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# Key project features

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# 1.

Project

**objectives & activities**

# Project **objective**

- Mirror the programme's objective: improve the **regional development policies** ('policy instruments') of the participating regions
- Public interventions at local, regional or even national levels can be addressed



# Project **activities**

- **Exchange of experience** (capacity building) through identification and transfer of **good practices**
- **Pilot actions** possible under conditions (maximum one per policy instrument)

# Implementation of activities

2 phases over 4-year implementation

<b>CORE</b>	<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
<b>3 years</b>	<b>1 year</b>
Exchange of experience to achieve policy improvements	Monitor policy improvements (or action plans)

# Implementation of activities

- **Action plans** needed only for regions which do not achieve results by end of core phase
- **Some flexibility** in the follow-up phase:
  - Up to each project to define the exact activities
  - Exchange of experience still possible

# 2 ■ Partnership requirements



# Who is **eligible**?

- **Public authorities**
- **Public law bodies** (bodies governed by public law)
- **Private non-profit bodies**



# **Geographical** coverage

- **Broad coverage required (going beyond transnational areas)**
- **Mixed between more and less advanced regions**

# 3 ■ Project **finances**



# Projects **co-financing** rates

<b>Co-financing rates</b>	<b>According to legal status or location</b>
<b>80% Interreg fund*</b>	Public or public equivalent from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
<b>70% Interreg fund*</b>	Private non-profit from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
50% Norwegian fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

\* Subject to revised CP approval

# Simplified financial rules

<b>Cost categories</b>	<b>Simplification</b>
Preparation costs	Lump sum €17,500
Staff	Fixed % of the real gross employment cost
Office & administration	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs
Travel & accommodation	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs (real cost reporting only in specific justified cases)
External Expertise and Services	
Equipment	Office equipment or limited to pilots
Infrastructure and Works	For pilots only

**Plus:**

- Simplified reporting, faster payments to projects
- Less control (sampling, risk-based verifications)

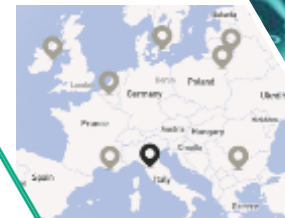
# 4. ■ Project and good practice **examples**

# Project example

SKYLA

## Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition (SKYLA)

- How can regional authorities address **skill gaps** and mismatches in the face of the green transition?
- How can they ensure that their adaptation is in line with their Smart specialisation (S3/S4) strategies?



€

2.08 M

Mar 2023  
May 2027

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[www.interregeurope.eu/skyla](http://www.interregeurope.eu/skyla)


# Good practices identified by projects

## Skills for the digital transition in the textile sector: PRISMA's training programme

The PRISMA project addresses techno scientific and economic challenges of Prato's Textile Industrial District in **Italy** in networks of firms and laboratories.



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# Project example

## Sustainable protected areas as a key value for human well-being (GREENHEALTH)

- How can regional authorities make their regions more biodiversity-resilient?
- How can they improve the management of European Protected Areas through strengthening links and collaboration between **biodiversity protection** and human health & well-being?



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1.75 M



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# Good practices identified by projects

## Global Monitoring Program for Biodiversity in Catalonia (SISEBIO)

A programme generating a set of universal indicators of biodiversity changes based on essential biodiversity variables (EBVs) of communities representing the trophic levels in the most representative habitats of all the media in Catalonia, Spain.



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# 5 ■ How to **take part**



# Funding opportunities in new projects

Upcoming calls open to organisations from new Partner States:

- **Third call** between 20 March and 7 June 2024
- **Fourth call** possibly in the first half 2025 (depending on the third call results)

Normal programme rules and requirements apply

# Funding opportunities in existing projects

## Restricted call open to first and second call projects

- Possibility to add **max 2 partners** from the new countries per project (using existing procedure under the monitoring system - )
- Possibility to **increase the original total project budget by up to 3%** of the initial amount (in addition to the additional budget for the new partner(s))
- Decision to be made through regular **MC written procedure**
- Open between **20 March and 7 June 2024**

# Time for questions



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