



Interreg invests in people

Opportunities for the social sector in Catalonia

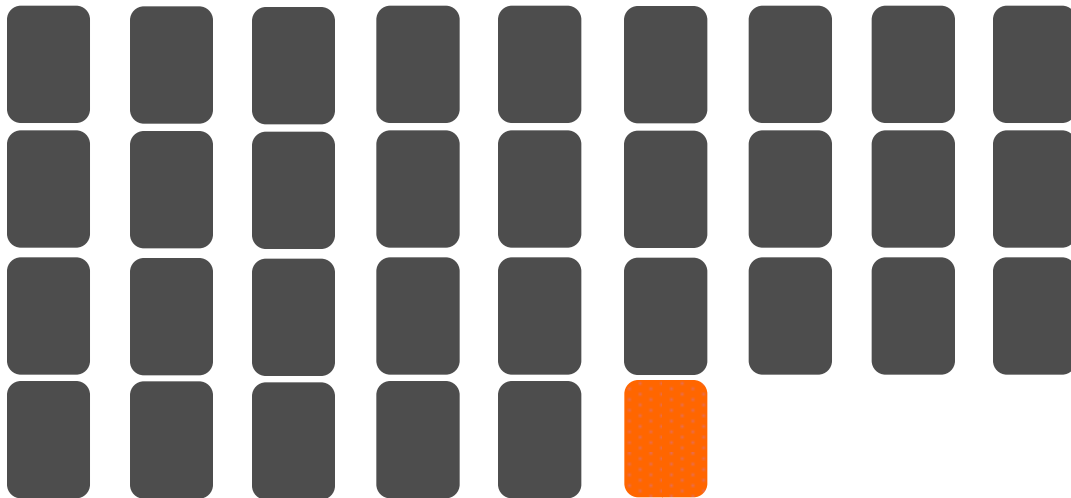


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What is Interreg?

