

Il terzo bando di Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE per le aree periferiche

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# **Objective of the Call**

### Our third call aim

To pioneer solutions for making peripheral and lagging areas more attractive to live and work in.

### Call specificities and novelties





Call specificities

The call has a territorial (peripheral and lagging areas) and thematic focus (4 programme specific objectives)



The call facilitates participation to transnational projects (small-scale projects)



#### Hearings

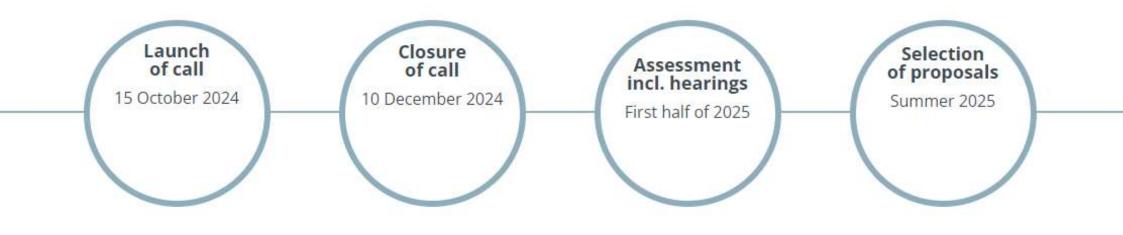
For the first time, promising proposals will be invited to online hearings in the assessment



Budget

The call has an indicative ERDF allocation of 14 million EUR (80% EU co-financing rate)

## **Call timeline**



# **Territorial Focus**

Main Features of the Call



Your proposal should clearly focus on **peripheral and lagging areas** 

### **Territorial characteristics**

Targeted areas have to comply with one or more of the following requirements:

- Low economic potential
- Poor access to services of general interest (SGI), often affected by demographic change
- Lack of relational proximity, decline in significance, influence or connectivity

The scale or size of areas depends on the project goals and could include local neighbourhoods (e.g. suburbs), city districts, villages and rural communities, small- or medium-sized towns, or entire regions

Characteristics of areas targeted by the project have to be clearly explained in the application form

# **Thematic Focus**

Main Features of the Call

### We focus the call on four programme specific objectives



SO 1.2

Strengthening skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship



SO 2.5

Greening urban mobility



SO 3.1

Improving transport connections of rural and peripheral regions



SO 4.1

Strengthening governance for integrated territorial development

5,6m EUR **ERDF** 



2,1m EUR ERDF 4,2m EUR ERDF

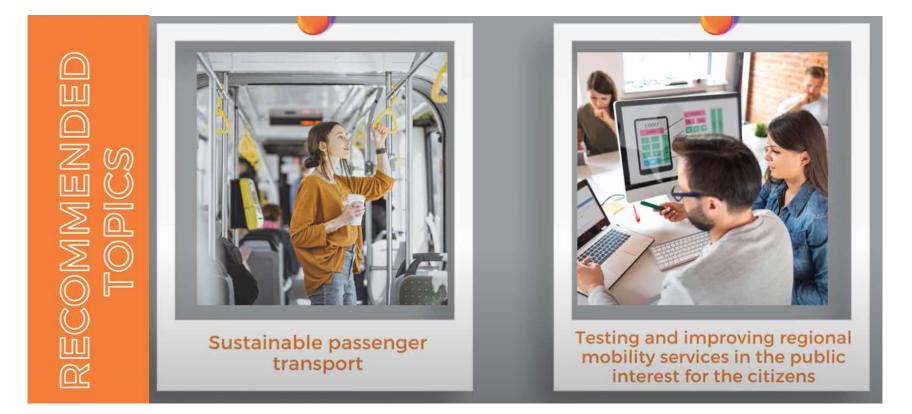
#### SO 1.2: Strengthening skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship in central Europe



