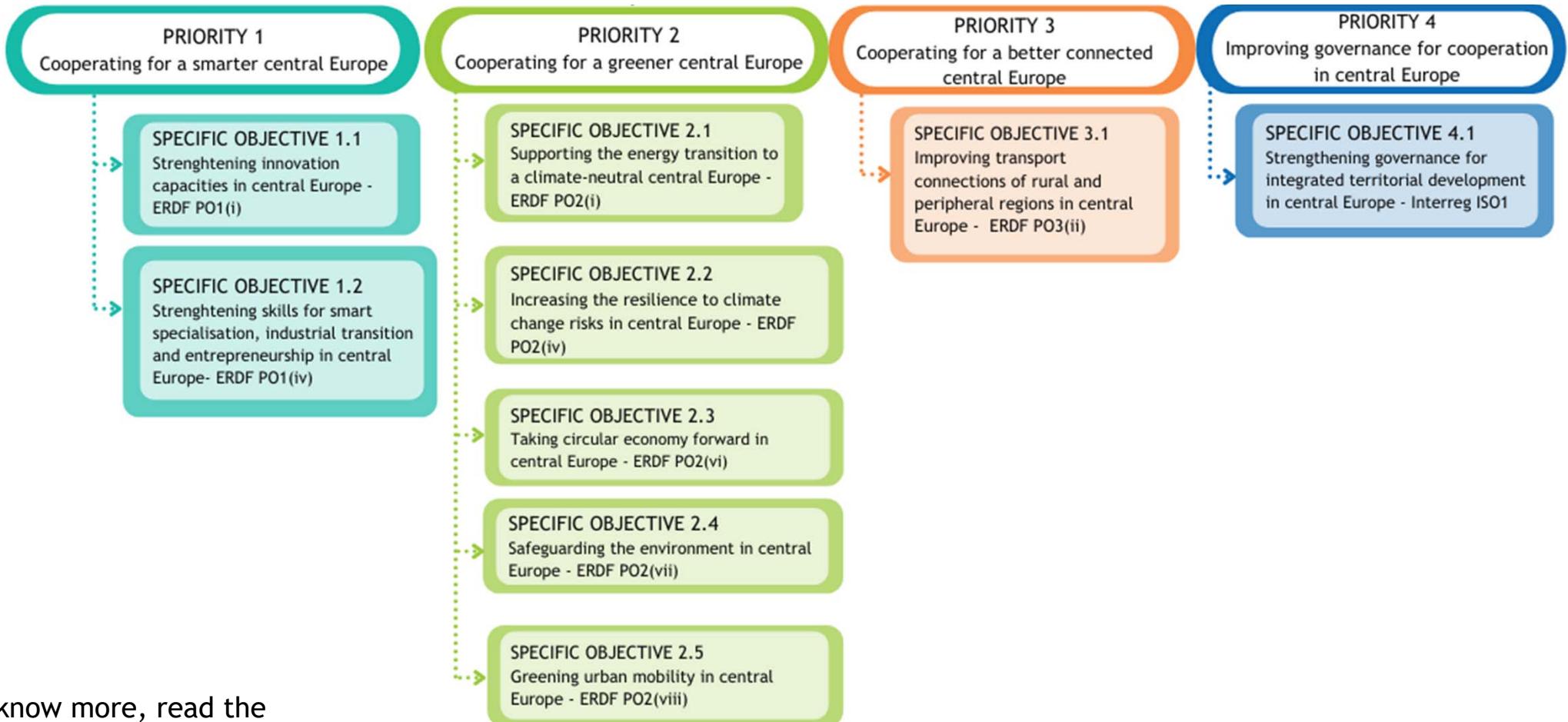
4 Programme Priorities

9 Programme Specific Objectives

224 million Euro

7 Years

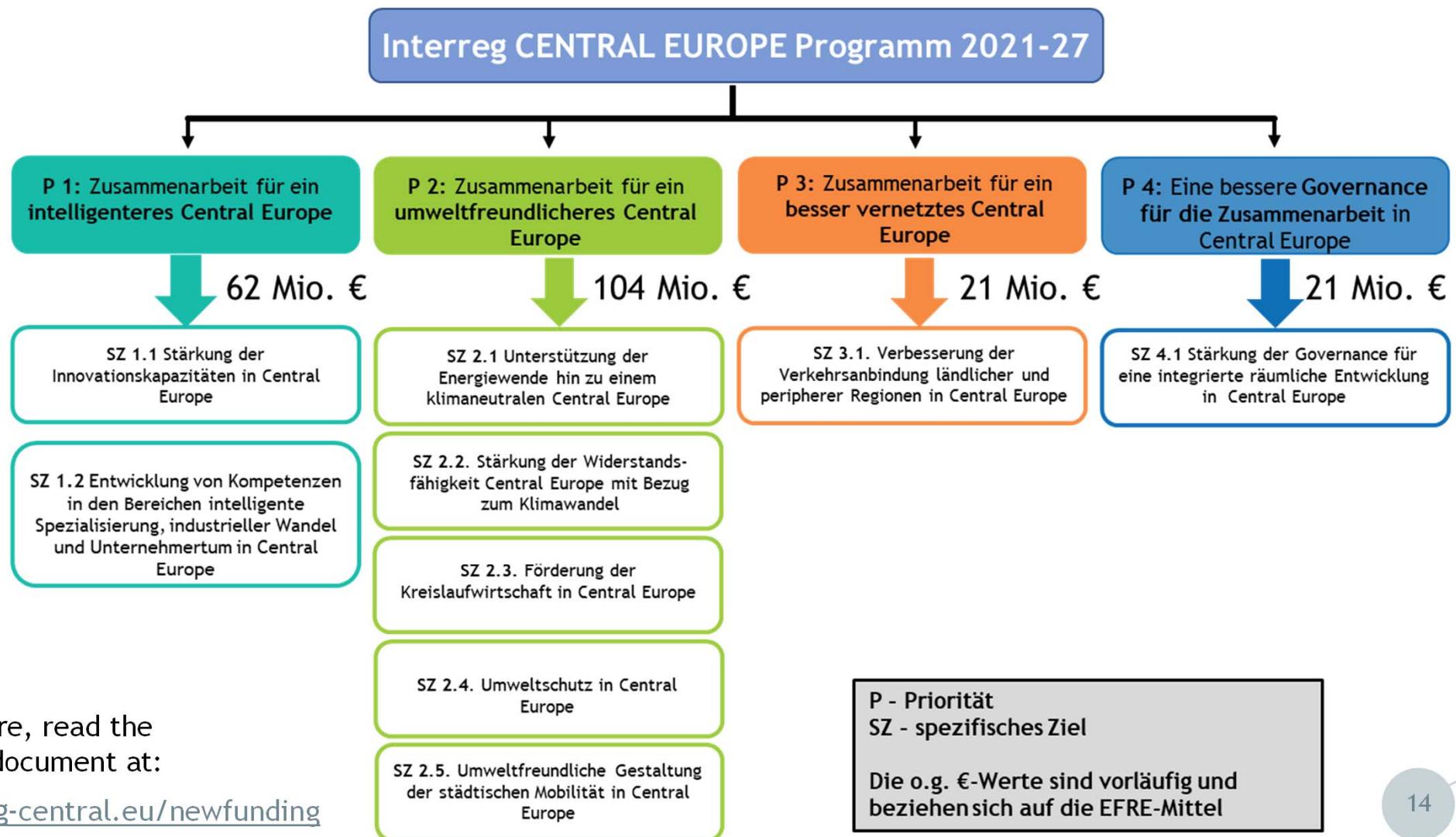
4 Priorities and 9 Specific Objectives*



*To know more, read the programme document at:

www.interreg-central.eu/newfunding

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Call basics



Thematic scope

The call is open to all 4 programme priorities and 9 specific objectives

At least 3 partners from 3 countries (out of which 2 from the CE area)

Transnationality



Approach

The call is in “one step” (submission of the full application form)

Project proposals can be submitted only through “Jems”

Submission



Call budget

Priority	Indicative ERDF allocation (m EUR)
1. Cooperating for a smarter central Europe	22
2. Cooperating for a greener central Europe	36
3. Cooperating for a better-connected central Europe	7
4. Improving governance for cooperation in central Europe	7
Total	72



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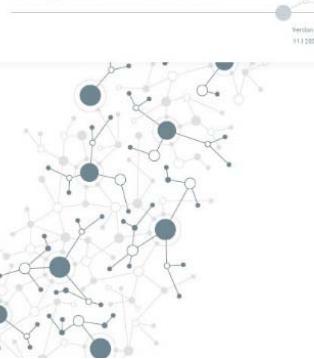
Documents: What to find where



INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE
PROGRAMME 2021-2027
Interreg Programme (IP - with maps)
submitted to the European Commission on:



Programme Manual
Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE 2021-2027



TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)
FOR THE FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Specifications and Requirements for the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE
First Call for Proposals



15.11.2021

Interreg Programme

- Challenges and needs
- Vision and mission
- Topics, actions and expected results
- Target groups and territories

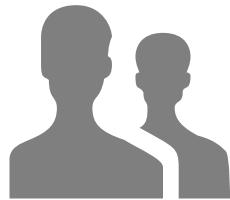
Programme Manual

- Rules and procedures
- Requirements
- Key information
- Guidance
- Key documents

Application Package

- Project features (call-specific)
- Call budget
- Project selection details
- Templates
- Deadline

