

INTERREG Programme

Interreg is one of the key instruments of the European Union (EU) supporting **cooperation across borders** through project funding. Its aim is to jointly tackle common challenges and find shared solutions in fields such as **health, environment, research, education, transport, sustainable energy** and more.

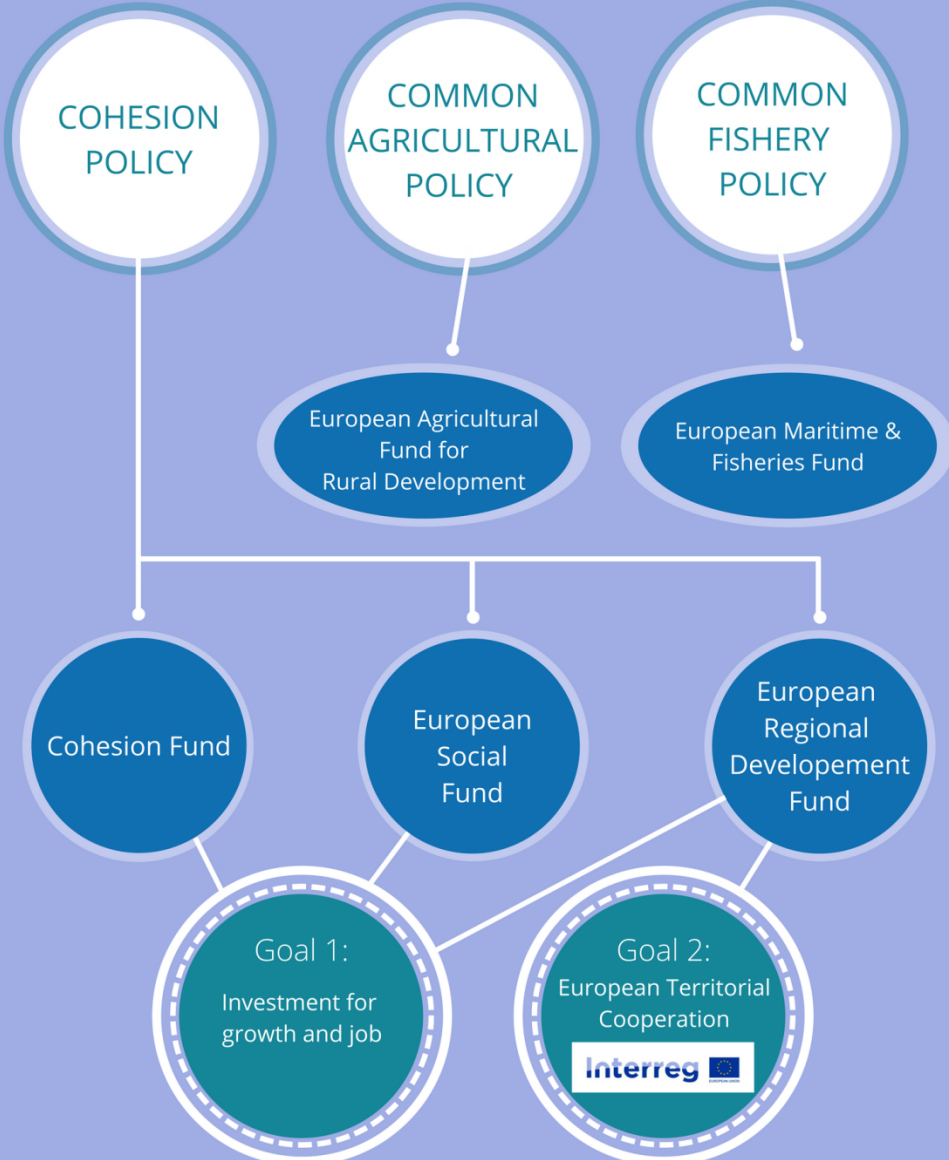
Interreg contributes around EUR 1 billion to EU external border cooperation programmes supported by the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) and the **European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)**.

The [European Neighbourhood Policy \(ENP\)](#) governs the EU's relations with 16 of the EU's closest Eastern and Southern Neighbours.

To the South: [Algeria](#), [Egypt](#), [Israel](#), [Jordan](#), [Lebanon](#), [Libya](#), [Morocco](#), [Palestine](#)^{*}, [Syria](#) and [Tunisia](#)
and to the East: [Armenia](#), [Azerbaijan](#), [Belarus](#), [Georgia](#), [Moldova](#) and [Ukraine](#). [Russia](#) takes part in Cross-Border Cooperation activities under the ENP and is not a part of the ENP as such.

