



## Interreg Europe Annual Implementation Report 2014-2015

# Citizen summary

## Preface

Interreg Europe helps regional and local governments across Europe to develop and deliver better policy. Financed by the European Regional Development Fund to the tune of €359 million from 2014-2020, it supports regional policymakers through cooperation projects and policy learning platforms. During 2014 and 2015, chaired by Greece, Italy, Latvia and Luxembourg, the 30 countries involved in the programme discussed, debated, consulted and came to an agreement by consensus on the programme's aim, set-up and means available.

This report will be produced annually, to give the wider public an insight into how European funds are being spent, if the programme is on track to reach its objectives, and how the actions funded are benefitting the population at large.

We welcome your interest, questions and requests for information.

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## Introduction

The European Union works to reduce differences in the levels of development, growth and quality of life in European regions through its Cohesion policy. It promotes actions to make the European territory more innovative, more sustainable, and more inclusive. This is the EU policy agenda called EU2020 strategy.

While the large majority of the funds designated to reduce these disparities are managed nationally, the EU and member states believe that regional development can be improved through cooperation and exchange of experiences and practices across borders.

The INTERREG EUROPE programme, financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), is designed to support policy learning among public authorities **to improve the performance of policies and programmes for regional development**. It allows public authorities across Europe to exchange practices and ideas on the way public policies work thus finding solutions to improve their strategies for their own citizens.

Four topics were selected in order to make the best use of limited funds. The more focused the actions, the higher the chances they deliver effective results.

1. Research, technological development and innovation
2. SME competitiveness
3. Low-carbon economy
4. Environment and resource efficiency

INTERREG EUROPE will finance two actions:



- a) Interregional Cooperation projects: Public organisations from different regions in Europe work together for 3 to 5 years on a shared policy issue. An action plan, specific for each region, will ensure that the lessons learnt from the cooperation are put into action. Regional partners will monitor how far the action plans are implemented. Calls for project proposals are launched throughout the programming period.
- b) Policy learning platforms open up the programme's knowledge for the benefit of all the project partners and the whole community of regional policy makers. There is one policy learning platform for each of the four topics covered by Interreg Europe. The main aim is to provide a space for continuous learning, to improve regional development policies in Europe without engaging in a project. This community of peers features a knowledge bank, networking and partnering opportunities and expert support.

## 2014-2015 main activities

The main action in these months concerned setting up the programme, its administration and procedures. This programme is managed by and for regional policymakers by their representatives in Interreg Europe's monitoring committee. As decision-making between the 30 participating countries during the programme preparation process has been by consensus, efforts from all sides were needed to find an agreement, without compromising on quality and standards!

Besides the 30 partner states and the European Commission, the following organisations have been designated to support Interreg Europe's implementation:

- Managing authority: Hauts de France (Nord-Pas de Calais – Picardie) Region (France)
- Certifying authority: Province of East Flanders (Belgium)
- Audit authority: Interministerial Commission for the Coordination of Controls regarding European Structural Funds (CICC) (France)

## Information campaign and first call for project proposals

Many information seminars, applicant seminars and Europe-wide partner search events took place in 2014 and 2015 to promote the funding available and attract suitable applicants to apply during the first call for projects.

- *Organisation of information campaign from 4 April 2015 until 22 June 2015*
- *34+ National Info Days organised*
- *2 Lead Applicant workshops organised*
- *349 applicants advised on their project idea*
- *First call for proposals organised: 22 June – 31 July*

264 applications were received. We can provide details of the projects that were finally approved in 2016 report.

## What has changed?

Since the main activities financed by the programme have not kicked off in 2015, we have laid the groundwork for supporting future policy change. Over 2500 policymaking organisations in all 30 participating countries have shown their willingness to better improve citizens' lives through learning from their peers. We will describe here in future reports what effect this will have.