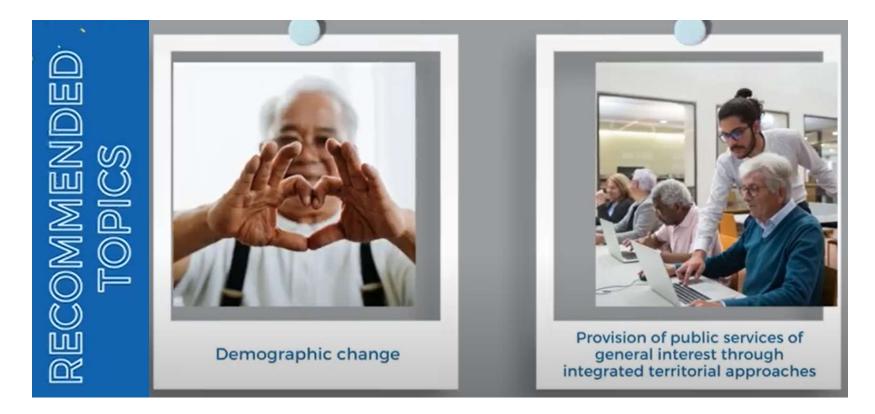
#### SO 2.5: Greening urban mobility in central Europe



#### SO 3.1: Improving transport connections of rural and peripheral regions in central Europe



# SO 4.1: Strengthening governance for integrated territorial development in central Europe



# Specificities of Small-Scale Projects

Main Features of the Call

### Small-scale projects in a nutshell



#### Objective

Clear emphasis on territorial challenges of peripheral and lagging areas



Duration Between 12 and 24 months



#### Budget

Up to 800.000 EUR total budget (maximum of 640.000 EUR ERDF)

### Partnership (1)



#### Partnership size and transnationality

• Minimum requirement



 No recommended size (consider project scope and budget limitations)

### Partnership (2)



#### Partnership composition

- All types of institutions
- Coherent with the territorial and thematic scope of the project (e.g. competencies, governance level, sectors, outreach to target groups etc.)
- Participation of <u>local and regional actors</u> is encouraged, i.e. public authorities (or related institutions), associations, civil society, NGOs, etc.
- Participation of <u>research organisations should be limited</u> (acting mainly as knowledge providers or support to local/regional actors)

### Intervention logic

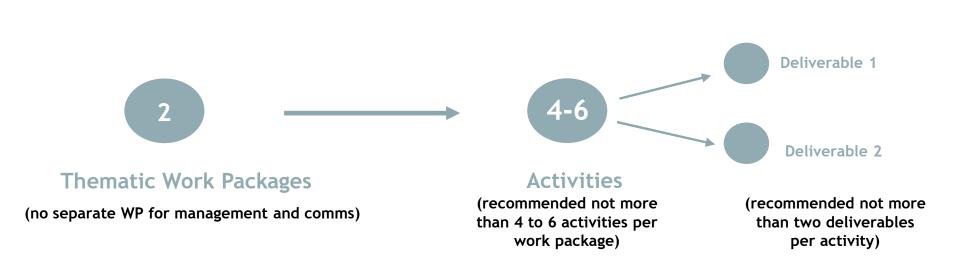
- Project objectives
  - To be clearly aligned with the thematic and territorial focus of the call
  - Maximum 2 project specific objectives (one per work package)

#### Project outputs

- Full set of output types (strategies, action plans, pilot actions, solutions, cooperations)
- Pilot actions (mandatory)
  - > At least one (joint) pilot action at the local or regional level and a related solution (see definitions of output types and related indicators in annex 2 of the programme manual)
  - > "Soft measures", no investments > EUR 25.000 and no items under CC6 "infrastructure and works"
  - > Involvement of local/regional stakeholders, engaging with local communities in bottom-up and participatory approaches

