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Current debate and perspectives for
transnational cooperation in
CENTRAL EUROPE

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**1. The current CENTRAL EUROPE
Programme**

Programme Goals

- Strengthening territorial cohesion
- Promoting internal integration
- Enhancing competitiveness of Central Europe

4 Programme Priorities

1. Innovation
2. Accessibility
3. Environment
4. Competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions



1. The current CENTRAL EUROPE Programme



CENTRAL EUROPE: facts and figures

- ✓ 4 Calls for Proposals + one call for strategic projects launched.
- ✓ 124 projects approved.
- ✓ 100 % of funds allocated to approved projects (231 M€).
- ✓ More than 1.200 partners mobilised (18 % of them being private).
- ✓ Projects are executing direct pilot investments and are preparing large investments.



strong "output and result-oriented approach"

1. The current CENTRAL EUROPE Programme



LABEL as good practice

1. Tackling an issue of clear transnational relevance following a place-based approach (floods)
2. Implementation-oriented approach (pilot actions)
3. Transferability of good practices

- ✓ LABEL is part of a bigger picture:
 - INARMA
 - CE Frame
 - INCA-CE
 - ...



Time for capitalising results and make them visible

2. The next phase of the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme

To promote sustainability and durability by mobilising critical mass

From 4 Priorities to 6 thematic clusters



Environmental risk management and climate change

Cooperating to prevent environmental hazards and reducing the negative effects of climate change

CENTRAL EUROPE helps to manage and reduce risks and impacts of environmental hazards like floods and water or soil contamination, and supports regions to adapt to climate change.

Cooperating to protect and preserve nature and landscapes

CENTRAL EUROPE helps to protect biodiversity and eco-systems, and revitalises natural landscapes.

ACT CLEAN	CEtheme
CEPREC	CicUse
COBRMAN	EULAKES
FOKS	GreenNet
HABIT-CHANGE	INARWA
INCA-CE	LABEL
RISource	REURS
SADVERE	TAB
TransEcoNet	TransWaste
UPRESG	UH
URBAN-SMS	UroSpace
VITL LANDSCAPES	

3. Transnational Cooperation 2014+



Legislative package

Common Provisions Regulation (CPR):

- ✓ Common provisions for cohesion policy, rural development policy and maritime and fisheries policies
- ✓ Common provisions for cohesion policy only (ERDF, ESF, CF)

Regulations for ERDF, ESF, CF

ETC Regulation

EGTC Regulation (modification)



3. Transnational Cooperation 2014+



Main features for European Territorial Cooperation

✓ Overall reform Principles:

- Europe 2020 alignment
- Thematic concentration
- Results orientation [Performance framework also for ETC]
- Simplification and Proportionality

Cooperation activities of all Funds covered by Common Strategic Framework and Partnership contracts

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Thematic Concentration

11 thematic objectives:

1. Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
2. Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies
3. Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and the fisheries and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF)
4. Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
5. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
6. Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
7. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
8. Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility
9. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
10. Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning
11. Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration

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Thematic Concentration

32 Investment Priorities (IP) for ERDF plus 4 IP for ETC:

- ESF-type actions
- legal and administrative cooperation and
- cooperation between citizens and institutions
- Macro-Regional Strategies (only for Transnational cooperation)

For CBC and Transnational Cooperation:

- Choice of maximum 4 Thematic Objectives per Programme (Axis)
- Choice of Investment Priorities belonging to the Thematic Objectives

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Transnational cooperation 2014+ in the CE area

Steering Group CE2014+

Territorial analysis
(challenges/needs/potentials)

Strategic scenarios

Programming process
(ex-ante/SEA; drafting of the OP)

*Definition of
cooperation areas*

Partnership agreements;
OP submission

OP approval;
launch of calls

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Open issues for European Territorial Cooperation

- ✓ Thematic concentration vs flexibility
- ✓ Geographical settings
- ✓ Eligibility rules
- ✓ Simplification (flat rates/lump sums)
- ✓ State Aid and private participation
- ✓ Indicators
- ✓ ...



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