## For more information

The latest programme news and details of activities can be found on the programme website:

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# **IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION GOAL**

## **PART A**

### **IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL/FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT**

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## **2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(A) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

### **Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.**

*2014 was mainly dedicated to Interreg Europe programme preparation, with 5 programming committee meetings organised. Due to the fact that all EU Member states plus Norway and Switzerland were involved in the consensus-based programme preparation, negotiations took quite some time, especially the common agreement on the technical assistance budget. The programme submission was further delayed, as the signing of the cooperation programme agreement took much longer than anticipated in some partner states.*

*Despite procedural delays, the new programme was presented to the public at a European event in Bologna, IT in December 2014. Over 800 participants attended in person, with a further 1200 following the event online. The main features of the programme were presented, and partner search facilitated. Points of contact in Interreg Europe partner states also promoted the programme through information seminars, website updates, press releases etc.*

*The Cooperation Programme was approved on 11 June 2015 (rather than early 2015).*

*The programme partner states agreed to launch an information campaign about the first call from 2 April 2015, and preparations were made so that when the programme was formally approved, the first call for project proposals could be launched immediately. This ran from 22 June-31 July. This helped to gain some time and enabled the programme to commit funds already in early 2016. Assistance to applicants was ensured by both the JS and the contact points in each partner state. Two lead applicant workshops were held in Prague and Brussels. Almost 350 applicants were advised on their project idea. A partner search tool was implemented on the INTERREG IVC website, before the launch of the Interreg Europe website in October 2015.*

*In total, 261 applications were received during the first call. 175 of these were eligible for quality assessment (67%). While the rate of ineligibility was lower than in INTERREG IVC, the monitoring committee asked the JS to look into ways of reducing it further for the second call, in order to reduce frustration among applicants. The quality assessment is split into two steps: strategic and operational. Only the strategic assessment was completed by the end of 2015, with 67 projects progressing to the next step. Results on the number of projects approved will be reported in 2016.*

*The first monitoring committee was held on 16 June in Riga, LV. The managing authority presented the structure of the joint secretariat, the certifying authority was introduced (Province of East Flanders, BE). The rules of procedure for the monitoring committee were also adopted.*

*The second monitoring committee was held on 16 September in Luxembourg. In the course of 2015, the programme's communication strategy, the subsidy contract and partnership agreement and first level control documents were approved.*

*Preparation of the tender to set-up and implement the policy learning platforms was*

*carried out throughout 2014-2015. The complexity of the procurement meant that more time than initially planned was required to finalise the procedure. The tender was published in November 2015.*

*Main implementation activities in 2014-2015:*

- *5 Programming Committee meetings organised in 2014 (5 March in Athens, EL; 6 May in Lille, FR; 18 June in Thessaloniki, EL; 15 October in Rome, IT, 4 December in Bologna, IT)*
- *1 PC meeting (10 February in Zagreb, HR) and 2 MC meetings (16 June in Riga, LV; 16 September in Luxembourg, LU).*
- *Organisation of information campaign from 2 April 2015 until 22 June 2015*
- *57 national and regional information seminars organised by contact points*
- *2 lead applicant workshops organised*
- *349 applicants advised on their project idea*
- *First call for proposals organised: 22 June – 31 July*

*Few programme indicators can be completed for this report covering 2014-2015.*

*No major programme implementation issues can be identified so far, but the programme is closely monitoring the following areas (detailed in section 5) which could be flagged as potential challenges:*

- *Reaching and mobilising the target group ‘managing authorities’*
- *the Commission interpretation of article 28 of the ETC Regulation on the programme method for the exchange rate*
- *the application of the staff calculation rules provided in the delegated regulation No 481/2014.*
- *COCOF/EGESIF guidance on sampling methodologies and the treatment of errors.*

