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for better regional policies*

# 4. javni razpis

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REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA  
**SLUŽBA VLADE REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE ZA RAZVOJ  
IN EVROPSKO KOHEZIJSKO POLITIKO**

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# Ključne informacije

- 1. Termin:** 7. maj – 22. junij 2018
- 2. Finančna sredstva:** vsa preostala sredstva ESRR na posamezni prednostni osi
- 3. Vsebinska področja:** vse štiri prednostne osi



# Novosti



- 4. **Poenostavitve:** upravičenost & pavšalni znesek v fazi 2
- 5. **Geografska pokritost:** dodatna zahteva
- 6. **Vpliv na obdobje 2014-2020:** rezultati projekta
- 7. **Trajanje projekta:** faza 2 samo 1 leto



# Timing of the call



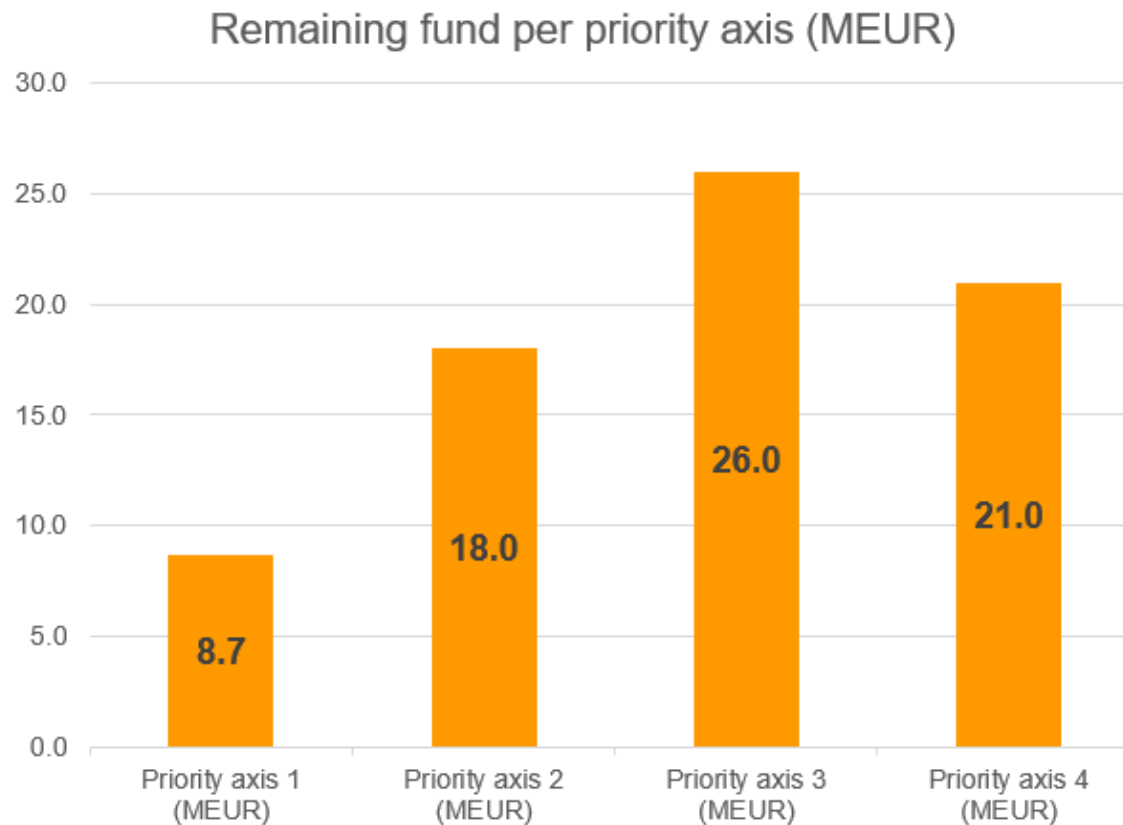
- Dates:     opening: 7 May 2018 (iOLF available)  
                 closing: 22 June 2018 at **12:00 CEST**
- 7 weeks (shorter duration than 3<sup>rd</sup> call)
- But application pack available in April
- Decision on the call: end of 2018 at the earliest



# Budget available



## All remaining ERDF budget (MEUR 74)



*Remaining Norwegian funds: around KEUR 270*



# Budget available

Points of attention:

