





Circular Economy in Veneto Region: future opportunities in European Cooperation Programmes









European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Programmes

European Territorial Cooperation is implemented in **Italy** through 19 **Interreg** programmes which promote dialogue and cooperation between States, territories, businesses and institutions. Going beyond Interreg, Macro Regional Strategies also help boosting cooperation in Europe, and in particular for Italy in the Adriatic-Ionian (EUSAIR) and Alpine (EUSALP) areas, with the specific objective to tackle common challenges, multiply funding opportunities, and concentrate resources.

All along **2020**, the Interreg community celebrates 30 years of Interreg and cooperation in all its shapes!







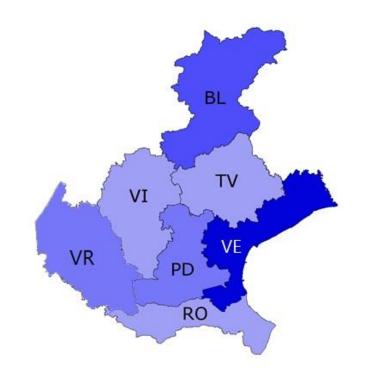




ETC Programmes in Veneto Region

2014-2020: Veneto is part **8 ETC Programmes** with **276 projects** having at least 1 partner from the regional area, with a total budget of **72.7 million euros** of EU funds available in the territory.

Considering the innovative and often experimental nature of these projects, they are up to face changeable situations in the field of social, economic and environmental changes (e.g. COVID emergency).









ETC Programmes and MRS in Veneto Region

	Programmes
	Italy - Croatia (MA – Veneto Region)
Cross-border cooperation NUTS3	Italia - Slovenija
	Italia - Österreich
	Central Europe (National Contact Point – Veneto Region)
Transnational cooperation	Alpine Space
NUTS2	Mediterranean
	Adrion
Interregional cooperation NUTS2	Interreg Europe
Macro-regional strategies	Countries involved
EUSAIR - The EU-Strategy for the Adriatic- Ionian Region	Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia (<i>regional representative in TSG 1 – Blue Growth, Veneto Region</i>)
EUSALP - The EU-Strategy for the Alpine Region	Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Liechtenstein, Switzerland

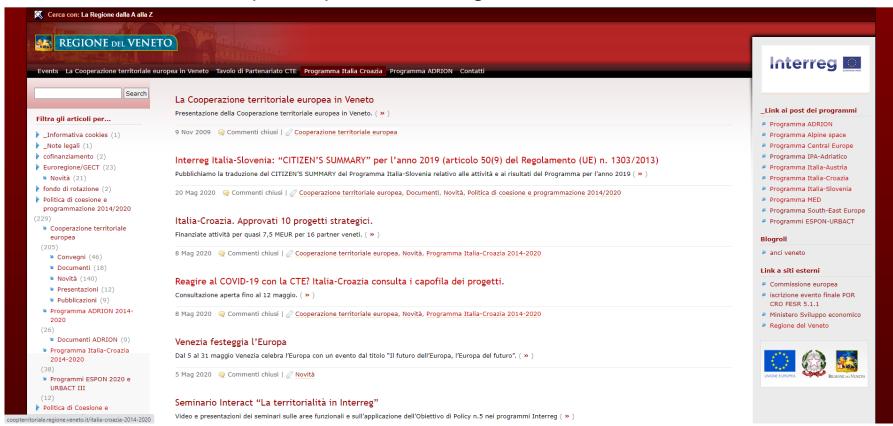






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ETC POST2020:

circular economy in Interreg Programmes







Cohesion Policy post-2020

11 current objectives are simplified and consolidated into 5:

- 1. A smarter Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)
- 2. A greener, low-carbon Europe (including circular economy, energy transition, climate adaptation and risk management)
- 3. A more connected Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity)
- 4. A more social Europe (the European Pillar of Social Rights)
- **5.** A Europe closer to citizens (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives),
- + 2 Interreg-specific objectives (ISOs):
- 1. A better cooperation governance
- 2. A safer and more secure Europe









Cohesion Policy post-2020 embedding MRS

2021-2027 CPR Proposal - COM 375(2018) - Art. 17.3 (vi) (d)

Each programme shall set out for each specific objective the interregional and transnational actions with beneficiaries located in at least one other Member State

2021-2027 ERDF Proposal - COM 372(2018) - Art. 2.3

- 3. With regard to the specific objectives the ERDF, as appropriate, may also support activities under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, where they either:
- (a) improve the capacity of programme authorities, and bodies linked to the implementation of the Funds;
- (b) enhance cooperation with partners both within and outside a given Member State.

Cooperation referred to in point (b) shall include **cooperation with partners from** cross-border regions, from non-contiguous regions or from regions located in the territory covered by a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy or a combination thereof.