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Research, Technological Development and Innovation	<p>The Interreg Europe programme was only approved in June 2015, and the implementation of this priority axis did not start during the year. So it is too early to report on key developments and significant problems. Nevertheless, the Joint Secretariat has an insight into the implementation of this priority through the assistance to applicants and the applications submitted during the first call.</p> <p>Priority axis 1 received the second highest number of applications submitted with 67 applications out of 261 (26%). This level of demand corresponds to the expectations of the programme since one-quarter of the budget is allocated to each priority.</p> <p>Within the two investment priorities, the picture is skewed in favour of investment priority 1(b) innovation delivery which attracted 80% of requests for feedback, and 84% of project applications.</p> <p>In terms of first call evaluation, only the eligibility assessment and the first step of the quality assessment (strategic assessment) were finalised by the end of 2015. 34% of applications in priority axis 1 were ineligible (compared to an average ineligibility rate of 33%). In terms of the quality of the proposals, 48% of the 44 eligible projects applications passed the first step of strategic assessment, higher than the average strategic assessment success rate of 38%.</p> <p>Opportunities offered by the first priority axis of the programme were promoted at different thematic events such as the innovation procurement event in June 2014, the WIRE conferences in</p>

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		<p>2014 and 2015 or the ERRIN workshop in April 2015.</p> <p>In 2015, no major issues were identified affecting the progress of this priority axis.</p>
2	Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises	<p>The Interreg Europe programme was only approved in June 2015, and the implementation of this priority axis did not start during the year. So it is too early to report on key developments and significant problems. Nevertheless, the Joint Secretariat has an insight into the implementation of this priority through the assistance to applicants and the applications submitted during the first call.</p> <p>In terms of assistance, this priority is the third by demand with 86 requests for project idea feedback (out of 349) but it is the first one in terms of applications submitted representing almost one-third of all applications submitted (81 out of 261). This popularity can be explained by the fact that this priority axis is defined in a broad sense covering all stages of SME life cycle. But it also reflects the fact that SME competitiveness remains high on the agenda of most EU regions.</p> <p>In terms of first call evaluation, only the eligibility assessment and the first step of the quality assessment (strategic assessment) were finalised by the end of 2015. Almost 36% of applications in priority axis 2 were ineligible (compared to an average ineligibility rate of 33%). In terms of the quality of the proposals, 36% of the 52 eligible projects applications passed the first step of strategic assessment. The quality is therefore slightly below average.</p> <p>Opportunities offered by the second priority axis of the programme were promoted at different thematic events such as the EURO CITIES workshops in June 2014 and in April 2015.</p> <p>In 2015, no major issues were identified affecting the progress of this priority axis.</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
3	Low Carbon Economy	<p>The Interreg Europe programme was only approved in June 2015, and the implementation of this priority axis did not start during the year. So it is too early to report on key developments and significant problems. Nevertheless, the Joint Secretariat has an insight into the implementation of this priority through the assistance to applicants and the applications submitted during the first call.</p> <p>In terms of assistance, the Joint Secretariat treated 72 requests for project idea feedback. This represents 21% of all requests received. The same percentage of applications were submitted during the first call with 54 out of 261. This level of demand may be slightly disappointing considering the wide scope covered by the priority (e.g. energy and sustainable transport) and the importance it has for the regions.</p> <p>In terms of first call evaluation, only the eligibility assessment and the first step of the quality assessment (strategic assessment) were finalised by the end of 2015. For the eligibility alone, applications submitted under the third priority axis performed better than those submitted in the other axes with an ineligibility rate of 18.5% (10 out of 54 applications). In terms of the quality of the proposals, 39% of the 44 eligible projects applications passed the first step of strategic assessment.</p> <p>Opportunities offered by the third priority axis of the programme were promoted at different thematic events such as the FEDARENE webinar in March 2015 or during the Sustainable Energy week in June 2014.</p> <p>In 2015, no major issues were identified affecting the progress of this priority axis.</p>
4	Environment and Resource Efficiency	<p>The Interreg Europe programme was only approved in June 2015, and the implementation of this priority axis did not start during the year. So it is too early to report on key developments and</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<p>significant problems. Nevertheless, the Joint Secretariat has an insight into the implementation of this priority through the assistance to applicants and the applications submitted during the first call.</p> <p>In terms of assistance, the fourth priority axis was the second most popular with 91 requests (26%) for project idea feedback. It counted for 59 applications (22% of the submission). This reduction may reflect a certain low quality in the project ideas initially proposed to the programme, in particular under the investment priority 6(c) ‘Natural and cultural heritage’.</p> <p>In terms of first call evaluation, only the eligibility assessment and the first step of the quality assessment (strategic assessment) were finalised by the end of 2015. 41% of applications were ineligible, and only 10 out of the 35 eligible applications passed the first step of the strategic assessment. Within the two investment priorities this below-average performance is mainly due to the applications submitted under investment priority 6(c), which also represents the majority of applications submitted (38 applications out of 59).</p> <p>The programme will closely monitor the quality and representation of this priority axis in terms of number of projects approved and ERDF allocated.</p> <p>Opportunities offered by the fourth priority axis of the programme were also promoted at different thematic events such as the RUR@ACT seminar in April 2014 or the Task Force meeting of the AEBR (Association of European Borders) on Water in November 2015.</p>
5	Technical Assistance	<p>The preparation of the Interreg Europe programme was financed from the 2007-2013 INTERREG IVC programme. Activities focused on preparation of the database and online monitoring system for the Interreg Europe programme, development of the new website, organisation of 2 MC meetings and events to promote the new programme and the first call in particular.</p>



