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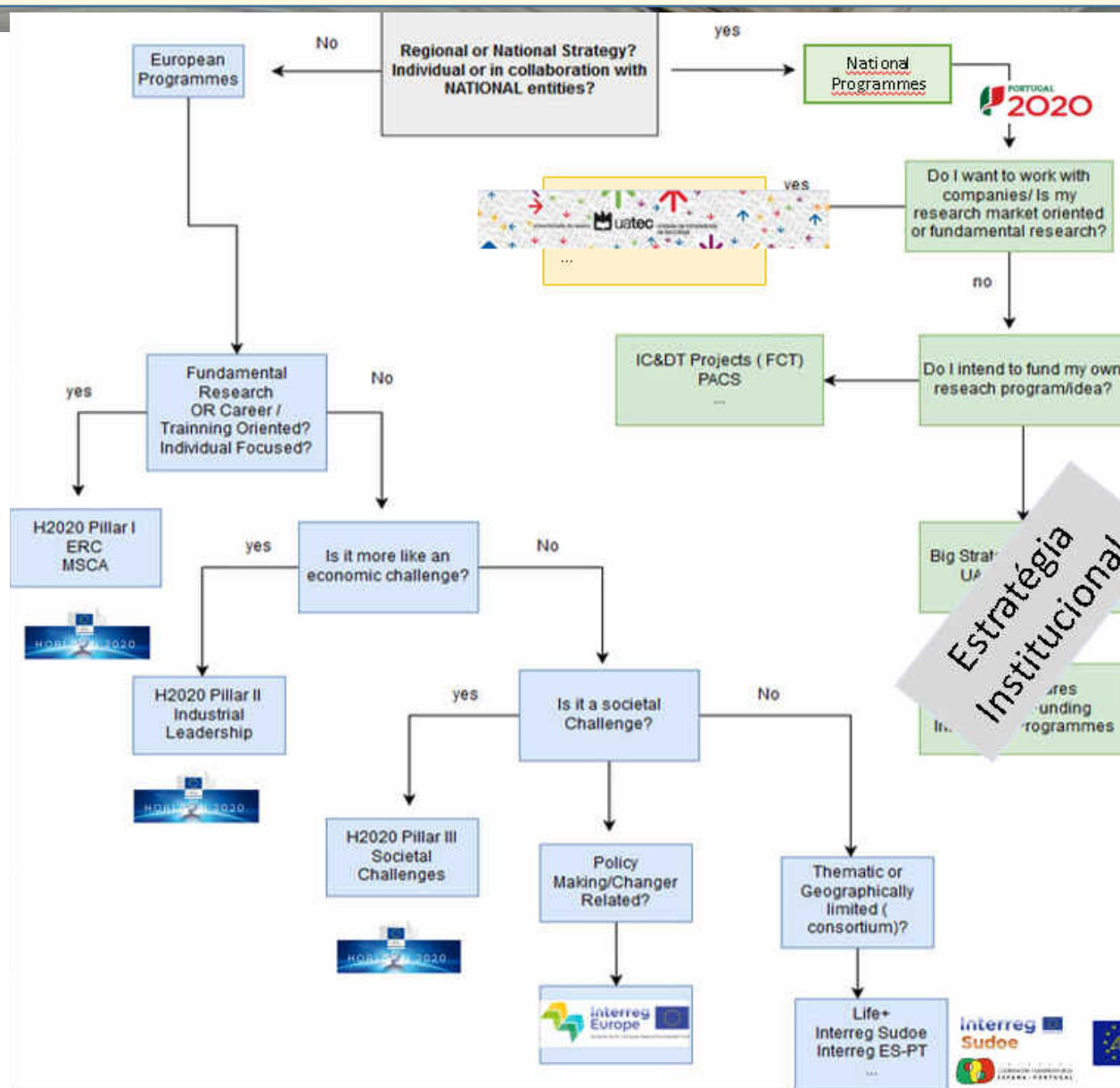**University of Aveiro**
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Why choosing an INTERREG program for my project?
➢ A unique way to share good practices and build your own partners´network abroad
➢ Your idea has a transnational impact

A good INTERREG project…

➢ must participate in an overall EU strategy

➢ has an economic impact

➢ is sustainable and transferable

➢ is innovative

➢ has quantitative and qualitative objectives

➢ has a diversity of partners

➢ does not forget to include the horizontal principles
of sustainable development, equal opportunities
and non-discrimination and equality between men
and women

Useful vocabulary:

- The **results** are direct effects resulting from the project and the production of its outputs. They represent what the project aims to change. Outputs such as the organization of interregional events, the identification and dissemination of good practices, the production of policy recommendations are merely means to achieving the results of the project. Unlike outputs, they imply a qualitative value, an improvement compared with an initial situation. They have to be measurable in physical units, such as the number of policy instruments influenced.