Project features for call 1



Partnership

From 5 to 12 partners

Budget

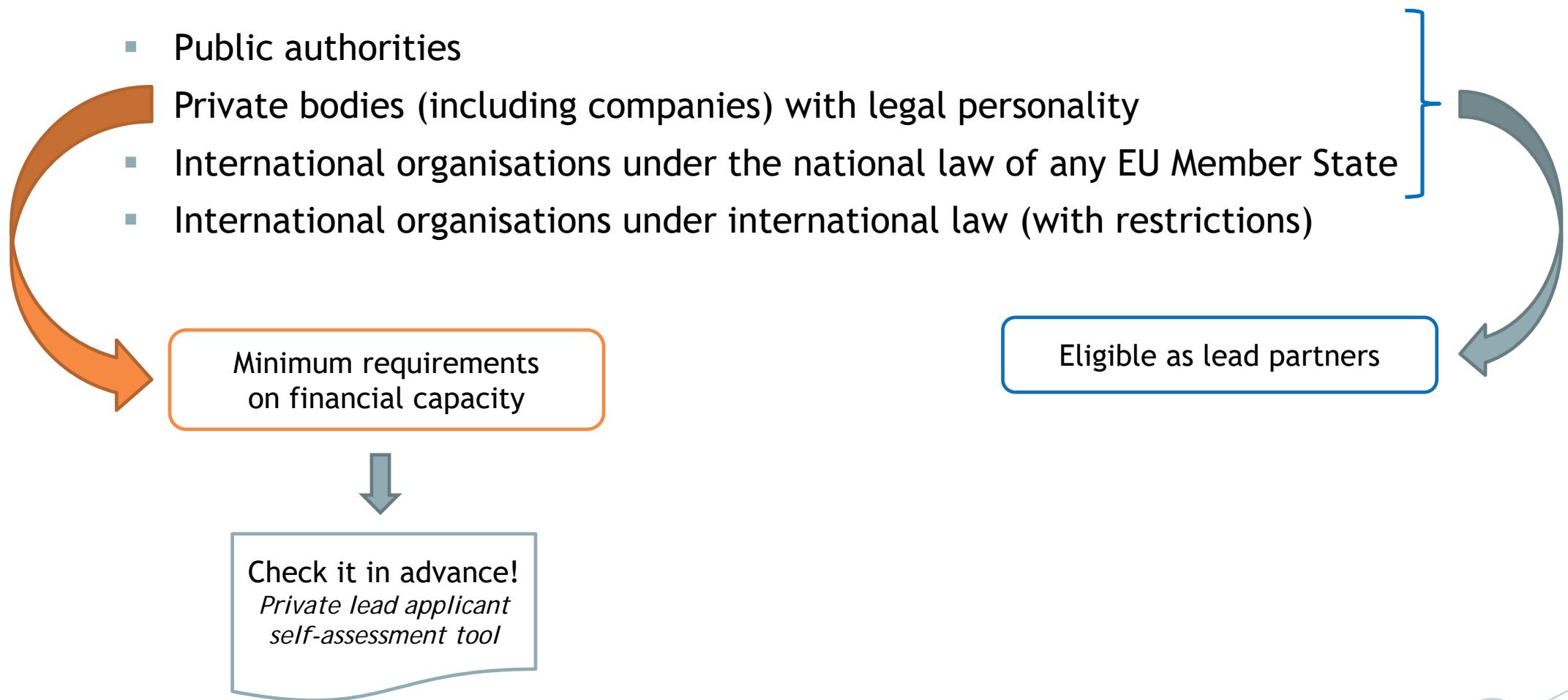
From 1,2 to 2,4 m EUR ERDF

Duration

Up to 36 months

Eligible partners

- Public authorities
- Private bodies (including companies) with legal personality
- International organisations under the national law of any EU Member State
- International organisations under international law (with restrictions)

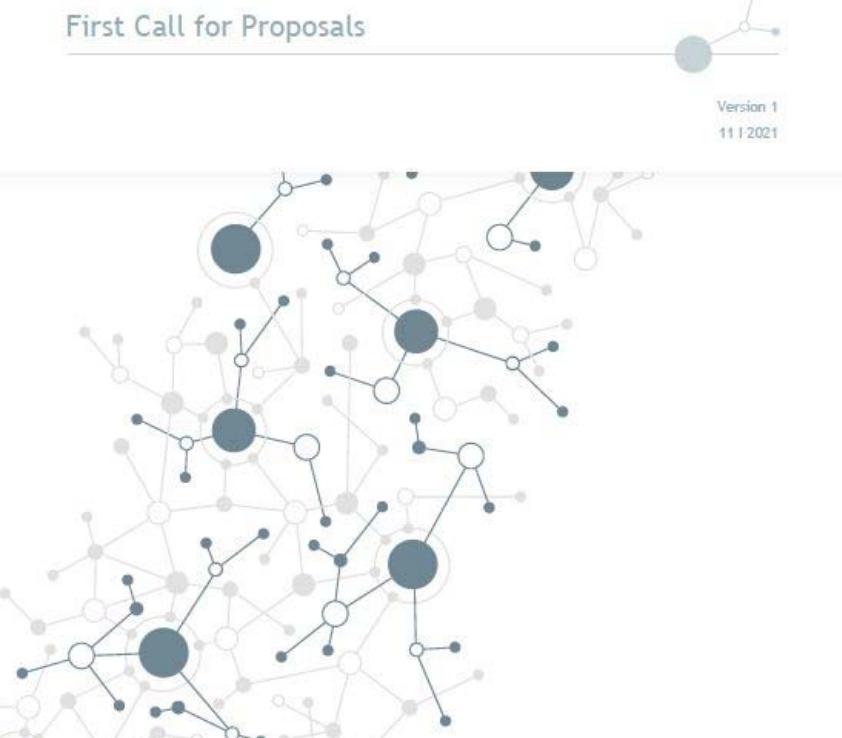


Application form offline template



APPLICATION FORM - OFFLINE TEMPLATE

First Call for Proposals



- PDF file contains detailed guidance on how to fill-in the application form
- Editable Word file allows you working from the beginning (Jems is not there yet...)

Attention!

- There are some (minor) differences between the offline template and Jems
- “Compulsory” vs “recommended” text size
- It cannot be submitted (submission only through Jems)

Documents to be submitted



Lead partner declaration

Project acronym: **INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE** Funded by the European Union

Project ID: **Interreg-CE-2014-1-AT0001**

Name of the organisation in English language: **University of Salzburg**

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Partner No as listed in the application form: **1**

The undersigned, representing participating in the above mentioned Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE project proposal with the role of lead partner, hereby certifies the following:

1. I am legally authorized to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation;

2. In the event of approval of the project proposal, the organisation I represent commits itself to provide the financial resources required to implement the project as presented to my organisation, as indicated in Part B, Table B.1.8, of the submitted application forms;

3. I hereby confirm that the legal status of my organisation as indicated in Part B, table B.1.3, of the submitted application form is correct;

4. The organisation I represent has the adequate legal capacity to participate in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE call for proposals and especially to submit legally relevant documents;

5. The organisation I represent has the financial capacity to implement the project and in particular:

- The proposed financial contribution is adequate for the organisation's size and capacity;
- It has the necessary financial resources for considerable amounts;
- Possible delays in ERFU reimbursement will not undermine the organisation's capacity of implementing the foreseen actions within the project;

6. The organisation I represent has the administrative and operational capacity to implement the project and in particular:

- It has enough human resources and technical means to ensure a sound project implementation and management;
- Its administrative and financial involvement in the project does not undermine the success of the project;

7. The organisation I represent has the necessary financial resources and mechanisms to cover operation and maintenance costs for investment in infrastructure or productive investment if implemented in the project, so as to ensure their financial sustainability;

8. The organisation I represent is not an undertaking in difficulty as defined in point (18) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

9. The project proposal does not include activities which were part of a project subject to relocation under Article 16(1) of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, which would constitute a transfer of a productive activity within the meaning of point (a) of Article 4(1) of that Regulation;

10. All information concerning the participation of my organisation in the project proposal, as enclosed in the application form, has been verified and it is correct;

11. The project proposal, as described in the application form, is unique in its objective, approach and activities to the best of my knowledge;

12. The information included in the application form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge;

13. The project proposal, or any part of it, has not and will not receive support from other EU-funded sources. In case that any of such funding is received after the submission of this proposal or during the implementation of the project, my organisation will immediately inform the managing authority;

14. The project proposal is in line with the relevant EU legislation, programme rules and - where relevant - national legislation and policies of the countries involved. In particular all necessary approvals and permissions have been or will be obtained;

**LP &
each PP**



**Private
LP**

Simplified Financial Statement (private lead applicant)		
Last financial year (n)		
1 Name of the lead partner organisation		
2 Project acronym		
3 Project ID		
4 ERFU request as in private lead applicant's budget (EUR)		
5 Closing date of the last financial year (year n) (dd/mm/yyyy)		
6 Exchange rate at the closing date of the last financial year (year n)		1,00
Balance sheet		
7 Net fixed assets	Currency*	EUR
8 Current assets (maturity less than one year excluding inventory)		0,00
9 Inventory		0,00
10 Cash and cash equivalents		0,00
Total assets		0,00
11 Capital including reserves (including capitalised subsidies)		0,00
12 Capitalised subsidies		0,00
13 Provisions		0,00
14 Liabilities (excluding provisions, share capital and reserves)		0,00
15 Current liabilities (maturity less than one year)		0,00
Total liabilities and capital including reserves and subsidies		0,00
Profit and loss account		
16 Total revenues (excluding incomes from subsidies)		EUR 0,00
17 Incomes from subsidies		0,00
18 Personnel costs		0,00
19 Other operating costs		0,00
Operating profit		0,00
20 Net financial income/charges		0,00
21 Net extraordinary items		0,00
22 Net profit		0,00
Profit/loss for the period		
		0,00

Simplified Financial Statement

Data of the last 2 financial years



- Balance sheets and profit & loss accounts of last 2 financial years
- Audit report of last financial year or
- Reference letter from the bank

LP and PP declarations

To be filled in and signed by the lead applicant and each partner

Project selection (quality assessment)



Assessment questions
in ToR
(self-assessment tool)

Relevance filter

Strategic criteria (some aspects)

- Contribution to programme SOs and clarity of intervention logic
- Transnational cooperation approach
- Relevance and transnationality of the partnership

Full assessment

Strategic + operational criteria

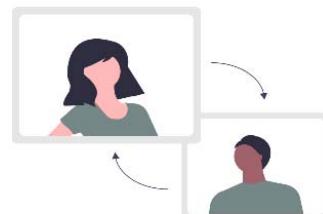
- The full set of strategic criteria
- Methodology and work plan
- Budget

Support to applicants*



Videos

- 9 SO tutorials (thematic)
- 5+ tutorials on:
 - Intervention Logic & work plan
 - Finances (x2)
 - State aid
 - Communication



