



The first call for proposals



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INTERREG CE 14-20 VS INTERREG CE 21-27

	Interreg CE 14-20	Interreg CE 21-27
General		
ERDF Co-financing rate	80% (AT; DE; IT) 85% (CZ; HR; HU; PL; SI; SK)	80% for all beneficiaries
Application		
Preparation & Contracting Lump Sum	Max € 15.000 (Total)	€ 17.500 (Total) € 14.000 (ERDF)
Work Packages in Application Form (AF)	All WPs in AF (WP M, WP T, WP C, WPI)	No WP Management, WP Communication, WP Investment
Threshold for investment description in AF	€ 15.000 (BL5 & BL6) Specific WP for Investment	€ 25.000 (CC5 & CC6) No specific WP for Investment
Budget in AF	Per Partner/BL/WP/Period	Per Partner/Cost category/Period

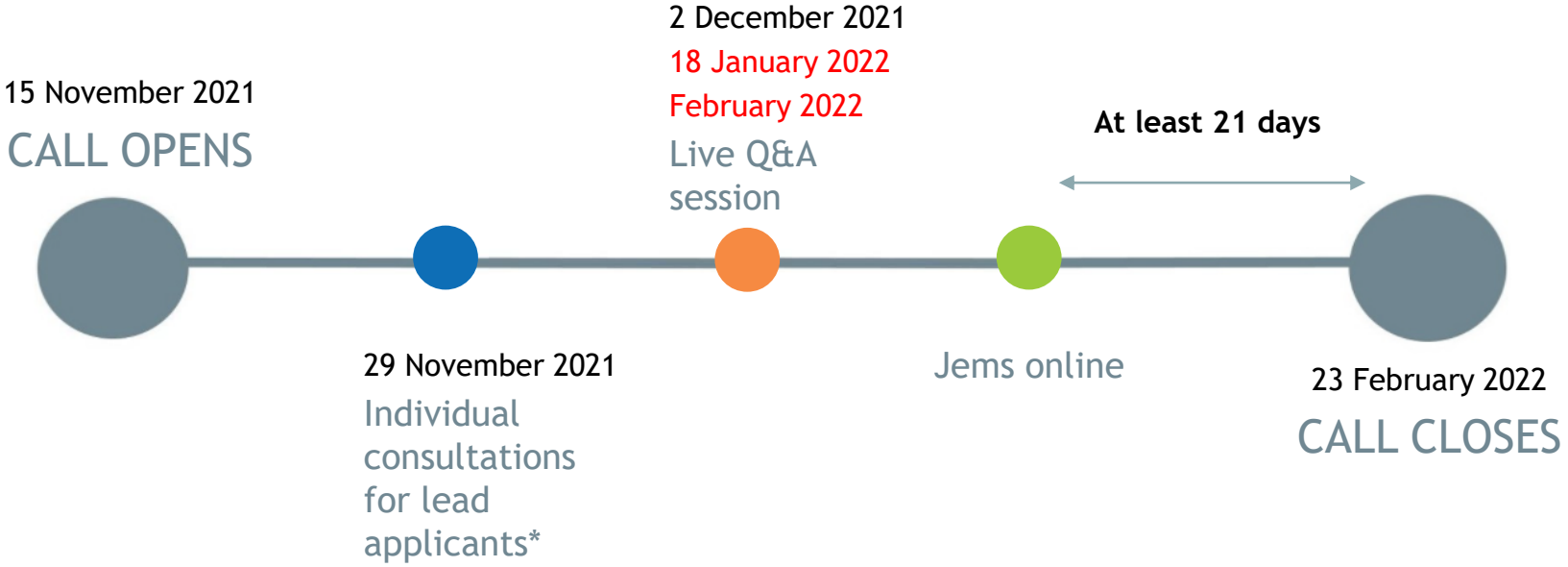
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Eligibility		
Value added tax (VAT)	Recoverable VAT not eligible	Recoverable VAT eligible if project budget is less than € 5 million
Gifts	Eligible if cost per gift does not exceed € 50. Max. € 500 for gifts at project level	Gifts are NOT eligible
Programme procurement rule	Programme threshold - € 5.000 (excl. VAT) Private PPs had to follow procurement procedures similar to applicable EU/national rules	Threshold is now € 10.000 (excl. VAT) For private PPs only market research required (unless stricter national rules apply)
PPs from outside CE area	PP budget - maximum 20% of project ERDF	No limitation (however only allowed in duly justified cases)

