

Newsletter

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Hello from Vienna!

On 23 February, we closed our first call for project proposals and received 280 submissions from across central Europe. The huge interest in our funding confirms that cooperation is central at the heart of Europe. It is an important instrument for making our regions and cities smarter, greener, more connected and more integrated. In the coming months, we will be assessing the submitted project proposals, before we select the best ones for funding towards the end of the year.

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First Call in Numbers

More than 2.600 organisations joined forces in 280 project proposals to work together on a stronger and more resilient central Europe. A majority of partnerships wants to make cities and regions greener: 159 proposals were submitted in this funding priority, followed by 90 proposals that want to make central Europe smarter and more innovative. 18 proposals propose to work together for a more integrated central Europe and 13 proposals want to better connect places.

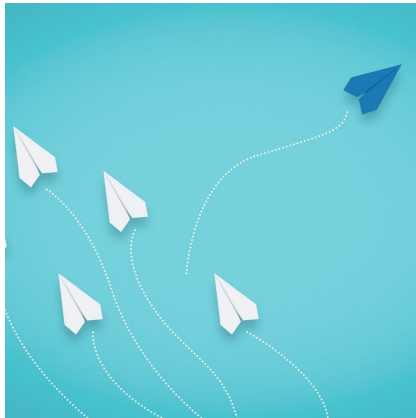
[Find more numbers](#)



Timeline for Project Selection

If you applied in the first call, you are surely interested in our timeline for the assessment and selection of projects for funding. Already last week, we have started with administrative checks of the submitted project proposals. The process ahead will entail further formal checks, a relevance filter and a full quality assessment. The final step will then be the selection of projects by the monitoring committee.

[More about the selection process](#)



The Second Call for Project Proposals is on the Horizon

Our second call for project proposals is expected to open in early 2023. This call will be dedicated to a new kind of Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE projects: The pioneer projects. These projects are expected to be highly innovative. They should test concrete solutions through pilot actions on a small scale or focus on new approaches to integrated territorial development.

[Find initial information](#)



We Celebrate 25 Years of Cooperation in Central Europe

We are leaving traces with every step we take: This year we celebrate 25 years of transnational cooperation in central Europe! In this time, we have supported hundreds of cooperation projects that helped our regions and cities to tackle common challenges and to create new opportunities.

[Read our best project stories](#)

Arrival Regions Project Creates a Welcome Culture for Migrants



Conflicts, crisis now even a war at the EU's doorstep. Each crisis comes with a new wave of people fleeing their homes becoming migrants overnight. Thanks to cooperation and shared knowledge, even small local administrations in rural areas are better informed and prepared to guide the migrants on their new journey.

[Read how cooperation helps migrants](#)



Euronews Reports on our SURFACE Project

In the latest Euronews episode of "Smart Regions" our SURFACE project was covered! Its partners inspire cities and regions to become more circular and to create more green jobs. They created a network of "Smart Re-Use Parks", which give a new life to old things. Their cooperation was central to recognise that extending the life cycle of products is key to a more circular economy in central Europe and beyond.

[Watch the 3-minute report](#)



New Massive Open Online Course

The European Commission launches a Massive Open Online Course in March to present an overview on Interreg cooperation.

[Register for free](#)



Interreg Works for Young People

What does Interreg do for the youth? It's the European Year of Youth and we present good practices on social media.

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EURegionsWeek: Become a Partner!

Do not miss the opportunity to shape the 20th edition of EURegions Week, apply to become a partner by 31 March 2022.

[Read the application steps](#)

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