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WHY IS  
**COOPERATION**  
CENTRAL AT  
THE HEART  
OF EUROPE



# BECAUSE IT MAKES CENTRAL EUROPE STRONGER

Since the fall of the Iron Curtain and the enlargement of the European Union, regions and cities in central Europe have become stronger by working together on shared challenges and values.



Central European countries are **tightly linked through trade and value-added chains**. Many of them are also small, open economies that can easily be affected by shifts in global trade flows. Cooperation between them is essential to make central Europe as a **functional area more resilient to outside shocks**.

[ROMAN RÖMISCH,  
ECONOMIST AT WIIW VIENNA]





BECAUSE  
COOPERATION  
**BUILDS TRUST**



# IT CONNECTS US

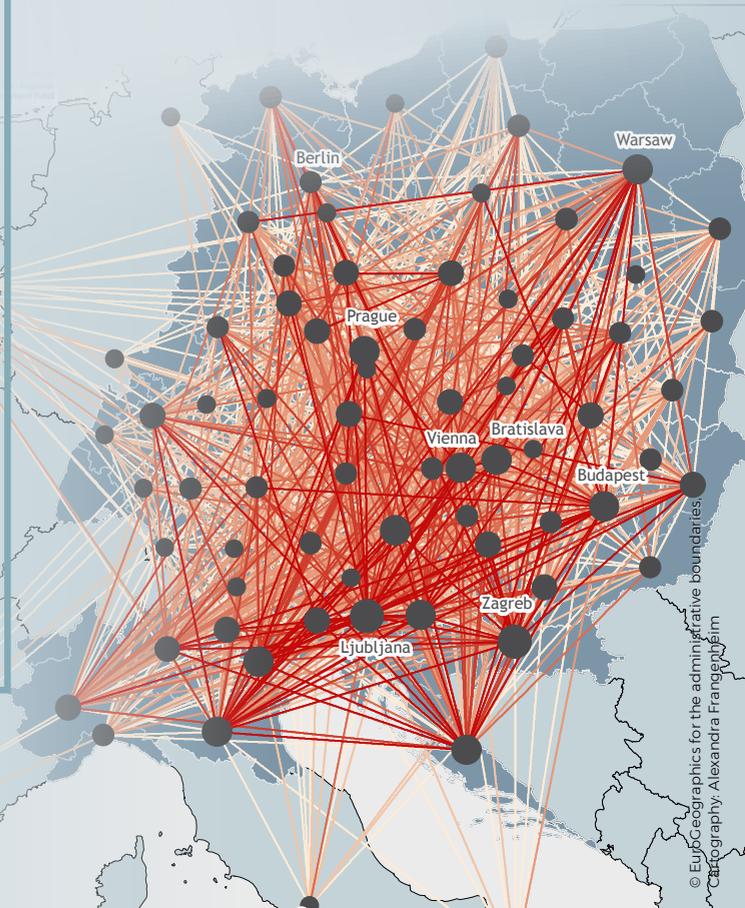


The port of Venice is one of the main freight gateways to Europe. Cooperating in Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE projects like TalkNET helps us contribute efficiently to **building a new European infrastructure network.**

[PINO MUSOLINO,  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
NORTH ADRIATIC SEA  
PORT AUTHORITY]



- Number of cooperations
- Intensity of cooperation among regions



BECAUSE  
COOPERATION  
BRINGS **BENEFITS**  
**FOR ALL**



# IT HELPS REGIONS AND CITIES TO BETTER COPE WITH CHALLENGES THAT AFFECT ALL OF US

From the reduction of heat in cities, cleaner air and water to the prevention of future floods.

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*Thanks to the LABEL project we are today in a better shape to **protect citizens of Görlitz from future floods.***

*[UWE RESTETZKI,  
HEAD OF GÖRLITZ FIRE BRIGADE,  
SAXONY, GERMANY]*

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BECAUSE  
COOPERATION  
NEEDS TO BE  
**TAKEN FORWARD**



# IT IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER TO BUILD COHESION

In the next decade, cohesion policy will continue to build a **smarter, greener, more connected, more social Europe** and a Europe closer to the citizens.

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE is perfectly shaped to invest in ideas and solutions for the most pressing needs and challenges of central Europe.



TAKING  
COOPERATION  
FORWARD

**#COOPERATIONISCENTRAL**





# INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE **TAKES COOPERATION FORWARD**

We fund cooperation beyond borders  
and bring together people from  
**9 central European countries.**

Our projects improve the capacities  
of public authorities and practitioners  
to make their cities and regions stronger.

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