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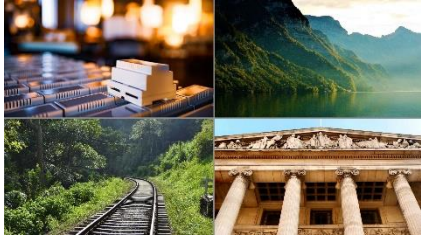
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SCOs and Cost Categories		
Terminology	Budget Lines (BLs)	Cost categories (CCs)
Staff Costs	For staff working part-time in the project - 3 possible calculation options: fixed % of time per month; Flexible no. of hours per month (1.720 calculation method); hourly rate as per contract	For staff working part-time in the project - ONLY 1 option i.e. fixed % of time per month
Travel and accommodation costs	Real costs	Flat rate (country specific)
Equipment costs	Distinction between office equipment and thematic equipment	No distinction
Infrastructure and works	Not specifically foreseen as a budget line in the regulations therefore a programme-specific BL was set up	Foreseen as a separate cost category including a definition (coming from regulation) of what constitutes this category
Direct costs calculated as 40% of staff costs	N/A	New possibility

1st Call timeline



*Until 11 February 2022

1st Call basics



Thematic scope

The call is open to all 4 programme priorities and 9 specific objectives

At least 3 partners from 3 countries (out of which 2 from the CE area)

Transnationality



Approach

The call is in “one step” (submission of the full application form)

Project proposals can be submitted only through “Jems”

Submission



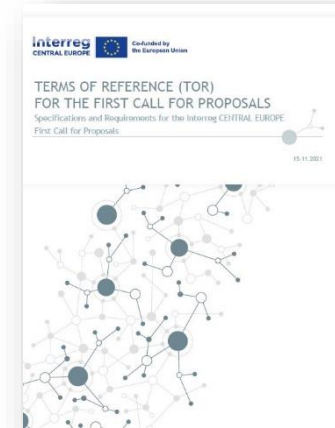
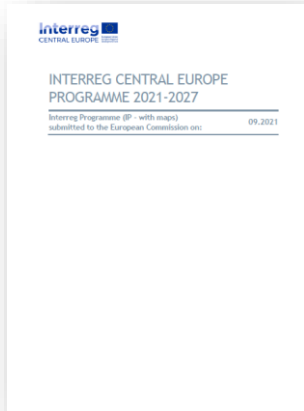
1st Call budget

Priority	Indicative ERDF allocation (m EUR)
1. Cooperating for a smarter central Europe	22
2. Cooperating for a greener central Europe	36
3. Cooperating for a better-connected central Europe	7
4. Improving governance for cooperation in central Europe	7
Total	72



80% ERDF
co-financing
rate

Documents: What to find where



Interreg Programme

- Challenges and needs
- Vision and mission
- Topics, actions and expected results
- Target groups and territories

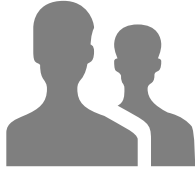
Programme Manual

- Rules and procedures
- Requirements
- Key information
- Guidance
- Key documents

Application Package

- Project features (call-specific)
- Call budget
- Project selection details
- Templates
- Deadline

Project features for 1st Call



Partnership

From 5 to 12 partners



Budget

From 1,2 to 2,4 m EUR ERDF

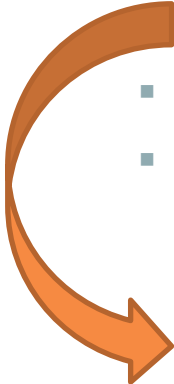


Duration


Up to 36 months

Eligible partners

- Public authorities
- Private bodies (including companies) with legal personality
- International organisations under the national law of any EU Member State
- International organisations under international law (with restrictions)



Minimum requirements
on financial capacity



Check it in advance!
*Private lead applicant
self-assessment tool*



Eligible as lead partners



What is an intervention logic?