- The **outputs** are the tangible deliverables of the project which contribute to the results. They directly derive from the activities carried out in the project. They do not lead to a qualitative judgement on the project's results. In other words, it is not because the project organizes a high number of workshops (output) that it will necessarily be successful. Outputs are typically measured in physical units, such as the number of seminars, site visits, conferences, participants, publications, good practices identified, or policies addressed.

- **Good practices:** it consists in sharing your experience with your partners in order to find the best way to deal with a common issue or challenge.

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What is INTERREG Europe?

1 **Geographical scope**

2 **Program structure**

3 **Remaining budget**

How can I apply?

1 **Potential beneficiaries & conditions**

2 **Current call for proposals**

3 **Procedure to get started**
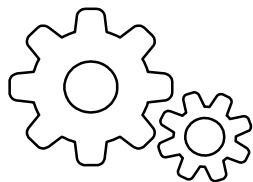
4 **Useful Contacts**

Example of an approved research project

1 Geographical Area

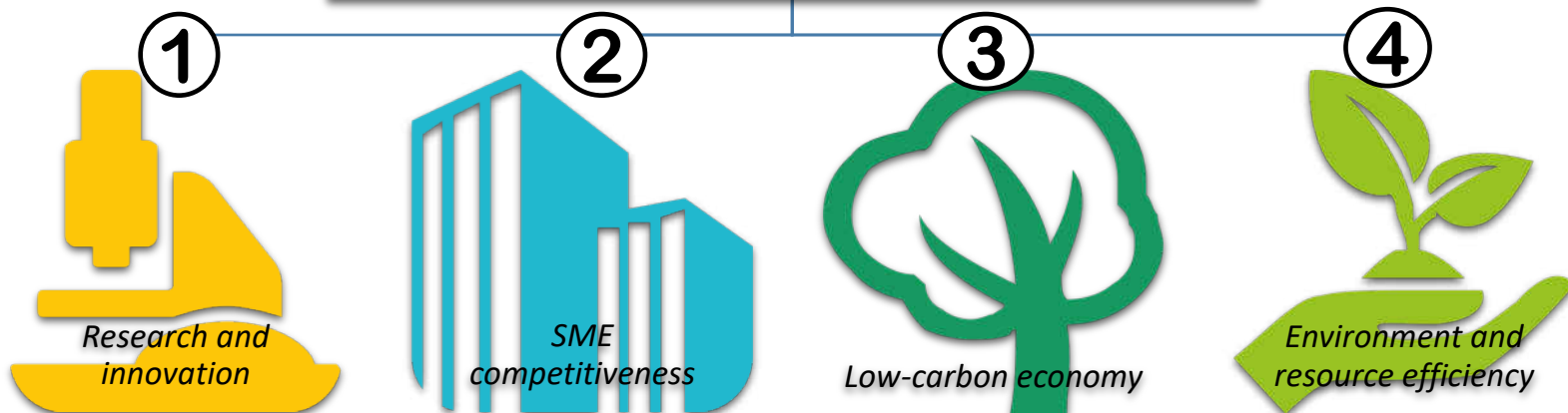Partners from other countries can participate at their own costs

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Program Structure

1. Interregional Cooperation Projects

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① Research and innovation

② SME competitiveness

③ Low-carbon economy

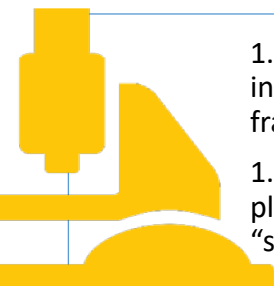**④** Environment and resource efficiency

+ technical assistance

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Program Structure
Divided into specific objectives

They improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, European Territorial Cooperation programmes…

1.1 …in the field of research and innovation infrastructure and capacities notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies

1.2, …that support the delivery of innovation by players in regional innovation chains in areas of "smart specialisation" and innovation opportunity
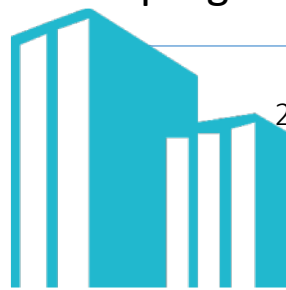
2.1 …supporting SMEs in all stages of their life cycle to develop and achieve growth and engage in innovation
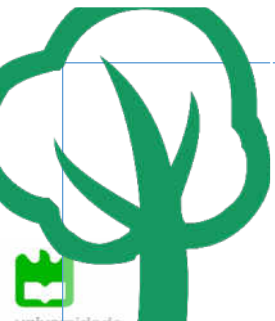
3.1 …addressing the transition to a low- carbon economy notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies

4.1 …in the field of the protection and development of natural and cultural heritage

4.2 …aimed at increasing resource-efficiency, green growth and eco-innovation and environmental performance management

(2) Program Structure

1. Interregional Cooperation Projects

PHASE 1

Policy exchange of experience (2 to 3 years) ending with production of 1 action plan per region

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PHASE 2

Monitoring of action plan implementation (1 year) + possible pilot actions

Activities :
- exchange of experience
- communication and dissemination
- management and coordination

Activities :
- Monitoring the implementation of the action plan
- Communication and dissemination
- Management and coordination

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Research and innovation **40** PROJECTS	**RIS3 - sector/ governance**	P2L2 works on innovation in advanced materials HIGHER works on smart specialisation and models of public private partnerships
	Social innovation	OSIRIS works on design, delivery & implementation of open and social innovation policies
	Innovation in health sector	HELIUM works on health, wellbeing and life sciences as smart specialisation sectors TITTAN works on healthcare systems and ageing
SME competitiveness **33** PROJECTS	**Microfinancing**	ATM for SMEs works on innovative solutions to access to microfinance
	Internationalisation	SIE works on SME support mechanisms increasing their internationalisation capacity
	Social enterprises	SOCIAL SEEDS works on stimulation of growth and employment in social enterprises RaiSE works on social enterprise business support
Low-carbon economy **31** PROJECTS	**Energy efficiency in social housing**	Social Green works on greening the social housing sector
	Near zero CO2 emission buildings	ZEROCO2 works on near zero CO2 emission buildings due to energy use
	Low carbon strategy in urban areas	MOLOC works on innovative ways to achieve low carbon cities
Environment and resource efficiency **26** PROJECTS	**Biodiversity information management**	BID-REX works on effective biodiversity conservation strategies backed up with biodiversity data
	Circular economy	RETRACE works on sustainable productive systems preventing waste with well-designed material and energy flows
	Waste management in heritage cities	INTHERWASTE works on efficient and sustainable management of municipal waste

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2 Program Structure

2.Policy Learning Platforms

It is a feature of INTERREG Europe meant to open up the program's knowledge for the benefit of all the **project partners and the whole community of regional policy stakeholders**. It aims to facilitate **continuous learning** among organizations dealing with regional development policies in Europe in order to improve the way they design and implement their public policies in the areas supported by the program:
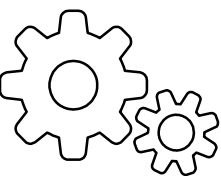
- ✓ research and innovation
- ✓ SME competitiveness
- ✓ low-carbon economy
- ✓ the environment and resource efficiency.

3 Remaining Budget

The average funding for an INTERREG EUROPE project is between 1 and 2M€

The co-financing rate reaches 85% for public authorities (including UA) and managing authorities/intermediate bodies

| Total Budget (ERDF): 359M€ | Interregional Cooperation Projects: 322,4M€ | Policy Learning Platforms: 15,3M€ | Technical assistance: 21,3M€ | Remaining budget: 73,7M€ (45,6% left) |

3 Remaining Budget

Remaining budget:
73,7M€

(45,6% left)