- Budget available not taken into consideration during assessment
- Budget reallocation between priority axes possible by Monitoring Committee
- **Only quality counts!**





# Thematic scope

Choose 1 SO listed below

## All investment priorities open





# Thematic scope

## Points of attention

- 184 approved projects / some popular topics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Governance of RIS3</li><li>▪ Clusters within RIS3</li><li>▪ Innovation in health</li><li>▪ Innovation in food</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SMEs Internationalisation</li><li>▪ Entrepreneurship</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Circular economy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Urban mobility</li><li>▪ Energy efficiency in buildings</li></ul>



**Added-value of your project?** Innovative comparing to already approved projects





# Thematic scope

## Points of attention

- Underrepresented topics





# Types of activities supported

## Phase 1 – interregional learning process

- exchange of experience
- communication and dissemination
- management and coordination

## Phase 2 – monitoring of the action plan implementation (*fully pre-defined activities*)

- monitoring the implementation of the action plan
- communication and dissemination
- management and coordination

– **pilot actions** - testing a new approach

- transfer of existing practices between regions

OR

- a new initiative jointly designed by the regions during phase 1 and jointly implemented in phase 2



# Letter of support

If the relevant authorities **responsible for the policy instruments addressed by the project** are not involved directly as partners in the project:

- their participation in the cooperation has to be explained in the application form
- a standard letter of support from these authorities must be provided for the participating partners

Attention: **50% rule to be respected** in the project !

**At least half of the policy instruments addressed by the EU regions in the project must be Structural Funds programmes**

(e.g. a minimum of 2 for a project with 4 instruments addressed;  
a minimum of 3 for a project with 5 instruments addressed).



# Letter of support

Please note: **Only the LoS model provided by the programme can be accepted and the wording must not be modified !**

To ensure consistency in names of institutions and policy instruments between the AF and the annexes

the online application system iOLF **generates** the following annexes **automatically as pre-filled PDF files**:

- **letter(s) of support** (if applicable)
- **partner declarations**

**The above mentioned documents need to be signed and uploaded back to the system before the submission !**

**Caution: Once the annexes are generated, the relevant sections in the AF (budget, names of institutions, names of policy instruments) should not be updated anymore. Otherwise, the annexes would need to be generated anew.**



# Eligible applicants

- **Public authorities**
- **Public law bodies (bodies governed by public law)**
  - art. 2(1) Directive 2014/24/EU)
- **Private non-profit bodies** (not in the role of LP)

Private profit bodies - **ineligible**

Only “contributing partners”; not possible to participate with an “observer” or “sub-partner” status.



# Co-financing rate

- **Programme funding (ERDF):**

- 85 % Public authorities and Bodies governed by public law
- 75 % Private non-profit bodies

- **Partner contribution: 15% or 25%**

from own funds



# Eligibility criteria

Applicants are highly encouraged to carefully study the eligibility criteria and to check before submitting whether they fulfil each of these criteria

1. Respect of deadline
2. Completeness of the application
3. Correctness of the application form
4. Correctness of the partner declaration
5. *Correctness of the support letter*
6. Geographical coverage
7. Focus on Structural Funds

Further details on the selection procedure and the assessment criteria are provided in section 5.3 of the programme manual.

# Application pack available online



<https://www.interreg.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/>





## Terms of reference

### 1. Legal basis


The Interreg Europe programme is financed by the European principles and regulations are laid down in Council and Parliament Regulation N° 1299/2013 (ETC Regulation). The principles within the programme are laid down in the [Cooperation Program](#)

### 2. Context

The European Union works to reduce disparities in the levels of development of the various regions through its [cohesion policy](#). For the 2014-2020 period, the EU is supporting the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy to promote



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### Letter of support\* from the relevant organisation responsible for policy

For Structural Funds programmes (i.e. Investment for Growth and Jobs and European Territorial Cooperation programmes), the list of policy responsible organisations is available on the 'in my country' pages on the programme website [www.interreg.eu/etcs](http://www.interreg.eu/etcs)

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the signing organisation (original) (including department if relevant)	
Name of the signing organisation (English) (including department if relevant)	
Name of the policy instrument addressed (original)	
Name of the policy instrument addressed (English)	
Name of partner(s) concerned in the application form (English)	

We hereby confirm:

- that we were informed about the preparation of the above-mentioned project,
- that the topic tackled by this project is in line with our organisation's policy,
- that we acknowledge the participation of the above-mentioned partner(s) in the project,
- that we will engage with the stakeholder group and welcome opportunities for exchanging experiences with other institutions in Europe,
- that we will consider possibilities for implementation of the action plan through our policy instrument.