One-to-one support

- National Contact Point support
- JS individual consultations



Q&A

- JS help-desk
- Updated FAQs
- Q/A session(s)



Complementary tools

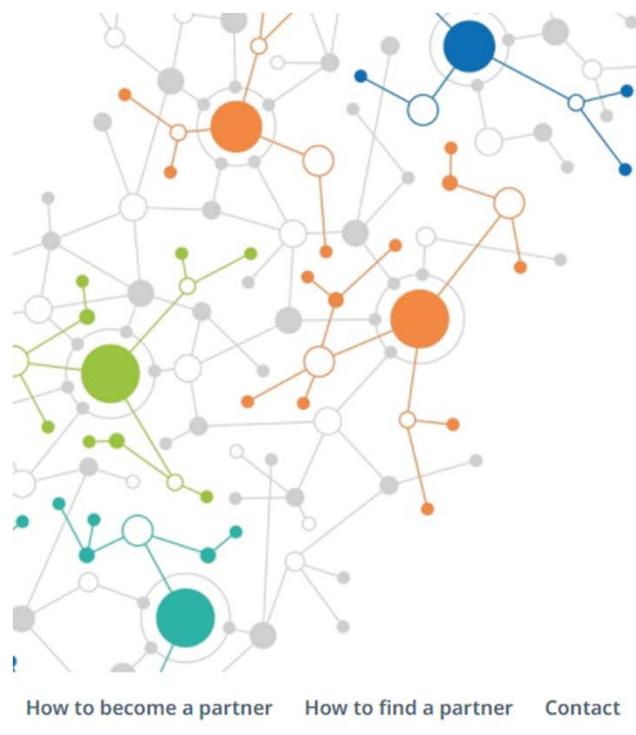
- Project self-assessment tool
- Project summary generator
- Private lead applicant financial capacity check tool

NOT TO BE
SUBMITTED!

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The applicant community

- Join partnerships
(browse project ideas)
- Look for partners
(share your own ideas)
- Organise meetings
(directly with your contacts)
- Get individual consultation
(from JS to lead applicants)
- Participate to events
(organised by the programme)



Call timeline



*Until 11 February 2022



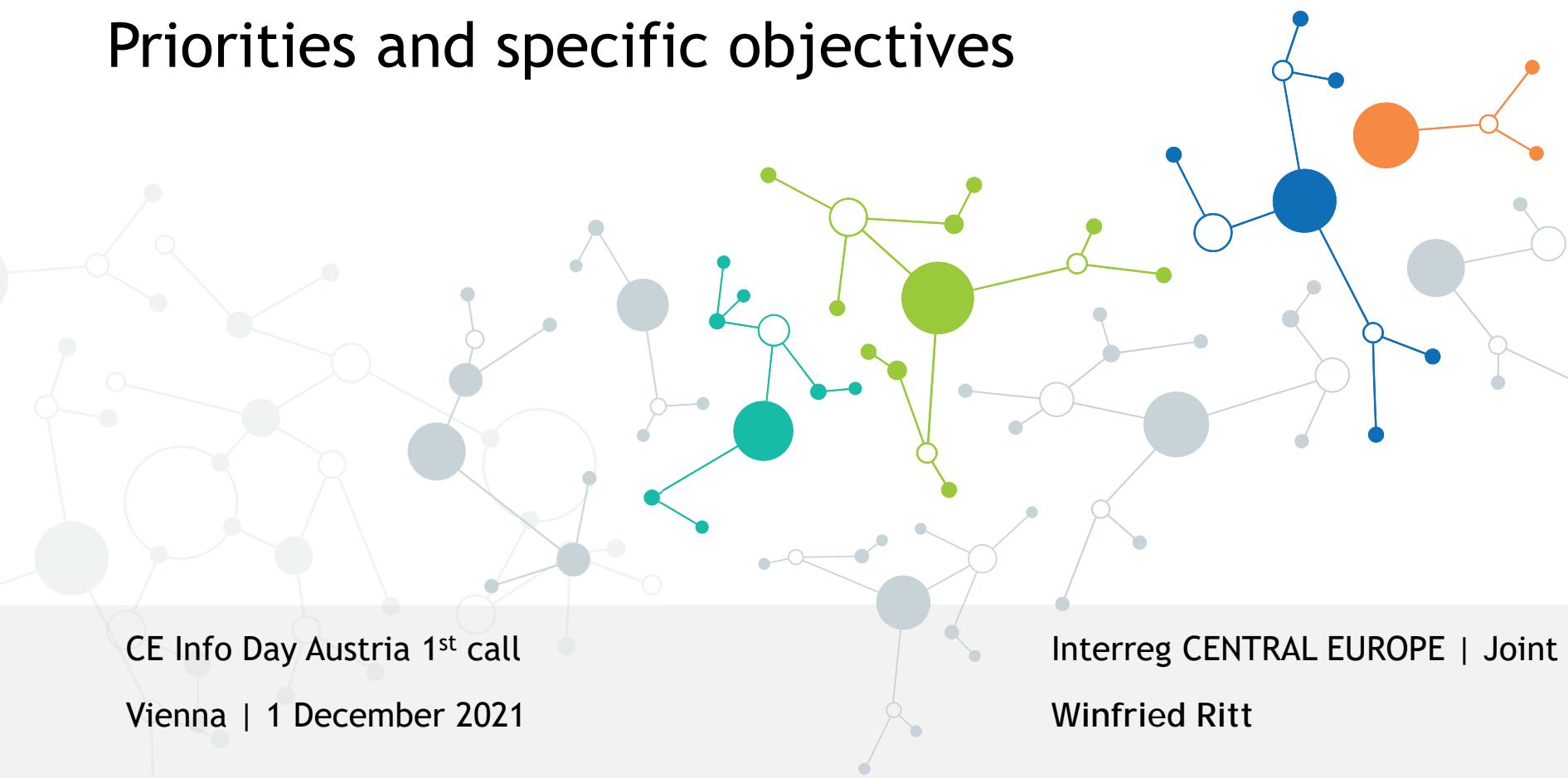
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Rahmenbedingungen für die Projekteinreichung

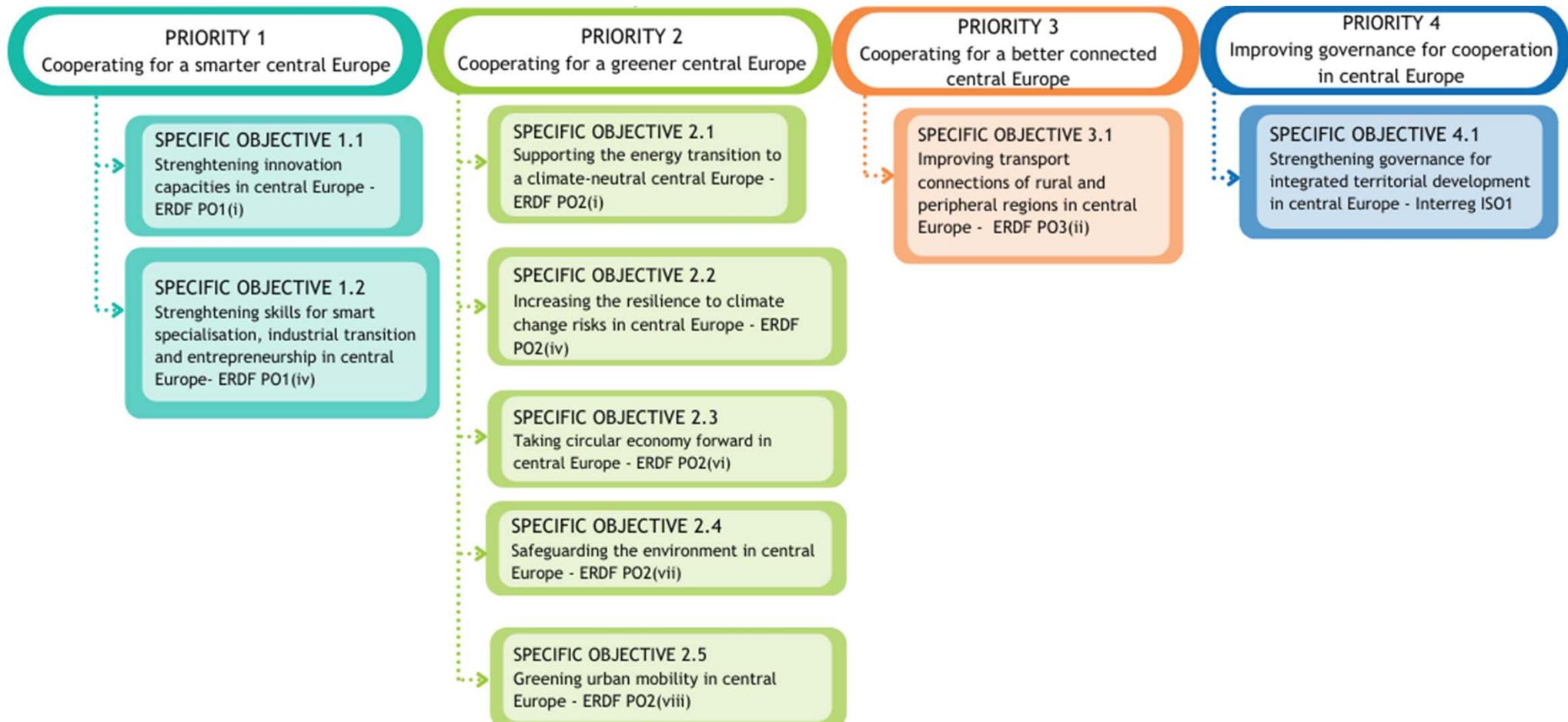
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Priorities and specific objectives



Programme Priorities and Specific Objectives



Specific Objective 1.1

Strengthening
innovation capacities
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

GREEN ECONOMY, BIOECONOMY

CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND TOURISM

SILVER ECONOMY

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION TRANSFER TO SMES

INNOVATIVE SCHEMES FOR FINANCING INNOVATION

INDUSTRY 4.0, ROBOTISATION, MECHATRONICS,
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, KEY ENABLING
TECHNOLOGIES