Remaining fund per priority axis (MEUR)

| Priority axis 1 (MEUR)	Priority axis 2 (MEUR)	Priority axis 3 (MEUR)	Priority axis 4 (MEUR)
8.7	18.0	26.0	21.0
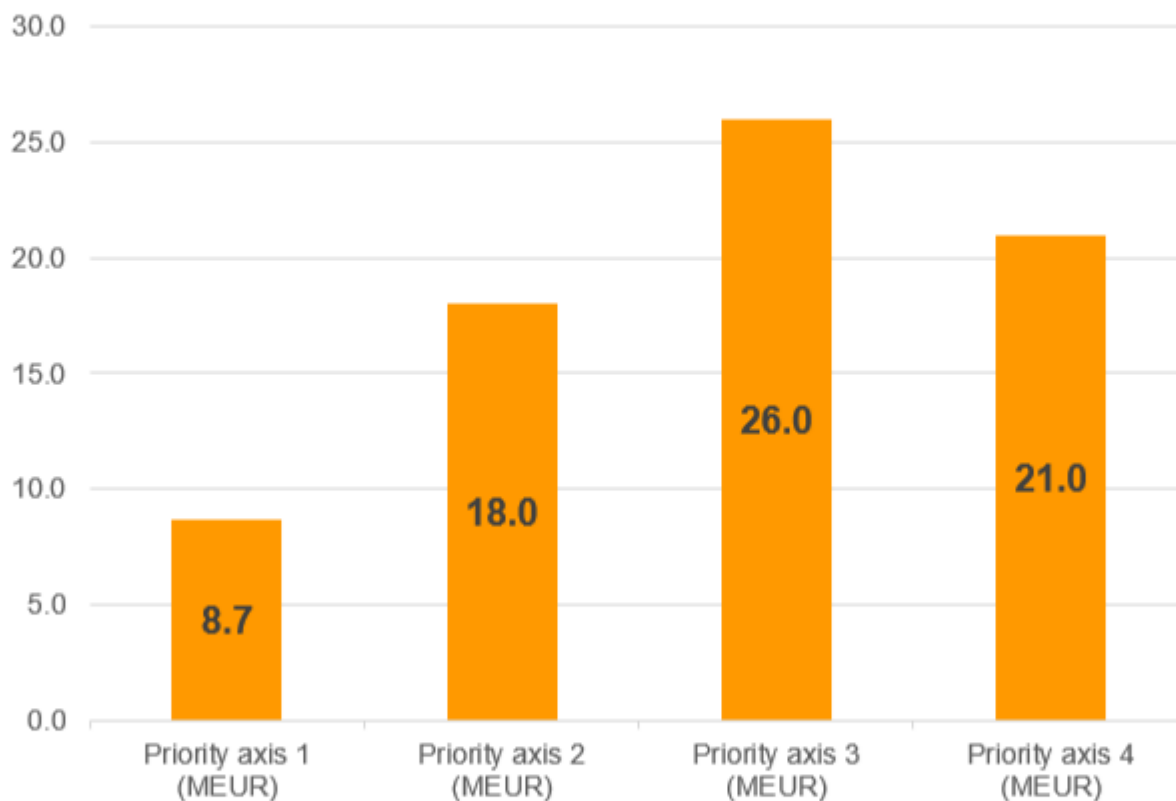
1 Potential Beneficiaries & Conditions

Although not the main target group, universities and research centres can also work with Interreg Europe by *first* engaging with their local policymakers in order to identify options for collaboration

- **85% co-financing for research centres of UA**
- 11% of the 1048 approved partners for the previous calls were education and research institutions
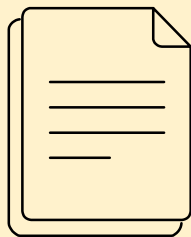
- ✓ Being part of the eligible regions
- ✓ 3 to 4 years projects (for the new call)
- ✓ At least 3 partners from 3 different eligible countries and at least 2 partners from EU member states
- ✓ Half of the policy instrument addressed by the partners must be structural funds programs
- ✓ Latest end date of projects: March 2023
- ✓ **Involvement of policy responsible organizations** (directly as partners/indirectly through a letter of support (and through participation in stakeholder groups))

1 Potential Beneficiaries & Conditions

Partnerships

⚠ In case of poor geographical coverage, a **knock-out score** will apply

> At least 3 out of the 4 areas have to be represented in the partnership

Areas	Countries
North	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom

1 Potential Beneficiaries & Conditions

Partnerships

Where do I find partners for my project?
https://www.interregeurope.eu/search/

Here is the list of regions which have never been involved in an INTERREG project

