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INTERREG IVC

Overview of the Current Call

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Summary

1. Features of the fourth call
2. Application process
3. Reminder on programme's rationale

1. Fourth call for proposals



Core features of the call

- Timing of the call - Open: 1 December 2010
Close: 1 April 2011
- All priorities / sub-themes open
- Types of intervention: open only to Regional Initiative Projects
(excluding mini-programmes)
- Budget available: all remaining funds
Around EUR 100 million ERDF: EUR 62 million for priority 1
EUR 38 million for priority 2

Specific requirements: geographical coverage

- At least one partner from each of the four Information Point areas
 - IP North:** DE, DK, EE, FI, LT, LV, NO, SE
 - IP East:** AT, BG, CZ, HU, PL, RO, SK, SI
 - IP South:** CY, EL, ES, IT, MT, PT
 - IP West:** BE, CH, FR, IE, LU, NL, UK
- At least one partner from the 12 newer Member States (joined 2004 or later): BG, CY, CZ, EE, HU, LT, LV, MT, PL, RO, SK, SI



Specific requirement: Elaboration of Implementation Plans

- Additional output required in component 3 ('Exchange of experience' component)
- To be produced by each participating 'region'
- It specifies how each 'region' will work to integrate the lessons learnt from the cooperation into its policies
- Aim: to professionalise the exchange of experience and to contribute to improve the durability of projects results



Importance of the innovative character

To clearly demonstrate the **added-value** of fourth call applications compared with the 122 approved projects in particular regarding:

- ✓ the topic tackled
- ✓ the partners involved

An analysis of thematic & geographical coverage available on the programme evaluation on www.interreg4c.eu



Financial simplification on administration costs

- Administration costs = all types of office running costs (direct and indirect)
- Up to now, all expenditure reported based on real costs (=> extensive evidence)
- For fourth call applications, administration costs are **automatically calculated** as **12%** of budgeted (and later on reported) staff costs

2. Application process

Application Pack

- Terms of Reference
- Programme Manual
- Application Form
- Template Co-financing Statement

Terms of Reference (ToR)



FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

Authorities and stakeholders at local and regional level have a vital role to play in the achievement of the EU's strategies for growth, jobs and sustainable development. The exchange, sharing and transfer of policy experience, knowledge and good practices contribute to the success of this objective.

The INTERREG IVC programme is part of the European Territorial Cooperation Objective of the Structural Funds policies for the period 2007-2013. It aims, by means of interregional cooperation, to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies and contribute to economic modernisation and increased competitiveness of Europe, by:

- enabling local and regional actors across the EU to exchange their experiences and knowledge;
- matching regions less experienced in a certain policy field with more advanced regions;
- ensuring the transfer of good practices into Structural Funds mainstream programmes.

The INTERREG IVC programme is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), whose principles and regulations are laid down in Council Regulation N° 1083/2006 (General Regulation), Council and Parliament Regulation N° 1080/2006 (ERDF Regulation) and Commission Regulation N° 1828/2006 (Implementation Regulation). The principles and regulations for projects developed within the programme are laid down in the Operational Programme, which was officially approved by the European Commission on 11th September 2007.

2. ELIGIBLE AREA

The eligible INTERREG IVC cooperation area covers the whole territory of the European Union with its 27 Member States, including insular and outermost areas. In addition, Norway and Switzerland are full members of the programme and organisations from these countries are welcome to participate in it. Partners from other countries can participate at their own costs.

3. TIMING OF THE CALL

The fourth call for proposals opens on 1 December 2010 and closes on 1 April 2011.



Programme manual

- Programme information
- Project development
- Application & selection
- Project implementation
- Project closure

