

Cooperating for Success



The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme



Cooperating across borders to make our cities and regions a better place to live and work

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme is funded under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It invests EUR 231 million to provide funding to transnational cooperation projects involving both public and private organisations.

- 8 languages
- 9 countries
- 80 cities and regions
- 124 projects funded
- 1331 partners cooperating in our projects
- 150 million people benefitting from our work

Introducing CENTRAL EUROPE

CENTRAL EUROPE is a European Union programme that encourages cooperation among regions in nine central European countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme runs from 2007 to 2013 and funds projects in six thematic areas:

 Technology transfer and business innovation

 Sustainable public transport and logistics

 Environmental risk management and climate change

 Energy efficiency and renewable energies

 Demographic change and knowledge development

 Cultural heritage and creative resources

Cooperating for citizens

The cities and rural regions of central Europe share a common history as well as similar social and cultural characteristics. The area covers more than 1 million square kilometres, stretching from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Mediterranean Sea in the south. It is home to 150 million people – benefitting from transnational cooperation through the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme.

CENTRAL EUROPE projects improve people's day-to-day lives by addressing problems that do not necessarily recognise national borders.

Issues are tackled at the territorial level where they occur, which is the regions in central Europe. Transnational cooperation allows partners to take advantage of the added value of doing things together, so they can prevent duplication and speed up developments with a higher impact.

More concretely, CENTRAL EUROPE projects:

- carry out pilot investments and actions
- leverage additional money and investment
- come up with new economic strategies and involve local communities
- increase efficiency on various levels
- improve spending of public money
- support the adaptation of EU directives to regional contexts
- strengthen regional networks and involve local communities
- influence the policy agenda on all political levels

Contributing to Europe 2020

Transnational cooperation within the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme is firmly embedded in the newly launched strategic policy frameworks on the European, national and regional levels.

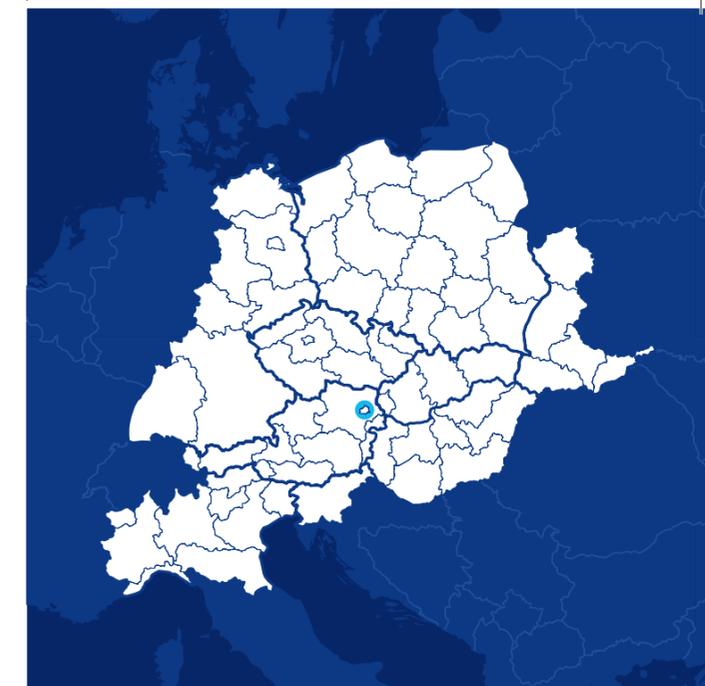
Many of CENTRAL EUROPE's projects are already contributing directly to the Europe 2020 Strategy and its mutually reinforcing goals of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth in Europe. This approach to development is expected to help the EU and member states deliver high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion.

Concrete actions of the 2020 Strategy are designed to reach ambitious targets in five areas: employment, innovation, education, social inclusion, as well as climate change and energy.

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme, and the transnational cooperation it inspires between actors on the ground, plays an important role in meeting these targets on the regional level – even though the programme only uses 0.07 percent of the total budget available for EU Cohesion Policy.

Against the background of globalisation, climate change, economic upheavals, emographical change and other issues, European regions and local authorities are confronted with a large number of similar problems: that's why to undertake a common search for solutions and the exchange of reciprocal experiences is so expedient.

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Technology transfer and business innovation

Cooperating to build better connections between regional actors

CENTRAL EUROPE improves framework conditions for business cooperation so that companies can become more competitive in a globalised market.

Cooperating to increase innovation in regional businesses

CENTRAL EUROPE helps small and medium enterprises to unlock their innovation potential while promoting the use of research results to create business opportunities.

