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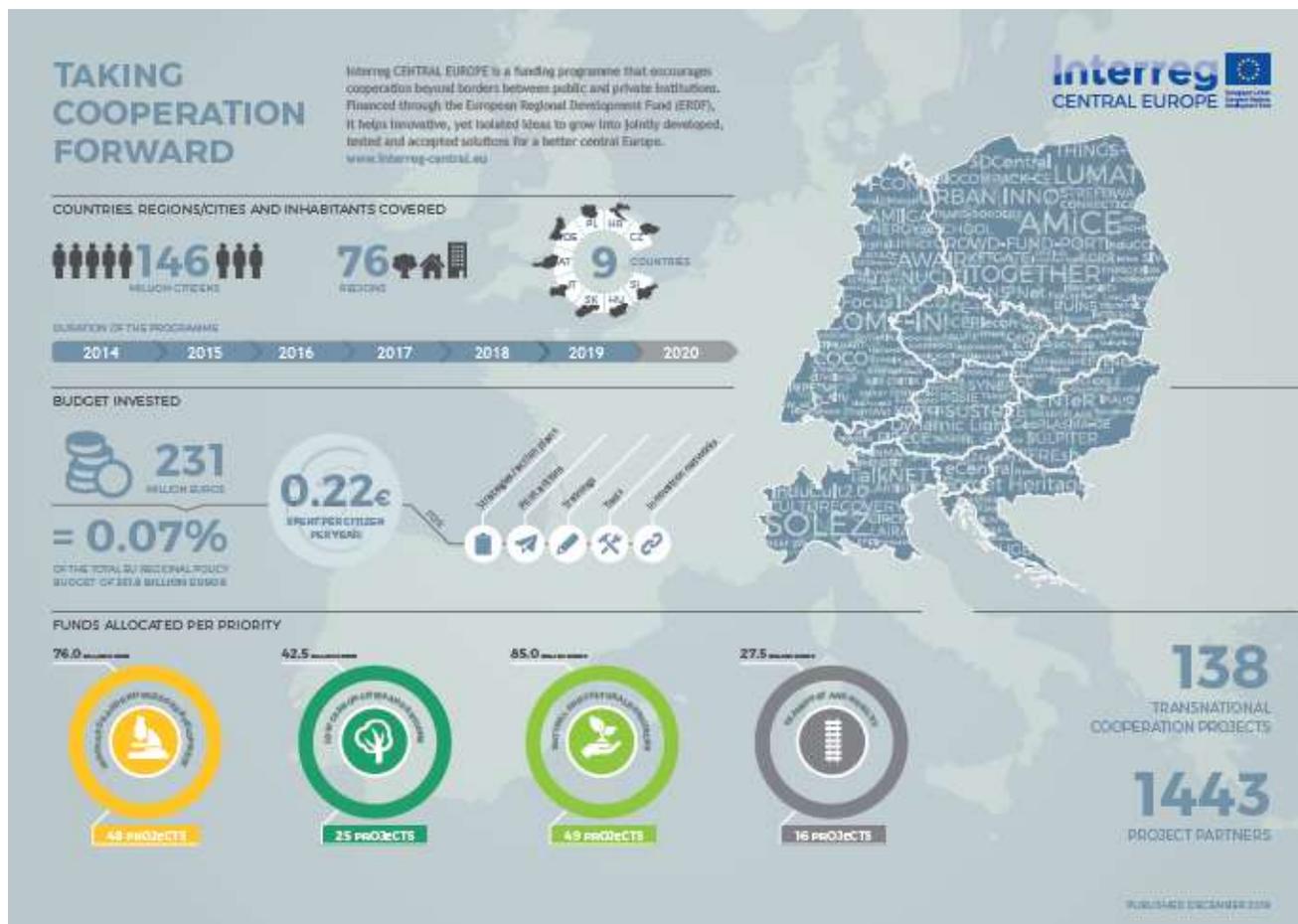


Interreg Central Europe - The present and future of the Interreg Central Europe programme



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# Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme in figures



# Interreg CE - Low Carbon Projects (Priority 2)



## WHY IS COOPERATION CENTRAL FOR A LOW CARBON EUROPE?

Cooperation is central for increasing the use of renewable energies and improving our energy efficiency. Our projects equip the central European regions and cities with tools and solutions that help them to lower their carbon footprint in energy production and consumption.

