

CENTRAL EUROPE 2021-2027 PARTNER INVOLVEMENT REPORT

Outcomes of Transnational Survey and
National Partner Dialogues

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1. INTRODUCTION

In line with regulatory requirements laid down in the draft common provisions regulation, the programme continued to involve relevant partners for preparing the new transnational cooperation programme for 2021-27. Complementary to measures already implemented or planned in the frame of the comprehensive partner involvement process (as defined in the partner involvement concept approved by the Working Group CE21+ in October 2019 and updated in May 2020) more than 1000 additional stakeholders were involved in summer 2020.

More concretely, the programme launched a two-step consultation process in June 2020, which built on thematic discussions and preliminary decisions taken by the nine programme countries in the Working Group CE21+ in May 2020. The aim was to collect feedback on an early draft version of the future Interreg Programme (IP - version 0.2), which already included a sketch of transnational programme priorities, specific objectives and topics that will give direction to the funding of cooperation actions in central Europe. Partners could also provide inputs and ideas on additional topics, transnational cooperation actions and target groups.

In a first step, a transnational survey invited stakeholders from across central Europe to provide feedback and inputs on the draft IP between 10 and 24 June 2020. 556 respondents from relevant national, regional and local stakeholders had participated to the survey. They ranked the relevance of transnational topics per programme specific objective and provided several qualitative inputs.

In a second step, a joint effort of the programme's national contact point (NCP) further deepened dialogue on the early draft IP version (version 0.2)¹ with 490 public and private partners from all programme countries. In coordination with the MA/JS, consultation measures were organised in all programme countries in June and July, despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. National partner dialogues (NPD) took place in online formats such as webinars and direct mailings. They helped to collect information on actions and target groups, to consolidate inputs from the survey and to gather additional qualitative feedback.

The two measures complemented each other in the following way:

- The survey focused primarily on quantitative feedback about the relevance of transnational topics per Specific Objective (SO). In addition, respondents could include qualitative inputs on additional topics, potential transnational actions and target groups (the questionnaire template is enclosed as annex 4)
- The national partner dialogues collected in-depth, qualitative inputs from experts to complement the mostly quantitative, individual inputs received in the transnational survey (dates and formats of NPDs are provided in annex 5).

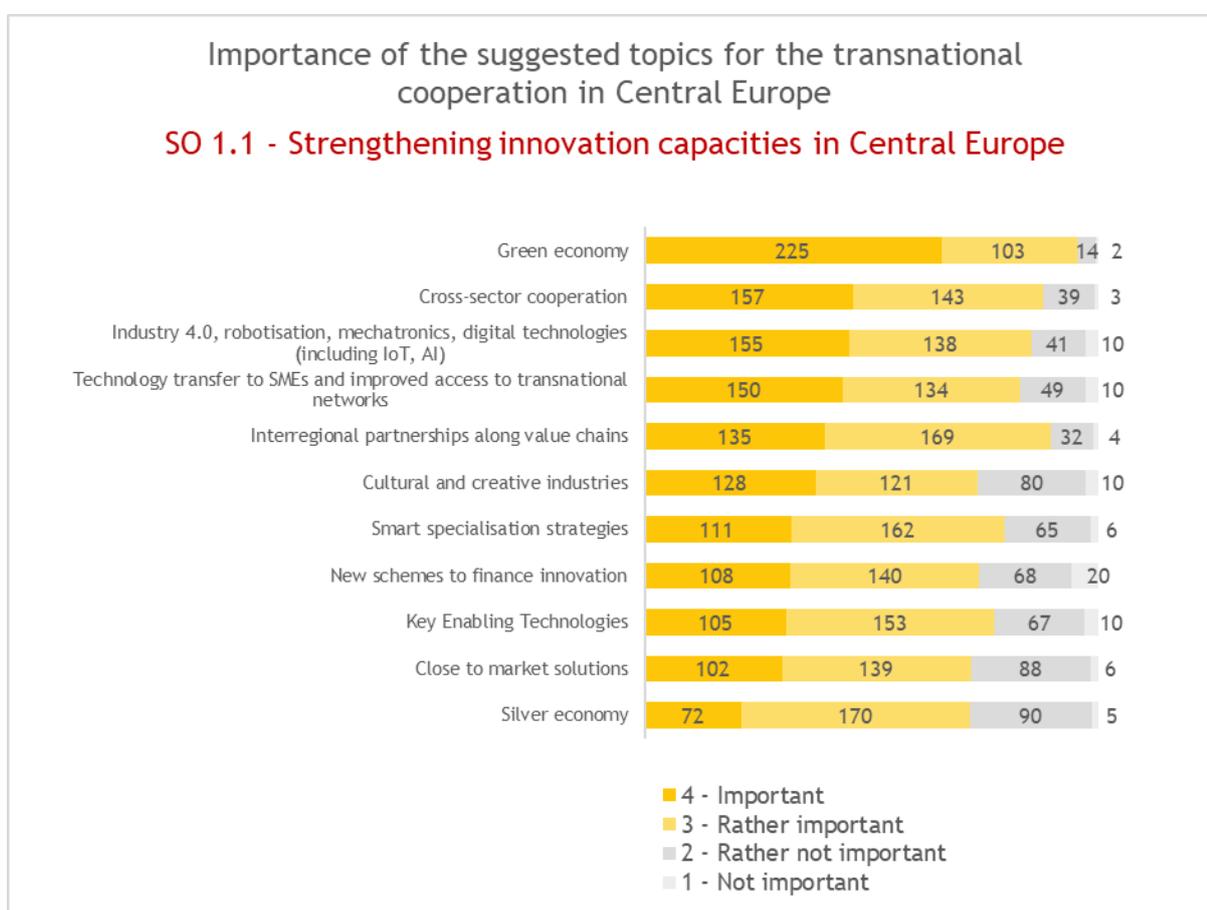
This stakeholder involvement report documents the outcomes of both the transnational survey and the national partner dialogues. It summarises feedback and inputs received on IP version 0.2, and presents a valuable source of information for further fine-tuning the programme strategy and for drafting the programme intervention logic in the next IP draft version (IP v1).

¹ It is to be noted that in IP version 0.2, which has been consulted, SO 2.5 (green urban mobility) is included under priority 2, whereas in the IP v1 it has been shifted to priority 3 (new SO 3.2). For this reason, outcomes of partner dialogues on green urban mobility are presented in this report under priority 2 (PO2).