### 3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

#### Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	76.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	76.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,000.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,000.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	7.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	7.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	10.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	10.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

(I)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest
Specific objective	1.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, in the field of research and innovation infrastructure and capacities, notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	2.62	2014	8.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	3,500,000.00	2014	48,000,000.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	0.00	

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	0.00	

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	154.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	154.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	2,000.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	2,000.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	18.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	18.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	18.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	18.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies
Specific objective	1.2 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, that support the delivery of innovation by actors in regional innovation chains in areas of "smart specialisation" and innovation opportunity.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	3.66	2014	25.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	3,500,000.00	2014	144,000,000.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired	0.00	

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented		
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	0.00	

Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
Investment priority	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

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Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
Investment priority	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes
Specific objective	2.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, supporting SMEs in all stages of their life cycle to develop and achieve growth and engage in innovation.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.83	2014	33.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	0.00	2014	192,000,000.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	0.00	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	0.00	

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE		

Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Investment priority	4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

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F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
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S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00

Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Investment priority	4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures
Specific objective	3.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, addressing the transition to a low-carbon economy, notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.31	2014	33.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	13,000,000.00	2014	192,000,000.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	0.00	

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	0.00	

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

(I)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	4.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, in the field of the protection and development of natural and cultural heritage.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.57	2014	16.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	19,000,000.00	2014	96,000,000.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	0.00	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC)	0.00	

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE		

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6g - Supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the public and private sectors

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	0.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	0.00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	0.00

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6g - Supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the public and private sectors
Specific objective	4.2 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, aimed at increasing resource-efficiency, green growth and eco-innovation and environmental performance management.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	0.52	2014	16.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	19,000,000.00	2014	96,000,000.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	0.00	

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	0.00	

## Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	Number	200.00	0.00	The first call projects were approved in February 2016.
S	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	Number	200.00	0.00	The first call projects were approved in February 2016.
F	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Number	200.00	0.00	The first call projects were approved in February 2016.
S	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Number	200.00	0.00	The first call projects were approved in February 2016.
F	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	Number/month	15,000.00	10,221.00	The Interreg Europe website is online since October 2015.
S	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	Number/month	15,000.00	10,221.00	The Interreg Europe website is online since October 2015.
F	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number	14.00	2.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015.
S	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number	14.00	2.00	Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015.
F	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		0.00	The preparation of the new programme was financed from the 2007-2013 programme in 2014 and 2015.
S	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		0.00	The preparation of the new programme was financed from the 2007-2013 programme in 2014 and 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	0.00
S	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	0.00
F	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	0.00
S	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	0.00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	0.00
S	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	0.00
F	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	0.00
S	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	0.00
F	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	0.00
S	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	0.00

