

NEWSLETTER

Continued cooperation on the horizon



In 2020, we celebrated 30 years of Interreg. However, it was also a year in which our cooperation and solidarity were tested and challenged. After a year much focused on national responses to a global pandemic, we could not agree more with EU Budget Commissioner Johannes Hahn, who said in our [#InterregTalks](#) series:

"Cooperation is central. In our globalised and polarised world, we need the spirit of cooperation more than ever!"

Shortly before the festive season, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The European Parliament and EU Member States reached an agreement on the Interreg regulation. Cooperation will continue and we invite you to become part of our transnational journey in 2021 - towards a better, stronger, and more resilient central Europe.



We are taking cooperation forward in 2021

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE stands at a new beginning. We have re-focused our funding priorities in reaction to concrete needs and challenges in our regions and cities. We will explore new ways of working together to make central Europe better. We believe that [#cooperationiscentral](#) and will soon start looking for fresh ideas to shape our future.

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We deliver solutions that central Europe needs the most

2020 was not an easy year to work together across borders and to focus on results. But our projects managed. They continued to deliver solutions for regional challenges that have become even more pressing in current times. They went digital to exchange and learn from each other. In doing so they once more confirmed a key finding of Charles Darwin, who said that *"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, it is the one most adaptable to change."*

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We explore new ways of cooperation and coordination

TAKING
COOPERATION
FORWARD IN
2021

Our wall calendar 2021 introduces you to nine projects that try new ways to improve the impact of cooperation in central Europe in coordination with other EU instruments. At first glance, these projects might not look very different from any other Interreg project, but we promise they are worth a closer look. They are the result of our belief that #cooperationiscentral within Interreg and beyond. Find out how month by month!

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Interreg regulation politically agreed

On 2 December, the European Parliament and EU Member States have agreed on the Commission proposal for post-2020 Interreg programmes. With a budget of €8 050 million, Interreg will further support cooperation among regions. €1 467 million will be available in total for European transnational cooperation.

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Territorial Agenda 2030 signed

The Territorial Agenda 2030 was adopted on 1 December under the German EU Council Presidency. It demands to better address inequalities which can be seen around Europe. It seeks to strengthen territorial cohesion and to contribute to an inclusive and sustainable future for all places and people in Europe.

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New Leipzig Charter adopted

The original Leipzig Charter was signed in 2007 and promoted integrated urban development for the very first time in an EU document. Today, the context of EU cities has significantly changed, which called for a revision. The new Leipzig Charter was officially adopted by national ministers on 30 November.

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