

Annual Implementation Report 2020 Citizens' Summary

TAKING CENTRAL EUROPE FORWARD

Our regions and cities face many challenges that are same and that do not stop at borders. With our funding we help them work together beyond borders to ultimately become more attractive places to live in. We encourage and support cooperation in central Europe on crucial and urgent topics.

2020 was not an easy year to work together across borders and to focus on results, but our projects managed. They continued to deliver solutions for regional challenges that have become even more pressing in current times. These efforts did not go unnoticed, and in October one of our projects [ENERGY@SCHOOL](#) won a [REGIOSTARS AWARDS](#), demonstrating that excellence and new approaches in regional development are possible despite difficult situation we found ourselves in.

And also thanks to this joint drive **the programme implementation reached and surpassed all physical and financial targets** set for the year.

One of the main tasks in 2020 was also to look ahead. **The preparation of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme 2021-2027 was well underway.** The Interreg Programme (IP) document was developed building on a thorough territorial analysis as well as taking into account inputs and recommendations given by more than 1.000 relevant partners involved in the design of the programme strategy and intervention logic.

FUNDED PROJECTS AT THE END OF 2020

138 PROJECTS
FUNDED

140 MIL. EUR OF ERDF
REIMBURSED

PROJECT RESULTS

"Cohesion policy remains the beating heart of European solidarity. We now need to fill it with content and prioritise the investments that will turn all these achievements into real change..." said Elisa Ferreira, EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms.

Our 138 projects have been cooperating in the past years to bring this real change to central European regions. So if you face a challenge in your region, you might not have to start from scratch. Do not reinvent the wheel and benefit from the results of our cooperation projects.

With more than 40 projects successfully implemented and another 20 in last stages of their implementation, vast amount of results of their joint work is already available in our output library.

[Discover project results](#)

PROJECTS

INNOVATION

Our innovation projects make central Europe more innovative and competitive. They address socio-economic challenges and needs and take smart growth forward.

> [Learn more about projects](#)



PROJECTS

LOW CARBON

Our low carbon projects reduce the carbon footprint in central Europe. They increase the use of renewable energies and take energy efficiency forward.

> [Learn more about projects](#)

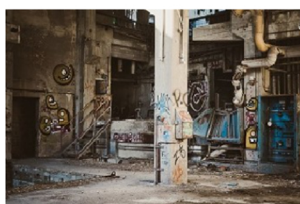


PROJECTS

ENVIRONMENT | CULTURE

Our environment and culture projects respond to the need for protecting and sustainably using natural and cultural heritage and resources.

> [Learn more about projects](#)



PROJECTS

TRANSPORT

Our transport projects better connect central Europe. They reduce gaps between peripheral regions and well-connected centres, thus taking accessibility forward.

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PROJECT OUTPUTS AND RESULTS AT THE END OF 2020



469

STRATEGIES AND ACTION
PLANS DEVELOPED



450

PILOTS
IMPLEMENTED



407

NEW TOOLS AND
SERVICES DEVELOPED



590

TRAININGS
PROVIDED

INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE 2021-27

Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE has supported transnational cooperation in central Europe for more than 20 years. Since 2018 we have been taking our cooperation forward again. Together with our partners we want to make sure that also in the next programming period 2021-27 we can continue to proudly say that [#cooperationiscentral](#) for a better future.

In 2020, first draft of the Interreg Programme (IP) document was developed building on a territorial analysis as well as taking into account inputs and recommendations given by more than 1.000 relevant partners involved in the design of the programme strategy and intervention logic.

The preparation of the new programme also benefitted from the first outcomes of the ESPON targeted analysis on "Spatial dynamics and integrated territorial development scenarios for the functional area of central Europe". The analysis aims at the development of transnational policy actions and tools effective for the integrated territorial development of future central Europe, thereby supporting transnational, national and regional policy interventions in the area.

