

NEWSLETTER

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Autumn is approaching fast and we are in the final stages of preparing our first call for project proposals. Already before the summer break we published a call preview with many thematic details. Back then, we also encouraged potential applicants to start building future project partnerships on our brand new matchmaking platform and we are happy with the active response: More than 400 organisations have already joined and more than 20 project ideas have been submitted!



Start your cooperation for our first call for project proposals

We will open the call soon after the next meeting of our programme member states, which takes place in mid-October. With the official launch, our new online application system will be released together with the programme manual and additional support measures. But there is no need to sit and wait! Many details are published already. You can join our community and start your cooperation today: Get in touch with organisations across central Europe and browse through a pool of project ideas that might need your professional expertise.

[Join our community](#)

Join us at EU Regions Week to discuss the potentials of cooperation for policy change

The European Week of Regions and Cities is the biggest annual event dedicated to EU cohesion policy. Together with the ESPON Programme, we will host the online session "A call for change: How transnational cooperation realises ESPON policy recommendations" on 13 October, 17h30 -18h30. Experts will present a new study on transnational flows in central Europe and discuss the role of our programme for future cooperation in various scenarios.



[Register now](#)

Find out how project chains speed up clean energy transition in our session at EU Energy Week

The EU Green Deal foresees a shift to a greener economy that will be impossible without cooperation.



We are going to discuss with energy experts from other EU funding instruments how project chains can accelerate clean energy transition. The session will take place online on 13 October from 9h00 to 10h30 at the EU Sustainable Energy Week, which is the largest event for the European energy community.

[Register now](#)

Clean energy transition in practice: How to run small district heating systems on renewables

In central Europe we still burn many fossil fuels and do too little to take the use of renewables forward - despite many available solutions. One of those is to revamp district heating networks in a way that they can be powered by renewables. However, such approaches often lack the support of effective policies or investments. The challenge at the start of our ENTRAIN project was therefore to find ways to convince and help regions in adopting such renewable district heating networks.



[Read here how ENTRAIN made district heating systems more sustainable](#)



ENTRAIN takes over our social media channels as winner of our story contest

Expect to find our social media channels full of energy on 15 September! On this day, ENTRAIN will be responsible for all contents and they will share with you how they helped regions to increase their use of renewable energy (see also story above). The social media takeover is the prize for winning the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE project story contest "Long story cut short", which we ran in spring 2021. The ENTRAIN story as well as the other TOP 5 stories submitted and chosen by our jury will be published in our blog.

[Check our social media](#)

Celebrate 10 years of European Cooperation Day with us

Last but not least we are celebrating a big anniversary this month: European Cooperation Day turns 10! Many local events are organised across Europe to showcase the benefits of cooperation. If you happen to be in Vienna next weekend on 18 or 19 September, you can get a taste of Interreg at the "Südwind" street festival. Come to our stand to see project results or to talk about how cooperation in Interreg projects makes central Europe a better place for all.

[Find all events near you in this interactive map](#)