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	5.1 - To maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of the management and implementation of the INTERREG EUROPE Programme.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully, demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.	%	0.00	2013	90.00	0.00		Interreg Europe programme was approved on 11 June 2015 – Projects and Platforms will start their activities in 2016 only.
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	%	0.00	2013	0.00	0.00		Not applicable in 2014-2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully, demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.	0.00	
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	0.00	

**3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework**

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	2015 Final target (2023) total	2015	Observations
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Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2014
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### 3.4. Financial data

**Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level**

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Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	Total	99,344,632.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
2	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
3	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
4	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
5	ERDF	Public	28,931,099.00	74.52	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>		<b>426,309,618.00</b>	<b>84.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>426,309,618.00</b>	<b>84.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0</b>

**Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)**

No contribution from third countries for Interreg Europe were used in 2015. From 2016, Norwegian partners will be financed by Norwegian project funding. Norway and Switzerland will also contribute to the platforms and the technical assistance budget.

**Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention**

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF												
2	ERDF												
3	ERDF												
4	ERDF												
5	ERDF												

**Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area**

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
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(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

#### **4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS**

No evaluation on programme's implementation took place in 2014 and 2015. The JS started drafting the Interreg Europe evaluation plan at the end of 2015 with the objective of approving this plan in the first half of 2016.

## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

### (a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Due to the early stage of the programme's implementation, no issue has affected the programme performance yet. Nevertheless, the programme faces several challenges that may affect its performance in the coming year which are being closely monitored.

The most important challenge is the mobilisation of the core target groups, i.e. the Managing Authorities and equivalent bodies in charge of the Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes. According to the ETC regulation, Interreg Europe's mission is to improve the performance of these programmes in particular. However, it appears that the bodies in charge of these programmes have other priorities and only a minority sees interregional cooperation as a strategic opportunity. The main challenge for Interreg Europe is therefore to reach this target group and convince them that cooperation is of added-value to their programmes. The programme has implemented several measures to meet this challenge in particular:

- At national level and in coordination with the national points of contact, organisation of information days dedicated to Investment for Growth and Jobs Managing Authorities
- Preparation of materials to demonstrate the impact interregional cooperation can have on regional / national operational programme
- Organisation of a dedicated workshop during the 2015 Open Days.

In 2014 and 2015 the Joint Secretariat developed the programme rules and guidance with a view to harmonising procedures with other INTERREG programmes and simplifying the rules. While doing so the JS became aware of potential issues concerning the application of some rules applicable to finance and audit matters. For example, the Commission interpretation of article 28 of the ETC Regulation that the programme method for the exchange rate has to be applied also by beneficiaries located inside the euro zone is challenging for the reporting procedure (as the programme rule is to use the month of submission of the report to the first level controller). This may also lead to errors for beneficiaries from the euro zone as under the previous periods the internal rules of the organisation applied. Some questions/uncertainties also remain concerning some specific application of the staff calculation rules provided in the delegated regulation No 481/2014.

Another concern for the programme is the COCOF/EGESIF guidance on sampling methodologies and the

treatment of errors. These documents introduce minimum requirements for a statistical sampling size as well as the extrapolation of randomly detected, individual errors to the whole project partnership and programme. They lead to audit costs that are no longer proportionate to the number of projects and available funding and also imply a risk of financial corrections (beyond an individual's Partner states' perimeter). These points have been raised by the MA/MS to INTERACT and in a letter to the European Commission.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

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## **6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

**7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS  
(ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

**8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**8.1. Major projects**

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Ma
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme





## 8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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**Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)**

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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**Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them**

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**9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
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Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
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Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
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Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
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Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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**9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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**9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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#### 9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)</b>	<b>Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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**9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

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**10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013**

**10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations**

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**10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy**

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**11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**11.1 Progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme**

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**11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF**

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### **11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)**

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

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#### **11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation**

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### **13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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## Documents

Document title	Document type	Document date	Local reference	Commission reference	Files	Sent date	Sent By
Interreg Europe 2015 Citizens' summary	Citizens' summary	26-May-2016		Ares(2016)25588 09	Interreg Europe 2015 Citizens' summary	02-Jun-2016	nedreica