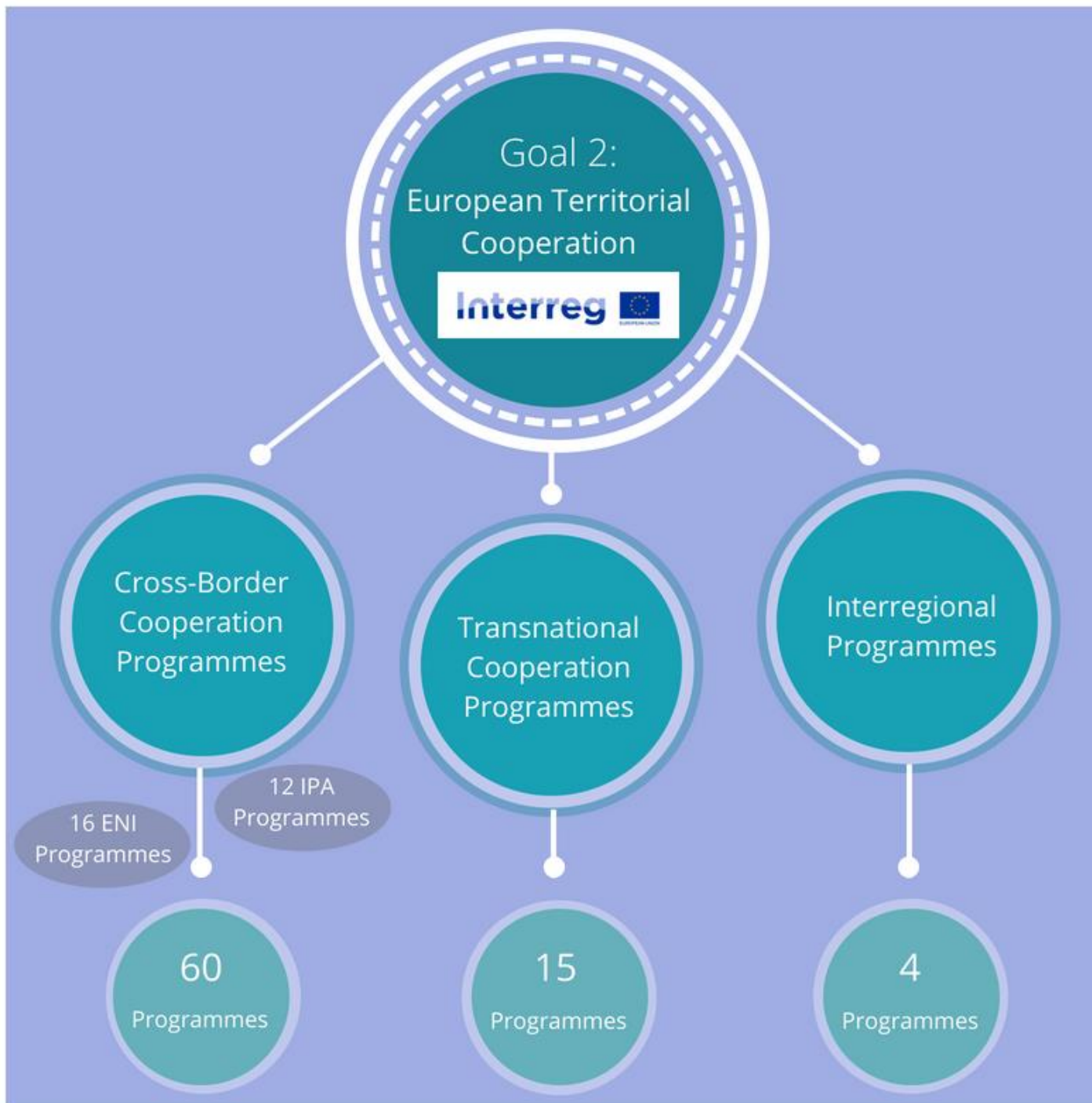
The new [European Neighbourhood Instrument\(ENI\)](#) (€15.4 billion for the period 2014-2020) is the main financial instrument for implementing the ENP.

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Cross border cooperation

Interreg cross-border cooperation, known as **Interreg A**, supports cooperation between NUTS III regions from at least two different Member States lying directly on the borders or adjacent to them.