- ✓ Causal links between the territorial challenge or need that will be tackled, and the foreseen activities, outputs as well as desired results, thus the change to be achieved



Programme intervention logic - defined in the Interreg CE programme document

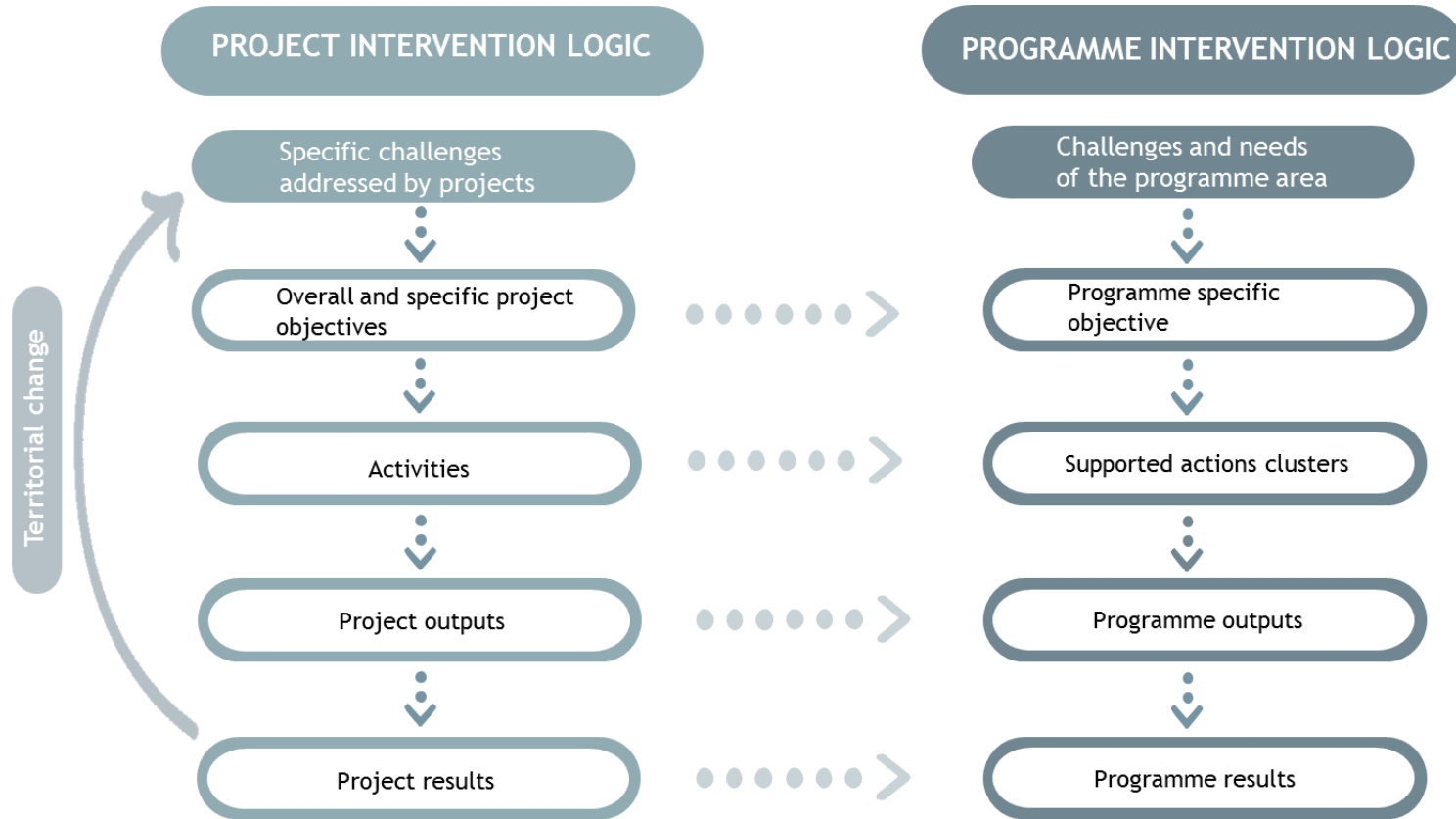