2. ANALYSIS PER SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

SO 1.1: Strengthening innovation capacities in central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the transnational survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Support the potential of new manufacturing start-ups, by delivering training, coaching and community support
Strengthening of autarchy and minimizing dependence on international value chains and development of mechanisms to ensure long-term benefits for regional value generation
Development and/or pilot application of user-friendly technologies for older people to help overcome social isolation and to increase digital skills for carers

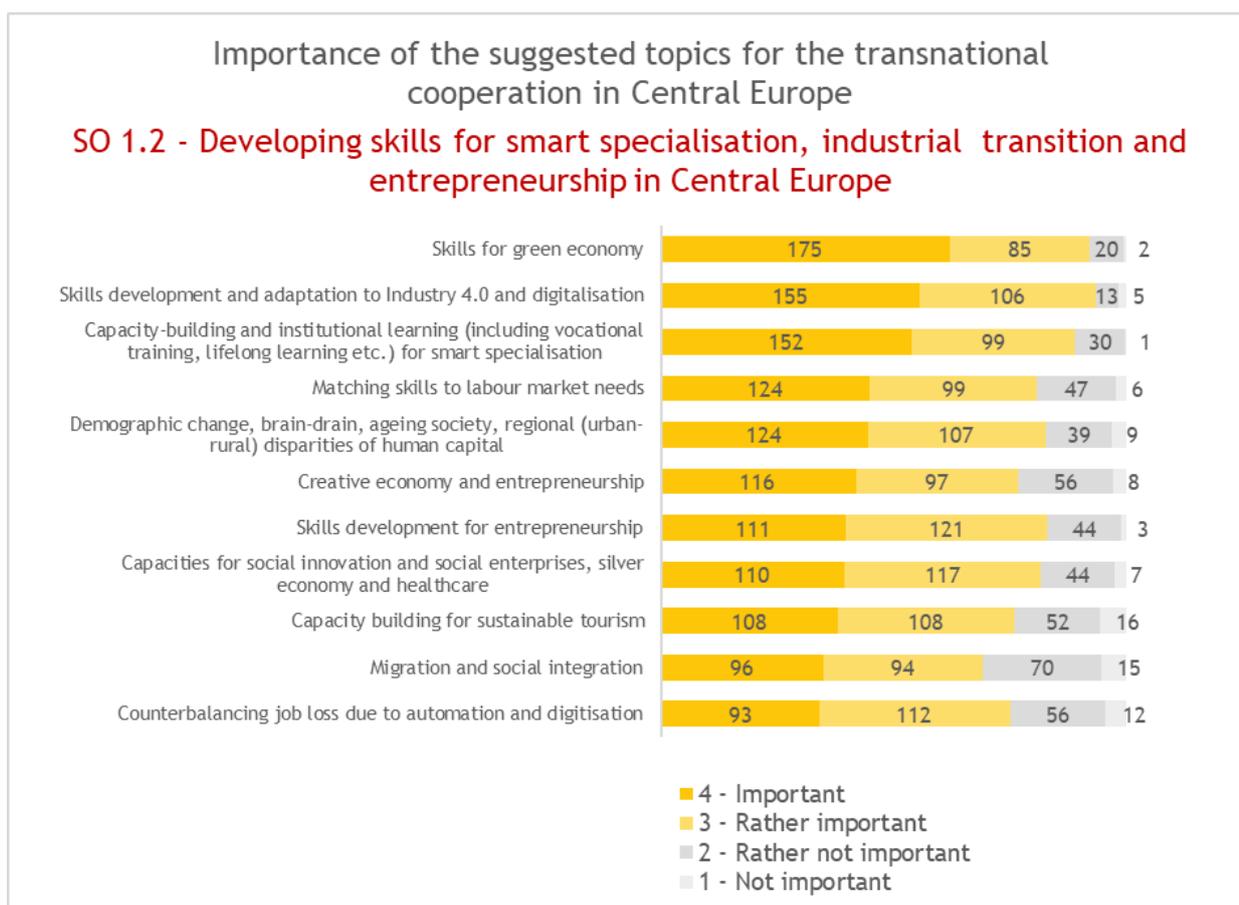
Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and outcomes of partner involvement (survey response and NPDs)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by the majority of the survey participants.</p> <p>The National Partner Dialogues sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed out certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>A very high percentage of survey participants found it very relevant to focus - as a background that might also affect other thematic ratings - on green economic aspects and/or cross-sectoral approaches.</p> <p>Silver economy was still acknowledged as mainly “rather important”, but faced the lowest rank in the survey.</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics and actions	<p>With regards to more specific aspects of topics and action proposals, the following aspects can be stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relevance of social aspects was strongly underlined, especially the focus on youth, silver economy and marginalised groups, but also the focus on the general design of innovative services (social aspects of industrial innovation). - A strong connection to the procedures of exploiting and transferring existing knowledge was made. This was expressed through cooperation design such as strong integration of SMEs and universities, but also to the design of more procedural aspects such as transfer of knowledge 		

	<p>and cooperative exploitation of knowledge e.g. through development and learning hubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The work along / integration of entire value chains was often underlined as especially relevant. - To consider also financing aspects such as the development of new instruments for KET financing. - Additional aspects mentioned were: cybersecurity, quadruple helix, health, user-friendliness of technology.
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SO 1.2: Developing skills for smart specialisation, economic transition and entrepreneurship in central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Additional topics received (survey) - WordCloud



Selection of 10 representative actions proposed by the survey and the national partner dialogues

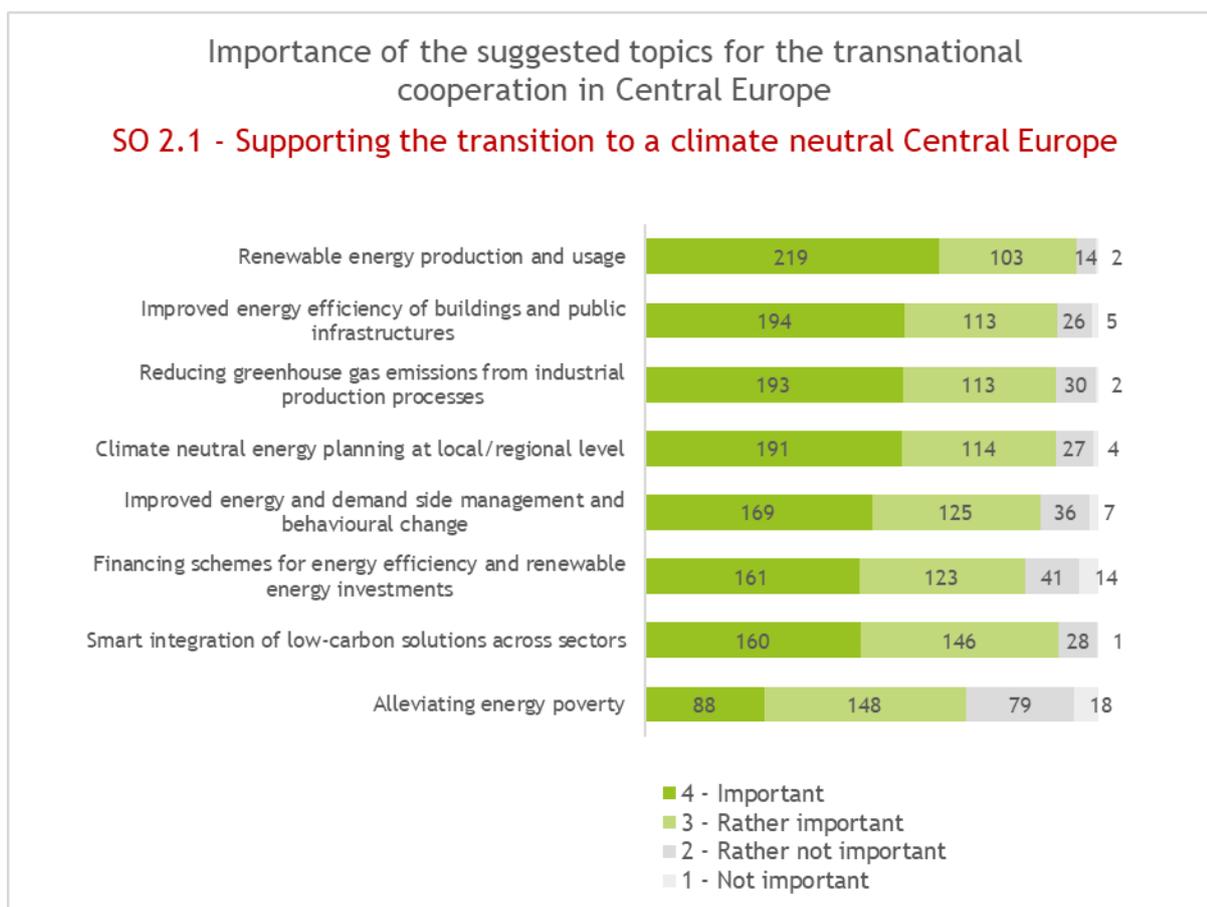
Develop systems for assurance and standardisation of e-learning and online materials that support the digital transition of SMEs, e.g. through co-creation approaches
Peer learning approaches emphasising the relevance of green economy and ecological innovation transfer
Creation of a creative “open space approach” to organising trainings and workshops on improving digital competences
Development of transnational and cross-border learning labs, tailoring knowledge transfer from universities for specific territorial needs
Development of creative solutions for labour market adjustments
Counteracting unfavourable developments such as brain drain and demographic change through innovative and creative approaches
Developing entrepreneurial attitudes among young people including digitalisation and exploitation of options in future economic developments
Conceptualising and piloting open access to digital learning environments, thereby interlinking learners and teachers with each other
Design of workable forms of collaboration between profit and non-profit industries to facilitate job inclusion of migrants, youth and women
Economically relevant approaches to integrate migrants into the regional labour market

Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPDs)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by the majority of the survey participants.</p> <p>The National Partner Dialogues sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>A very high percentage of survey participants found it very relevant to focus - as a background that might also affect other thematic ratings - on green economic aspects in the survey.</p> <p>The management of migration (skill development) and social integration was acknowledged as mainly “important or rather important”, but faced the lowest ranking in the survey, together with “counterbalancing job loss due to automatization”.</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics	<p>With regards to more specific aspects of action proposals, the following aspects can be stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relevance of social aspects was mentioned repeatedly in different contexts, especially the focus on migrants and youth. Furthermore, the implementation of discrimination-free approaches was emphasised in particular. - Specific attention was paid to the design of new and cooperative processes of capacity-building and learning. Here, also culture and CCI were mentioned several times as possible sectors. - It was considered relevant that the action topics keep a strong focus on development of entrepreneurship. - The need to develop and agree on credible documentation and comparable certification of certain achievements was underlined (diplomas, certificates) - Additional aspects to the main thematic foci mentioned were: tourism, generational learning, situation of rural areas 		

SO 2.1: Supporting the transition to a climate neutral central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Training activities and capacity building in municipalities for strengthening competences in energy efficiency technologies to preparing follow-up investments
Local and regional deployment of hydrogen strategy, hydrogen cell and fuel developments as well as renewable energy sources
Exchange of best practices to ensure access to suitable renewable energy sources in specific territories

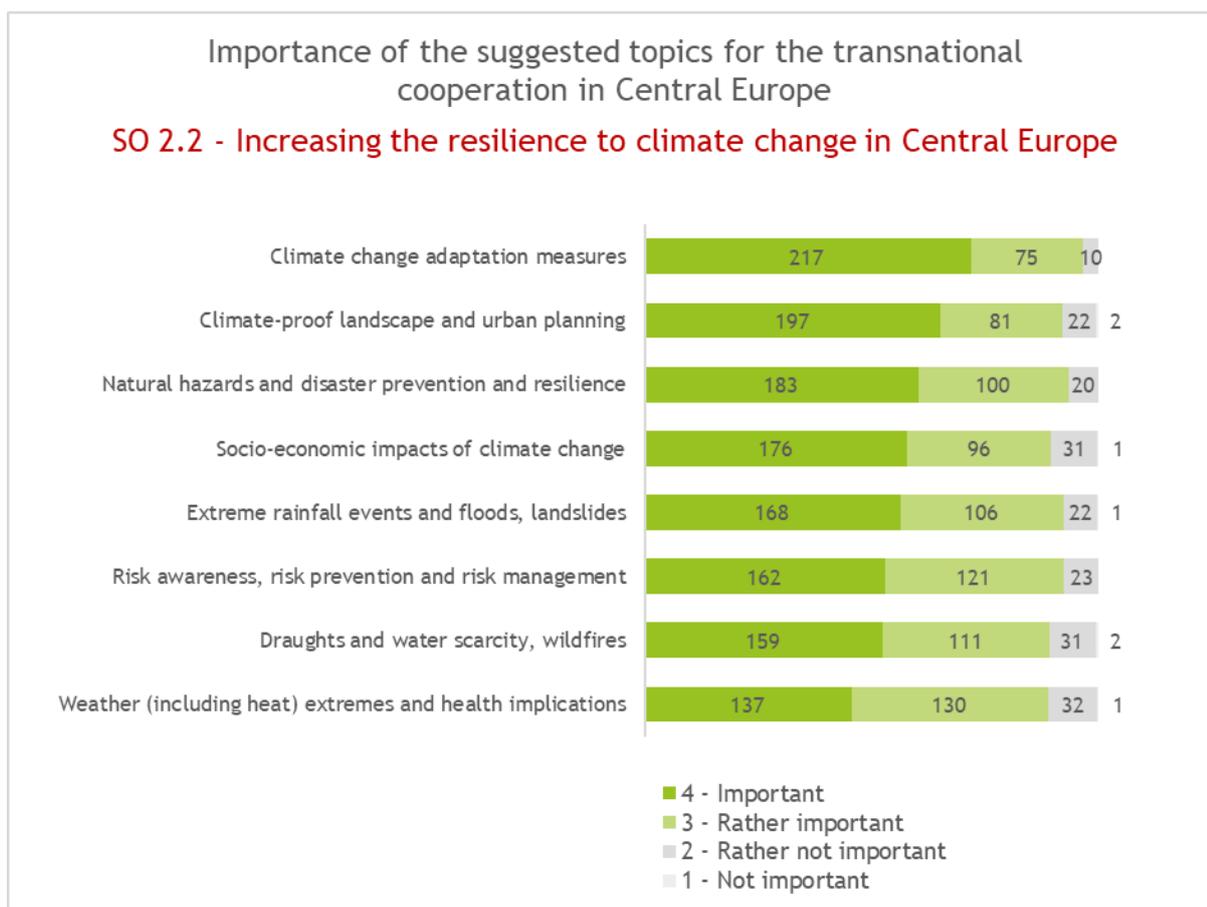
Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPDs)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by the majority of the survey participants.</p> <p>Generally speaking, since the different specific objectives of priority 2 are partly interconnected, stakeholders provided several inputs which could be assigned also to other SOs.</p> <p>The assessment of the National Partner Dialogues revealed that the contributions sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>The specific objective summarises several energy aspects and can be applied to a wide range of possible sectors. This broadness is reflected in the proposals and comments made.</p> <p>It is relevant to keep a clear focus on the energy aspects and to have a clear distinction between SO 2.1 and SO 2.2.</p> <p>Both the production and usage of renewable energies as well as the increase of energy efficiency were rated very high.</p> <p>The aspects of “alleviating energy poverty” was ranked lowest in the survey, which might be explainable by the abstract character of the topic.</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics	<p>With regards to more specific aspects of action proposals, the following aspects can be stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relevance of revisiting industrial procedures regarding energy efficiency, especially in manufacturing and production, was underlined. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The relevance of actions in urban areas for the achievement of climate resilience was repeatedly emphasised- A stronger connection between the energy demand and production side was emphasised, often in line with capacity building and trainings.- The relevance of data management in relation to energy efficiency was highlighted.- The relevance of the territorial aspect was highlighted repeatedly, namely both in terms of specific territories such as rural areas, but also with reference to the relevance of the local level.- Additional aspects mentioned were: hydrogen, embedding of energy efficiency and renewable energy in agricultural operations, energy storage.
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SO 2.2: Increasing the resilience to climate change in central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Integrated actions for supporting social resilience and counteracting socio-economic impacts of climate change through facilitating e.g. ecosystem services
Transnational planning and implementation of local education and awareness raising among citizens with a focus on individual self-responsibility in the context of climate resilience