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Interregional cooperation

Interreg has 4 interregional cooperation programmes, known as **Interreg C**: Interreg Europe, Interact, Urbact and Espon. The interregional programmes are geographically “pan-European” covering vast areas.

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Transnational cooperation

Interreg transnational cooperation, known as **Interreg B**, involves regions from several countries of the EU forming bigger areas where it aims to promote better cooperation and regional development within the Union by a joint approach to tackle common issues.

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IPA cross border cooperation

Interreg IPA CBC supports cross-border co-operation between candidate countries, potential candidate countries and EU Member States, to contribute in their accession preparations with a territorial and cross-border focus.

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Funding cooperation
for a more innovative,
better accessible and
sustainable region...

...in **FOUR** thematic priorities.

INNOVATION

Research
& innovation
infrastructures
+
Smart
specialisation
+
Non-
technological
innovation

NATURAL RESOURCES

Clear waters
+
Renewable
energy
+
Energy
efficiency
+
Blue growth

TRANSPORT

Interoperability
+
Accessibility
+
Maritime safety
+
Shipping
+
Urban mobility

EU STRATEGY SUPPORT

Seed money
+
Support of
PACs & HACs
+
Targeted
support
& EUSBSR
forums

Within priority 2 **NATURAL RESOURCES**, the Programme aims to:

- increase efficiency of water management for **reduced nutrient inflows** and **decreased discharges of hazardous substances** to the Baltic Sea and the regional waters based on enhanced capacity of public and private organisations dealing with water quality issues (**specific objective 2.1**);
- increase production and use of **sustainable renewable energy** based on enhanced capacity of public and private organisations involved in energy planning and supply (**specific objective 2.2**);
- increase **energy efficiency** based on enhanced capacity of public and private organisations involved in energy planning (**specific objective 2.3**);
- advance **sustainable and resource-efficient blue growth** based on increased capacity of public authorities and practitioners within the blue economy sectors (**specific objective 2.4**).

LATLIT Programme priorities:

- SUSTAINABLE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT
THROUGH COOPERATION
- SOCIAL INCLUSION AS A PRECONDITION TO
TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT
- IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIVING THROUGH
EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION



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PRIORITY I.

SUSTAINABLE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH COOPERATION

Specific objective 1.1.

To increase number of visitors to the Programme area through improving and developing cultural and natural heritage objects, services and products

Development and promotion of cultural and natural heritage objects, services and products shall enhance the increase of the **green/eco and cultural tourism**.

During project planning and implementation, special attention should be paid to environment friendly solutions, ecoinnovative initiatives and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Balance between effective use and sustainability of cultural and natural heritage objects, services and products must be observed.

Specific objective 1.2.

To increase integration and efficiency of environmental resource management

The aim of this specific objective is to improve integration and efficiency of environmental resource management by **promoting cooperation among involved stakeholders** at all levels.

It shall result in a higher level of capability to handle protection and restoration of biodiversity and soil, promotion of ecosystem services, including activities related to Natura 2000 network sites and green infrastructure.

PRIORITY I

Sustainable and clean environment through cooperation

Specific Objective 1.1. To increase number of visitors to the Programme area through improving and developing **cultural and natural heritage** objects, services and products

Indicative list of supported **activities**:

- ✓ New joint sustainable touristic products and services
- ✓ Improvement of infrastructure for cultural and natural objects
- ✓ Tangible/intangible joint cultural and natural heritage
- ✓ ICT solutions for products/services
- ✓ Capacity building of involved stakeholders
- ✓ Clustering and marketing

PRIORITY I

Sustainable and clean environment through cooperation

Specific Objective 1.2. To increase integration and efficiency of
environmental resource management

Indicative list of supported activities:

- ✓ ICT solutions
- ✓ Joint concepts, strategies, models and pilot actions
- ✓ Planning and development of related equipment and infrastructure
- ✓ Construction and promotion of green infrastructure
- ✓ Creation, testing and application of new tools
- ✓ Strengthening of institutions' cross border cooperation
- ✓ Developing information
- ✓ Educational and awareness raising activities
- ✓ Improvement of nature objects' infrastructure and equipment

Joint environmental resource management includes:

- ❖ Wide range of natural object types (e.g. river basins, lakes, dry land areas, wetlands, coastal areas, etc.);
- ❖ Protected areas (e.g. improvements of the biodiversity situation, flora and fauna conditions, etc.);
- ❖ Risk management (e.g. floods, fire, chemicals spills, etc.).

