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What's EU Territorial Cooperation?

Regulation(EU) 1299/2013

In order to support the harmonious development of the Union's territory at different levels, the ERDF should support cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation under the European territorial cooperation goal.

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SEE Programme belongs to the previous period: why shall we talk about it?

- financial instrument of the EU Cohesion policy for transnational cooperation
- it involved 16 countries of this region
- it ran for 7 years (2007-2013) - now almost closed but with a number of good examples and results
What did SEE do for cycling without borders?

One of the aims of SEE is to improve accessibility in the region and finance related projects developed in cooperation between different countries responding to a common regional need.

3(9)/122 projects were financed that were directly or indirectly connected to cycling in the 7 years and >10M €/230M€ were distributed to benefit >50/2000 organisations in the region.
on which specific topic?
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SEE financed projects on cycling of different nature

- cycling tourism
- cycling as transport mode
- short and long distance
- mono and within a multi-modal approach
- urban, regional and transnational
- safety for vulnerable users of roads

MUST HAVE
the following transnational characteristics:

- respond to a need of the region which is transnational and requires transnational cooperation to be tackled
- aim at implementing solutions which are beneficial for the population (and not just research)
- improve the overall accessibility of the region
- no infrastructure projects - but small scale investments
SEE approached cycling within a coordinated strategy

making information available to cyclists and potential cyclists in connection to public transport

ensuring their safety, through improvement of infrastructure planning and raised awareness of decision makers

Allowing full exploitation of cycling tourism potential of the SEE region
So finally will ETC support cycling in 2014-20?

- ETC offers a framework for cooperation projects on cycling without borders
- However each cooperation programme has to decide if it's priority for them (thematic concentration)
- Different actions are foreseen in case of cross border, transnational and interregional projects and applicants shall carefully read the rules
- Building on existing results is a compulsory element (this is why knowing SEE is important!)
- The "intervention logic" is not an easy task: however this ensures a step forward in monitoring the quality of results through a series of very specific indicators
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- Do I have the right international partnership for it?
- Does a cooperation programme cover the area of my interest?
- Has the project defined its results indicators in line with the programme ones?

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do I have the right international partnership for it?
does a cooperation programme covers the area of my interest?
did I carefully read the cooperation programme documents and understood the rules?

PS: (shouldn't you understand something, just get in touch with the persons in charge at the relevant Joint Secretariat)
is the quality and preparedness of the project satisfactory when the call for proposals opens?
does the project has defined its results indicators in line with the programme ones?
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Transnational Cooperation 2014-20: which opportunities?

A number of programmes have included options for cycling projects and however from different perspective according to the *thematic concentration chosen* (remember previous slide?)

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A last slide of random information

All 3 programmes stemming from SEE - Danube, Adriatic-Ionian and Balkan-Mediterranean - include option in support environmental friendly mobility among main priorities - which we also consider a success.

Other CBC programmes in the area offer the background for CBC (2-country) relevant projects, at times even small infrastructure (IT-SI, HU-RO, BG-TR,...)

Now it's the moment in which information is made public and you have to be ready to grab it - and be ready for the upcoming calls for proposals.
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