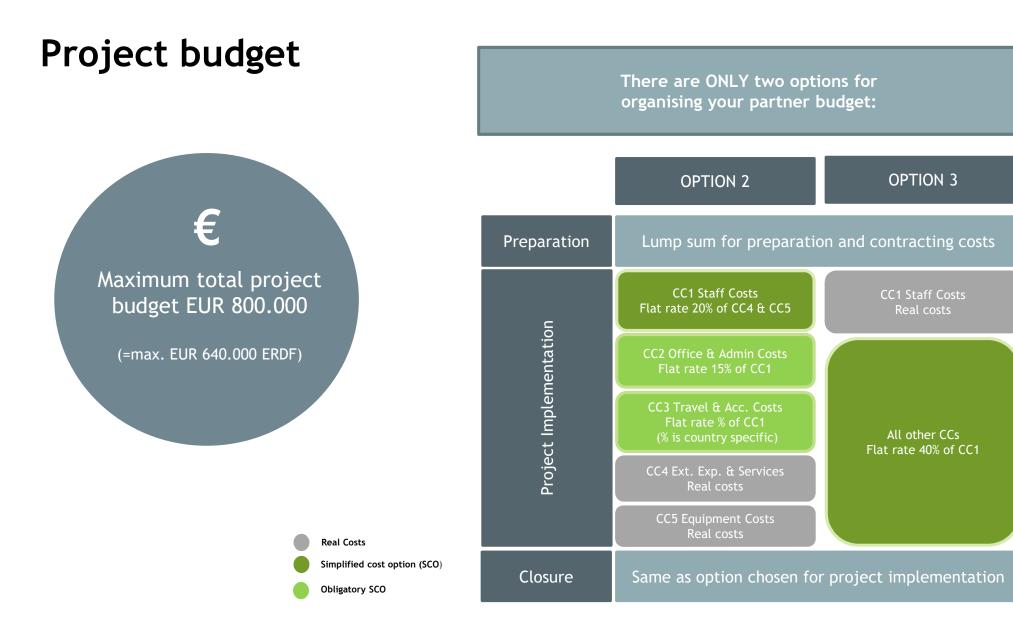
#### Project results

- Tangible and place-based, with a good upscaling potential into local or regional policies
- Local dimension, with clear benefits for local communities and target groups
- Increased capacities of local and regional target groups



Project work plan

For guidance and details on the project intervention logic and work plan, please refer to the programme manual, the offline template of the application form and the online tutorials.



# **SUPPORT AND TOOLS**

### **Compulsory individual consultations**

- Early consultation: It is advised to request the consultation early in the project development phase.
- Consultation input: Consultations are based on the project idea form, which must be submitted through our applicant community platform (it is not obligatory to publish it).
- Consultation requesting period: Request your consultation between <u>17 October and 3 December 2024</u>.
- Confirmation: After the consultation, a confirmation will be provided by the JS, including a reference number that is <u>to</u> <u>be included in the lead partner declaration</u>.



### **Call-related documents**

All relevant documents are available for download at www.interreg-central.eu/documents



#### **Application Package**

- a. Terms of Reference (ToR)
- b. Offline application form template with guidance;
- c. Lead partner & project partner declaration templates;
- d. Simplified financial statement (applicable only to private lead applicants);
- e. Template of pitch deck for online hearings



#### Tools

- a. Self-assessment tool of your project proposal
- b. Project summary generator
- c. Financial capacity check for private lead applicant



#### Manuals

- a. Programme manual\*
- b. Jems manual\*

\*available as PDF and in HTML

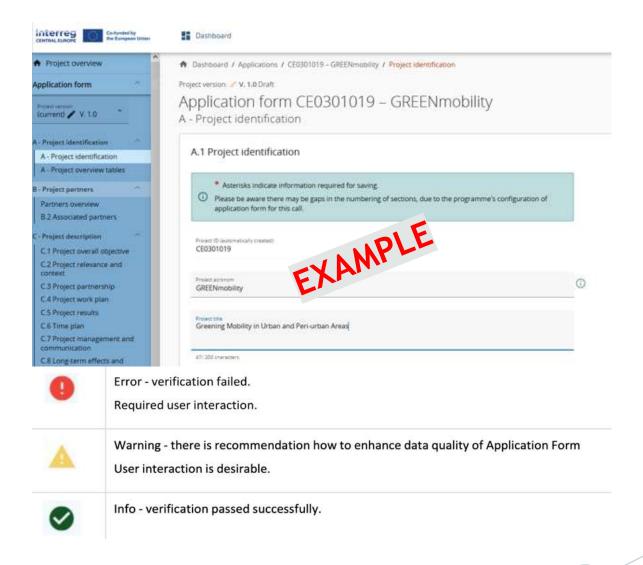
### Jems

Applications have to be submitted through the web-based Joint electronic monitoring system (Jems) available at

https://jems.interreg-central.eu

#### Attention:

Regularly run the pre-submission checks of your application when preparing your project proposal and don't wait the last minute!





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