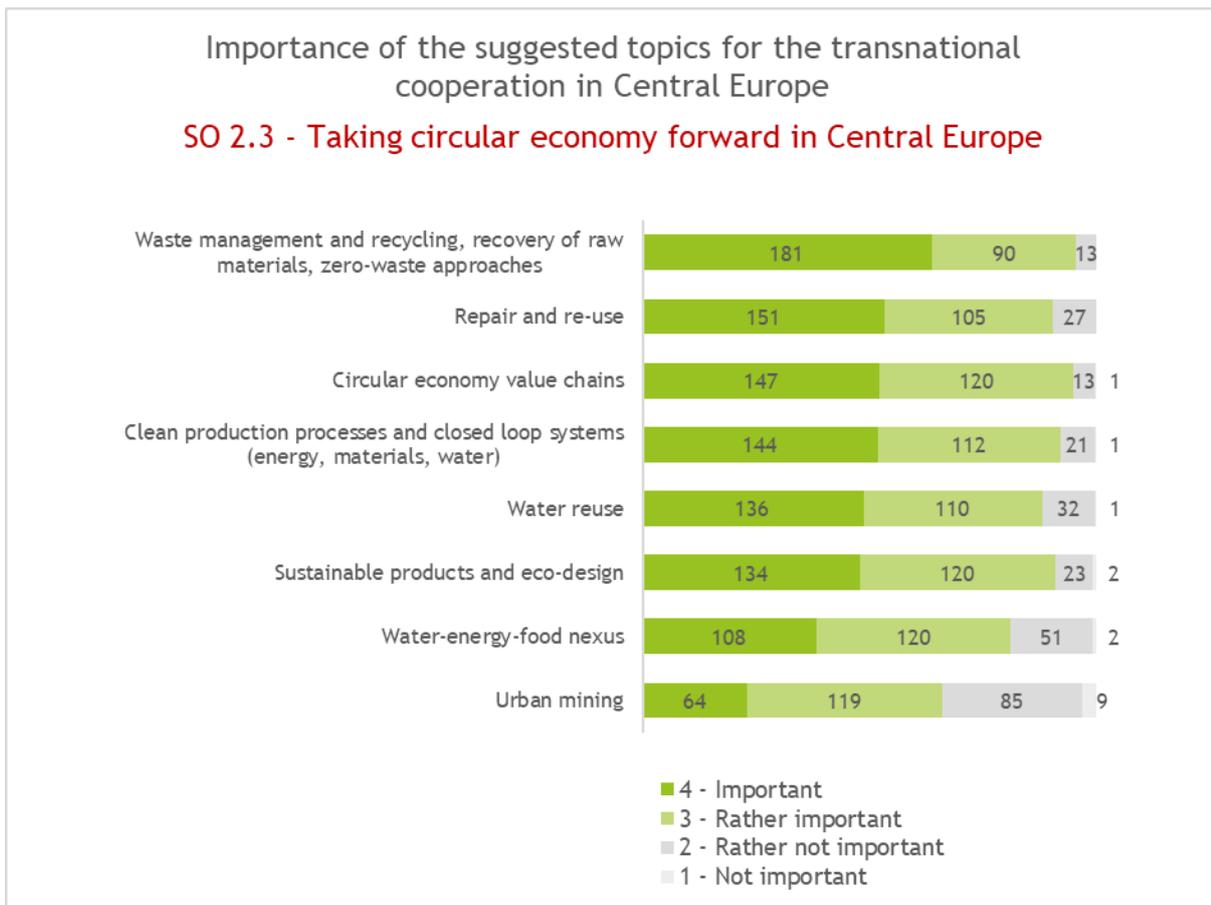
Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPDs)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is rated “good”.</p> <p>If the ratings “important” and “rather important” are summarised, more or less all topics were considered as of similar relevance.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>The rather broad thematic topic of “climate change adaptation measures” received the highest ranks in the category “important”, while “weather (including heat) extremes and health implications” received lower rankings in the survey. However, it needs to be emphasised that all topics were considered important.</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics	<p>With regards to more specific aspects of action proposals, the following aspects can be stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relevance of the procedural aspects of implementation, trainings, diagnosis and assessment, coordination and financing of climate change adaptation measures were mentioned repeatedly. - The promotion of behavioural change was repeatedly mentioned. - The use of nature-based solutions for a better climate resilience as well as the seizing of ecosystem services and their integration into the overall socioeconomic planning was underlined. - Topics that circled around the theme of water were mentioned repeatedly and in various contexts: water scarcity, water re-use and efficiency, extreme weather and water runoff, etc. - Additional aspects mentioned were: 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forecasting and “Nowcasting” of extreme weather events ○ Climate induced release of contaminants and deterioration of drinking water due to extreme weather events ○ existence of multiple, climate-induced hazards at the same time ○ safeguarding of cultural heritage against climate risks ○ social impacts of climate change ○ financing schemes for climate change adaptation ○ climate change impacts on agriculture, forestry and agro-forestry
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SO 2.3: Taking circular economy forward in central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