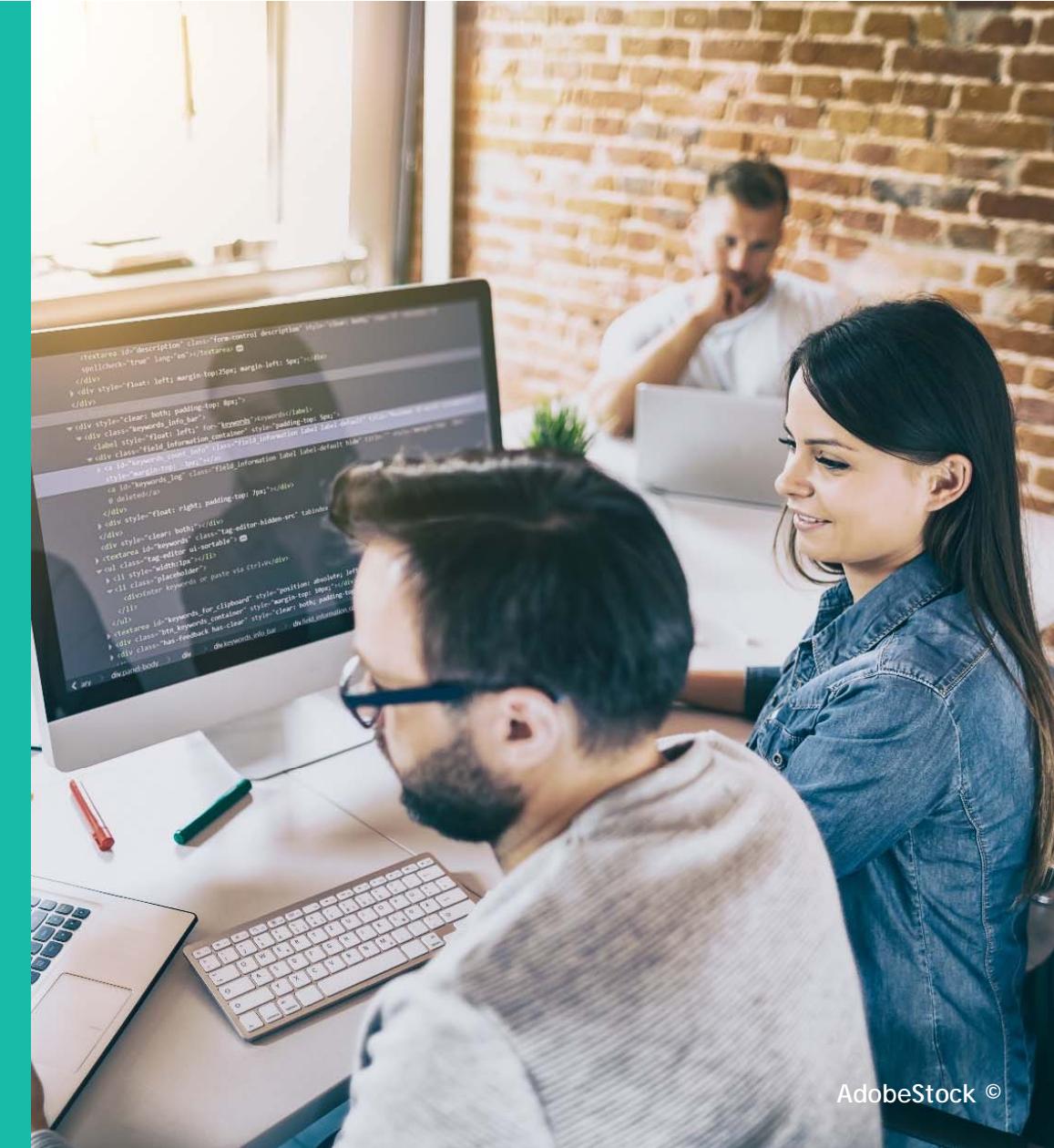
INNOVATION IN HEALTH (CARE)

SOCIAL INNOVATION

INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS ALONG VALUE CHAINS

Specific Objective 1.2

Strengthening skills for
smart specialisation,
industrial transition
and entrepreneurship
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

SKILLS FOR SECTORS OF RELEVANCE FOR SMART SPECIALISATION, E.G. INDUSTRY 4.0, DIGITALISATION, GREEN ECONOMY, BIO-ECONOMY, SILVER ECONOMY, HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES, CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

MATCHING SKILLS TO LABOUR MARKET NEEDS OF REGIONS IN INDUSTRIAL AND DIGITAL TRANSITION

CAPACITY-BUILDING AND INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING FOR SMART SPECIALISATION

COMPETENCES FOR INNOVATION MANAGEMENT IN SMES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INCLUDING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

COUNTERACTING REGIONAL (URBAN-RURAL) DISPARITIES OF HUMAN CAPITAL AND BRAIN DRAIN

Specific Objective 2.1

Supporting the energy
transition to a climate-
neutral central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

SMART INTEGRATION OF CARBON-NEUTRAL
SOLUTIONS ACROSS SECTORS

ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF BUILDINGS AND
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES

ENERGY PLANNING AT LOCAL AND
REGIONAL LEVELS

FINANCING SCHEMES FOR ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE
ENERGY INVESTMENTS

RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

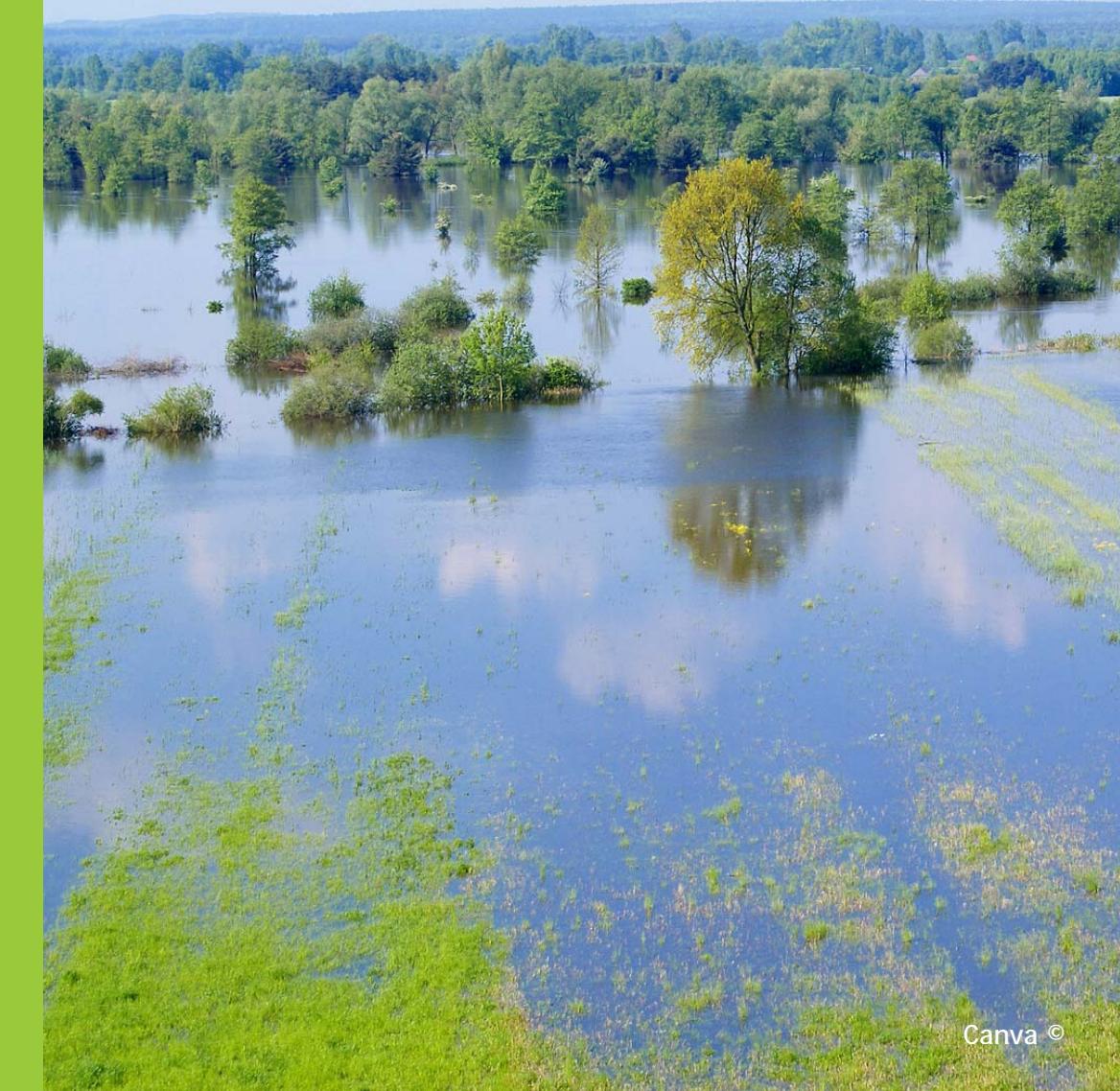
REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
FROM INDUSTRY AND OTHER SECTORS

ENERGY DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND
BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE

ENERGY POVERTY

Specific Objective 2.2

Increasing the
resilience to climate
change risks
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND
ADAPTATION MEASURES

RESILIENCE TO WEATHER EXTREMES AND
RELATED HAZARDS (RAINFALL EVENTS,
FLOODS, LANDSLIDES, HEAT, DRAUGHTS,
WATER SCARCITY, WILDFIRES ETC.)

CLIMATE-PROOF LANDSCAPE AND URBAN
PLANNING

RISK AWARENESS, PREVENTION AND
MANAGEMENT

SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND HEALTH-RELATED
IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Specific Objective 2.3

Taking circular
economy forward
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

WASTE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT,
RECYCLING AND RECOVERY OF RESOURCES AND
RAW MATERIALS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY VALUE CHAINS

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT DESIGN
(E.G. ECO-DESIGN) AND PRODUCT
DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

REPAIR AND RE-USE

CLEAN PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND
CLOSED LOOP SYSTEMS

BEHAVIOURAL CHANGES OF PRODUCERS,
CONSUMERS, PUBLIC BUYERS ETC.