Cohesion policy 2014-2020

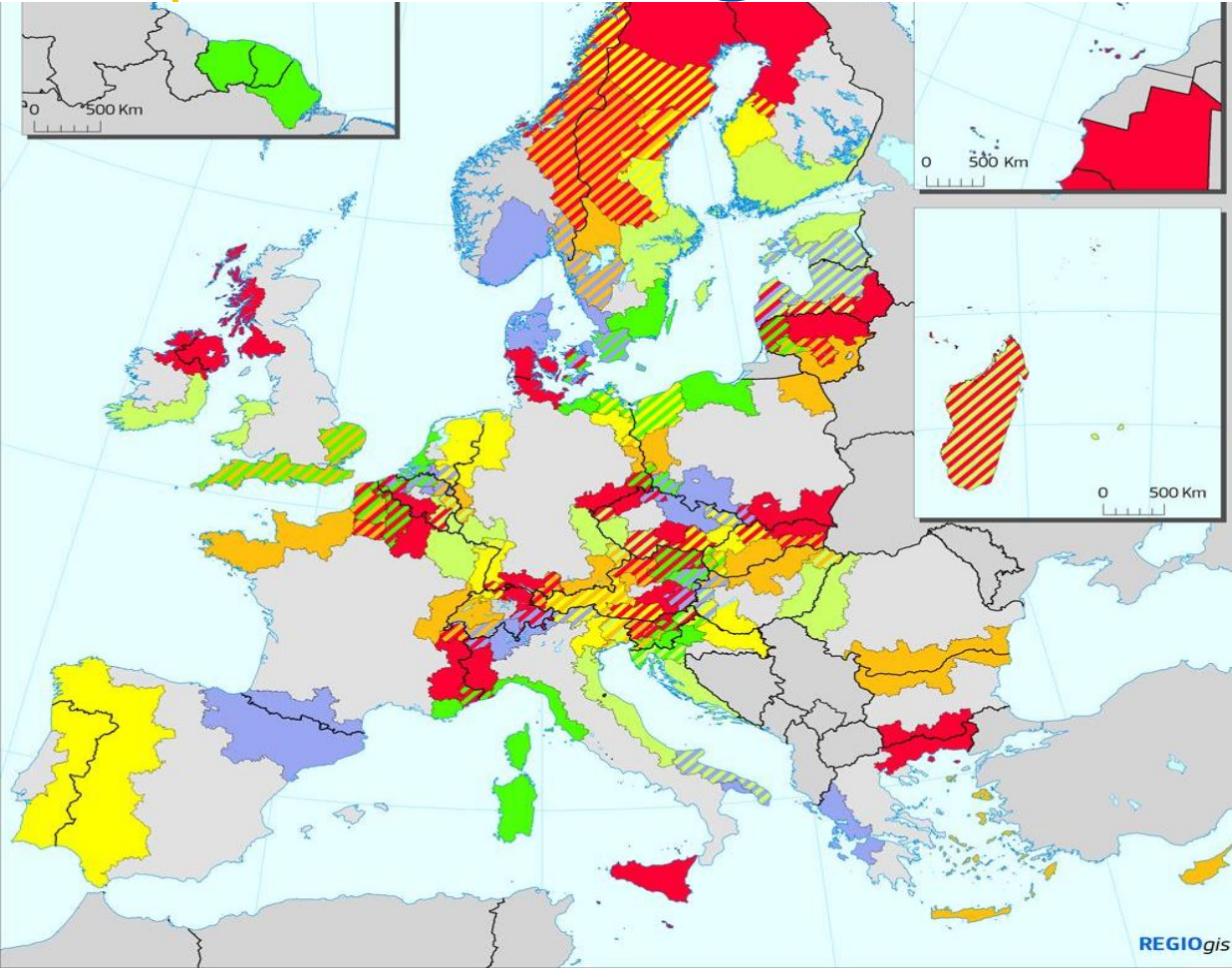


Goal:
Investment for growth &
jobs
EUR 340 bn

Goal:
European Territorial
Cooperation
EUR 10 bn

Interreg 
EUROPEAN UNION

Interreg A: Cross border cooperation



Eligible zones:

.NUTS III + maritime borders (max. 150 km)

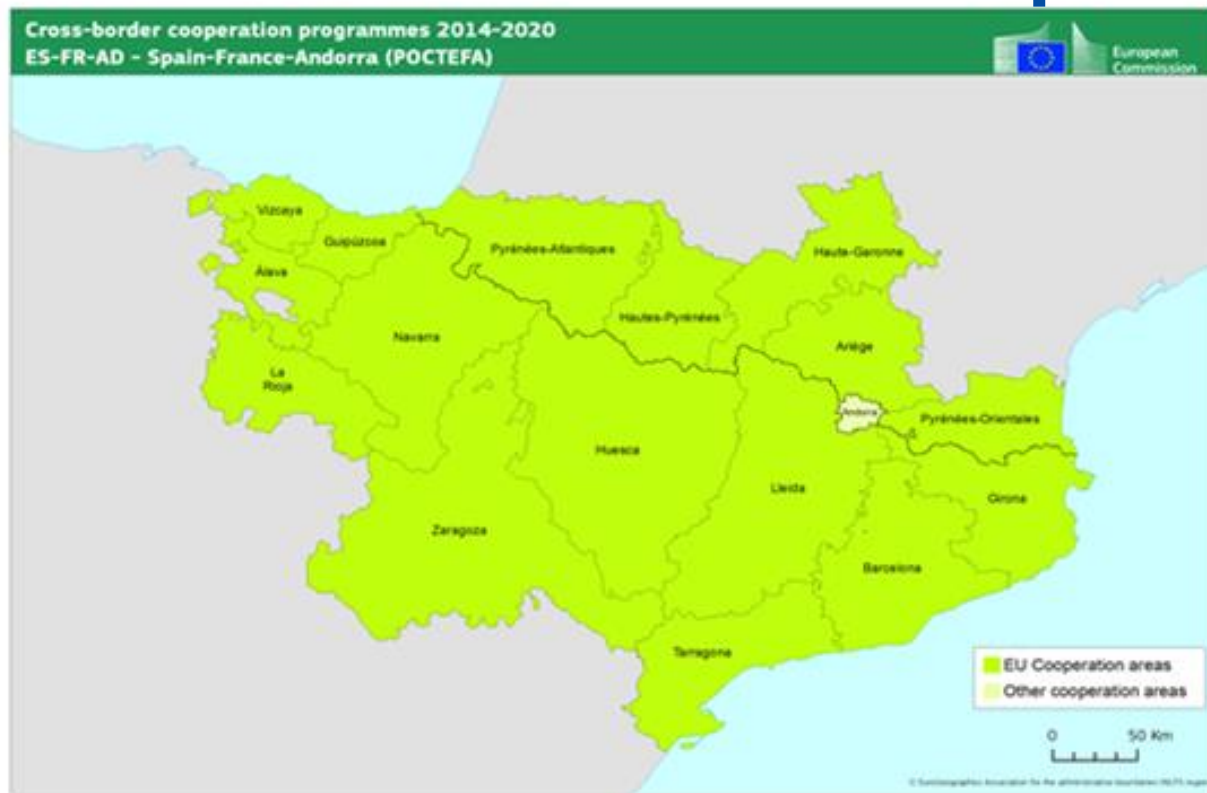
.Usually: 2 MS

.Catalonia:
.POCTEFA (ES/FR/AND)