[www.interreg-central.eu/lowcarbon](http://www.interreg-central.eu/lowcarbon)



### 25

FUNDED PROJECTS

### 271

INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED

### 9

COUNTRIES

### 43

MILLION ERDF FUNDING

2014 → 2015 → 2016 → 2017 → 2018 → 2019 → 2020

## WHAT WE ACHIEVE






### PILOTS

LOW-CARB introduced a new kind of public transportation that will further reduce carbon emissions. "Call a clean bus" is a feeder line connecting the hinterland of Skawina with urban area of Krakow in Poland.  
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### STRATEGIES

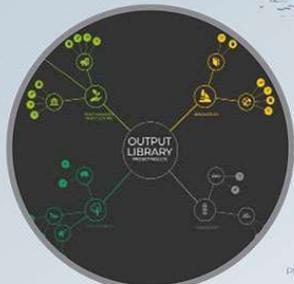
CitiEnGov helped regions to set up energy action plans. Those will help to increase the importance of energy and climate topics among citizens and public bodies in Ludwigsburg, Germany.  
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### TOOLS

The One Place Platform of BOOST-CE allows to visualise and query energy audits within 3D city models. These help decision makers to better assess, understand and plan energy uses and flows in their regions.  
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### TRAININGS

TOGETHER developed a training model for building owners and managers as well as decision makers on how to implement sustainable energy measures in their buildings and how to engage building users in the process.  
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# PROJECT STORIES FROM INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE

### INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

#### REDUCING TEXTILE WASTE IN COVID-19 TIMES



The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically increased the use of disposable plastic medical equipment. More and more single-use face masks and surgical gloves end up in waste bins. This creates problems for municipalities because it changes their waste streams.

Some of them are trying to find answers beyond borders. For example in our **ENTOR** project, this project wants to prevent the degradation of non-renewable resources in the textile industry by 'closing the loop' and reuse approaches in medical waste management.

In pilot activities, the partners studied the nature of medical waste and are now testing innovative ways for separating, decontaminating, waste, which is then used in recycling and reuse processes.

[Learn more about the ENTOR project](#)  
[The new waste in COVID-19 times](#)  
[www.entorproject.eu](#)

### CIRCULAR ECONOMY

#### LET'S NOT WASTE THIS CRISIS



The current pandemic has seriously weakened our healthcare systems. It is also affecting our society and economy. According to the World Bank, the economic damage is already evident and remains the largest economic shock the world has experienced in decades. It must be mainly avoided by our worldwide as a result of COVID-19.

But some say green there is something good in everything bad, and this warlike could be an opportunity for us to learn to use things more, to give them a second chance every year, as throw away goods aren't all one of them really because we can't afford it. Let's try to do it as easily as possible or reuse.

Partners in our project **SURFACE** realised that extending the product lifecycle is key to circular economy in urban Europe and beyond. They have created a network of **Surface Labs** which offer reuse-oriented services in a modular way in urban areas. But why are they smart? Because each park contains different large services that have responded to the local urban waste generation goals. But reuse collection points and repair, repair, repair and applying knowledge, repair services, recycling platforms or education hubs.

It is important to remember, when due to COVID-19 restrictions people spend a lot of time at home with their families, the project is given a challenge to create **Surface Labs** in reuse, production and repair. The challenge has had a lot of interest and related to various projects in the economy, production and repair.

In Austria, they have a series of events with them on [green spaces](#) that try to deal with them with EPF, on how to reuse or repair in a common, fun, creative, simple process.

### RIGHT TRANSPORT

#### CHEMICAL GOODS TRANSPORT IS GOING GREEN



The European chemical industry transports more than 1.5 billion tonnes of chemical products annually. This requires the most safety measures, because dangerous goods accidents are simply too great. Switching chemicals from roads to safer means of transport can significantly decrease this risk and also help our environment. Other however, has less access and is not willing to make a change.

Our Chemicals project proved that shifting chemical goods from road to combined multimodal transport is indeed a move in the right direction in their own opinion, the project managed to save more than 1000 tonnes of CO2, but more importantly they managed to change the attitude of more than 60 companies. Their management now understand that safe and sustainable transport is crucial to the future of the European chemical industry. "There is no Luxembourg Green Deal without a strong European industry of the future," says Valérie Mérieux, Director General of The European Chemical Industry Council.

In cooperation with companies across Central Europe, the Chemicals project partners developed:

- [EUROPEAN CHEMICALS TRANSPORT ROUTES](#), which offer huge potential for shifting to multimodal solutions. Their research produces good and for an improved safety and a better environmental performance to come.
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### ENVIRONMENT

#### CREATING A NEW STANDARD FOR ACCESSIBILITY



Museums and their surroundings are there for everyone to enjoy. But too often, people with different barriers prevent disabled people from accessing them. Our **NEW PILGRIM AGE** project embraced the challenge and has made museums in Central Europe and beyond to become more accessible.