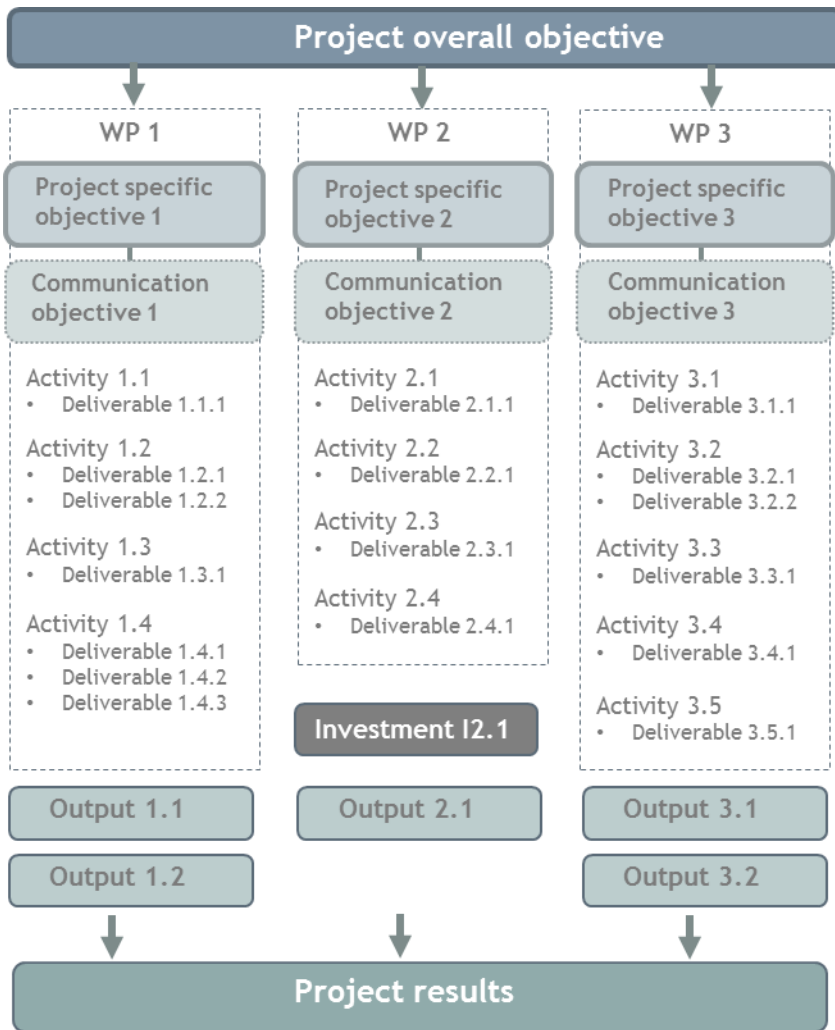
Project intervention logic - to be developed by applicants and clearly presented in the project application form



Relevance, clarity and coherence of project intervention logic - pre-condition for project approval and funding