ERDF Cross-border cooperation programmes 2014-2020

This map shows the areas of the cross-border programmes co-financed by the ERDF. Each programme area is shown with a specific colour. Hatched areas are part of two or more programme areas simultaneously.

POCTEFA – Spain-France-Andorra



- ES: Álava, Guipúzcoa, Vizcaya, Navarra, La Rioja, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Girona, Lleida, Tarragona.
- FR: Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Ariège, Haute-Garonne, Hautes-Pyrénées, Pyrénées-Orientales
- Andorra

Since 2007 the programme is managed by the **Working Community of the Pyrenees (CTP)**
CTP was the first cross-border body to become Managing Authority of an ETC programme

POCTEFA 2014-2020

Total budget: EUR 288 964 102

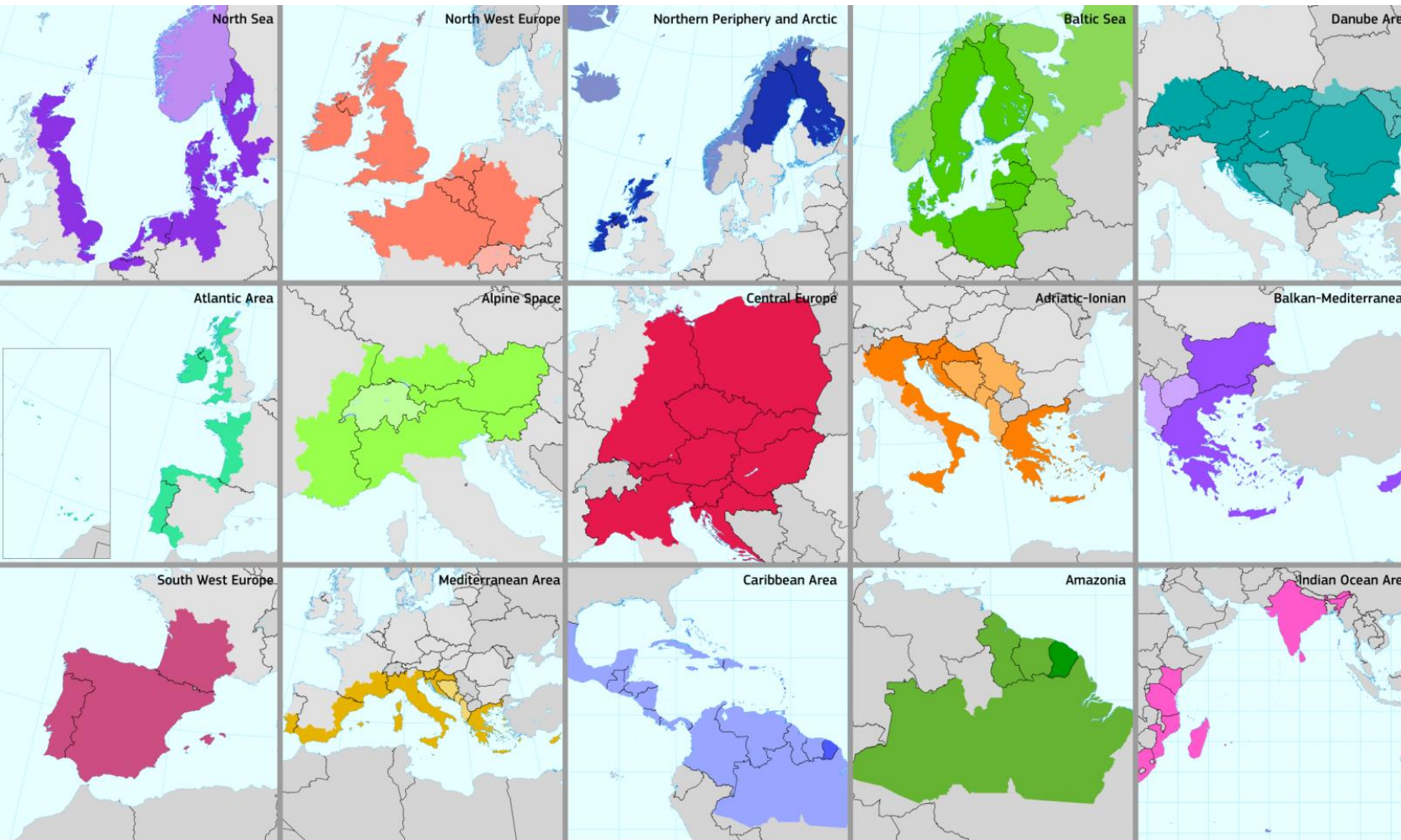
EU contribution: EUR 189 341 397

Cofinancing rate 65%

Programme's objectives:

- 1 Broadening and improving cross-border capacities in research, development and innovation and enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs (81 Meuro)
- 2 Promoting climate change adaptation (43 Meuro)
- 3 Conserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency (71 Meuro)
- 4 Promoting sustainable transport (34 Meuro)
- 5 **Promoting sustainable employment, labour mobility and social inclusion (43 Meuro)**

Interreg B: Transnational cooperation



Eligible zones:
NUTS II

Objective: Strategic actions for a larger functional region

15 programmes;
several MS

Catalonia:
Southwest Europe
Mediterranean area

Interreg C: Interregional

Four "networking" programmes

ESPON

European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion (studies, spatial planning)

URBACT

Exchange between Europe's cities on integrated urban development.

INTERACT

Cooperation and exchange network for territorial Interreg programmes.

Interreg Europe

Capitalisation among all EU regions

Cohesion Policy 2021-2027

- **Stronger strategic focus**
 - Focus on transition to smart, low carbon economy
 - Less policy objectives, stronger link to European Semester
- **Concentration**
 - Thematic concentration
 - Focus on impact and result orientation (indicators!)
- **Simplification and flexibility**

Five policy objectives for Cohesion Policy

1. **A smarter Europe** (innovative & smart economic transformation)
2. **A greener, low-carbon Europe** (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)
3. **A more connected Europe** (mobility and ICT connectivity)
4. **A more social Europe** (the European Pillar of Social Rights)