The project created the **COGNITIVE LAB** and awards it with awards to museums that are accessible to disabled people. To receive the label, museums have to comply with a set of standards that were carefully defined by the project partners.

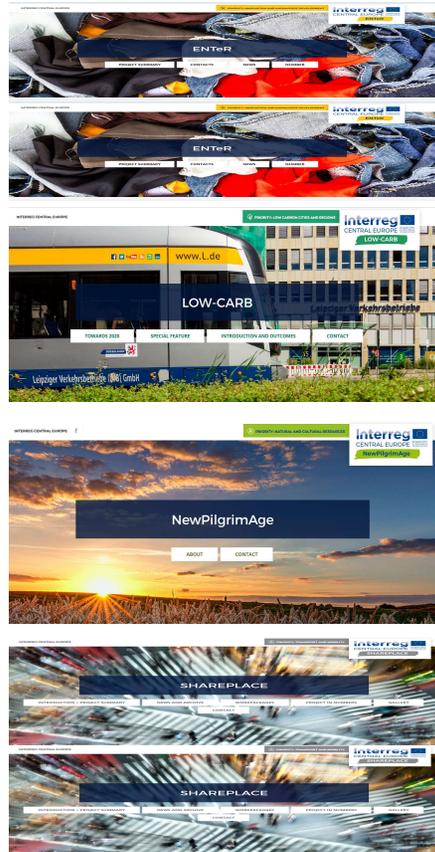
For each of the sites that are underpinning the network of barriers, the **European Museum of the Future** and the **European Museum of the Future** in 2018. Making archaeological heritage more accessible for people with disabilities has a great potential.

### BUSINESS INNOVATION

#### MATCHING SMALL BUSINESSES WITH RESEARCH

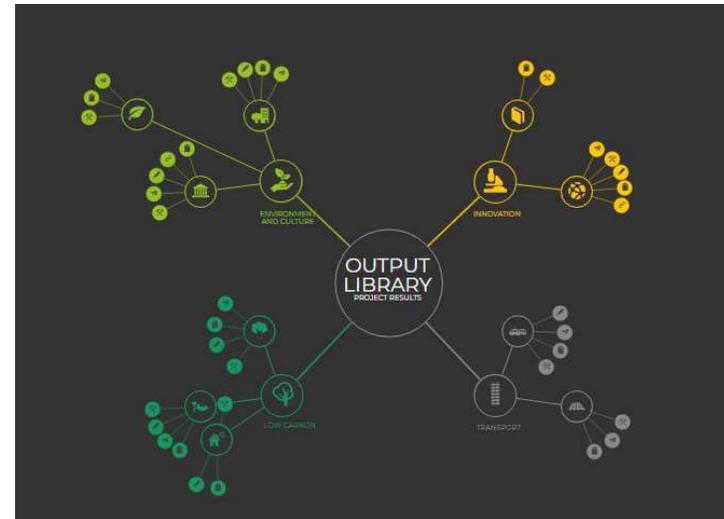


Innovators but only "waste" having a



The collage features several project websites:
 

- ENTOR**: A website showing colorful fabric scraps and the text "ENTOR".
- SURFACE**: A website with a blue header and the text "SURFACE".
- NEW PILGRIM AGE**: A website with a sunset background and the text "NewPilgrimAge".
- SHAREPLACE**: A website with a blue header and the text "SHAREPLACE".