LINKAGE BETWEEN PROJECT AND PROGRAMME INTERVENTION LOGIC

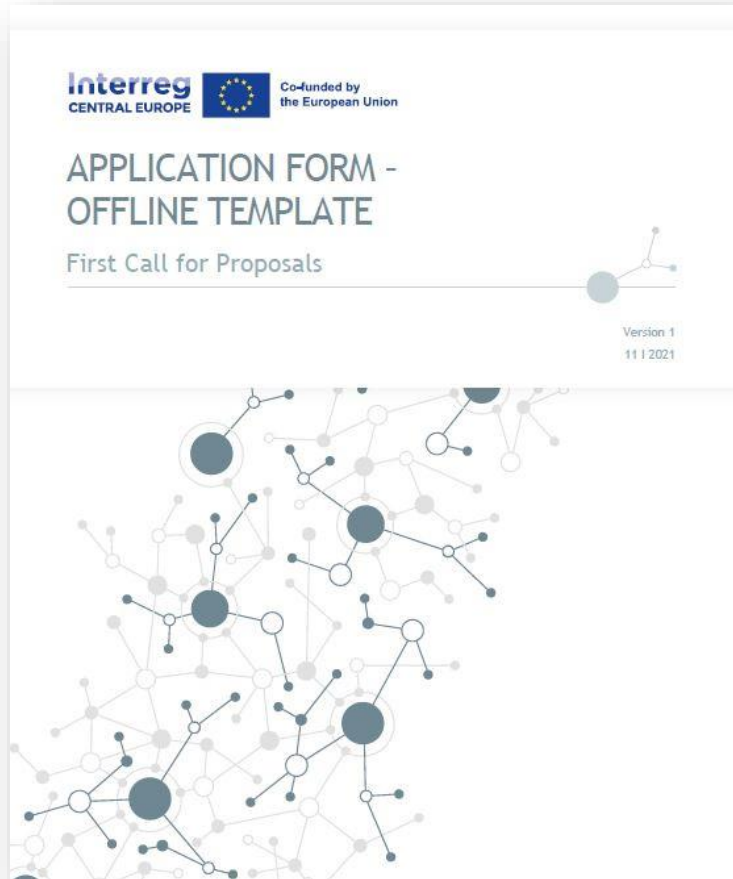




FROM THE INTERVENTION LOGIC TO THE WORK PLAN STRUCTURE

Example of a **work plan structure** embedded in the overall **project intervention logic**

Application form offline template



- PDF file contains detailed guidance on how to fill-in the application form
- **Editable Word file** allows you working from the beginning (Jems is not there...)

Attention!

- There are some (minor) differences between the offline template and Jems
- “Compulsory” vs “recommended” text size
- It cannot be submitted (submission only through Jems)

Documents to be submitted

LP & each PP

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Private LP

Lead partner declaration

The undersigned, representing participating in the above mentioned Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE project proposal with the role of lead partner, hereby certifies the following:

- I am legally authorized to sign this statement on behalf of my organization;
- In the event of approval of the project proposal, the organization I represent commits itself to provide the co-financing to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) budget allocated to the organization, as indicated in Part B, table B.1.8, of the submitted application form;
- I hereby confirm that the legal status of my organization as indicated in Part B, table B.1.3, of the submitted application form is correct;
- The organization I represent has the adequate legal capacity to participate in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE call for proposals and especially to submit legally relevant documents;
 - The organization I represent has the financial capacity to implement the project and in particular:
 - The proposed financial commitment is adequate to the organization's size and capacity;
 - It has the capacity to performance project activities also for considerable amount;
 - Possible delays in ERDF reimbursement will not undermine the organization's capacity of implementing the foreseen actions within the project;
- The organization I represent has the administrative and operational capacity to implement the project proposal and in particular:
 - It has enough human resources and technical means to ensure a sound project implementation and management;
 - Its administrative and financial involvement in the project does not undermine the organization's daily activities;
- The organization I represent has the necessary financial resources and mechanisms to cover operation and maintenance costs for investment in infrastructure or productive investment if implemented within the project, so as to ensure their financial sustainability;
- The organization I represent is not an undertaking in difficulty as defined in point (18) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;
- The project proposal does not include activities which were part of a project subject to relocation within the meaning of point (27) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or which would constitute a transfer of a productive activity within the meaning of point (a) of Article 63(1) of that Regulation;
- All information concerning the participation of my organization in the project proposal, as enclosed in the application form, has been verified and it is correct;
- The project proposal, as described in the application form, is unique in its objectives, approach and activities to the best of my knowledge;
- The information included in the application form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge;
- The project proposal, or any part of it, has not and will not receive support from other EU-funded programmes. In case that any of such funding is received after the submission of this proposal or during the implementation of the project, my organization will immediately inform the managing authority;
- The project proposal is in line with the relevant EU legislation, programme rules and - where relevant - national legislation and policies of the countries involved. In particular all necessary approvals and permissions have been or will be obtained;