5. **A Europe closer to citizens** (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)

Internal land borders: **Policy objectives 2 (greener Europe) and 4 (social Europe) are obligatory**

! Two additional specific objectives for Interreg: 1) better cooperation governance and 2) a safer and more secure Europe

Budget 2021-2027

- Budget: **EUR 7 950 000 000** for Interreg
 - Strand A cross border cooperation : 71.9% (EUR 5 712 790 000)
 - Strand B transnational cooperation: 18.4 % (EUR 1 466 000 000)
 - Strand C interregional cooperation: 6.3% (EUR 500 000 000)
 - Strand D outermost regions: 3.4% (EUR 271 210 000)
- **Maximum co-financing rate: 80%**
- **Spain: Interreg: 683 million €**
 - **Strand A Cross-border: 376 million €**
 - **Strand B Transnational: 172 million €**
 - **Strand D Outermost: 135 million €**

Partnership

- **Involving all** those who are concerned/ affected by the programme
- **At all stages:** preparation, selection, monitoring, implementation
- Much wider than the national and regional public authorities:
 - **Local authorities** (e.g. cities)
 - **Economic and social partners** (e.g. chamber of commerce, transport operators, etc.)
 - **Civil society** (e.g. NGOs, associations)
 - **Cross-border bodies** (e.g. EGTCs, Euregions, etc.)
- **“Balanced” representation** (both sides of the border, all interests, etc.)

Actions for the citizens

- **People-to-people**

- Directly between citizens (it does not benefit an organisation but individuals)
- Trust-building (people know each other) as a basis for cooperation
- Europe closer to citizens

- **Small Projects Fund**

- Simpler (less administrative burden for the programme authorities)
- More projects and more impact
- More assistance to the projects
- More professional (e.g. call for projects, implementation, communication)

Some examples of possible projects

Criteria:

- Clear contribution to the **specific objective** selected in the programme
- Actions with a **clear cross-border/ transnational dimension** with involvement of partners on both sides
- **Co-financing**

Not to be supported:

- Support to measures which are **neither part of a regional/national strategy** nor based on needs assessment. For border regions, the mapping should take a 360° perspective (taking into account both sides of the border).
- Investments in **temporary facilities** (accommodation, social, health, education services) without a strong link to long-term integration policy framework