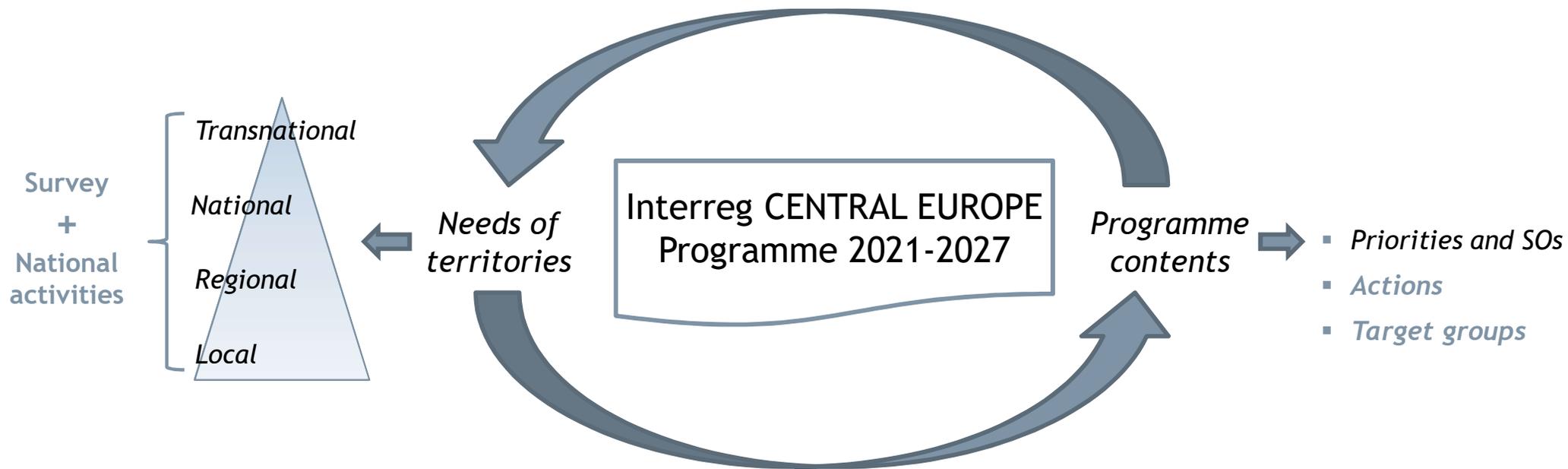
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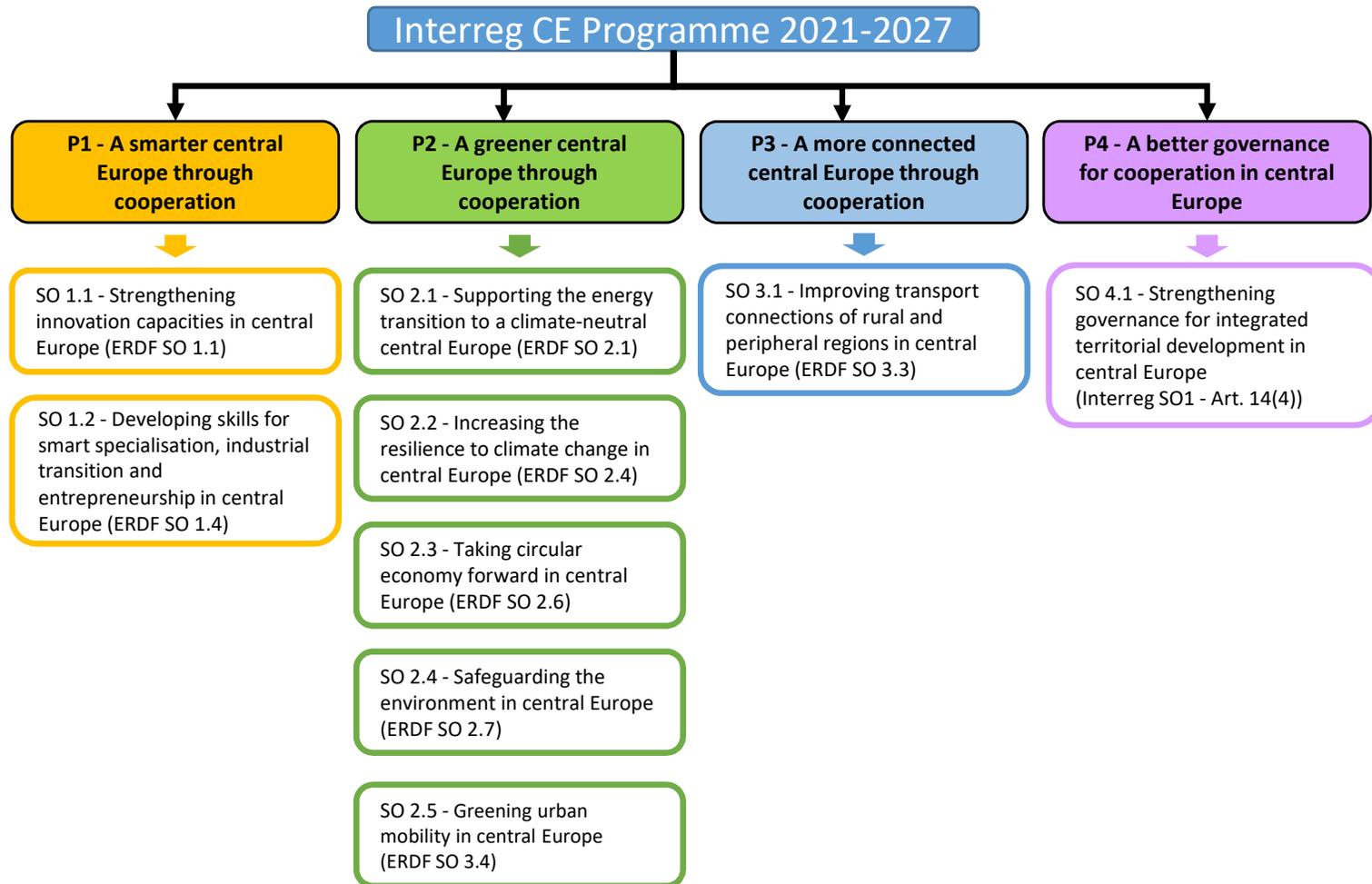
# Outlook to the Interreg CE Programme 2021-2027



