

# MACRO AREA B

## Objectives and key priorities in the draft Regulations for the period 2021-2027

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European  
Commission  
presented the  
Regulation  
**May 2018**

Negotiation process  
started  
(EU Parliament and  
the Council of the  
EU commented on  
the EC proposal)

Negotiation process  
finished  
**December 2020**

Political  
agreement  
reached  
**February 2021**

Regulation is  
expected to  
enter into force  
**June 2021**

# Interreg strands

## Interreg A

### Cross-border cooperation

- internal cross-border cooperation
- external cross-border cooperation

## Interreg B

### Transnational cooperation

## Interreg C

### Interregional cooperation

## Interreg D

### Outermost regions' cooperation

# Policy objectives for 2021-2027



Smarter Europe



Greener Europe



Connected Europe



Social Europe



Europe closer to citizens

## Policy objective 1

### Smarter Europe

(**PO1** A more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity)

- **SO1** Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
- **SO2** Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities
- **SO3** Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments
- **SO4** Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship
- **SO5** Enhancing digital connectivity

## Policy objective 2

### Greener Europe

(**PO2** A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, risk prevention and management, and sustainable urban mobility)

- **SO1** Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- **SO2** Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein
- **SO3** Developing smart energy systems, grids and storage outside the Trans-European Energy Network (TEN-E)
- **SO4** Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches
- **SO5** Promoting access to water and sustainable water management
- **SO6** Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
- **SO7** Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution
- **SO8** Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility, as part of transition to a net zero carbon economy

## Policy objective 3

### Connected Europe

(PO3 A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility)

- SO1 Developing a climate resilient, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal TEN-T
- SO2 Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility



## Policy objective 4

### Social Europe

(PO4 A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights)

- SO1 Enhancing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy
- SO2 Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training
- SO3 Promoting the socioeconomic inclusion of marginalised communities, low income households and disadvantaged groups, including people with special needs, through integrated actions, including housing and social services

- SO4 Promoting the socio-economic integration of third country nationals, including migrants through integrated actions, including housing and social services
- SO5 Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care
- SO6 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

## Policy objective 5

### Europe closer to citizens

(PO5 A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of all types of territories and local initiatives)

- SO1 Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security in urban areas
- SO2 Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security in areas other than urban areas

## Interreg Specific Objective

### A better cooperation governance

#### Actions:

- Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and of stakeholders (all strands)
- Enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions, in particular with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions (strands A, C, D and, where appropriate, strand B)
- Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging P2P actions (strands A, D and, where appropriate, strand B)
- Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies (all strands)
- Enhance sustainable democracy and support civil society actors and their role in reforming processes and democratic transitions (all strands with involvement of third countries, partner countries or OCTs)
- Other actions to support better cooperation governance (all strands)

**Interreg Specific  
Objective**  
**A safer and more  
secure Europe**

**Action:**

Border crossing management and mobility and migration management, including the protection and economic and social integration of third country nationals including migrants and beneficiaries of international protection

## Regulation 2021-2027

At least 60 % of the ERDF allocated to each Interreg A, B and D programme shall be allocated on policy objective 2 and a maximum of two other policy objectives

Up to 20 % of the ERDF allocations to each Interreg A, B and D programme may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better cooperation governance' and up to 5 % may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a safer and more secure Europe'

The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than 80 %.

## Limited financial volume projects

Interreg A, B and D programmes shall support projects of limited financial volume, either: (a) directly within each programme; or (b) within one or more small project funds	Obligatory for Interreg A programmes	The total contribution from the ERDF to small project funds within an Interreg programme shall not exceed 20 % of the total allocation of the Interreg programme	Where the public contribution to a small project does not exceed EUR 100 000, the contribution from the ERDF shall take the form of unit costs or lump sums or flat rate financing, except for projects for which the support constitutes State aid.
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## Operations of strategic importance

Operation of strategic importance means an operation which provides a significant contribution to the achievement of the objectives of a programme and which is subject to particular monitoring and communication measures

When a Member State submits the programme, it shall ensure that the programme is accompanied for information purposes by a list of planned operations of strategic importance and a timetable

# Thank you for the attention!

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