Programme area

The Programme area includes the following regions of Latvia and Lithuania:

Latvia: Kurzeme, Zemgale, Latgale

Lithuania: Klaipėda, Telšiai, Šiauliai, Panevėžys, Utena, Kaunas

Who can apply?

- 1) Public authorities (national, regional, and local authorities);
- 2) Public equivalent bodies, meaning any legal body;
- 3) NGOs

Partnership

Project has to involve at least **one** Lithuanian and **one** Latvian partner, which is registered or permanently located and actively operating in the Programme area.

Average – **4 partners**, not more than **8 partners**.

Co-financing rate

Project partners have to provide own contribution to receive Programme co-financing. Under the Programme, the eligible project activities are co-financed by the ERDF at a rate of 85%.

Project duration

The project implementation shall not be longer than 24 months.

Time schedule and submission

The third call for proposals was open from 9 April 2019 until 9 July 2019 at 12:00

Selection and approval of projects

According to the provisional calendar planned for the third call, the approval of the projects is foreseen at the latest in 1st quarter 2020. Applicants are invited to establish as starting date for their projects: May – June 2020.

Work plan

There are several types of work packages:

- Preparation;
- Management;
- Implementation;
- Investment;
- Communication.

EVALUATION

Quality assessment criteria

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Project context and contribution to Programme	50%
Methodology/ approach and activities	20%
Partnership relevance and cooperation intensity	10%
Budget	20%

Budget lines

BL1 “Staff costs”

BL2 “Office and administration costs”

BL3 “Travel and accommodation costs”

BL4 “External expertise and service costs”

BL5 “Equipment costs”

BL6 “Infrastructure and works”

APPLICATION

The project application is done via the eMS, with exceptions of some application documents which must or can be received in paper.

Detailed information on how to acquire eMS user name and password and how the project application will be registered as received is available on the Programme's website www.latlit.eu in “Guidance how to apply via the eMS”.

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Possible national co-financing:

- **Latvian PP – 5%**

MK noteikumi Nr.200 22.04.2015 Valsts budžeta līdzekļu piešķiršanas kārtība Eiropas Strukturālo un investīciju fondu mērķa "Eiropas teritoriālā sadarbība" programmu finansējuma saņēmējiem no Latvijas

- **Lithuanian PP- 7.5%**

LR Vidaus reikalų ministro 2015-12-31 įsakymas Nr. 1V-1076 „Dėl Lietuvos Respublikos valstybės biudžeto lėšų, skirtų 2014 – 2020 metų Europos teritorinio bendradarbiavimo tikslo programos bendrai finansuoti, naudojimo taisyklių patvirtinimo"

6 tips to help you apply

Clear **link to the Programme**

- Is project overall objective coherent with the respective Programme priority and its specific objective?
- Do project main outputs contribute to at least one output indicator and project results contribute to at least one result indicator of the chosen specific objective?

Clear **cross border** relevance

- Do project partners solve common challenge addressed in the project by using cross border approach?
- Do all the project partners benefit from the cross border cooperation?
- Does cooperation bring added value, has a positive impact for the programme area and long-lasting effect after the project end?

Innovative approach is used

- Does project offer new solutions that are different from already existing ones for chosen problem or territory?

Project results used **by main stakeholders**

- Does application form state how main stakeholders (e.g. national, local municipalities) will use project results after project end if they are not involved in the project (e.g. university developing new social service)?

Durable and sustainable results

- Does project produce results and establish structures that can exist beyond the lifetime of the project?
- Do project partners foresee actions to ensure continuation of knowledge, services and benefits developed during the project?

Contribution to **Programme horizontal principles**

- Is the project in line with horizontal principles of the Programme?

Examples of projects

INTERREG cross-border cooperation:

«Conservation of biodiversity in open wetland habitats of the LV-LT cross-border region applying urgent and long-term management measures»
(Open landscape, LLI-306)

<http://www.gpf.lt/lt/darbai/rodyti/116>

„Pažink Žiemgalą dviračiu“
(Zemgale by Bicycle, LLI-264)

<http://www.gpf.lt/lt/darbai/rodyti/117>

European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI):

„Reduction of Negative Impact of Alien Invasive Plant Species on Ecosystems and Human Wellbeing in Cross-border Region of Lithuania-Belarus“
(Alien Invasive Plants, ENI-LLB-1-207)

<http://www.gpf.lt/lt/darbai/rodyti/125>