

European Territorial Cooperation 2007 – 2013

INTERREG IVC Programme



Eligible area

27 Member States

- + Norway
- + Switzerland

ERDF project funds:
302 million EUR



Overall objective

- Improve the **effectiveness of regional development policies**
- Contribute to economic modernisation and increased competitiveness of Europe

by

- Enabling **exchange of experiences** and knowledge
- Matching less experienced regions with more advanced regions
- Ensuring transfer of identified good practice into mainstream programmes



The programme is organised around two thematic priorities

- ⇒ Priority 1: Innovation and Knowledge Economy
- ⇒ Priority 2: Environment and Risk Prevention



Priority 1: Innovation and Knowledge Economy

- Innovation Research & Technology Development
- Entrepreneurship and SME
- Information Society
- Employment, Human Capital and Education



Priority 2: Environment and Risk Prevention

- Energy and Sustainable development
- Biodiversity and Preservation of Natural Heritage
- Natural and Technological Risks
- Water and Waste Management
- Cultural Heritage and Landscape



Who is eligible ?

- Public Bodies

- Bodies covered by public law



Co financing

- The co financing rate for Maltese partners is 85% ERDF.



Types of Interventions

IVC proposes 2 types of interventions:

- Regional Initiative Projects
- Capitalisation Projects, including Fast Track Projects



Type 1 ‘Regional Initiative Projects’

- Classic type of interregional cooperation projects: cooperation projects between partners on a shared regional policy issue within the programme’s thematic priorities
- Intensity of cooperation from networking activities to intensive joint development
- Regardless of the intensity, one core requirement for all: specific focus on the interregional exchange of experience at policy level



Type 1 'Regional Initiative Projects'

- Different levels of intensity of cooperation are possible:

Basic intensity of cooperation

Medium intensity of cooperation

High intensity of cooperation



Type 1 ‘Regional Initiative Projects’

- Regardless of the intensity of cooperation, all Regional Initiative Projects will have to produce a certain number of tangible deliverables such as policy recommendations or good practice guides.
- The number of partners involved in the project depend on the level of intensity. [refer to IVC programme manual for details]



Type 2 ‘Capitalisation Projects’

- Cooperation project dedicated to the transfer of good practices into EU Structural Funds mainstream programme of the participating regions
- Two prerequisites for applying to Capitalisation Projects:
 1. Existence of good practices ready to be transferred
 2. Involvement of the relevant Managing Authorities



Capitalisation projects cont....

- Expected results: one 'Action Plan' for each participating region

Action Plan: strategic document defining precisely how the good practices will be implemented in the Operational Programme of each region involved in the project

To be signed by relevant stakeholders
(political endorsement) – binding character



Type 2 ‘Capitalisation Projects’

For Capitalisation Projects, Maltese partners have to obtain political direction from the relevant Ministry saying that the initiative is a priority for Government

- PPCD should then be approached at least three weeks prior to the application deadline.



IVC Eligible Costs

- Staff
- Administrative costs
- Travel and Accommodation
- Equipment
- External Experts and Services
- In the context of Interreg IVC, contributions in kind (e.g. through voluntary unpaid work) will not be considered as eligible expenditure.



Project Applications

- Prospective applicants can find detailed instructions on how to fill in the Application Form on the Programme's website.
- The Programme's website has also created a Project Idea Database for interested partners



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- The third call for project proposals is expected to open in October / November 2009.



Further Information

www.interreg4c.net

www.ppcd.gov.mt

Thank you for your attention