Specific Objective 2.4

Safeguarding the
environment
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY
INCLUDING URBAN GREEN SPACES

REDUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION
(AIR, WATER, SOIL, NOISE, LIGHT ETC.) AND
THEIR HUMAN HEALTH IMPACTS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT AND
LANDSCAPE PLANNING

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND THE VALORISATION
OF NATURAL HERITAGE

PROTECTION OF NATURAL HERITAGE, ECOSYSTEMS
AND VALUABLE AREAS INCLUDING
NATURA 2000 SITES

INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (E.G. PRODUCTION OF FOOD
AND WATER, CLEAN AIR, RECREATIONAL BENEFITS)

RESTORATION OF DEGRADED ECOSYSTEMS

Specific Objective 2.5

Greening urban mobility
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLANNING

SMART TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT
INCLUDING COMMUTING SOLUTIONS

SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL URBAN FREIGHT
AND LOGISTIC SOLUTIONS
(INCLUDING THE “LAST MILE”)

ACCESSIBILITY OF URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT
FOR EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY FOR ELDERLY
AND FRAIL PEOPLE

QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF GREEN, URBAN
PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS
BETWEEN URBAN AND PERI-URBAN AREAS

REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GASES
AND OTHER AIR POLLUTANTS FROM
URBAN TRANSPORT

Specific Objective 3.1

Improving transport
connections of rural and
peripheral regions
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

DEMAND-RESPONSIVE AND FLEXIBLE REGIONAL
PASSENGER TRANSPORT

ACCESSIBILITY OF RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS
AND THEIR CONNECTIVITY TO MAIN
EU TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

REMOVAL OF TRANSPORT BARRIERS
AND BOTTLENECKS ACROSS BORDERS
AND BEYOND

STRATEGIC REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND
SPATIAL PLANNING

MULTI-MODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORT AND
LOGISTIC CHAINS IN RURAL
AND PERIPHERAL AREAS
AND CONNECTIONS TO TRANSPORT NODES

Specific Objective 4.1

Strengthening
governance for
integrated territorial
development
in central Europe



Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS,
BETTER POLICY MAKING
AND COOPERATION BEYOND BORDERS

PARTICIPATORY DECISION-MAKING
PROCESSES (E.G. CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT)

MULTI-LEVEL & MULTI-SECTOR GOVERNANCE
AMONG AREAS WITH FUNCTIONAL TIES BEYOND
BORDERS

INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIES, E.G. ADDRESSING DEMOGRAPHIC
CHANGE, PUBLIC SERVICES OF GENERAL
INTEREST (SUCH AS HEALTH, EDUCATION,
SOCIAL SERVICES) AND TOURISM AND CULTURE

DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

HOW CAN YOU LEARN MORE?

- Watch our thematic tutorials on our YouTube channel
- Read our Interreg Programme document

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New funding

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE - 1/13



Tutorial SO1.1: Strengthening innovation capacities in centr...

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Tutorial SO 1.2: Strengthening smart skills in central Europe

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Tutorial SO 2.1: Supporting the energy transition to a climate...

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE



Tutorial SO 2.2: Increasing resilience to climate change...

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE



Tutorial SO 2.3: Taking circular economy forward in central...

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Tutorial SO 2.4: Safeguarding the environment in central...

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Tutorial SO 2.5: Greening urban mobility in central Europe

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Tutorial SO 3.1: Improving transport connections of rura...

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Tutorial SO 4.1: Strengthening governance for integrated...

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Financial aspects in Interreg CE 2021-27



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HIERARCHY OF RULES

Hierarchy of ELIGIBILITY Rules

1. EU Rules as set out in the Regulations (CPR; ERDF and Interreg)

2. Programme Rules as set out in the programme manual

3. National/institutional rules BUT ONLY for matters not covered by eligibility rules set in the EU and programme rules

- This hierarchy is **ONLY** for eligibility of expenditure. All other applicable EU and national rules are on a higher hierarchical level than rules set by the Interreg CE Programme

GENERAL FRAMEWORK

	Interreg CE 14-20	Interreg CE 21-27
General		
ERDF Co-financing rate	80% (AT; DE; IT) 85% (CZ; HR; HU; PL; SI; SK)	80% for all beneficiaries
Application		
Preparation & Contracting Lump Sum	Max € 15.000 (Total)	€ 17.500 (Total) € 14.000 (ERDF)
Work Packages in Application Form (AF)	All WPs in AF (WP M, WP T, WP C, WPI)	No WP Management, WP Communication, WP Investment
Threshold for investment description in AF	€ 15.000 (BL5 & BL6) Specific WP for Investment	€ 25.000 (CC5 & CC6) No specific WP for Investment
Budget in AF	Per Partner/BL/WP/Period	Per Partner/Cost category/Period

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

	Interreg CE 14-20	Interreg CE 21-27
Eligibility		
Value added tax (VAT)	Recoverable VAT not eligible	Recoverable VAT eligible if project budget is less than € 5 million
Gifts	Eligible if cost per gift does not exceed € 50. Max. € 500 for gifts at project level	Gifts are NOT eligible
Programme procurement rule	Programme threshold - € 5.000 (excl. VAT) Private PPs had to follow procurement procedures similar to applicable EU/national rules	Threshold is now € 10.000 (excl. VAT) For private PPs only market research required (unless stricter national rules apply)
PPs from outside CE area	PP budget - maximum 20% of project ERDF	No limitation (however only allowed in duly justified cases)

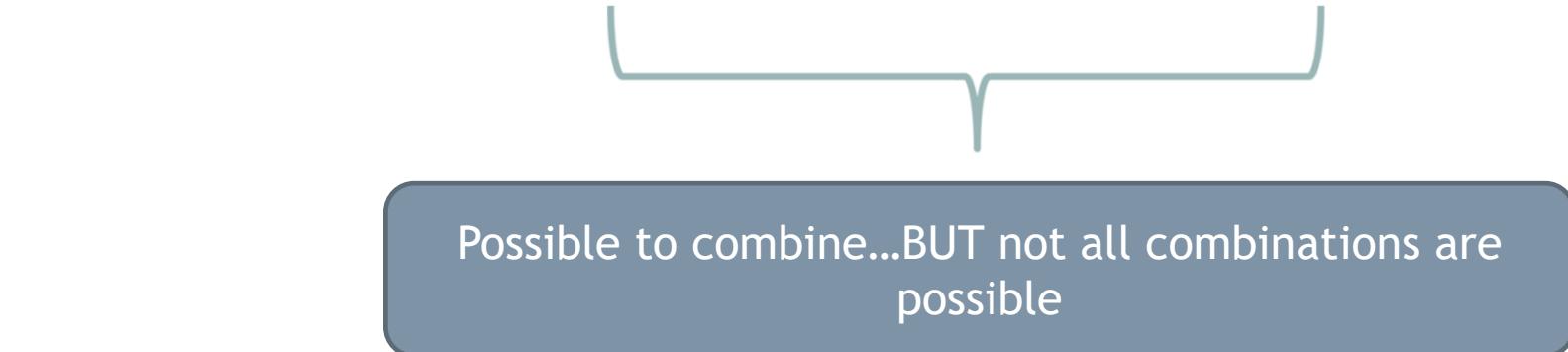
COST CATEGORIES (1)

	Definition	Forms of reimbursement
Cost Categories		
Staff Costs (CC1)	Salary payments Other costs linked to salary payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real costs (full-time; part-time in the project - fixed % of time per month) Flat rate (20 % if direct costs other than staff costs)
Office and administrative costs (CC2)	Office rent, insurance/taxes, office supplies, accounting, maintenance, IT systems, bank charges, ..exhaustive list!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat rate of 15 % of eligible staff costs
Travel and accomm. costs (CC3)	Travel tickets, costs of meals, accommodation costs, visa costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat rate (country specific: between 5 and 11 %), Austria: 5 %
External expertise and services costs (CC4)	Studies, survey, training, translations, publicity, financial management, ..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real costs
Equipment costs (CC5)	Office equipment, IT hard-/software, lab. equipment, tools, .. exhaustive list!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real costs
Infrastructure and works (CC6)	Building permits, building material, labour, specialised interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real costs

COST CATEGORIES (2)

	Interreg CE 14-20	Interreg CE 21-27
SCOs and Cost Categories		
Terminology	Budget Lines (BLs)	Cost categories (CCs)
Staff Costs	For staff working part-time in the project - 3 possible calculation options: fixed % of time per month; Flexible no. of hours per month (1.720 calculation method); hourly rate as per contract	For staff working part-time in the project - ONLY 1 option i.e. fixed % of time per month
Travel and accommodation costs	Real costs	Flat rate (country specific) Austria: 5 %
Equipment costs	Distinction between office equipment and thematic equipment	No distinction
Infrastructure and works	Not specifically foreseen as a budget line in the regulations therefore a programme-specific BL was set up	Foreseen as a separate cost category including a definition (coming from regulation) of what constitutes this category
Direct costs calculated as 40% of staff costs	N/A	New possibility

REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS IN INTERREG CE 2021-2027