Country	NUTS 2 (region)
AT	Oberösterreich
AT	Salzburg
AT	Vorarlberg
BE	Prov. Brabant Wallon
BE	Prov. Luxembourg (BE)
BE	Prov. Hainaut
BE	Prov. Vlaams-Brabant
CH	Ticino
CH	Zentralschweiz
CH	Espace Mittelland
CH	Ostschweiz
CH	Région lémanique
CH	Zürich
CZ	Střední Morava
DE	Schwaben
DE	Trier
DE	Unterfranken
DE	Arnsberg
DE	Kassel
DE	Koblenz
DE	Mittelfranken
DE	Münster
DE	Niederbayern
DE	Oberbayern

Country	NUTS 2 (region)
DE	Oberfranken
DE	Saarland
ES	Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta
ES	Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla
FR	Guyane
FR	Mayotte
FR	Haute-Normandie
FR	Picardie
FR	Poitou-Charentes
UK	Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
UK	Cumbria
UK	East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire
UK	Essex
UK	Lancashire
UK	North Yorkshire
UK	Outer London - West and North West
UK	Cheshire
UK	Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
UK	Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Warwickshire
UK	Lincolnshire
UK	North Eastern Scotland
UK	Outer London - South
UK	Shropshire and Staffordshire
UK	South Yorkshire

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② Call for proposals

- **Start date**: May, 7th 2018

- **Deadline**: June, 22nd 2018

- **Decision**: end of 2018 at best

- Targets **all the priority axes**

- **LUMP SUM FOR PHASE 2**

- **Phase 2 reduced from 2 to 1 year**

- Follow the link below to submit your application:

  - **https://www.iolf.eu/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f**

- All the relevant documents to study before submitting are available here

- **Success rate for the previous calls**: 27,5%
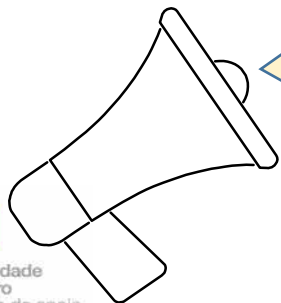
2 Call for proposals

- **Underrepresented topics**: water quality, waste management, renewable energy
- **Successful topics in the previous calls** (to avoid or be really careful that it has not already been done)

| Priority axis 1:	Priority axis 2:
- Governance of RIS3 (7 projects) - Clusters within RIS3 (6 projects) - Innovation in the health sector (6 projects) - Innovation in food sector (4 projects)	- Internationalisation of SMEs (7 projects) - Innovation capacity of SMEs in rural / peripheral regions (6 projects) - Entrepreneurship (9 projects) - Support to cultural and creative industries (5 projects) - Support to tourism sector (4 projects)
Priority axis 3:	Priority axis 4:
- Energy efficiency in buildings (10 projects) - Urban mobility (11 projects)	- Circular economy (7 projects) - Biodiversity preservation (4 projects) - Natural an ccultural heritage preservation (19 projects)

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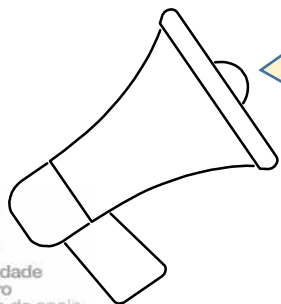
3 Procedure to get started

1) Log in to the IOLF Platform (**https://www.iolf.eu/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f**)

2) Fill-in the application form (description of the project, program priorities, partnerships…).

3) Contact the Research Support Office GAI if you have any question regarding your application

> **Demo version of the application form:** https://www.interregeurope.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/2017-02-16_AF_3rd_call_demo_version.pdf

4) Do not forget that before you submit your application, your budget needs to be validated by the Research Support Office (**Luísa Fernandes Sal -** luisa.fernandes@ua.pt Phone: (+351) 234370848, ext. 52113)

5) Read the manual to know more about the programme before starting to write

6) Do not forget to take the horizontal principles into account

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PART A – Project summary

A.1 Project identification

Project title	Demonstrattion AF
	17 / 300 characters
Project acronym	DAF
	3 / 22 characters
Name of the lead partner organisation in English	Partner
Specific objective	1.1. Improving Innovation Infrastructure policies