Projects

ACCESS	ACT CLEAN
AutoNet	CEBBIS
CEEM	CENILS
CentraLab	CentralCommunity
CENTROPE CAPACITY	centrope_tt
CERIM	ClusterCOOP
CLUSTERS-CORD	CluStrat
CNCB	C-PLUS
ESSENCE	FLAME
FORT	FREE
I3SME	IDEA
INNOTRAIN IT	InoPlaCe
InTraMed-C2C	LICEA
NANOFORCE	PLASTICE
PRESOURCE	PROINCOR
SMART FRAME	

Sustainable public transport and logistics

Cooperating to move people in a safer and greener way

CENTRAL EUROPE promotes the use of clean public transport for safer and smarter mobility – with positive effects on the environment, regional businesses and tourism.

Cooperating to connect the regions and put freight on a greener track

CENTRAL EUROPE facilitates access to regions by improving international traffic flows and encouraging intermodal transport, thereby helping to take freight off the road and shift it to greener means of transportation.

Projects

airLED	BATCo
BICY	Central MeetBike
CENTROPE CAPACITY	CHAMPIONS
CITY REGIONS	ChemLog
ChemLog-T&T	EDITS
EMPIRIC	ESSENCE
FLAVIA	GUTS
INTER-Regio-Rail	INWAPO
KASSETTS	LOGICAL
RAILHUC	REZIPE
SOL	SoNorA
SPES	TROLLEY
Via Regia plus	

Environmental risk management and climate change

Cooperating to prevent environmental hazards and reduce the negative effects of climate change

CENTRAL EUROPE helps to manage and reduce risks and impacts of environmental hazards like floods and water or soil contamination, and supports regions to adapt to climate change.

Cooperating to protect and preserve nature and landscapes

CENTRAL EUROPE helps to protect biodiversity and eco-systems, and revitalises natural landscapes.

Projects

ACT CLEAN	CEframe
CERREC	CircUse
COBRAMAN	ECOPAPERLOOP
EULAKES	FOKS
GreenNet	HABIT-CHANGE
INARMA	INCA-CE
LABEL	PRESOURCE
ReSource	REURIS
SALVERE	TAB
TransEcoNet	TransWaste
UFIREG	UHI
URBAN SMS	URBAN_WFTP
UrbSpace	VITAL LANDSCAPES

Energy efficiency and renewable energies

Cooperating to reduce the carbon footprint of buildings in our cities and regions

CENTRAL EUROPE helps urban areas to improve the energy efficiency of their building stock, so they can reduce their carbon footprint.

Cooperating to use renewable energy sources in the regions efficiently

CENTRAL EUROPE supports regional energy planning by encouraging the use of locally available renewable energy sources.

Projects

4Biomass	CEC5
CEP-REC	COACH BioEnergy
COMBINES	CoP
DANUBENERGY	E2BEBIS
EnergyCity	ENERGYREGION
EnSURE	GovernEE
GUTS	LICEA
MANERGY	ReSource
REZIPE	RUBIRES
SEBE	TRANSENERGY
VIS NOVA	

Demographic change and knowledge development

Cooperating to preserve the regions' most precious resource: people

CENTRAL EUROPE makes shrinking regions more attractive by adapting services to actual needs, thereby increasing social inclusion and reducing brain drain.

Cooperating to activate and integrate aged and disadvantaged citizens

CENTRAL EUROPE improves inclusion of elderly and disadvantaged groups to help minimise the negative impact of demographic change in the regions.

Projects

ADAPT2DC	CE-Ageing Platform
EPOurban	ET-struct
EURUFU	HELPS
IDEA	i.e. SMART
Q-AGEING	QUALIST
Re-Turn	Senior Capital
SPES	Traditional and wild
WOMEN	YURA

Cultural heritage and creative resources

Cooperating to preserve and use cultural heritage

CENTRAL EUROPE supports the preservation and use of cultural heritage, such as historic sites and traditions, to foster knowledge, strengthen regional identity and increase the regions' attractiveness.

Cooperating to use culture as a driver for creative innovation

CENTRAL EUROPE adds value to culture to unleash the inherent creative and innovation potential of central European regions, thereby boosting their economies.

Projects

Act4PPP	CCC
CENTRAL MARKETS	CENTROPE CAPACITY
Creative Cities	CrossCulTour
CUSTODES	ETNOFOLK
Forte Cultura	HERMAN
ReNewTown	ReSource
SECOND CHANCE	SHIFT-X
THETRIS	Traditional and wild
Danube Limes-UNESCO World Heritage	LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF VILLAGES