

20 YEARS OF TRANSNATIONAL INTERREG COOPERATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE

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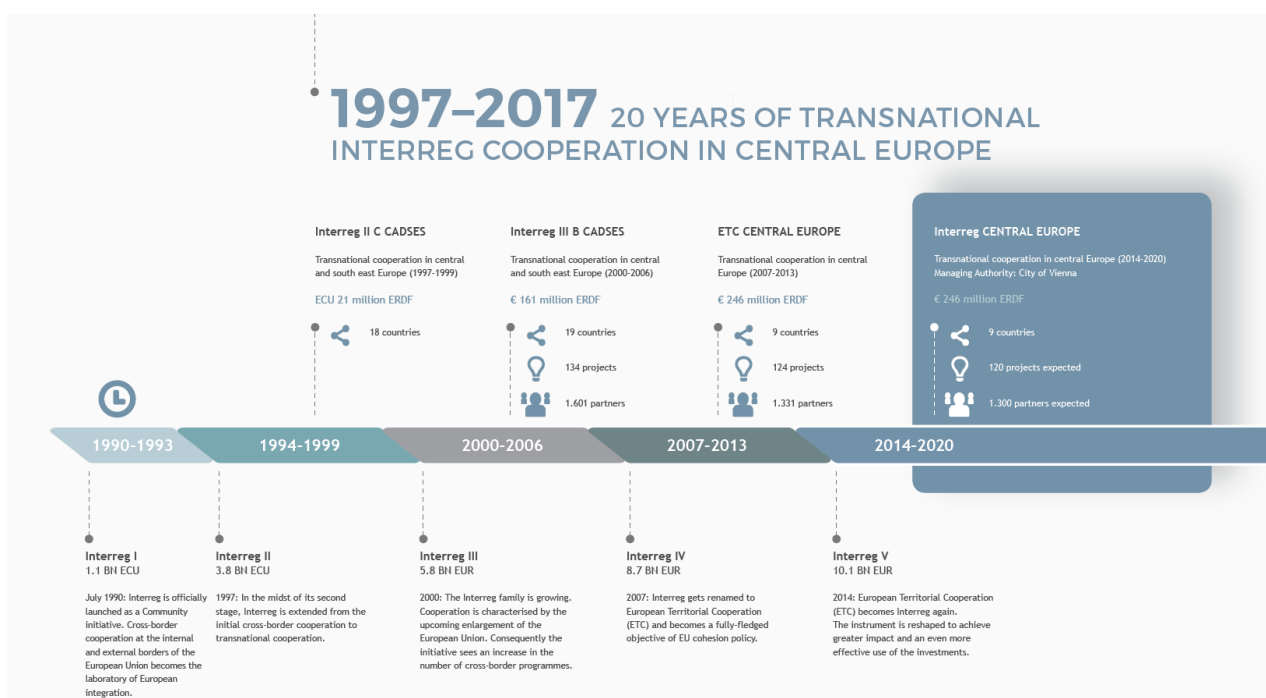
Transnational Interreg cooperation turns 20 in central Europe in 2017!

Through hundreds of successful projects, transnational cooperation has helped great ideas come true beyond borders since 6 August 1997.

Projects build mutual trust and realise pilot actions and investments. Regional economic disparities in the area are reduced and jobs created. Furthermore, neglected infrastructures are targeted by improving governance frameworks and public services. Knowledge management is enhanced and competences are transferred to public administrations, academia and companies. Pilot actions are implemented with direct positive effects for stakeholders and the public. Last but not least institutional dialogues are held across different categories of stakeholders.

Transnational cooperation has proven to be a catalyst for smart solutions that answer to shared challenges - with only spending 22 Eurocent per citizen per year. It is highly relevant to sustainably change stakeholder skills, capacities and attitudes in view of problems most urgently affecting central European countries.

By 2020 Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE will fund around 120 new cooperation projects and bring together up to 1.300 public institutions and private companies from nine European Union Member States (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia). They will jointly work on topics related to innovation, low carbon, environment, culture, and transport and also contribute to the success of all existing EU macro-regional strategies.



Agenda

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	9.00	<i>Treasure Hunt registration</i>
	9.30	Treasure Hunt Briefing Rules of the hunt and get to know your team
	10.00	Treasure Hunt Discover Interreg achievements, Berlin and connect with other people
	13.00	<i>Conference registration and light lunch</i>
	14.00	Welcome interviews “Cooperating for success since 1997: How Interreg has changed central Europe.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Rossella Rusca, Programme monitoring committee member for Italy in CADSES and CENTRAL EUROPE between 2000 and 2013 ▪ Ms Andrea Rainer-Cerovska, Programme national contact point for Austria since CADSES in 2002 ▪ Mr Pino Musolino, President of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority in Venice, involved in multiple CADSES, CENTRAL EUROPE & Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE ▪ Mr Dirk Dreßler, Experienced project (lead) partner in CADSES & CENTRAL EUROPE - ELLA and LABEL projects ▪ Mr Andrej Kržan, Experienced project (lead) partner in CENTRAL EUROPE & Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE - PLASTiCE and BIOCOMPACT-CE projects ▪ Mr Rafał Bruski, Mayor of the City of Bydgoszcz, involved in multiple projects co-financed by CENTRAL EUROPE & Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE
	15.00	Panel discussion “Taking cooperation forward: How will transnational Interreg cooperation shape central Europe in the future?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Jerzy Kwieciński, Secretary of State, Polish Ministry of Economic Development ▪ Mr Michael Schneider, Saxony-Anhalt Secretary of State for EU Affairs and CoR rapporteur on the future of cohesion policy after 2020 ▪ Mr Gerhard Schulz, Director General Department for Policy Affairs, German Federal Ministry for Transport and Digital Infrastructure ▪ Mr Moray Gilland, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Head of Unit for Policy Development and Economic Analysis ▪ Mr Pavel Lukeš, Czech Ministry of Regional Development, Chair of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Monitoring Committee
	16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
	17.00	Launch of 2017 call for project proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Christiane Breznik, Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE managing authority ▪ Mr Luca Ferrarese, Head of Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE joint secretariat
18.00	<i>Networking reception and Treasure Hunt award</i>	

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FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	9.00	PITCH IT! Cooperation stories from central Europe Four thematic knowledge sharing sessions for project beneficiaries and applicants INNOVATION LOW CARBON ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE TRANSPORT
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	13.00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
	14.00	<i>Open space for networking and end of conference</i>