Project duration			
	Phase 1	Duration	24 Months
	Phase 2	Duration	24 Months
	Total No. months		48

A.2 Project abstract

13 / 2,000 characters

A.3 Project budget summary

Programme Funding			Partner Contributions			Total Budget	
	Amount	Funding Rate	Public Contribution	Private Contribution	Total Contribution		
ERDF	12,750.00	85.00%	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	Total eligible to ERDF	15,000.00
Norway	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Norway	0.00
INTERREG Europe	12,750.00	85.00%	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	Total INTERREG Europe	15,000.00
						Other Funding	0.00
						Grand Total	15,000.00

A.4 Overview of project partners

N°	Organisation	Country	Partner Budget		
			Programme Funding	Partner Contribution	Total
1	Partner	AT	12,750.00	2,250.00	15,000.00

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PART E – Project budget

E.1 Budget breakdown per budget line and partner

Partner	Preparation costs	Staff costs	Office and administration	Travel and accommodation	External expertise and services	Equipment	Revenues	Total partner budget
1. Partner	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000
2. Partner 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Partner 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Partner 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	
Total	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000

Net revenues after project end

Will any of the partners receiving funding from the programme generate net revenues from the project after the project has ended? No

E.2 External expertise and services

N°	Type of costs	Description	Contracting partner	Amount
Total				0.00

E.3 Equipment

N°	Type of costs	Description	Contracting partner	Amount
Total				0.00

3   Procedure to get started

Documents to submit with your application:
- ✓ Application form: to be submitted electronically via the online form system iOLF
- ✓ Partner declaration (pdf version) for all partners including lead partner
- ✓ **Letters of support** (pdf version): the list of organizations allowed to sign letters of support can be found **here**

3 Assessment

Eligibility criteria

- 1. Respect of deadline
- 2. Completeness of the application
- 3. Correctness of the application form
- 4. Correctness of the partner declaration
- 5. Correctness of the support letter
- 6. Geographical coverage
- 7. Focus on Structural Funds

Quality assessment

- **Strategic Criteria**
  - **1) Relevance of proposal** (theme, proposed approach)
  - **2) Quality of results** (tangibility, relevance, innovation, durability)
  - **3) Quality of partnership** (Coherence between the objectives of the project and partnership, Proportionate involvement of all partners, good mix of regions with different levels of development, geographical coverage)

- **Operational Criteria**
  - **4) Coherence of the proposal and quality of approach criterion** (coherence of the proposed approach, quality of the work plan, consistency of the project with EU horizontal policies and compliance with state-aid rule)
  - **5) Communication and management** (quality and coherence of the communication strategy, Quality of the communication activities, clarity of the project coordination and management structures and procedures, Quality of the project management)
  - **6) Budget and finance** (value for money, consist of the budget)

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4 Useful Contacts and Links
Online resources

- **National Website:**
  - http://www.adcoesao.pt/content/europe
- **Programme Website**:
  https://www.interregeurope.eu

- **GAI**

- **Self-assessment tool:**
  https://www.interregeurope.eu/self-assessment

Submit a project idea

Share your idea with Interreg Europe online community and search for partners

Get started

Is your project idea relevant for Interreg Europe?

A handy new tool to check the compatibility of your project idea with the Interreg Europe programme

Check now

4 Useful Contacts and Links

- **Joint secretariat** : Lille, France
  - https://www.interregeurope.eu/contact-us/
  - Or +33 328 144 100

- **National Point of Contact:**
  - Raquel Rocha
  - + 351 218 814 043
  - Agência para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão I.P.; Avenida 5 de Outubro 153; LISBOA 1050-053
  - Click here to send an email: https://www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/portugal/

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Example of an approved research project

