Contribution of cooperation to innovation policies

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Summary

1. Cooperation?

2. Innovation in INTERREG IVC

3. Future of interregional cooperation
EU regional policy: from 3 objectives to 2 goals

**Objective 1:** Convergence
- 81.54%
- €282.8 billion

**Objective 2:** Competitiveness and Employment
- 15.95%
- €55 billion

**Objective 3:** European Territorial Cooperation
- 2.52%
- €8.7 billion

**Goal 1:** Investment for growth and jobs
- 97% of the funds
- EUR 340 billion

**Goal 2:** European Territorial Cooperation
- 2.9% of the funds
- EUR 10.2 billion

2007 – 2013

2014 – 2020
1. Cooperation

Goal 2: European Territorial Cooperation

**INTERREG**: 3 strands and 80 different programmes (EUR 10.2 billion)

- **A** cross-border
  - 60 programmes
  - 74% - 7,548 MEUR

- **B** transnational
  - 15 programmes
  - 20.3% - 2,075 MEUR

- **C** interregional
  - 1 programme
  - **INTERREG EUROPE**
  - 3 programmes
  - URBACT
  - INTERACT
  - ESPON

5.6% 571.6 MEUR
1. Cooperation

Cross-border cooperation

- Around 60 programmes
- Eligible areas: cross-border regions
- Objective: to overcome the borders
- Implementation-related projects
Transnational cooperation

- 15 programmes
- Eligible areas: transnational regions
- Objective: to support territorial integration
- Implementation-related projects
1. Cooperation

Interregional cooperation

- 1 programme (INTERREG IVC & INTERREG EUROPE)
- Eligible area: all EU regions + Norway & Switzerland
- Objective: to improve policies “Learning by sharing”
- Exchange of experience projects
1. Cooperation

Other opportunities for cooperation

✓ Within goal 1 programmes (Article 96.3.d of the regulation)

✓ Within other EU initiatives
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Overview priority 1:
Innovation & knowledge economy

37 projects involving 395 partners from 26 EU MS & Norway
37 projects related to "Innovation, research & technology development"

- Bringing research & innovation to market
- Eco-innovation
- Innovation capacity of SMEs
- Innovation for ageing population
- Innovation governance (evaluation)
- Innovation in public sector
- Innovation systems (triple helix & open innovation)
- Smart specialisation
- Support to sector
Cooperation on Smart Specialisation Strategies

INTERREG IVC projects dedicated to S3

www.bordwiis.eu

www.know-hub.eu

www.tr3s-project.eu
Main achievements in innovation (as of June 2013)

- 1,105 staff with increased capacity
- 63 practices transferred
- 75 policies improved

See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Reports!
2. Innovation in INTERREG IVC

Capitalisation on innovation

Download the full reports from:
www.interreg4c.eu/capitalisation

43 recommendations
3. Future of interregional cooperation
Convergence of EU policies
Unique chance for INTERREG EUROPE!

1. New objective set for interregional cooperation
2. Concentration principles
3. Smart Specialisation strategies
4. Integration of Regions of Knowledge (RoK)
Rationale

Policy learning among public authorities to improve performance of policies & programmes for regional development, in particular Structural Funds programmes

EU Cohesion policy

Goal 1: Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 340 billion

Goal 2: European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 10.2 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m
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Main features

- **Eligible area**: EU28 + Norway & Switzerland

- **Who is eligible?**
  - Public bodies
  - Bodies governed by public law
  - Private non-profit bodies

- **Co-financing rates**
  - 85% for public or public equivalent
  - 75% for private non profit (RoK ‘heritage’)
Target groups

- Managing Authorities
- Regional / local authorities
- Agencies, institutes…

Learn from each other to improve policies
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4 themes

- Research, technological development & innovation
- Competitiveness of SME
- Low carbon economy
- Environment and resource efficiency

RoK & clusters
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2 actions

A. Interregional Cooperation **Projects**  
B. Policy Learning **Platforms**
Overall objective

to improve the effectiveness of the policies of the regions involved in the project (in particular their Investment for Growth and Jobs goal programmes)

Definition

Interregional cooperation projects allowing partner from different countries to work together on a shared regional policy issue within the scope of the selected Investment Priorities
Projects: New features

1/ Implementation in **two phases**

**Phase 1**
Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years) ending up with production of 1 **Action Plan** / Region

**Phase 2**
**Monitoring** of the Action Plan’s implementation + possible pilot actions (up to 2 years)

2/ Creation of ‘**local stakeholder groups**’
Platforms: what is it?

- Innovation
- SME competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Resource efficiency

1 service provided per thematic objective via:

Online collaborative tool + Expert team
With relevant functionalities Content and coordination role
Platforms: objectives

Overall objective: To ensure policy learning across EU

Specific objective:

a) To contribute to EU-wide capacity building

b) To optimise the exploitation of project results

c) To improve the quality of the programme content
Platforms on innovation

Synergies with the Seville Platform

• **Seville**: focus on strategies and process
  **INTERREG EUROPE**: focus on implementation

• **Seville**: restricted to S3
  **INTERREG EUROPE**: open to all innovation policies
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2 interrelated actions

Policy Learning Platform
Open to all regions

- Enrich
- Contribute

Interregional Cooperation Projects

Project 1  Project 2  Project 3
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