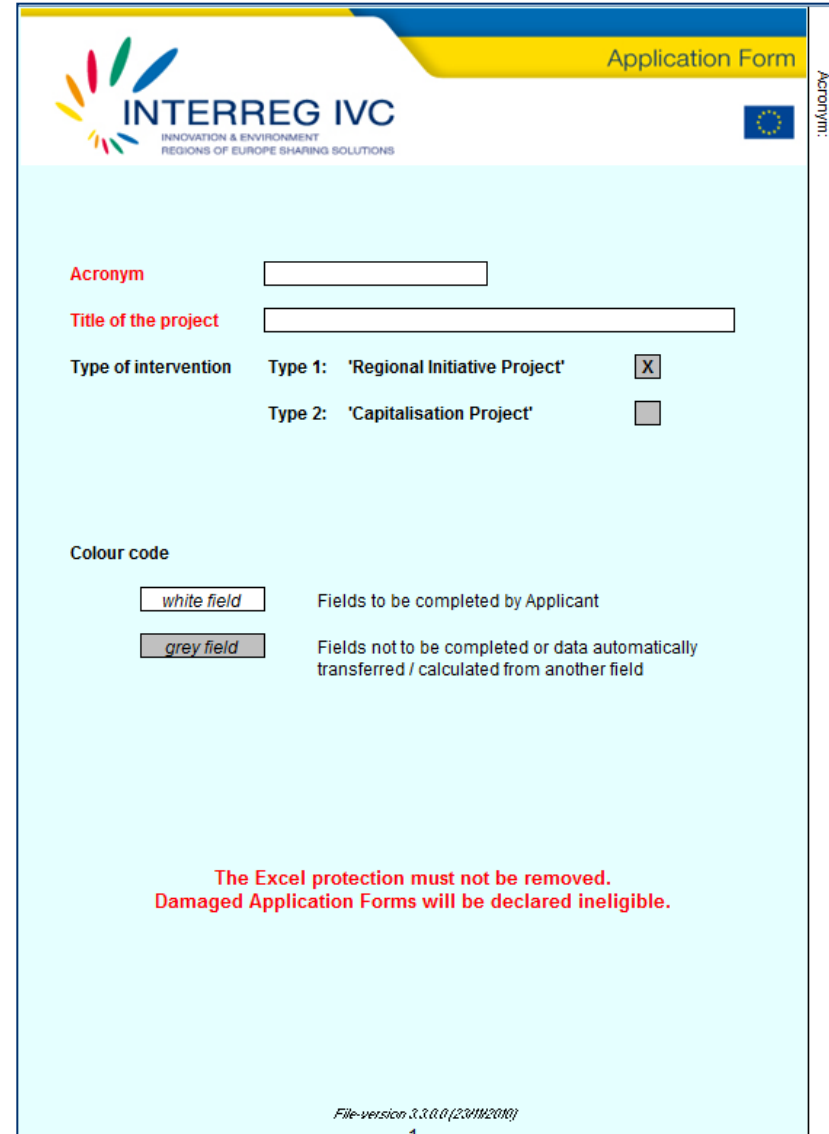


Programme Manual

25 October 2010

Application form

- General instruction
- Checklist
- Project summary
- Detailed project description
- Components
- Budget
- Partnership



The screenshot shows the 'Application Form' interface for INTERREG IVC. The header includes the logo and the text 'INTERREG IVC INNOVATION & ENVIRONMENT REGIONS OF EUROPE SHARING SOLUTIONS' along with the European Union flag. The form contains several input fields and checkboxes:

- Acronym:** A text input field.
- Title of the project:** A text input field.
- Type of intervention:** Two options: 'Regional Initiative Project' (checked with an 'X') and 'Capitalisation Project' (unchecked).
- Colour code:** A legend with two categories: 'white field' (Fields to be completed by Applicant) and 'grey field' (Fields not to be completed or data automatically transferred / calculated from another field).

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Co-financing statement

Co-financing Statement
for Lead Partners and Partners of an INTERREG IVC project

Acronym:*

Title of the project:*

Partner institution:*

Partner no.:**

National co-financing OR total amount if not applying for INTERREG IVC (ERDF/Norwegian) funding
EUR**

We hereby certify that the above-mentioned partner is committed to the project, and should it be approved, we confirm our intention to contribute the amount indicated above to the project budget.

If applying for INTERREG IVC (ERDF/Norwegian) funding, we furthermore confirm that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be funded by any other EU programme.

Finally, we declare that we will accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the Subsidy Contract, which will be signed by the Lead Partner of the project.

Signature (hand signed) _____ Date 14.01.2011 _____

_____ _____

Name of the Signatory _____ Title of the Signatory _____

Stamp of partner institution (if exists)

* These fields must correspond exactly to the detail provided in the application form.

** This amount must cover at least the amount indicated in the application form.

Provisional timing of next steps

Step 1: Eligibility check: April-May 2011

Step 2: Quality assessment: May-November 2011

Step 3: Decision & notification: November 2011

Step 4: Negotiating conditions: December 2011

Effective start date of project: January 2012

Eligibility check principles

- Technical yes or no process
- Only eligible applications to be further assessed

Eligibility requirements

- Almost 20% of submitted applications ineligible during the previous calls
- Main reasons for ineligibility: wrong co-financing statements (60% of the ineligible cases)
 - Co-financing statements correct (standard form, signed and dated, name of partner identical to application form, sum stated covers at least amount mentioned in application form, no amendments to the standard text)

Please check carefully the eligibility rules!



2nd step for eligible projects: quality assessment

Six criteria:

1. Relevance of the proposal
2. Coherence of the proposal
3. Quality of results
4. Quality of management
5. Quality of the partnership
6. Budget and finances



3. Reminder on programme's rationale

Importance of the programme's rationale!

Very low success rate in INTERREG IVC: around 14% of eligible applications are finally approved!

Main reason: lack of understanding of the programme's rationale

Importance of the programme's rationale!

Programme strategic objective: improvement of regional policies through exchange of experience

⇒ To build on existing experiences to avoid reinventing the wheel

- **INTERREG IVC = 'capitalisation' programme**
- INTERREG IVC is different from other EU programmes (including cross-border and transnational cooperation programmes)

Importance of the programme's rationale!

Key elements derives from this programme's rationale:

- **Local & regional authorities** should ideally be the **drivers** of the cooperation
Other bodies may be involved only if their link with regional and local policies is clearly demonstrated
- **Exchange of experiences** = core activities of all IVC projects

Thanks for your attention!

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