Prof. Jorge Bandeira (Department of Mechanical Engineering/Centre for Mechanical Technology and Automation), Coordinator for the UA (lead partner) in the CISMOB project
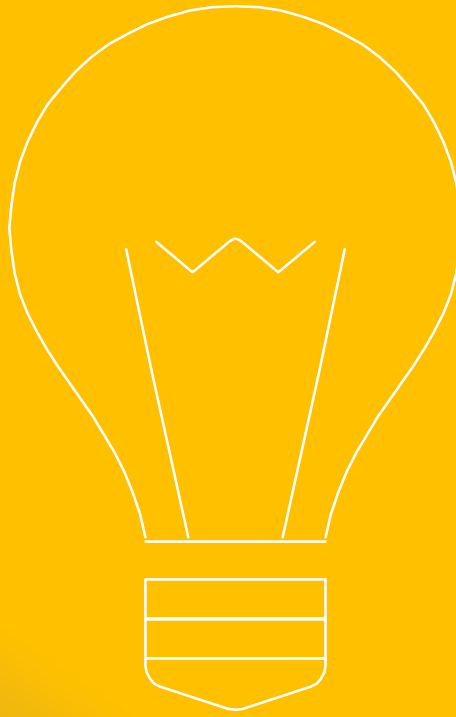
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What is INTERREG Atlantic Area ?

① **Geographical scope**

② **Program structure**

③ **Remaining budget**

How can I apply?

① **Potential Beneficiaries & conditions**

② **Current calls for proposals**

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④ **Useful Contacts**

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1   Geographical Area
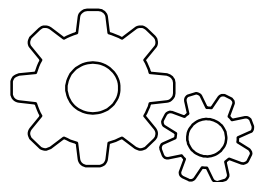
ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME 2014-2020

2 Program Structure

4 priority axes

Interreg Atlantic Area
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1 Stimulating innovation and competitiveness

2 Fostering resource efficiency

3 Strengthening the territory's resilience to risk of natural, climate and human origin

4 Enhancing biodiversity and the natural and cultural assets

+ technical assistance

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2 Program Structure

Divided into specific objectives

1.1 Enhancing innovation capacity through cooperation

1.2 Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes

2.1 Fostering renewable energies and energy efficiency

2.2 Fostering green growth, eco-innovation and environmental efficiency
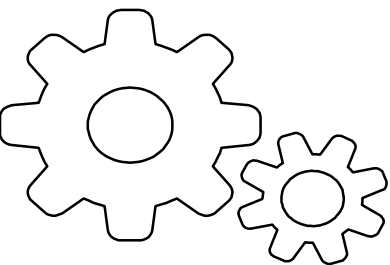
3.1 Strengthening risk management systems

4.1 Improving the protection of biodiversity and enhancing ecosystems' services

4.2 Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development

+ The technical assistance aims to ensure the efficient and smooth implementation of the programme

3 Remaining Budget

The average funding for an INTERREG AA project is between 1,5 and 2 M€ and the co-financing rate is 75%

Total Budget : 185M€

ERDF PART : 140M€

43M€ of the funding envelope remaining

3 Remaining Budget

Remaining budget envelope per priority

| Priorities	Specific objectives	Indicative ERDF allocation
1. Stimulating innovation and competitiveness	1.1 - Enhancing innovation capacity through cooperation to foster competitiveness	EUR 11 M
	1.2 - Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes	
2. Fostering resource efficiency	2.1 - Fostering renewable energies and energy efficiency	EUR 10 M
	2.2 - Fostering Green Growth, eco-innovation and environmental efficiency	
3. Strengthening the territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin	3.1 - Strengthening risk management systems	EUR 10 M
4. Enhancing biodiversity and natural and cultural assets	4.1 - Improving the protection of biodiversity and enhancing ecosystems' services	EUR 12 M
	4.2 - Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development	

① Potential Beneficiaries & Conditions
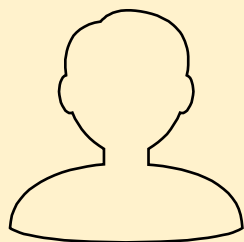
National, regional, or local public bodies

Education and research institutions

Not-for-profit organizations

Private companies

International, transnational and crossborder organizations

Where do I find partners for my project?

http://www.atlanticarea.eu/project/partners

- ✓ Being part of the eligible regions
- ✓ 18 to 36 months projects
- ✓ At least 3 partners from 3 different eligible countries
- ✓ The Lead Partner must be a public or not-for-profit private organization under national law

2 Current Call for Proposals

- Deadline : June 1st, 2018
  - ⚠ **this new call follows a one step procedure**

- Targets all the priority axes

- Approval decision : end of October
- Follow the link below to submit your application
  - http://www.atlanticarea.eu/proposal/343227