SIMPLIFIED COST OPTIONS IN INTERREG CE

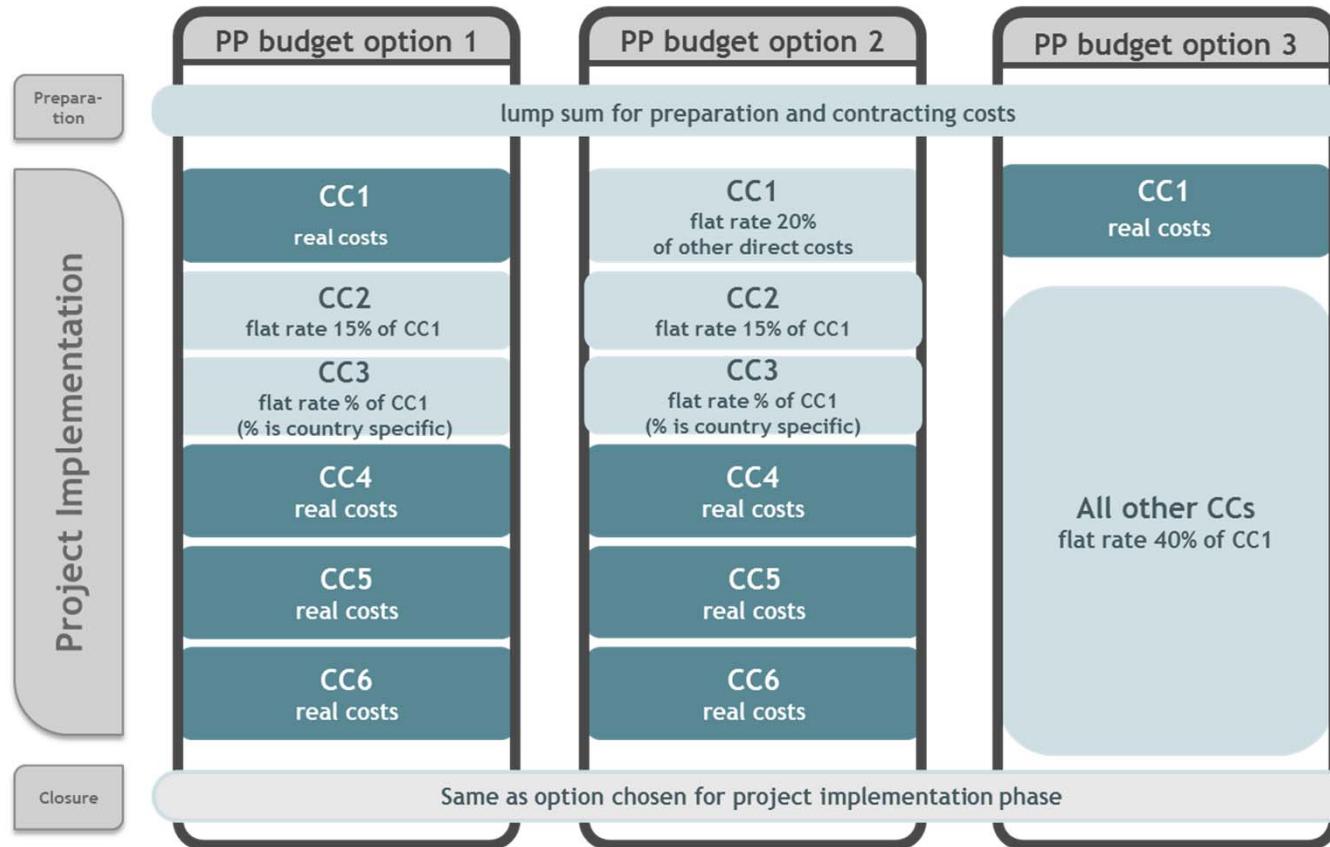
Lump sum for preparation and contracting

- ✓ Also applied in CE14-20 - Amount increased from € 15.000 to € 17.500 total cost (€14.000 ERDF)
- ✓ Has to be included in AF (Part E) for the amount to be eventually paid

Flat rates

Cost Category (CC)	Features
Staff costs (CC1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ 20% of the direct costs other than the direct staff costs - i.e. External expertise and services (CC4); Equipment (CC5) and Infrastructure and works (CC6)➢ Not mandatory. To be decided at Partner level when drafting the AF➢ Also applied in CE14-20
Office & administrative costs (CC2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ 15% of eligible staff costs➢ Mandatory➢ Also applied in CE14-20
Travel & accommodation costs (CC3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ ___% of eligible staff costs (% depending on country; 5 % for AUSTRIA)➢ Mandatory➢ New
Direct costs other than Staff Costs (i.e. CC2-6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ 40 % of eligible direct staff costs➢ Not mandatory. To be decided at Partner level when drafting the AF

Possible combinations at partner level



Options have to be chosen by the PPs in the AF and remain throughout project lifetime.
Ineligible expenditure in a CC has an impact on flat rates that have the CC as a basis for the calculation

FOCUS ON STAFF COSTS (CC1)

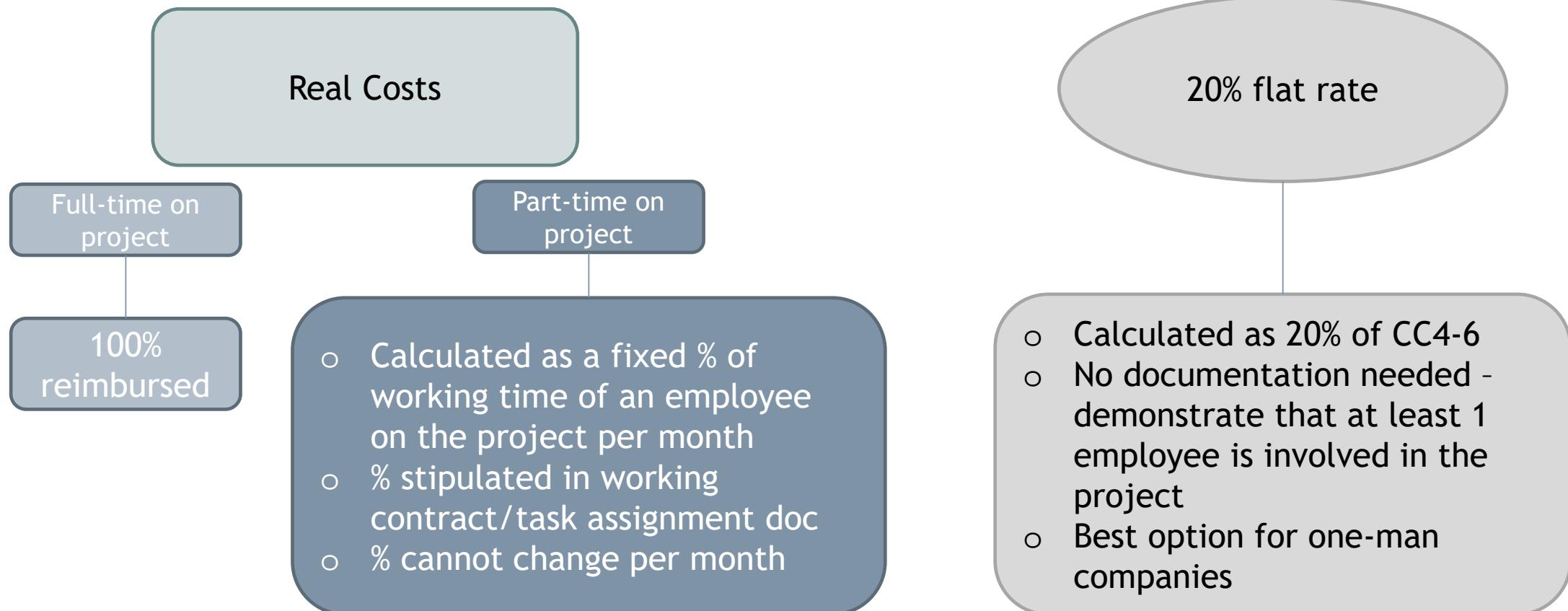
Staff Costs - Definition

- ✓ Consists of gross employment costs of staff employed by the beneficiary for implementing the project
- ✓ Staff can either be already employed by the beneficiary or contracted specifically for the project
- ✓ Staff may be employed vis-à-vis the project either on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis

NOTE: Payments to natural persons working for the beneficiary under a contract other than an employment contract may be assimilated to salary payments and such a contract is considered as an employment document. Such costs are eligible under CC1 if all the required conditions are met. Beneficiaries should pre-check with their national controllers.

FOCUS ON STAFF COSTS (CC1)

Staff Costs - Reimbursement Options



FOCUS ON STAFF COSTS (CC1)

Staff Costs - Examples of Calculations

Fixed % per month

- Monthly gross employment costs of the employee working on the project is EUR 5.000,00
- Employee assigned to work 50% of the total working time in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE project.

Staff costs to be claimed = Total monthly salary (gross salary) * Fixed percentage

$$\text{Staff costs to be claimed} = \text{EUR } 5.000,00 * 50\% = \text{EUR } 2.500,00$$

20% Flat rate

- In the financial reporting period 1, the beneficiary incurred and reported the following direct costs:

External expertise and services: EUR 15.500,00

Equipment: EUR 1.500,00

Total amount: EUR 17.000,00

Staff costs to be claimed = total direct costs * 20%

$$\text{EUR } 17.000,00 * 20\% = \text{EUR } 3.400,00$$

PROCUREMENT RULES

For contracts of works/supplies/services rules on procurement have to be followed



