EU Interregional Cooperation

State of play and perspectives

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Summary

1. INTERREG IVC state of play

2. INCOMPASS project

3. Future: INTERREG EUROPE
1. INTERREG IVC programme

‘Learning by sharing’

Local / regional authorities access the experience of others in Europe facing similar issues to improve their practices / policies

in the fields of

Innovation and the knowledge economy

Environment and risk prevention
Overview approved projects

204 projects
2,274 partners
90% of 271 NUTS 2 regions covered

All funds (302 M€) committed

Priority 1
- Innovation, research and technology development
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Information Society
- Employment, human capital and education

Priority 2
- Natural and technological risks
- Water management
- Waste management
- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
- Energy and sustainable transport
- Cultural heritage and landscape

18 (16%)
20 (17%)
44 (36%)
37 (31%)
10 (12%)
16 (19%)
9 (11%)
7 (8%)
38 (44%)
5 (6%)
Thematic Programme Capitalisation

To exploit and build on knowledge from projects **working on a similar topic** for the benefit of local and regional authorities all around Europe

Experienced **thematic experts** analyse projects in order to:
- identify synergies & complementarities
- discover innovative approaches & make them available to all EU regions
- draw policy recommendations for regional, national & EU levels
12 capitalisation topics
111 projects involved

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*INCOMPASS participating in capitalisation lot on ‘Creative industries’*
Main achievements (as of June 2014)

Objective:
EU wide exchange of experience / capacity building

6,188 staff with increased capacity

349 ‘spin-off activities’

Objective:
Identification / sharing / transfer of good practices

4,165 good practices identified

403 successfully transferred

Overall objective:
Improvement of regional and local policies

2,037 policies addressed

432 policies improved
2. INCOMPASS project

TOPIC & METHOD
Support the self-sustainability of creative incubator units + Intense interregional exchange process in 3 working groups

PARTNERSHIP
14 committed partners from 11 Member States representing a good balance in terms of type of partners and experience

RESULTS (so far)
19 good practices identified and 1 spin-off activity developed and many others in progress
3. Future: INTERREG EUROPE
3. INTERREG EUROPE

Context

1. New objective set for interregional cooperation
2. Concentration principles
3. Smart Specialisation strategies
4. Integration of Regions of Knowledge (RoK)
**Policy learning** among public authorities to improve performance of policies & programmes for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds programmes**

**EU Cohesion policy**

**Goal 1:**
Investment for growth & jobs

EUR 316 billion

**Goal 2:**
European Territorial Cooperation

EUR 8.9 billion

**INTERREG EUROPE**
EUR 359 m
Main features

- **Eligible area**: EU28 + Norway & Switzerland

- **Who is eligible?**
  - Public bodies
  - Bodies governed by public law
  - Private non-profit bodies (RoK ‘heritage’)

- **Co-financing rates**
  - 85% for public or public equivalent
  - 75% for private non-profit
Four themes

- Research & innovation
- SME competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Environment & resource efficiency
2 actions

Interregional Cooperation
Projects

Policy Learning
Platforms
A. Interregional Cooperation Projects

Implementation in 2 phases

**Phase 1**
Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years) ending up with production of 1 Action Plan / Region

**Phase 2**
Monitoring of the Action Plan’s implementation + possible pilot actions (up to 2 years)

Creation of ‘stakeholder groups’
B. Policy Learning Platforms

EU-wide capacity building on:

- Innovation
- Low-carbon economy
- SME competitiveness
- Resource efficiency

1 service provider per thematic objective via:

Online collaborative tool + Expert team
2 interrelated actions
Programming – Indicative timeline

Autumn 2014
- Submission of the programme to the EC

First semester 2015
- Approval of the EC?

2-3 December 2014
- INTERREG EUROPE launch event – Bologna/IT

First semester 2015
- First call for project proposals
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