- Success rate for the previous call
  - 24% of the projects submitted proceeded to step 2
  - 44% of 2nd step projects approved
- **Mandatory packages**: Project management, communication, capitalization
- Beginning of the projects' implementation: 1st semester 2019

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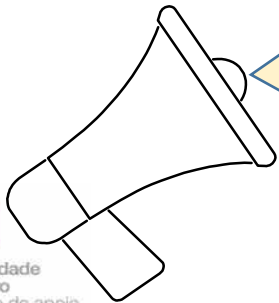
③ Procedure to get started

1) Log in on the Atlantic Area Website to find the application form (on the top-right hand corner) (**http://www.atlanticarea.eu**)

2) Fill-in the boxes (description of the project, program priorities, partnerships...). You can save and continue filling the form later.

3) Contact the Research Support Office GAI if you have any question regarding the form

③ Procedure to get started

All these documents have to be signed by all the partners and the University administration so you should start working on it as soon as possible and **get in touch with GAI**

Call 2 - 2018 - Co-financing declaration template_Partner (EN)

To submit with the application

Call 2 - 2018 - Co-financing declaration template_Lead Partner (EN)

To submit with the application

Call 2 - 2018 - Co-financing declaration template_External Partner (EN)

To submit with the application (if applicable)

Call 2 - 2018 - Legal Representative Letter template (EN)

To submit with the application

Call 2 - 2018 - Legal Appointed Representative Letter template (EN)

To submit with the application (if applicable)

Call 2 - 2018 - National Authority contact for partners outside the eligible area template (EN)

To submit with the application (if applicable)

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3 Procedure to get started

A quick overview of the budget lines

No lower or upper limit, the budget just needs to be proportional with the activities developed

- Staff costs
- Office and administrative expenditures
- Travel accommodation
- External expertise and services
- Equipment (including laboratory goods, consumables…)
- Small infrastructures and goods

NB: Do not forget that before you submit your application, your budget needs to be validated by the Research Support Office (**Luísa Fernandes Sal -** luisa.fernandes@ua.pt ; Phone: (+351) 234370848, ext. 52113)

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3 Assessment

Formal criteria (Joint Secretariat)

- 1)The application was submitted within the deadline set through the Program's website
- 2) All sections of the Full Application Form have been completed
- 3)The project involves at least 3 partners located in the Atlantic Area regions and from 3 different Member States
- 4)The Lead Partner is an organization within the eligible programme
- 5) The Lead Partner is a public, non-profit or public-similar organization
- 6) The project has chosen a single Program priority and objective open for funding for this call
- 7)The project title and brief summary are provided in the 4 languages versions and with Projects' description details
- 8) Documents have been provided by all the partners (Co-financing declaration, a probative/official template that the signing legal representative is in capacity to commit the organization)

Quality assessment (Monitoring Committee)

- **Strategic Criteria (60%)**
  - Consistency and policy relevance (5)
  - Transnationality and cooperation intensity (5)
  - Partnership (5)
- Relevance to the Program intervention logic (15)
  - Sustainability & results (15)
  - Value for money (15)

- **Operational Criteria (40%)**
  - Work Plan: main outputs (5)
  - Work plan: work packages (10)
  - Work plan: risk management (10)
  - Work plan: communication (5)
  - Work plan: budget (10)

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3 Procedure to get started

Tips

Expected results must be…	The projects outputs can be…
✓ Measurable ✓ Tangible ✓ Sustainable after the end of the project ✓ With territorial impact ✓ Long-term capitalisation results	✓ Case studies, pilot actions ✓ Technical and scientific publications ✓ Policies, strategies and operational tools ✓ Actions for the capitalisation and the dissemination of the results ✓ Participants in dissemination actions and capitalisation of results

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4 Useful contacts and links

National points of contact

- **Spain**: Secretaría de Estado de Presupuestos y Gastos - Ministerio de Hacienda y administraciones Públicas (www.minhap.gob.es)
- **France**: Région Pays de la Loire (http://www.pays-de-la-loire.pref.gouv.fr)
- **Ireland:** Northern and Western Regional Assembly (www.nwra.ie)
- **United Kingdom**: Welsh Assembly Government (www.wefo.wales.gov.uk)
- **Portugal**: Agência para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão I.P. (www.adcoesao.pt)

Director of Atlantic Area Joint Secretariat: MORGANE LESAGE
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