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The
stricter rule
applies



> 10.000 EUR
< national/EU
thresholds

Adequate market
research is required

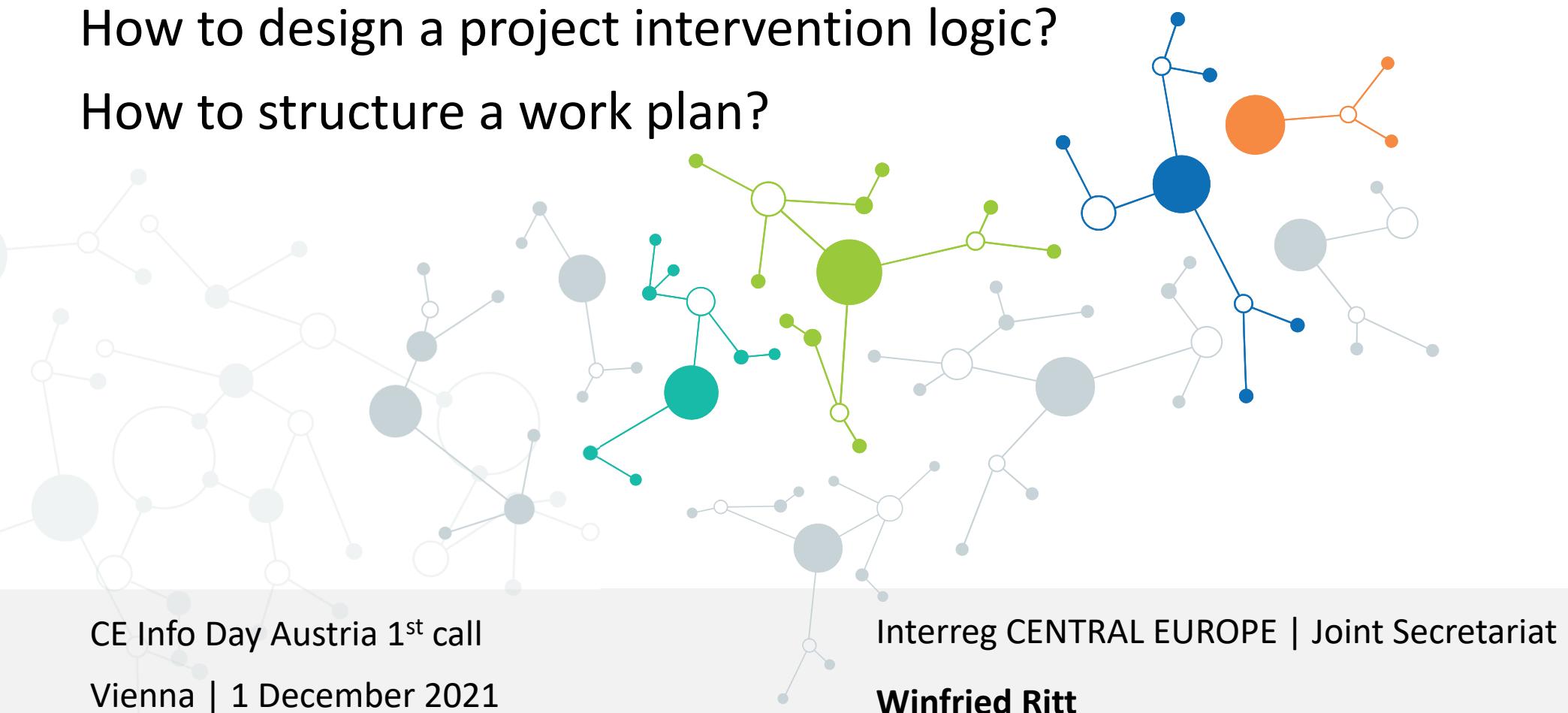


Procurement
rules also apply
to private
partners

Private partners have to
follow the programme rule
i.e. market research for
contracts above 10.000 EUR
(with exceptions)

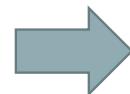
How to design a project intervention logic?

How to structure a work plan?



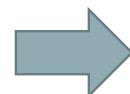
INTERVENTION LOGIC & INDICATORS

What is an intervention logic?



Programme intervention logic - defined in the Interreg CE programme document

- ✓ Causal links between the territorial challenge or need that will be tackled, and the foreseen activities, outputs as well as desired results, thus the change to be achieved ('theory of change')

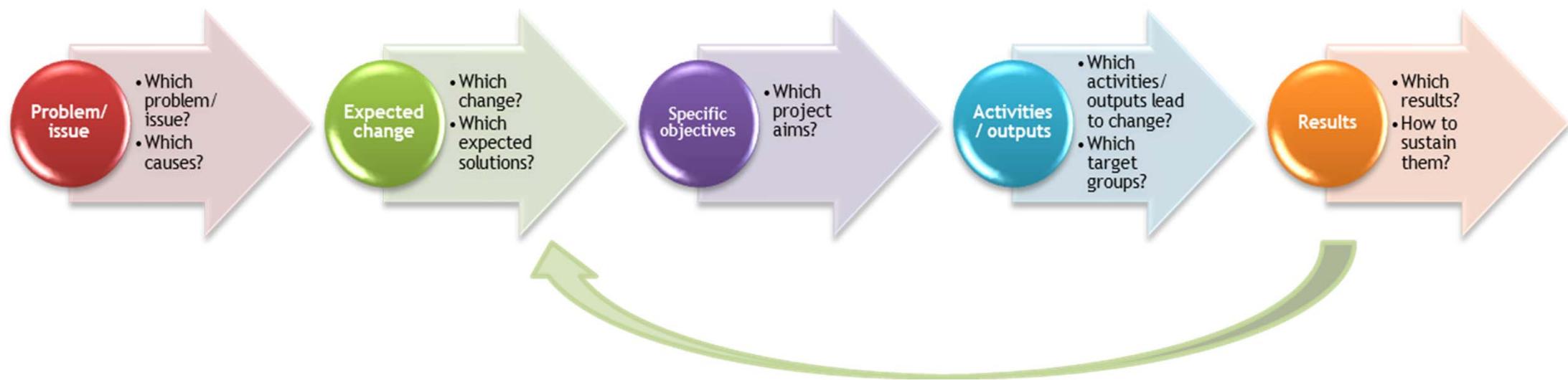


Project intervention logic - to be developed by applicants and clearly presented in the project application form



Relevance, clarity and coherence of project intervention logic - precondition for project approval and funding

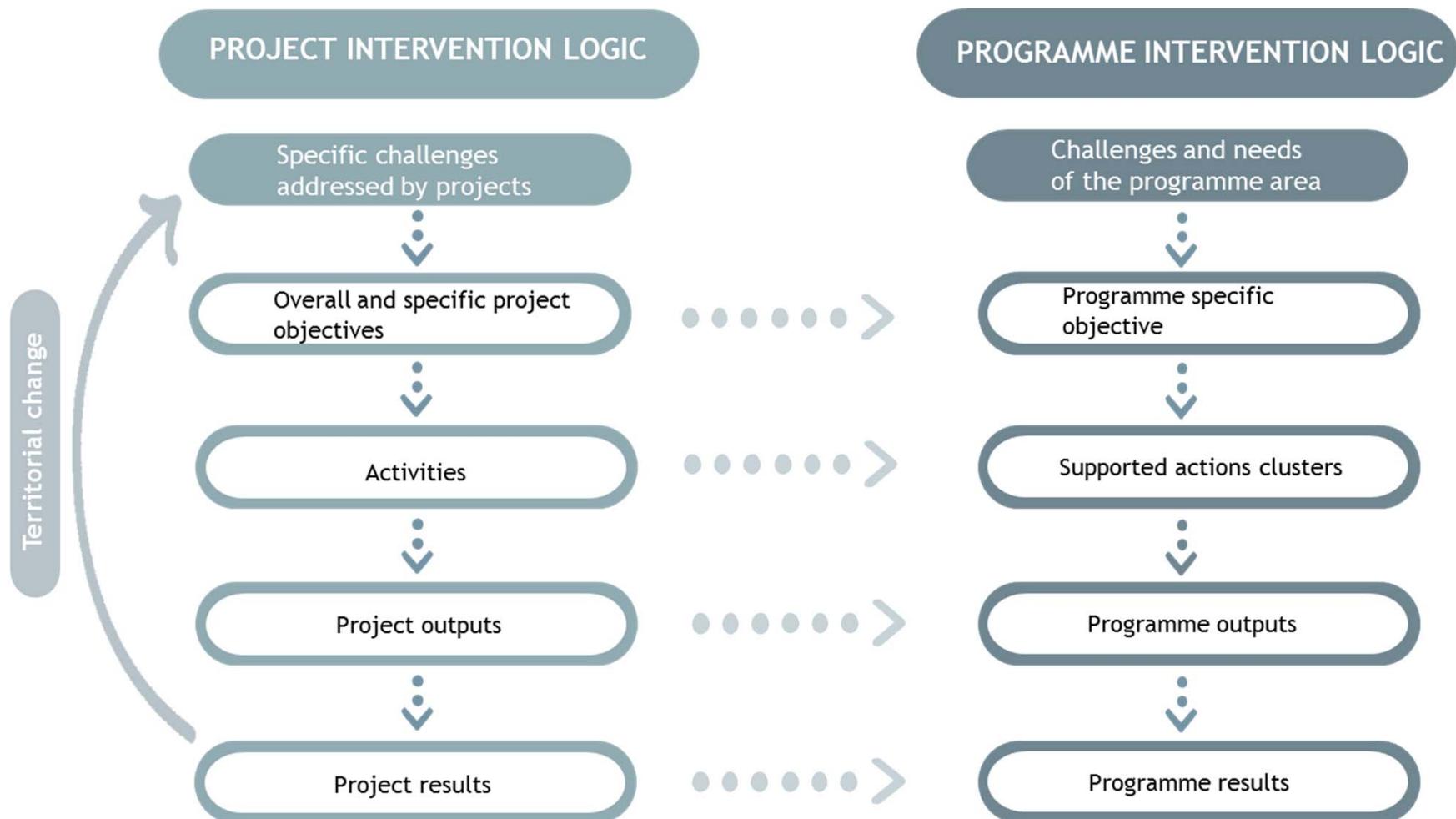
HOW TO BUILD THE PROJECT INTERVENTION LOGIC?



Theory of change should be the core narrative of each project

- From problem to solution
- Clear result orientation

LINKAGE BETWEEN PROJECT AND PROGRAMME INTERVENTION LOGIC



ZOOM IN ON OUTPUTS

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Definition of output:

- A product that results from the implementation of project activities

4 types of outputs:

- “Cooperations”
- “Strategies and action plans”
- “Pilot actions”
- “Solutions”

OUTPUT TYPES (1)



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„Cooperations”

- Cooperations between project partners incl. associated partners (e.g. cooperation networks or governance structures)
- Should ideally continue beyond the project lifetime (documented by e.g. formal cooperation agreements)

“Strategies and action plans”

- Strategy: targeted way to achieve a goal-oriented process in a specific domain
 - Action plan: translates an existing strategy into actions
- *To be jointly developed through transnational exchanges of experiences (e.g. co-design or co-creation process, including peer reviews)*

OUTPUT TYPES (2)