Interreg Europe







POST2020 - Circular economy

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-	Interreg Italia-Österreich European Regional Development Fund	BoP mentions circular economy however it is not considered the most relevant theme for the Programme.
	Interreg ITALIA-SLOVENIJA	BoP mentions circular economy however it is not considered the most relevant theme for the Programme. No final decision has been taken so far on topics and programme financial allocation.
	Interreg Italy - Croatia Gurgoan Regional Development Fund EUROPEAN UNION	No decisions has been taken so far on topics.
	Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Bragan Unit	BoP mentions circular economy and suggests to take it into consideration for the next programming period under PO2 to enhance protection, conservation and ecological connectivity of Central Europe.
	Interreg Mediterranean	MoP considers the theme relevant and the Task Force 2021-27 included it in the draft IP. There are 3 <i>Missions</i> (priority axes) the first will be "Innovative circular and bio-based economy" (title not yet decided). PO2 will have the most relevant role and budget. Italy agrees with this approach.
	Alpine Space	BoP suggests a <i>strong focus</i> on PO2 and circular economy is a relevant cooperation topic for the area. At the moment the Programme orientation contemplates the specific objective "promoting the transition to a circular economy" into P2.
	ADRION ADRIATIC-IONIAN	BOP clearly indicates for both territorial and maritime context to develop strategies and to invest in capacity building for stakeholders for the transition to circular economy.

The Programme will allocate 80% of its budget to OS 2.6. The final version of the IP will be approved by the Programming Committee in January 2021, while the final decision of the Commission is expected in September 2021.









POST2020 - circular economy in Veneto Region



Consultations with regional stakeholders (Spring/Summer 2020)

Circular economy plays a fundamental role in reducing pollution (air, water, soil) and is a growing sector also if we consider waste as a resource that can be reused, reducing waste and promoting reuse. Technological innovation and relationship with research institutions in Veneto Region are crucial.

(IT-AT)

There are stakeholders who have begun to measure themselves with circularity models (there are 50 EMAS registered companies) moreover in Veneto, about 100 companies have already obtained the SA8000 certification, aimed at certifying some aspects of corporate management relating to corporate social responsibility. Risk identified: involvement of associations rather than businesses.

e.g. potentiality of the wood supply chain (Province of Belluno -VAIA)









POST2020 - circular economy in Veneto Stakeholders' inputs

Identification of value chains to implement circular economy models with particular regard to the evaluation/monitoring of economic and environmental benefits, mapping of production chains and their potential interconnections

Increasing the awareness of companies and users on materials and best practices



To foster the recovery and regeneration of waste used in manufacturing processes in accordance with the EU Commission's Green Deal

Creation of circular economy clusters to deal with waste management and recycling, recovery of raw materials, zero-waste approaches

Reduction of food waste by both private and large-scale distribution centers









CIRCULAR4.0

Digital technologies as enabler to foster the transition to the circular economy by the SME in the Alpine Space area



The main objective of the CIRCULAR4.0 project is to strengthen digitalisation processes by SMEs to foster innovation processes and accelerate the transition to the circular economy in Alpine Space with specific actions addressed to the peculiarities of the area, focusing particularly to SMEs (eco-design and innovative business models), valuechain and clusters according to S3 and the EUSALP strategic sectors; policy makers (integrate circular economy into innovation policies for SMEs and 2020+ Programme).

Budget € 2.560.693

15 Partner

PP CCIAA Venezia-Rovigo Veneto Innovazione S.p.A.









CLEANSTONE

Recovery and updating of stone processing waste for ecological sustainability



The objective of CLEANSTONE is to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the stone industry by developing an innovative technology that minimises and reutilises waste from stone processing and by promoting the adoption of optimised manufacturing practises. This will be done by acting on several levels (technological, behavioural, normative) to make the stone manufacturing sector more competitive and environmentally sustainable. Local, regional and national authorities will also benefit from an increased awareness of the advantages produced, in terms of circular economy dynamics and environmental protection.

budget 862.419,5 €

5 Partner

PP University of Padua Confartigianato Vicenza









MARLESS

MARine Litter cross-border awarenESS and innovation actions



To implement concrete and joint interventions that allow to address the phenomenon of marine Litter from different points of view and methods of intervention. The project therefore puts into effect concrete actions of monitoring, management, prevention and removal of the marine litter without neglecting the normative aspect within which these actions are framed. Finally, it proposes innovative and experimental actions aimed at treating plastic waste in a circular economy perspective.

Budget € 4.244.726,00

11 Partner

LP **ARPAV**

Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of Veneto









EMBRACE

European Med-clusters Boosting Remunerative Agro-wine Circular Economy



The EMBRACE project tests a model for the creation of 2 META-CLUSTERS in the area of the European MED Programme inspired by Circular Economy principles. Capitalizing methods and operational approaches, EMBRACE offers small and medium-sized companies instruments suitable for introducing Circular Economy practices in two leading economic sectors of the Mediterranean area: Wine and Agrifood sectors.

budget 2.140.390,50

10 Partner

LP t2i trasferimento tecnologico e innovazione (with the participation of Confindustria Veneto SIAV)



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