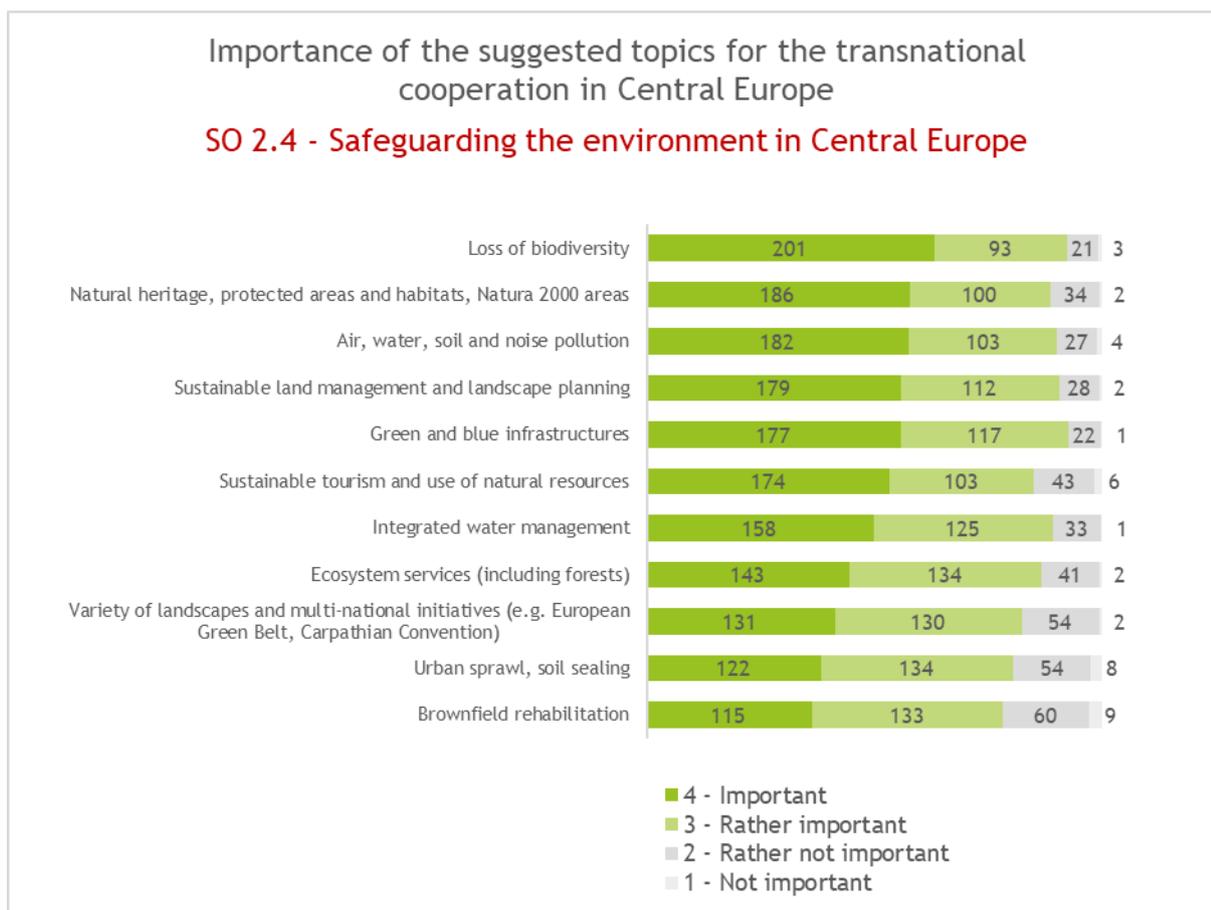
Developing innovative technologies for recycling of end of life products

Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPD)	good	medium	low
<p>More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary</p>	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by the majority of the survey participants. The National Partner Dialogues sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed out certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
<p>General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development</p>	<p>The specific objective offers a lot of entry points, both thematically (waste, technology, etc.) or procedural (closing of existing economic cycles from production to re-use or development of new and green economic cycles, rearrangement of value chains, etc.) This wide range is reflected in the multitude of interpretations and proposals given. This is explainable through the different stages in which central European regions are tackling the topic of circular economy and the different sectors with the strongest territorial needs.</p> <p>Waste-related topics were rated the highest which is also reflected through the high amount of waste-related action proposals.</p> <p>The topics “urban mining” and “water-energy-food-nexus” received the lowest ranks in the survey, which might be further explainable by the complexity of the topic.</p>		
<p>Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics</p>	<p>Waste related topics were strongly connected to the local and regional level.</p> <p>Furthermore, the relevance of behavioural change and their support were often mentioned in connection with thematic aspects.</p> <p>Although complex and integrated topics such as “water-energy-food-nexus” were not rated highest, many proposals and comments made references to the importance of an overall connection and integrated approach between different topics and sectors.</p>		

SO 2.4: Safeguarding the environment in central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Additional topics received (survey) - WordCloud



Selection of 10 representative actions proposed by the survey and the national partner dialogues

Awareness raising and triggering of behavioural change to understand the socioeconomic impact of the loss of biodiversity
Local and regional contributions to policy networks ensuring transnational connectivity of habitats (e.g. Green Belt, Carpathian Convention, Alpine Soil Partnership)
Safeguarding and developing geo-heritage and geodiversity
Rethinking NATURA-2000 territories (flood protection, changes in forest composition, effects of climate change, etc.)
Managing and monitoring sustainable tourism in natural protected areas i.e. innovative tools for low-impact sustainable tourism
Integrated strategies for green recovery, monitoring measures and the assessment of socioeconomic impacts from COVID 19 or comparable threats on local level
Collect and apply good practices for raising awareness and promoting an evidence-based approach to knowledge transfer, like eco-museums and landscape observatories
Cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary approaches for sustainable land management and the prevention of urban sprawl

Improvement of holistic models for cultural landscape management as a way for integrated sustainable use of local natural and cultural resources
Elaborating practical methods and tools for the evaluation of eco-system services for local and regional communities

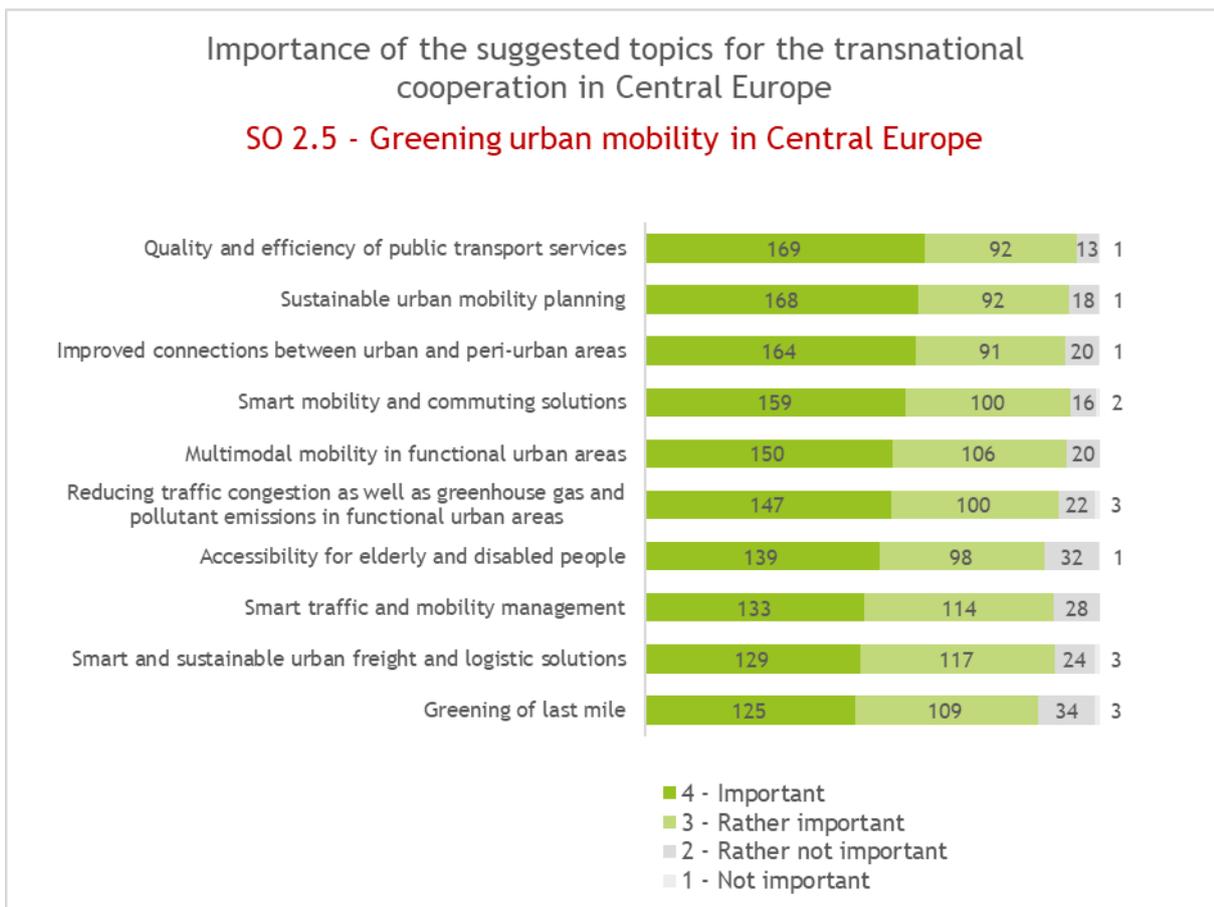
Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPDs)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by the majority of the survey participants. The rehabilitation of brownfields received the lowest rank in this context and the loss of biodiversity highest.</p> <p>The National Partner Dialogues sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed out certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>Besides specific action proposals, the overall description and interpretation of the SO showed two aspects, which are considered both equally important:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relevance of “traditional” forms of consequent and impactful protection of species and habitats. In this context, the consequent halt of a further loss of biodiversity was repeatedly underlined. - The relevance of integrating environmental protection policies with other sectors was underlined. In this context, the socioeconomic valorisation of ecosystem services or measures that focus on the impact of specific sectors such as agriculture was highlighted. <p>Furthermore, many comments emphasised the relevance to establish a strong and useful connection to multi-national political networks such as the Carpathian Convention.</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics	<p>A wide range of additional aspects were proposed that could be considered in the specific objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of proper wilderness stewardship 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Recovery subsequent to COVID-crisis - Light pollution as equally relevant compared to other forms of pollution - Valorising of Geo-Heritage - Management of invasive species
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SO 2.5: Greening urban mobility in central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Additional topics received (survey) - WordCloud