Name of signatory	
Position of signatory	
Date	
Signature and institution stamp (if exists)	

\* amendments to the text of the template or template not correctly completed will lead to the ineligibility of the whole application

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### Project partner declaration\*

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the partner organisation (original)	
Name of the partner organisation (English)	
Partner number	
Partner contribution (EUR)	

In the event of approval of the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg Europe programme, the indicated project partner:

- Confirms fulfilling the criterion of a public body or a body governed by public law or private non-profit body as defined in the programme manual.
- Commits itself to the project and the activities laid down in the application form, and intends to provide the above-indicated amount as contribution to the project's budget.
- Is aware of the programme rules on reimbursement and non-existence of advance payment and confirms the availability of own resources for pre-financing the activities.
- Is aware of the programme rules on state aid, horizontal principles, public procurement, publicity and information and will act accordingly.
- Declares that it is not under bankruptcy proceedings, bears full legal capacity and is financially reliable, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation.
- Confirms that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be funded by any other EU-funded programme, except for partners that do not receive funding directly from the Interreg Europe programme.
- Declares to accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the subsidy contract, which will be signed by the lead partner of the project after the approval, as well as the project partnership agreement which will be concluded between all partners participating in the project.

Name of signatory	
Position of signatory	
Date	
Signature and stamp of partner organisation (if exists)	

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# Procedure: Online system

**The application has to be submitted online  
([www.iOLF.eu](http://www.iOLF.eu))**

Application form must be completed in English.

All partner declarations and possible letters of support must be uploaded on the iOLF system.





# iOLF system

- Detailed instructions provided
- Automatic links and checks

V 4.0.1

Dashboard | My Projects | Users

Home > Application Form > A Project summary

✓ C.8 Management	✓ D.1 Phase 1	✓ D.2 Phase 2	! E Project budget
! A Project summary	! B.1 Partners	! B.2 Policy instruments	! C.1 - C.5 Project description

Save Check Version 2

## General instructions

- All fields must be completed, except if they are indicated as optional.
- The 'check' function helps you check for potential errors in your application but in no way confirms the application's eligibility.
- Partner declarations, and if applicable letters of support have to be uploaded in a dedicated section of the application form. Th programme manual.
- Your application must comply with the eligibility criteria mentioned above. Check them carefully before submission.
- Read the programme manual and the terms of references for the call.

## A.1 Project identification

# Simplification measures



## On eligibility:

- Amount of **national contribution** removed from partner declaration

### Project-partner-declaration\*<sup>¶</sup>

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Project-title <sup>¶</sup>	¶
Name-of-the-partner-organisation-(original) <sup>¶</sup>	¶
Name-of-the-partner-organisation-(English) <sup>¶</sup>	¶
Partner-number <sup>¶</sup>	¶
<del>Partner-contribution-(EUR)<sup>¶</sup></del>	<del>¶</del>

