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Potential of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes (namely cross border)

First Annual Conference of „Objective European Territorial Co-operation Austria-Czech Republic 2007-2013“ programme

European Territorial Cooperation

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Interreg-European Territorial Co-operation (ETC) - why?

- To decrease the negative impacts of borders for the regional development
- To enhance co-operation and integration among partners who share a "common space"

„Nicht Staaten, sondern Menschen wollen wir einander näher bringen.“ Jean Monnet, „Founding Father of Europe“

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From Interreg II to ETC- steady increase in financing (ERDF*)

- 1994-1999: INTERREG II - 3.5 billion
- 2000-2006: INTERREG III - 5.8 billion
- 2007-2013: **European Territorial Cooperation** 8.7 billion of ERDF

Steady increase in funding available (although also increase in area covered post 2004...)

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* European Regional Development Fund

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European Territorial Cooperation Financing


	2000-2006 programmes	2007-2013 programmes (Current prices)
Cross-border co-operation	4.0 bn €	6.5 bn € (inc 0.9 bn € ENPI/IPA)
Transnational co-operation	1.4 bn €	1.8 bn €
Interregional co-operation (INTERREG IIIC/IVC, URBACT, ESPON, INTERACT)	0.4 bn €	0.4 bn €
Total	5.8 bn €	8.7 bn €

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Regions eligible for cross-border co-operation 2007-2013

52 programmes on EU internal borders
+ 12 IPA programmes



Areas for Crossborder Cooperation 2007-2013

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A wide menu for cross-border cooperation - what can be supported?

- Entrepreneurship and SMEs, cross-border trade, tourism and culture
- Protection and joint management of the environment
- Better access to transport
- Information and communication networks
- Water, waste management and energy management systems
- Joint use of health, culture and education infrastructure
- Judicial and administrative co-operation

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Interreg x European Territorial Co-operation: Is it the same?

Yes...

- Cross border, transnational and interregional strands untouched
- Support on NUTS III level
- Elementary objectives still valid (reducing barriers, enhancing co-operation)

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Interreg x European Territorial Co-operation: Is it the same?

...and **No!**

- Lead partner principle
- **Formalized** co-operation criteria
- More funding, bigger co-financing rate
- **More ambitious goals:** Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas, strategic, long-term impact on cross border area

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Which projects to support?

- **Strategic** - long term impact, bigger scale, based on analysis of needs and opportunities
- **Innovative**

How?

Thematic calls, commissioned projects

- Genuinely joint (no co-operation „on paper“)
- Profit/impact for both AT and CZ part of CBC area

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Important principles

- Environmental impact
- Equal opportunities (men-women)
- No discrimination (handicapped, ethnic groups)
- Publicity and communication
- Synergies with other relevant programmes (EU-funded or national)
- Close monitoring and evaluation of results (Monitoring Committee to play a strong role)

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Achievements of CBC in Europe thanks to Interreg

CBC clusters, science parks, research institutes, hospitals, water treatment plants, highways...

Result in - in cross border areas + in the EU in general:

More trust, civil engagement of local and regional actors, better environment - better life quality, greater economic growth, reaching the critical mass (for clusters, research)...

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Øresund Science Region (DK/SUE)



Øresund Science Region recently won the prestigious 1st prize in the EU-competition RegioStars. The choice of the European Commission fell on ØSR in the category "Supporting clusters and business networks".

Read more >>

Øresund Science Region

A unique cross-border collaboration between business, universities and the public sector

ØSR has developed the Øresund Model - a unique model of a "double triple-helix" for growth, based on knowledge in a cross-border region as we bring together regional authorities, businesses and universities from two different countries, with their different administrative and legal cultures, industrial landscapes and languages.

Øresund Science Region combines the best of Sweden and Denmark.

<http://www.oresundscienceregion.org>

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Structural Funds 2007 - 2013: Transnational Cooperation
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Cross border perinatal Centre La Palmosa (LT/FR)



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<http://www.ch-menton.fr/>

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Über uns
Die Finanzierung junger Unternehmen bereitet vor allem in der Frühphase, häufig Schwierigkeiten. Banken und Venture Capital (VC) Gesellschaften steigen oft nur noch ein, wenn das Unternehmen bereits Erfolge vorweisen kann. Die entstehende Finanzierungslücke können innovative Start-up-Unternehmen mit Hilfe von Business Angels schließen.

Business Angels for your company

For Business Angels
EUBAN das euregionale Business Angels Netzwerk soll in der Euregio Maas-Rhein Abhilfe schaffen. Fünf Partner aus jeder Teilregion der Euregio Maas-Rhein haben sich hier grenzüberschreitend zusammengeschlossen:

- Region Aachen (AGIT) www.agit.de
- Belgisch Limburg (BAN Vlaanderen) www.banvlaanderen.be
- Niederländisch Limburg (Industriebank LIQF) www.liqf.nl
- Provinz Lüttich (SOCRAN) www.socran.be
- Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft Belgiens (WFG Ostbelgien) www.wfg.be

Events

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<http://www.euban.net>

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Popular University of Pamina (DE/FR)



Unser Motto:
„Das Land der Vogesen und das Land des Schwarzwaldes waren wie die zwei Seiten eines aufgeschlagenen Buches, ich sah deutlich vor mir, wie der Rhein sie nicht trennte, sondern vereinte, indem er sie fest zusammenhielt.“
René Schickele, elsässischer Schriftsteller (1931)

2002: Price for best cross border initiative

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<http://www.up-pamina-vhs.org/index.php?id=9&L=0>

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Mont Blanc Space: together towards sustainable development (CH/FR/IT)

- "cross-border conference" for the development of a joint strategy of enhancement of the mountain landscape
- Combination of environmental protection measures and the promotion of socio-economic activities



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<http://www.espace-mont-blanc.com/>

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AT-CZ co-operation achievements

- Long-term co-operation bases founded (e.g. 2002 *Euregio Silva Nortica - today: Strategy of the Euroregions 2007-2013, „Gute Nachbarn“, CENTROPE projects)
- Interesting projects supported (co-operational development of localities in Lower Austria and Southern Bohemia, Association for climate protection, Edq.eu, Czech-Austrian household exhibition in Jihlava, CELBIOTECH, Kindergartens' co-operation...)

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Lisbon and Gothenburg - conditions in CBC area

A lot to build upon:

- **Innovative policies in place** (Lower Austria - Regiostars Awards 2008 - special price for innovative policy, 6 clusters, Upper Austria - innovative policy since 1986, cluster initiatives since 1998, South Moravian Innovation Center...)
- **Universities, research institutes** co-operation (Vienna-Brno, České Budějovice-Linz, Krems-Nové Hrad and others)
- **Equal opportunities, energy sector innovative policies** (Austria) - inspiration?

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Results from the first call

- promising
- Relatively good coverage of areas of support and stakeholders involved (**further efforts** needed to advertise the potential of the programme for **environmental measures**)
- **Aim:** to support **good quality projects only** for the best success of the programme

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Looking forward to the results of the next call for proposals!

Good luck to project promoters!

Thank you for your attention.

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