Selection of 10 representative actions proposed by the survey and the national partner dialogues

Harmonization of ticketing and information systems of green urban mobility solutions
Integrating urban development governance concept with sustainable urban mobility concepts, leading to redistribution of public space, promoting of zero-emission transport modes (cycling, walking) and encourage local recreation (in the immediate vicinity)
Influencing urban mobility behaviour through educational campaigns
Exploiting MaaS (Mobility as a Service) as a new concept to integrate, manage and distribute private and public mobility alternatives using intelligent digital technologies and its future implications for the local and FUA level
Green solutions to commuting, based on a cooperative reflection of the FUA approach
Counteracting transport poverty through multimodal combinations of public transport services for urban areas in context of their wider surroundings.
Green City logistics considering delivery services etc.
Promotion of zero-emission urban mobility through cycling or walking
Strategies for an affordable adaptation of improving accessibility for elderly and disabled people to public transport systems in urban areas

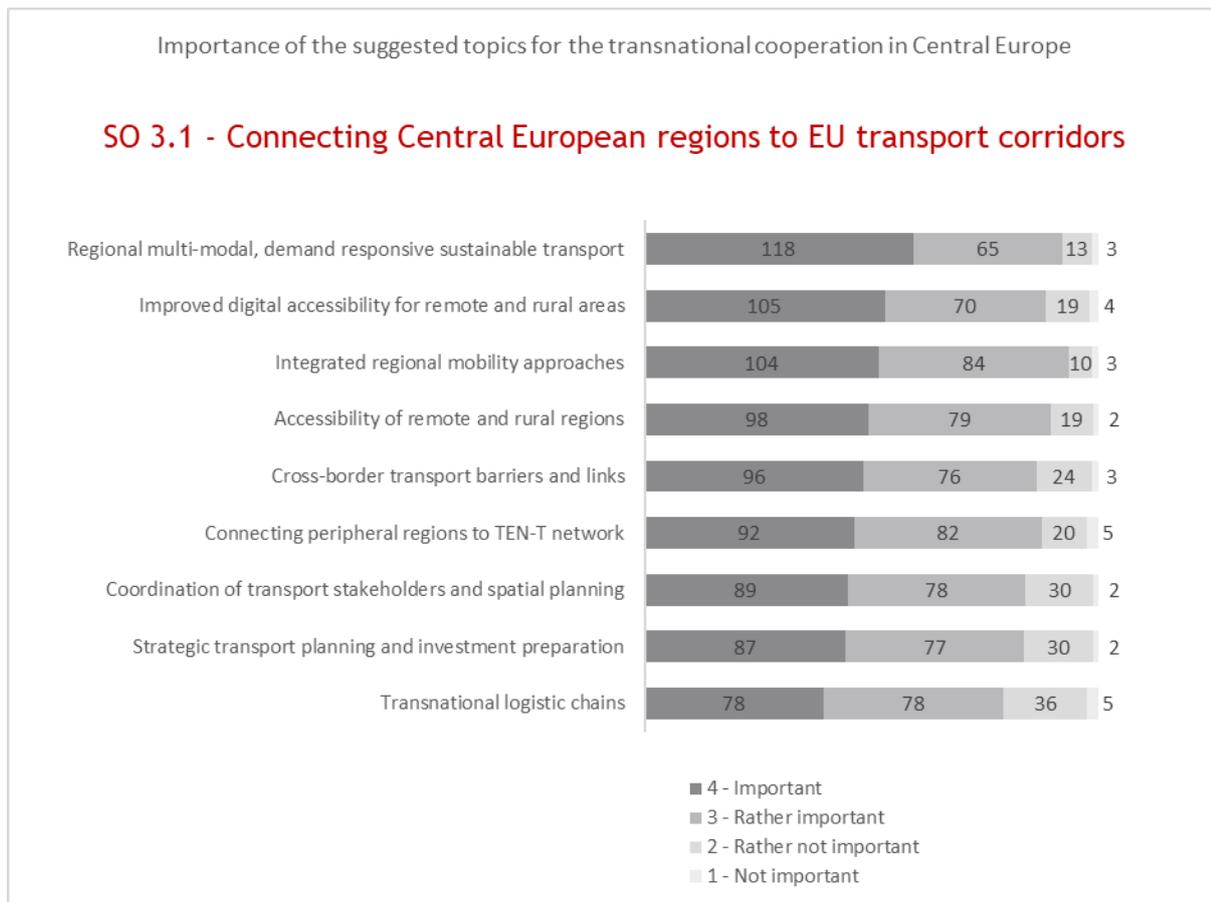
Supporting smart urban mobility models, including viable solutions for municipalities that cannot afford to become smart cities

Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPDs)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by a very high majority of the survey participants.</p> <p>The National Partner Dialogues sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>The general topic of managing commuters and rethinking commuting was considered very relevant and was highlighted multiple times. A relevant aspect in this context is the strong connection of this topic to further sectors such as IT-based technologies, but also city planning.</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics	<p>A wide range of additional aspects were proposed that could be considered under the specific objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The use of hydrogen - Zero-emission urban transport - Noise reduced ways of transport - Concept of “Mobility-as-a-service” - Concepts of financial incentives for green urban mobility solutions - Concepts for influencing behavioural change of urban mobility - Affordable commuting 		

SO 3.1: Connecting central European regions to EU transport corridors

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Additional topics received (survey) - WordCloud



Selection of 10 representative actions proposed by the survey and the national partner dialogues

