

## A more united and stronger central Europe needs transnational cooperation

Input paper of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme July 2018



## Input Paper

# Central Europe needs more cooperation to be stronger

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Despite obvious achievements, cooperation cannot be taken for granted in central Europe. Recent political discussions show that closer integration may not remain the dominant political trend.

In our policy input paper, we make the case for more transnational cooperation in central Europe. It is supported by all nine programme countries and mainly addresses policy and decision makers.

[Read the input paper here](#)

Impact Study

# Analysis of potential challenges and impacts of cooperation

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*“Cooperation between countries is essential to make central Europe as a functional area more resilient to outside shocks.”* This is one of the key conclusions of a new study by The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw).

In their study, a group of economists from wiiw analysed the contributions of Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE to economic, social and territorial cohesion in central Europe.

[Find the wiiw study and an interview here](#)

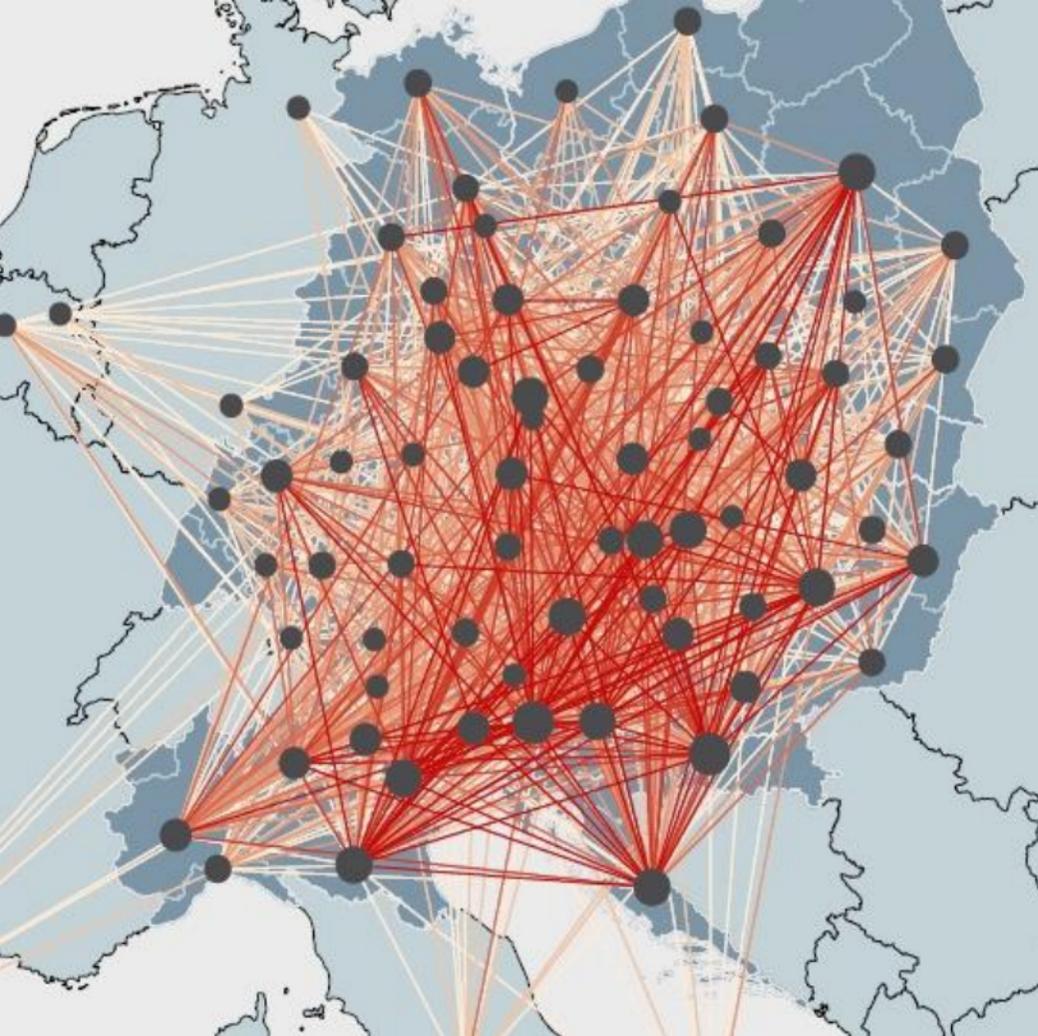


Final Report

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Socio-economic challenges,  
potentials and impacts of  
transnational cooperation in  
central Europe

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies  
Wiener Institut für Internationale Wirtschaftsvergleiche



Cooperation map

## Cooperation links regions and cities in central Europe

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We have published a new map that illustrates cooperation linkages in our 85 currently funded projects across the programme area.

The map shows that regional participation and bilateral cooperation links between the regions in central Europe are numerous and well spread. The core of our cooperation, shown by a strong red triangle, evenly involves regions from all nine programme countries.

[Download the cooperation map here](#)

Leaflet

# Why is cooperation central at the heart of Europe?

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We have put together key arguments from the external impact study and our policy input paper in a new leaflet.

It provides a brief overview of how our programme makes central Europe stronger, how we connect regions and cities and how we protect people.

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Event Documentation

## **Transnational cooperation at EU Regions Week**

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The EU Regions Week in early October brought together more than 6.000 people in Brussels to discuss future challenges of cohesion policy.

We were there too and cooperated with our transnational partner programmes. We organised an EU Regions talk on cooperation in central Europe and an idea lab on the future shape of transnational cooperation. We also constructed and staffed a joint transnational Interreg exhibition stand.

*[Take a look back at our activities here](#)*