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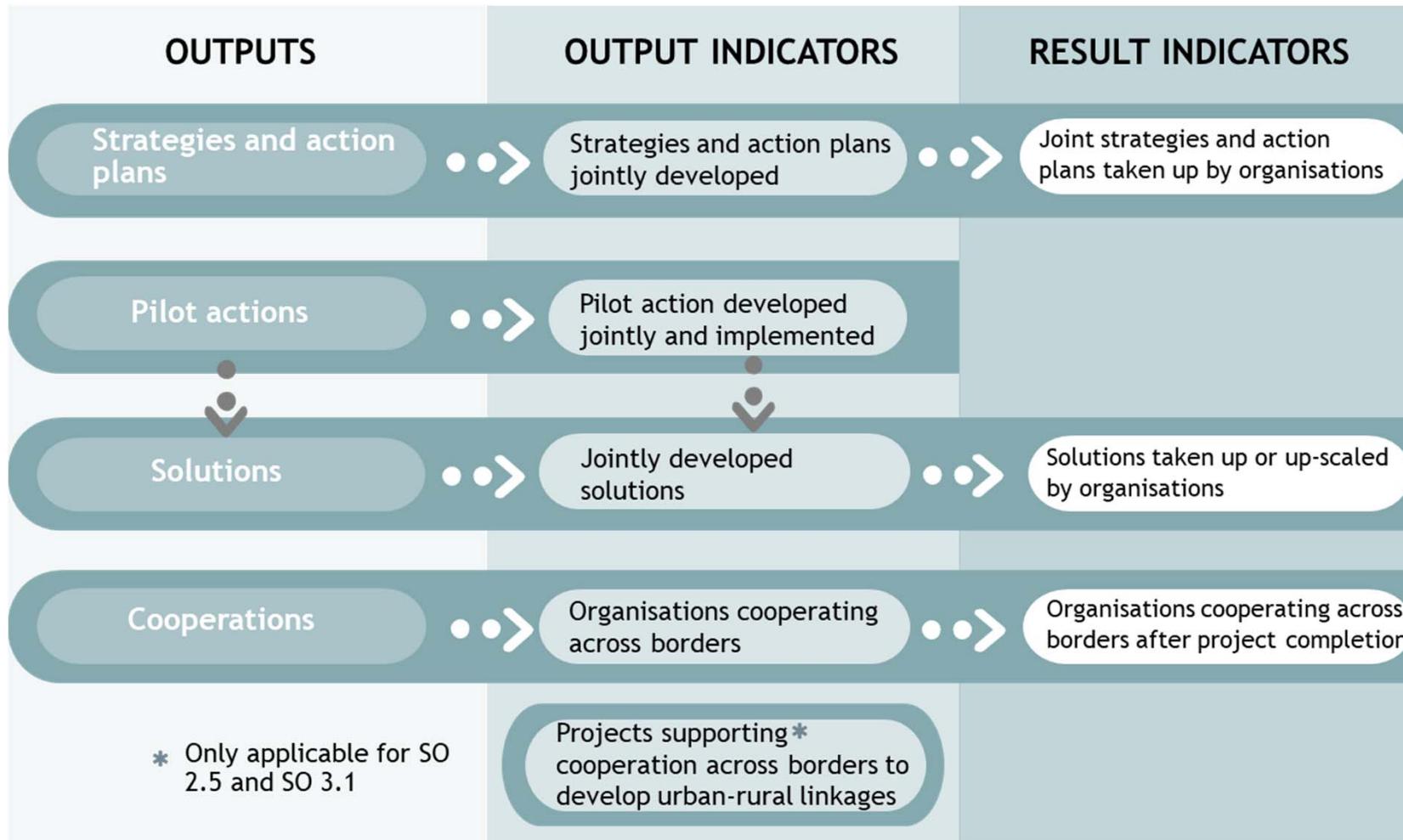
„Pilot actions“

- Testing of novel approaches
- Experimental and/or demonstration character, limited in their scope
- To be different from each other to maximize mutual learning
- *The development and implementation of pilot actions should be carried out jointly (e.g. co-design or co-creation process)*

„Solutions“

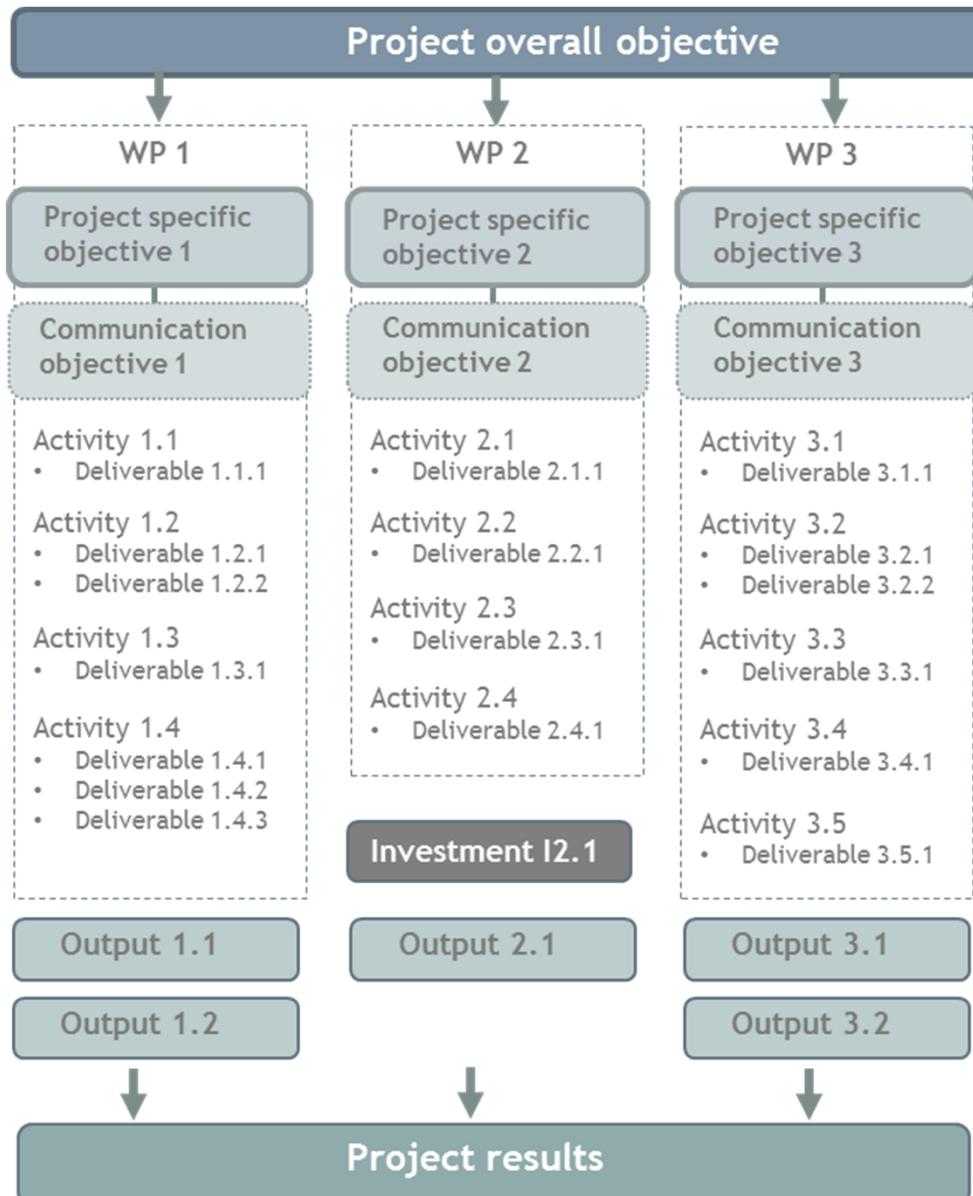
- Procedures, instruments, services, tools etc.
- To be interlinked with pilots → solutions should derive from pilots
- Should ideally be deployed and taken up during the project lifetime
- *The development of solutions should be done jointly*

MEASURING ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH INDICATORS



- ✓ Each output type has a corresponding output indicator
- ✓ Output indicators are mostly linked to result indicators
- ✓ Logical correspondence has to be followed
- ✓ See indicator definitions in annex 6 of the programme manual

WORK PLAN STRUCTURE



FROM THE INTERVENTION LOGIC TO THE WORK PLAN STRUCTURE

Example of a **work plan structure** embedded in the overall project intervention logic

WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT



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Key principles of a work plan:



- ✓ Should clearly show how project objectives and results will be achieved
- ✓ Mature and concrete plan for developing and/or implementing foreseen outputs
- ✓ Focus on the main implementation steps and avoid fragmentation
- ✓ Description should focus on the foreseen activities and limit the number of deliverables
- ✓ Structured into a set of thematic work packages (recommended limit of 3, max 5 if justified)



No separate work packages for project management and communication

To be defined for each work package (WP):

- Project specific objective
- Communication objective(s) incl. related target audiences
- Activities necessary for achieving objectives (recommended ~ max 4-6 per WP)
- Deliverables (at least 1 per activity, recommended not more than 3)
- Investments > 25.000 EUR, if applicable
- Outputs, incl. related output indicators



KEY TERMINOLOGY



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- **Project specific objective:** Immediate goal that a project can realistically achieve within the project lifetime through its planned activities and related outputs and deliverables
- **Activities:** Main implementation steps that contribute to the development of project outputs and/or their subsequent roll-out or upscaling
- **Deliverable:**
 - Documentation that describes the implementation of project activities
 - Presents in an aggregated form outcomes of intermediate steps (important parts) of a certain activity
 - Should be sufficiently comprehensive - not focusing only on e.g. single meetings or events, single trainings, working papers, etc.
 - In case of complex activities or stretching over a longer period of time, more than one deliverable should be foreseen

ZOOM IN ON INVESTMENTS

Requirements for pilot investments

- To be **linked to a pilot action** - necessity of the investments for the successful implementation of the pilot needs to be clear
- Clear contribution to the project **overall and specific objectives**
- Demonstration, model or pilot character with a clear **transnational dimension**
- Should ideally pave the way to large-scale investments
- Necessary authorisations for pilot investments should be available or be obtainable in a reasonable time
- Compliance with relevant **legislation and environmental policies** to be ensured
- Infrastructure investments with an expected lifespan of at least 5 years have to ensure their **climate proofing**
- Compliance with the **durability** and **ownership** requirements to be ensured
- Integration of **barrier-free accessibility** principles at all level is encouraged



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Von wo - aus welchem Bezirk/aus welcher Gemeinde - sind Sie heute zugeschaltet?



Ist Ihnen das Programm Interreg Central Europe bereits bekannt?

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Ja, ich habe bereits teilgenommen



Ja, ich habe aber noch nicht teilgenommen



Nein, bisher unbekannt



Planen Sie eine Projekteinreichung im 1. Call?

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Ja



28 %

Nein



19 %

Noch nicht sicher



53 %

Welches Thema spricht Ihr künftiges Projekt an?

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Energie und Umwelt

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Umwelt/Wasser

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Klima

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