LP and PP declarations

To be filled in and signed by the lead applicant and each partner

Simplified Financial Statement (private lead applicant)		Last financial year (n)	
1	Name of the lead partner organisation		
2	Project acronym		
3	Project ID		
4	ERDF request as to private lead applicant's budget (EUR)		
5	Closing date of the last financial year		
6	Year n1 (administrative)		
7	Exchange rate at the closing date of the last financial year (year n1)	1.00	
Balance sheet		EUR	EUR
8	Fixed assets	0.00	0.00
9	Current assets (excludes tax due over year excluding inventories)	0.00	0.00
10	Intangibles	0.00	0.00
11	Other non-current assets	0.00	0.00
12	Other non-current liabilities	0.00	0.00
13	Capital including reserves excluding a retained surplus	0.00	0.00
14	Reserves	0.00	0.00
15	Provisions	0.00	0.00
16	Long term debt (excludes above the year)	0.00	0.00
17	Current liabilities (excludes tax due over year)	0.00	0.00
18	Other liabilities and capital (including reserves and surplus)	0.00	0.00
Income and loss account		EUR	EUR
19	Total revenues (including tax credits from subsidiaries)	0.00	0.00
20	Transfer from subsidiaries	0.00	0.00
21	Transfer to subsidiaries	0.00	0.00
22	Investment costs	0.00	0.00
23	Other operating costs	0.00	0.00
24	Operating profit	0.00	0.00
25	Net financial income/charges	0.00	0.00
26	Net extraordinary items	0.00	0.00
27	Profit on sale	0.00	0.00
28	Profit/loss for the period	0.00	0.00

Simplified Financial Statement

Data of the last 2 financial years

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- Balance sheets and profit & loss accounts of last 2 financial years
- Audit report of last financial year or
- Reference letter from the bank

Project selection (quality assessment)



Strategic criteria (some aspects)

- Contribution to programme SOs and clarity of intervention logic
- Transnational cooperation approach
- Relevance and transnationality of the partnership

Strategic + operational criteria

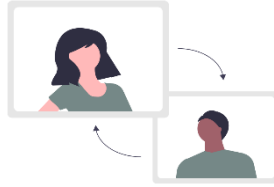
- The full set of strategic criteria
- Methodology and work plan
- Budget

Support to applicants*



Videos

- 9 SO tutorials (thematic)
- 5+ tutorials on:
 - Intervention Logic & work plan
 - Finances (x2)
 - State aid
 - Communication



One-to-one support

- National Contact Point support
- JS individual consultations



Q&A

- JS help-desk
- Updated FAQs
- Q/A session(s)



Complementary tools

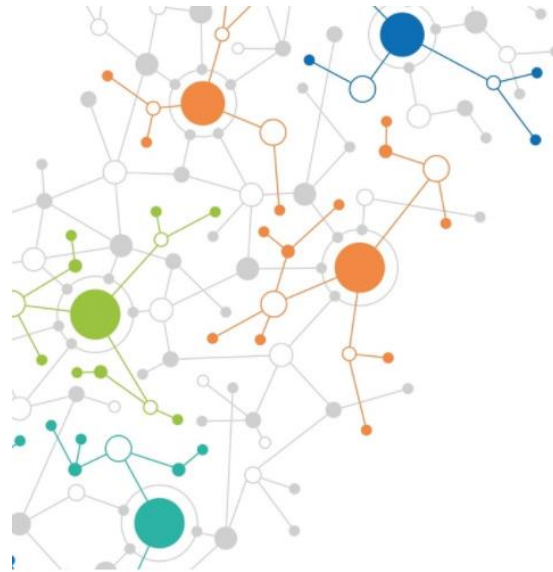
- Project self-assessment tool
- Project summary generator
- Private lead applicant financial capacity check tool

*More information at:
www.interreg-central.eu/newfunding

NOT TO BE
SUBMITTED!

The applicant community

- Join partnerships
(browse project ideas)
- Look for partners
(share your own ideas)
- Organise meetings
(directly with your contacts)
- Get individual consultation
(from JS to lead applicants)
- Participate to events
(organised by the programme)



[How to become a partner](#) [How to find a partner](#) [Contact](#)

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE
Applicant Community

Focus on individual consultations

How to prepare



- Make sure your proposal is in an advanced stage of development
- Post your idea in the Applicant Community
- Be ready to present your idea and prepare questions that will help you to finalise your application



- Do not send any document to the JS in advance! The consultation will be exclusively based on the project idea and information given orally in the meeting.

What to expect



- The consultation will provide advice on the relevance of your project idea and offer guidance on work plan and budget creation
- You can clarify your doubts and ask for information you **did not find in our documents**



- The consultation is not a pre-assessment of your proposal

Further guidance on consultations at: www.interreg-central.eu/consultations

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