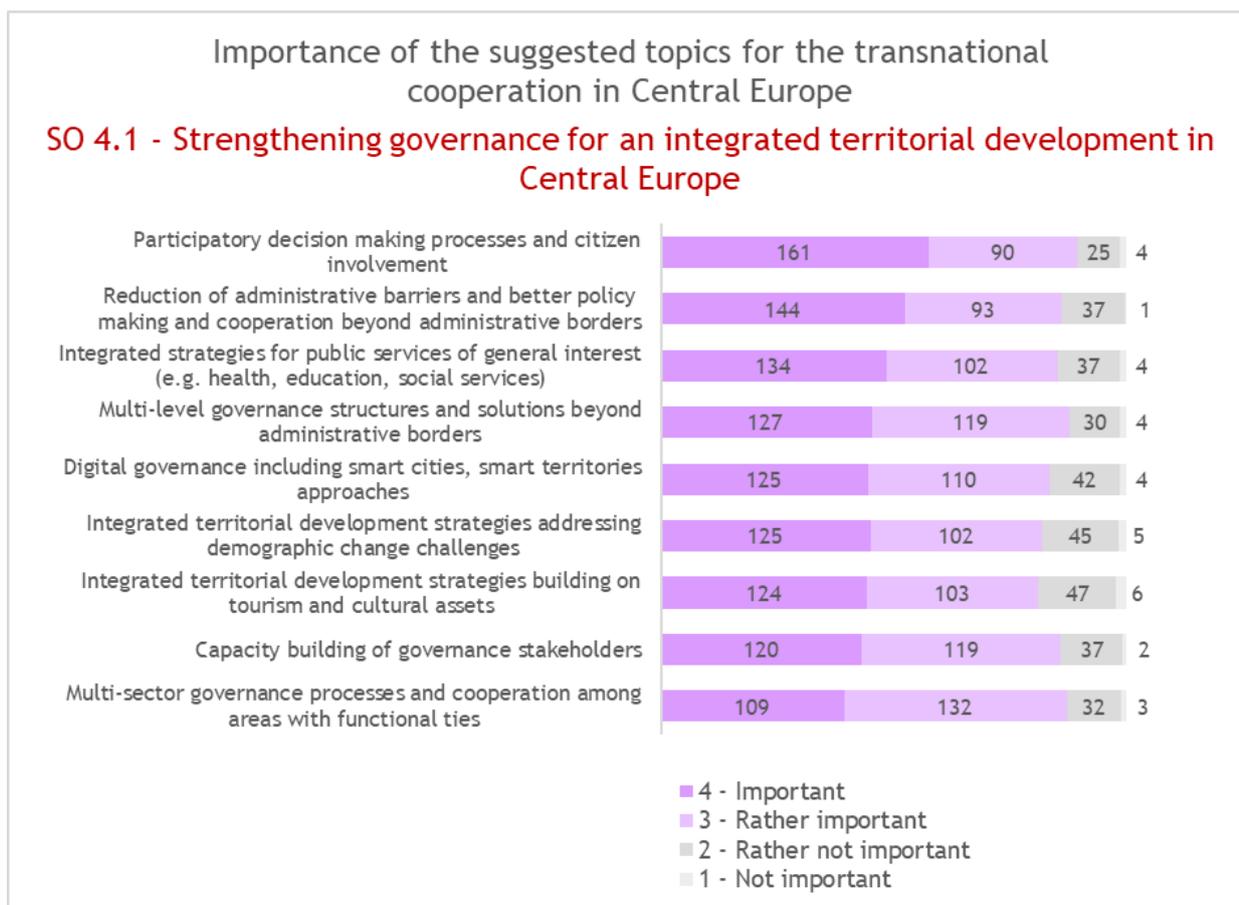
Connection and integration of isolated and scattered public transport services
Sustainable, climate-friendly and smart complementary developments concepts and plans related to the CEF programme
Coordinated removal of cross-border transport barriers and combination of multiple border crossings in a transnational context
Development of intelligent/smart transport systems, including multimodal terminals (hubs), their development and modernization of freight transport
Integrated solutions to connect peripheral areas and to seize socio-economic benefits
Assess, define and exploit relations between TEN-T axes and local nodes (considering e.g. ITC, environmental issues) to ensure that infrastructure nodes are intertwined with the urban nodes
Coordinated improvement of secondary transport networks in a wider transnational context
Improve navigation and traffic management to make better use of the existing infrastructure (e.g. improve the availability of fairways in a transnationally coordinated way)
Reaching more strategic solutions in favour of the use of railway freight transport
Assessing and seizing socio-economic potentials for secondary ports as drivers of development

Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPD)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>The overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by a very high majority of the survey participants.</p> <p>The National Partner Dialogues sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>No substantial differences of ranking could be diagnosed between the topics offered in the survey. The positioning of the SO with regards to the investment-heavy aspects of further realisation and implementation is calling for a particularly close coordination with other funding instruments. In this regard, the programme could e.g. support the preparation and development of sustainable transport investment plans.</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics	<p>A wide range of additional aspects were proposed that could be considered under the specific objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevance of rural and remote areas - Relevance of ports - Cross-border transport - Planning of the last mile - Digitalisation and data management of logistic chains and transport hubs 		

SO 4.1: Strengthening governance for an integrated territorial development in central Europe

Ranking of topics according to the survey



Results of the transnational survey _ Ranking of topics by importance

Improving the impact of transnational policy networks such as the Carpathian Convention or the ICPDR as instruments for coordinated governance processes and for regional and local policy making

Summary of input received in survey and national partner dialogues

Thematic compliance between proposed survey topics and confirmation through partner dialogues (survey response and NPDs)	good	medium	low
More detailed explanation to the above, if necessary	<p>Although the SO allows a wider range of topics to be covered, the overall compliance and consistency between the needs expressed in the territorial analysis and the thematic preferences of the stakeholders is good.</p> <p>All topics offered in the transnational survey were rated either important or rather important by a very high majority of the survey participants.</p> <p>The National Partner Dialogues sustained the relevance of the topics offered and deepened the interpretation or further detailed certain aspects through action proposals.</p>		
General aspects and remarks for further consideration in IP development	<p>A wide range of contextual frames were proposed: multinational policy networks, forms or organisation (e.g. EGTC), thematic governance issues such as for disaster response or health issues as well as procedural aspects such as methodologies of participation.</p> <p>It needs to be emphasised that the SO should address actions focusing on multi-sectoral, territorial and integrated governance aspects</p>		
Further specific aspects with regards to additional or more specific topics	<p>A wide range of additional aspects were proposed that could be considered under the specific objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic areas: Demography, health, urban (and urban-rural) issues, tourism & culture - Improvement of organisational governance frameworks: EGTCs, management of FUAs - Organisational aspects: cross-border cooperation, complex planning issues, participative procedures, un-bureaucratic and informal ways of cooperation for relevant issues, such as participatory governance of e.g. of small villages - Cooperation with and within large political networks: e.g. Carpathian convention, ICPDR, Alpine Convention. 		

ANNEX 4 - Survey questionnaire

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE 2021-27: Partner Involvement Survey

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Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE has supported transnational cooperation in central Europe for more than 20 years.

Our funding helps regions and cities to become stronger and more resilient without reinventing the wheel. We are building trust beyond borders and connect people in the fields of [innovation](#), [low carbon](#), [natural and cultural heritage](#) as well as [transport and mobility](#).

Now the time has come to take our successful transnational cooperation forward, together with you! In May 2020, representatives from all programme countries agreed on a set of preliminary programme priorities and specific objectives that are deemed most relevant for transnational cooperation in central Europe.

With this survey we invite stakeholders from the European, national, regional and local levels to provide us with feedback and inputs on our draft programme strategy. We want to collect inputs and ideas for future transnational actions and target groups from experts on the ground.

