Who can participate?
This programme helps regions perform better in the four policy fields tackled.

Managing Authorities of Structural Funds programmes:
find tried and tested measures to implement in your programme

Regional/local authorities:
share and implement good practices coming from across Europe

Agencies, research institutes, thematic and non-profit organisations:
get involved with your policymaker and contribute to better policy implementation

How can I be involved?

Become a project partner
Share good practices, ideas, learn from the others
Get involved in a stakeholder group
Find solutions to improve your regional development strategies
Sign up for the platforms

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4 topics
Research & innovation
SME competitiveness
Low-carbon economy
Environment & resource efficiency
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Emphasis on improving regional policies & programmes

The Interreg Europe programme aims to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes.

Four topics were selected in order to make the best use of limited funds. The more focused the actions, the higher chances they deliver effective results.

Under this theme partners can work on
- strengthening research & innovation infrastructure and capacities
e.g. improving financial instruments for innovation support
- innovation delivery through regional innovation chains in chosen “smart specialisation” field
e.g. increasing commercialisation of R&D results
This theme allows regions to improve their policies in supporting SMEs in all stages of their life cycle to develop and achieve growth and engage in innovation
e.g. creating and boosting entrepreneurial spirit
e.g. responding to obstructions to business growth
This theme addresses the transition to a low-carbon economy in all sectors.
This could be through policies aimed to raise the share of renewable energy sources in the energy mix to promoting multi-modal sustainable transport.
e.g. developing regional low-carbon strategies
Two distinct fields are open for cooperation
- protection & development of natural and cultural heritage
e.g. improving management of regional nature parks
- transition to a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth and eco-innovation
e.g. increasing recycling rates among SMEs

A tool for faster and better sharing of knowledge to help policymakers do their job better.
Platforms are a space for continuous learning about public policies in the four themes of the programme.
Organisations dealing with regional development policies in Europe can find solutions there to improve the way they manage and implement their policies.
The main aim is to support local and regional governments to be more effective when planning and implementing policies for the benefit of citizens.