Policy objective 4: a more social and inclusive Europe

Specific Objectives

- i. Enhancing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing **social infrastructure and promoting social economy**
- ii. Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in **education, training and lifelong learning** through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training
- iii. Increasing the socioeconomic **integration of marginalised communities, migrants and disadvantaged groups**, through integrated measures including housing and social services
- iv. Ensuring equal access **to health care and fostering resilience of health systems**, including primary care and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care
- v. Enhancing the role of **culture and sustainable tourism** in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Plus specific objectives under ESF+ Regulation

Policy objective 4

- To facilitate frontier workers: **support for ‘cross-border info-points’** (located on each border) providing assistance to job-seekers, employers and workers.
- **Cross border business incubators** and **investment support for self-employment**, SMEs, business/jobs creation, social innovation and social entrepreneurship
- Facilitate (transnational and cross-border) learning mobility of learners and education and training staff (including youth workers) at all education-levels. **Joint training centres** where teachers and trainers, including work-based trainers, can improve their competence
- Cross border cooperation on **integration of people** with a migrant background, people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including the most deprived and children
- Cooperation (transnational and/or cross-border) activities to enhance resilience and effectiveness of **healthcare service provision**

Cerdanya Hospital: flagship project POCTEFA



HOSPITAL DE Cerdanya / HÔPITAL DE CERDAGNE
ARCT - Agrupació Europea de Cooperació Territorial / GECT - Groupement Européen de Coopération Territoriale



Cross-border mobile hospital EGALURG

Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Toulouse

Navarrabiomed – Fundación Miguel Servet, Sistema D'emergencies Mediques, Centre Hospitalier de la Côte Basque,



Trampoline: Cross border youth mobility



Overall objective: increase the number of young people who get a first job (to around 500).

- 1) support the **training and mobility** of the youth
- 2) strengthen the **supporting structures**, such as Youth Information Centres or Public Employment and Vocational Guidance Services.

Result: the project will create a sustainable Youth Cross-Border Mobility Network, that will keep on working after the finalisation of the project.

Policy objective 5: a Europe closer to citizens

Specific Objectives

- i. fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental development, cultural heritage and security in **urban areas**;
- ii. fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental **local development**, cultural heritage and security, including for rural and coastal areas also through **community-led local development**.

PO5: closer to citizens - territorial and integrated approach

- Customised solutions to the specificities of a smaller territory
- **Integrated approach** (i.e. multi-sectoral)
- **Coordinated approach** (i.e. multi-level)
- **Participatory approach** (i.e. multi-stakeholders)
- **Empowerment of local authorities and stakeholders** (bottom up approach)
- **Strategy** (analysis, needs, solutions, financing, actors, governance)

Patrim+

Pyrenean Network of Centers of Heritage and Rural Innovation



Territory's ability to provide itself with **shared joint strategies** regarding heritage valuation within a logic of environmentally friendly local and touristic development.

BENEFICIARIES: Partners and associates in 3 Departments (FR) and 3 CCAA (ES): local and regional entities, University and small firms.

Interreg Specific Objective 1: better cooperation governance

- **Objective: to facilitate cross-border cooperation**

1. *Institutional capacity of public authorities*
2. *Legal and administrative cooperation*
3. *People-to-people actions for increased trust*
4. *Institutional capacity to manage macro-regional strategies*
5. *Support to democracy and civil society*
6. *Other actions to support better cooperation governance*

- Improving governance is of key importance for the EU (heart of cooperation)

- Governance has a structural nature = high potential to lead to sustainable change

B-Solutions: work on cross border obstacles

better cooperation governance

The Consortium of the Working Community of the Pyrenees (Spain-France): limitations on the intervention of medical professionals in the case of emergencies across the border. Solution: bilateral agreements regulating, without distinctions of national boundaries, the operation of doctors, paramedics and nurses in the case of emergencies on the territory of these cross-border regions.

EGTC Euroregion Nouvelle-Aquitaine Euskadi Navarra: KOMPAR aims at promoting the cross-border training and employment of young professionals in the health and social sector. Notwithstanding the common education received through this platform, the qualifications acquired in the country of origin are not recognised in the receiving country.

Communauté de Communes Pyrénées Haut Garonnaises: in the mountainous area between France and Spain access to schools is complicated. Particularly, the Spanish students are not accepted in institutions located in the neighboring region because the French treasury cannot receive foreign invoices to finance public schools.

Thank you for your attention!

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