Before filling in the survey, we recommend to read the attached summary of the draft programme strategy and to watch the short presentation video. We expect that filling in the survey will take about 10-15 minutes.

For more information on your possible involvement in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE programming process, please refer also to our website at www.interreg-central.eu/CE21-27.

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*** Which country are you from?**

- Austria
- Croatia
- Czechia
- Germany
- Hungary
- Italy
- Poland
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Other

*** Please specify:**

*** Which type of organisation do you represent?**

- Local/regional public institution
- National public institution
- Sectoral agency
- Infrastructure and (public) service provider
- Interest group including NGO
- Higher education and research institution
- Education/training centre or school
- Large enterprise
- Small and medium enterprise (SME)
- Business support organisation
- European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)
- International organisation or European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)
- Other

*** Please specify:**

*** Have you been previously involved in Interreg projects? (Multiple choice possible)**

- CENTRAL EUROPE projects approved in the 2007-2013 period
- Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE projects approved in the 2014-2020 period
- Projects of other Interreg programmes
- No

*** Are you considering applying for funding in the future Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme?**

- Yes

- No
- Maybe

Priority 1: A smarter central Europe through cooperation

* Specific Objective 1.1

Strengthening innovation capacities in central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Interregional partnerships along value chains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smart specialisation strategies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industry 4.0, robotisation, mechatronics, digital technologies (including IoT, AI)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Key Enabling Technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technology transfer to SMEs and improved access to transnational networks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross-sector cooperation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New schemes to finance innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to market solutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Silver economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural and creative industries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are any additional topics relevant for transnational cooperation in this specific objective? If yes, please list them below (Optional)

250 character(s) maximum

Which transnational actions do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? *(Optional)*

500 character(s) maximum

Which target groups do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? *(Optional)*

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Priority 1: A smarter central Europe through cooperation

* Specific Objective 1.2

Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship in central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Capacity-building and institutional learning (including vocational training, lifelong learning etc.) for smart specialisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skills development and adaptation to Industry 4.0 and digitalisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skills for green economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Matching skills to labour market needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skills development for entrepreneurship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creative economy and entrepreneurship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Counterbalancing job loss due to automation and digitisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Capacities for social innovation and social enterprises, silver economy and healthcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Demographic change, brain-drain, ageing society, regional (urban-rural) disparities of human capital	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Migration and social integration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Capacity building for sustainable tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Priority 2: A greener central Europe through cooperation

*** Specific Objective 2.1**

Supporting the transition to a climate neutral central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Improved energy efficiency of buildings and public infrastructures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from industrial production processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renewable energy production and usage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financing schemes for energy efficiency and renewable energy investments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alleviating energy poverty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate neutral energy planning at local /regional level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved energy and demand side management and behavioural change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smart integration of low-carbon solutions across sectors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Priority 2: A greener central Europe through cooperation

*** Specific Objective 2.2**

Increasing the resilience to climate change in central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Risk awareness, risk prevention and risk management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate change adaptation measures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural hazards and disaster prevention and resilience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Draughts and water scarcity, wildfires	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Extreme rainfall events and floods, landslides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weather (including heat) extremes and health implications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate-proof landscape and urban planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Socio-economic impacts of climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Priority 2: A greener central Europe through cooperation

*** Specific Objective 2.3**

Taking circular economy forward in central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Circular economy value chains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean production processes and closed loop systems (energy, materials, water)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water-energy-food nexus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable products and eco-design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Repair and re-use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waste management and recycling, recovery of raw materials, zero-waste approaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Urban mining	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water reuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are any additional topics relevant for transnational cooperation in this specific objective? If yes, please list them below *(Optional)*

250 character(s) maximum

Which transnational actions do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? *(Optional)*

500 character(s) maximum

Which target groups do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? *(Optional)*

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Priority 2: A greener central Europe through cooperation

* Specific Objective 2.4
Safeguarding the environment in central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Natural heritage, protected areas and habitats, Natura 2000 areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of biodiversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green and blue infrastructures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Variety of landscapes and multi-national initiatives (e.g. European Green Belt, Carpathian Convention)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ecosystem services (including forests)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable land management and landscape planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Urban sprawl, soil sealing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Air, water, soil and noise pollution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated water management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brownfield rehabilitation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable tourism and use of natural resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are any additional topics relevant for transnational cooperation in this specific objective? If yes, please list them below (Optional)

250 character(s) maximum

Which transnational actions do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? (Optional)

500 character(s) maximum

Which target groups do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? *(Optional)*

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Priority 2: A greener central Europe through cooperation

*** Specific Objective 2.5**

Greening urban mobility in central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Sustainable urban mobility planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smart mobility and commuting solutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multimodal mobility in functional urban areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved connections between urban and peri-urban areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smart traffic and mobility management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smart and sustainable urban freight and logistic solutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Greening of last mile	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality and efficiency of public transport services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessibility for elderly and disabled people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing traffic congestion as well as greenhouse gas and pollutant emissions in functional urban areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are any additional topics relevant for transnational cooperation in this specific objective? If yes, please list them below (Optional)

250 character(s) maximum

Which transnational actions do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? (Optional)

500 character(s) maximum

Which target groups do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? (Optional)

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Priority 3: A more connected Europe through cooperation

*** Specific Objective 3.1 (decision pending)**

Connecting central European regions to EU transport corridors

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Connecting peripheral regions to TEN-T network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessibility of remote and rural regions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional multi-modal, demand responsive sustainable transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated regional mobility approaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategic transport planning and investment preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coordination of transport stakeholders and spatial planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Cross-border transport barriers and links	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transnational logistic chains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved digital accessibility for remote and rural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are any additional topics relevant for transnational cooperation in this specific objective? If yes, please list them below (Optional)

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Which target groups do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? (Optional)

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Priority 4: A better governance for cooperation in central Europe

*** Specific Objective 4.1**

Strengthening governance for an integrated territorial development in central Europe

Please rate the level of your expertise in this specific field

If you choose "high" or "rather high" you will be asked to rate the importance of topics relevant for this field

- High
- Rather high
- Rather low
- Low
- None

Suggested Topics

Please rate the importance of these topics for transnational cooperation in central Europe

	1 - Not important	2 - Rather not important	3 - Rather important	4 - Important
Multi-level governance structures and solutions beyond administrative borders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Multi-sector governance processes and cooperation among areas with functional ties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Capacity building of governance stakeholders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated territorial development strategies addressing demographic change challenges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated territorial development strategies building on tourism and cultural assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated strategies for public services of general interest (e.g. health, education, social services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital governance including smart cities, smart territories approaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduction of administrative barriers and better policy making and cooperation beyond administrative borders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participatory decision making processes and citizen involvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are any additional topics relevant for transnational cooperation in this specific objective? If yes, please list them below (Optional)

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Which transnational actions do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? (Optional)

500 character(s) maximum

Which target groups do you consider most relevant in this specific objective? (Optional)

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ANNEX 5 - Formats and dates of NPDs

Country	Format	Date
Austria	Online event	22 June 2020
Croatia	Direct mails	August 2020
Czech Republic	Online event + direct mails	29 June 2020
Germany	4 online events	During July 2020
Hungary	Direct mails	June-July 2020
Italy	2 online events	30 June and 2 July 2020
Poland	Online event	30 June 2020
Slovakia	Online event	8 July 2020
Slovenia	Direct mails	June-July 2020