Portrait of the
CENTRAL EUROPE 2020
Programme

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The Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE 2020 Programme supports transnational regional cooperation in nine central European countries: Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Funds will be available to work on innovation, low carbon solutions, environmental and cultural resources as well as transport.

A first call for project proposals is planned to open in early 2015.

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

How much funding is available?

The total programme budget for projects will be around **231 million Euros** from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Co- financing rates are up to:

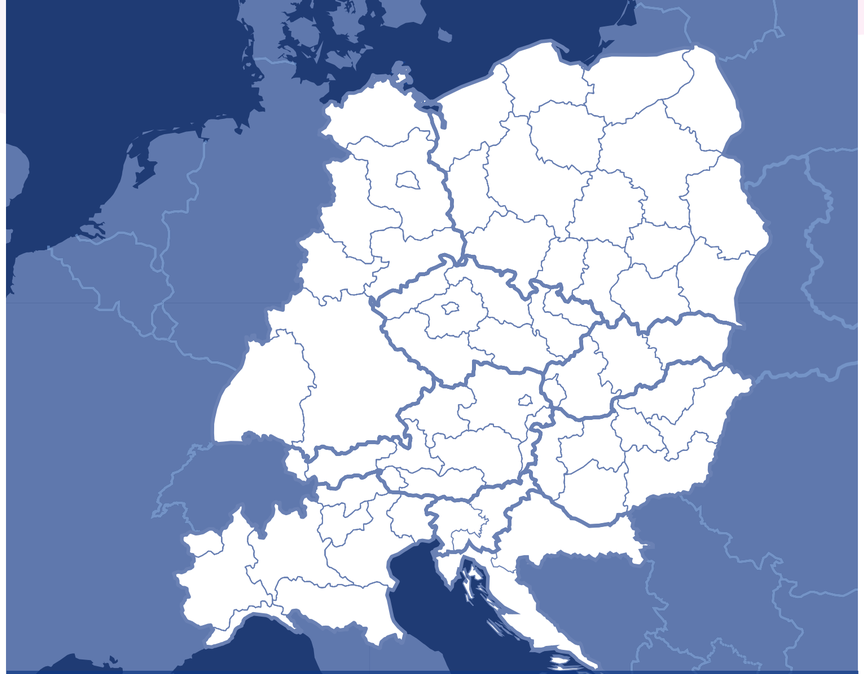
- **80%** for partners from Austria, Germany and Italy
- **85%** for partners from Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia

Who can participate?

- Public authorities and related entities
- Regional development and innovation agencies
- Enterprises (including SMEs)
- Chambers of commerce and other associations
- NGOs
- Financing institutions
- Technology transfer institutions, universities and research institutes
- Energy suppliers and management institutions
- Environmental facilities
- Education and training organisations
- Transport operators and infrastructure providers

... and others

The minimum requirement for a project partnership is the participation of 3 financing partners from at least 3 countries.



146	MILLION CITIZENS	231	MILLION EUROS ERDF
9	PROGRAMME COUNTRIES	4	THEMATIC PRIORITIES
76	REGIONS AND CITIES	10	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

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Cooperating beyond borders in CENTRAL EUROPE to make our cities and regions better places to live and work

Priority 1
Cooperating on innovation to make CENTRAL EUROPE more competitive

Priority 2
Cooperating on low carbon strategies in CENTRAL EUROPE

Priority 3
Cooperating on natural and cultural resources for sustainable growth in CENTRAL EUROPE

Priority 4
Cooperating on transport to better connect CENTRAL EUROPE

Innovation and knowledge development

CENTRAL EUROPE funds projects that aim:

To improve sustainable linkages among actors of the innovation systems for strengthening regional innovation capacity in central Europe

To improve skills and entrepreneurial competences for advancing economic and social innovation in central European regions

Available ERDF funds:
~ 69 million Euros

Low carbon cities and regions

CENTRAL EUROPE funds projects that aim:

To develop and implement solutions for increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy usage in public infrastructures

To improve territorially based low carbon energy planning strategies and policies supporting climate change mitigation

To improve capacities for mobility planning in functional urban areas to lower CO2 emissions

Available ERDF funds:
~ 44 million Euros

Environmental and cultural resources

CENTRAL EUROPE funds projects that aim:

To improve integrated environmental management capacities for the protection and sustainable use of natural heritage and resources

To improve capacities for the sustainable use of cultural heritage and resources

To improve environmental management of functional urban areas to make them more liveable places

Available ERDF funds:
~ 88 million Euros

Transport and mobility

CENTRAL EUROPE funds projects that aim:

To improve planning and coordination of regional passenger transport systems for better connections to national and European transport networks

To improve coordination among freight transport stakeholders for increasing multimodal environmentally-friendly freight solutions

Available ERDF funds:
~ 29 million Euros

What is a CENTRAL EUROPE PROJECT in essence?

In the last programming period, CENTRAL EUROPE funded 124 projects with an average total budget of 2.3 million Euros. Most projects involved around eleven partners that worked together for three years.

Important criteria to keep in mind for successful applications are:

- Transnational and territorial relevance
- Partnership relevance
- Concrete and measurable results
- Durable outputs and results
- Coherent approach
- Sound project communication strategy
- Effective management
- Sound budget

For more information on funded projects please look for CENTRAL EUROPE PORTRAITS booklets online at http://www.central2013.eu/portraits

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