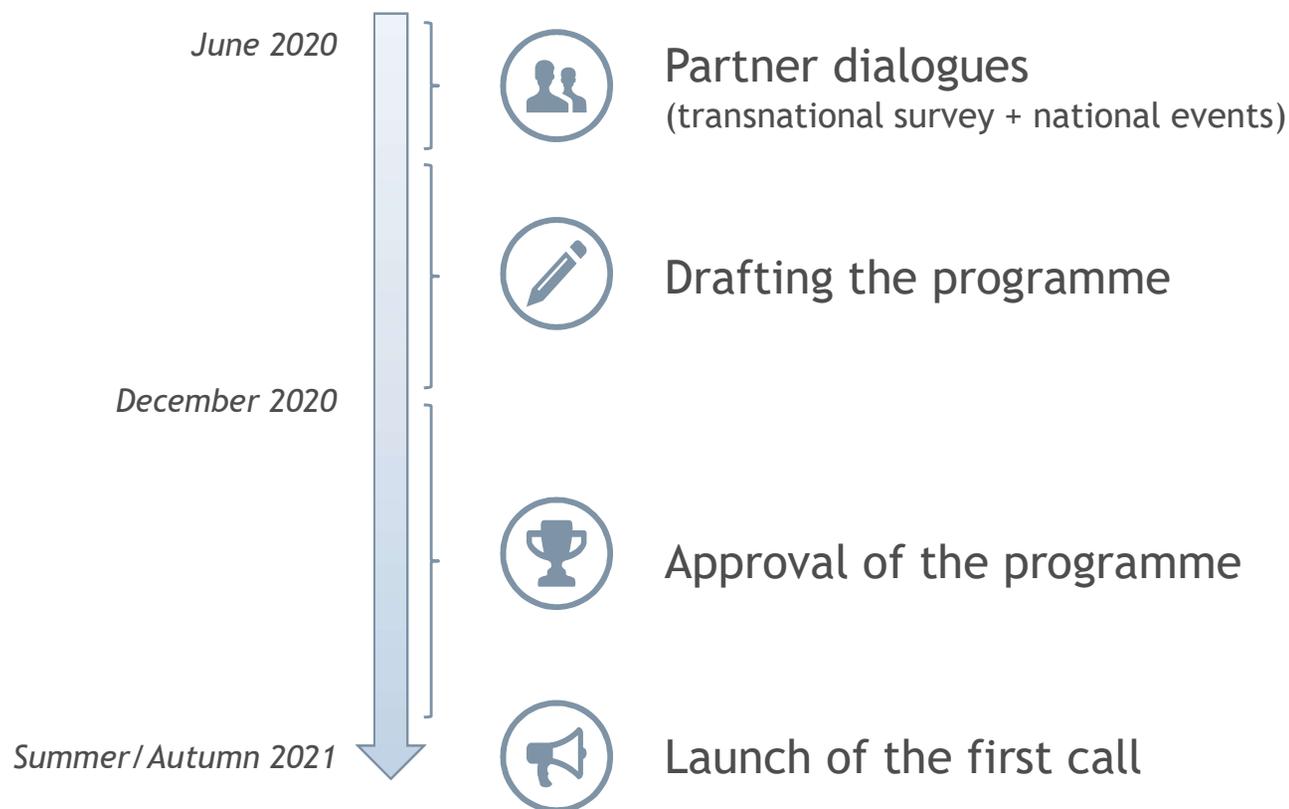
# The new Interreg CE Programme: an inclusive approach



# Shaping Interreg CE 2021-27: Priority Axes (not final!)



# Shaping Interreg CE 2021-27: next steps



# Where to find information?

[www.interreg-central.eu/CE21-27](http://www.interreg-central.eu/CE21-27)

- General information, relevant documents and updates on the future Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme 2021-2027
- Strategic Environmental Assessment Report Including Non-technical Summary
- Summary of the Draft Programme Strategy and Draft Interreg CE Programme
- European Commission Orientation Paper for Interreg Central Europe 2021-27



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