- Annexes **automatically** generated by iOLF

# Simplification measures



## On project implementation:

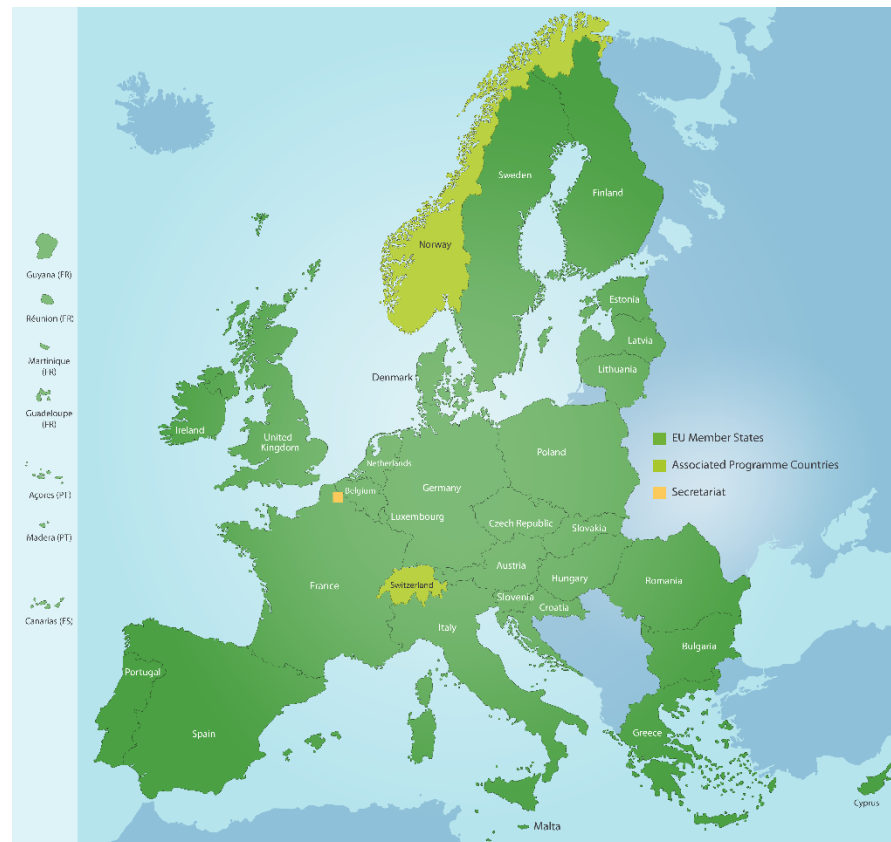
### **Lump sum for phase 2**

- A first in Interreg programmes!
- New way of thinking: lump sum linked to deliverables and not directly to real costs
- Added-value for you:
  - no FLC costs
  - easier preparation (no estimation of phase 2 budget)



# Geographical coverage

The only Interreg covering  
EU 28 + Norway & Switzerland





# Geographical coverage



Partners from at least 3 countries,  
of which at least 2 partners must be  
from EU Member States



# Geographical coverage



## Increase quality of applications

At least 3 out of the 4 areas below to be represented in the project partnership

Areas	Countries covered
North	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom

# Geographical coverage



Points of attention:

- Geographical coverage: recurring weakness of submitted applications
- In case of very poor coverage: **knock-out** score will apply (80% partners or funding in same TN or CB area)

NB: all approved projects fulfil the new eligibility criterion



# Geographical coverage



Points of attention: newcomers encouraged

- The **list of partners already involved** in the approved applications is available on the programme website (<http://www.interregeurope.eu/discover-projects>)
- The **list of NUTS 2 regions not represented yet** available in Terms of reference - 4CfP(Annex 1)

**Annex 1: regions not covered yet**  
NUTS 2 regions not represented in the 48 Interreg Europe projects

Country	NUTS 2 (region)
AT	Oberösterreich
AT	Salzburg
AT	Vorarlberg
BE	Prov. Brabant Wallon
BE	Prov. Luxembourg (BE)
BE	Prov. Hainaut
BE	Prov. Vlaams-Brabant
CH	Ticino
CH	Zentralschweiz
CH	Espace Mittelland
CH	Ostschweiz
CH	Région lémanique
CH	Zürich
CZ	Střední Morava

Country	NUTS 2 (region)
DE	Oberfranken
DE	Saarland
ES	Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta
ES	Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla
FR	Guyane
FR	Mayotte
FR	Haute-Normandie
FR	Picardie
FR	Poitou-Charentes
UK	Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
UK	Cumbria
UK	East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire
UK	Essex
UK	Lancashire

# Impacting 2014-2020 period



Rather late timing for the current programming period but:

- Results can be achieved within phase 1
- Different ways to improve policies
- Focus not exclusively on Structural Funds



# Project duration



## **Duration of phase 2 reduced from 2 years to 1 year**

- Context: recommended duration of 5 years no longer possible
  - (latest end date of projects: March 2023)
- Rationale of reducing phase 2 duration:
  - Phase 1 at the heart of Interreg Europe
  - Short duration of phase 1 is very challenging
  - Added-value of phase 2 later in the programming period?



# For more information

## Interreg Europe community

- <http://www.interregeurope.eu/account/registration/>

## Application pack (incl. programme manual)

- <https://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/>

## Online application system

- <http://www.iolf.eu>

# Get ready for the fourth call!

## Thank you

