



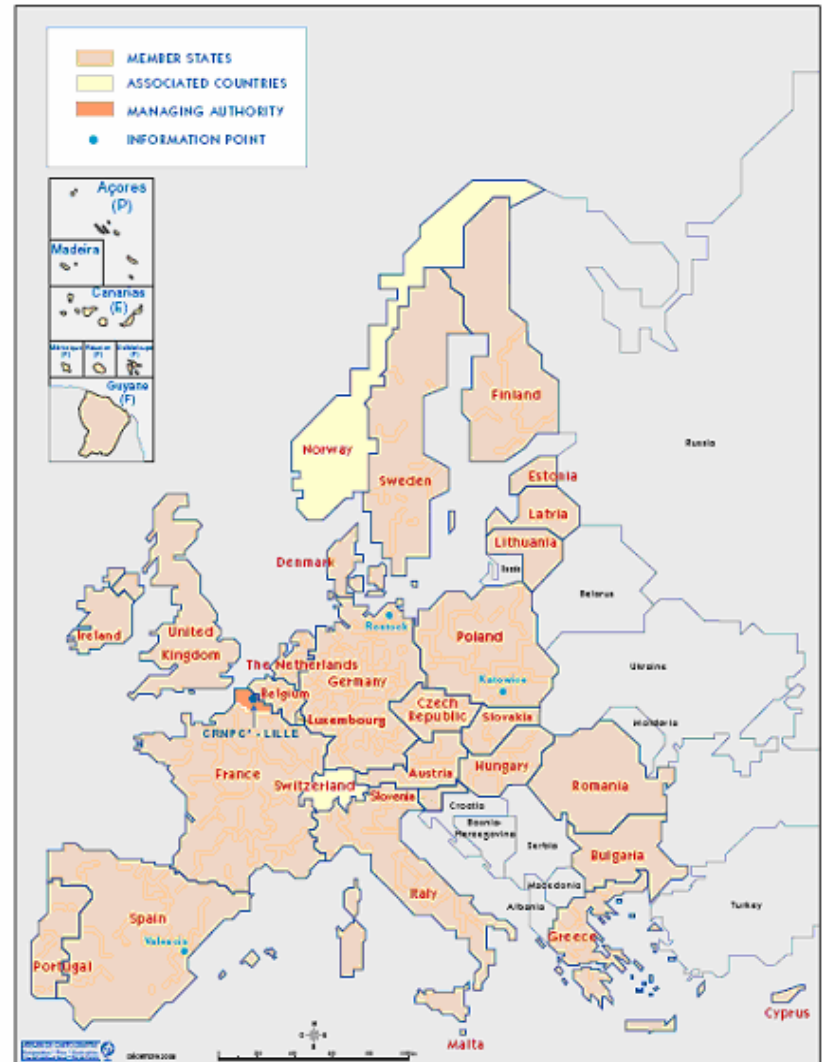
Interregional cooperation in Europe

INTERREG IVC Programme

Perspective 2007 - 2013

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Objectives of Structural Funds Policies 2007 - 2013

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- Objective 1: Convergence (251.2 B€)
- Objective 2: Regional Competitiveness and Employment (49.1 B€)
- Objective 3: European Territorial Cooperation (7.8 B€ – 2.5 % of tot.)
 - Cross-border Cooperation (5.6 B€)
 - Transnational Cooperation (1.6 B€)
 - **Interregional Cooperation & Networks (0.4 B€ – 0.13 %)**
 - PEACE programme (0.2 B€)



INTERREG IIIC versus IVC

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INTERREG IIIC

- 315 MEUR
- Cofinancing 50/75 %
- Four programmes: four Managing, four Paying and four Audit Authorities
- Four JTS
- All themes of regional and local public activities

- Three types of operations

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- 321 MEUR
- Cofinancing 75/85 %
- One programme: one Managing, one Certifying and one Audit Authority
- Four Information Points
- Focus on
 - Innovation and Knowledge Economy
 - Environment and Risk Prevention
- Two types of interventions



Overall Objective

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- Improve the effectiveness of regional development policies
- Contribute to economic modernisation and increased competitiveness of Europe

By

- *Enabling exchange of experiences and knowledge*
- *Matching less experienced with more advanced regions*
- *Ensuring transfer of good practice identified into mainstream programmes*



Priorities

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- Priority 1: Innovation and the knowledge economy (177 M€ ERDF)
 - Innovation, research and technology development
 - Entrepreneurship and SMEs
 - The information society
 - Employment, human resources and education
- Priority 2: Environment and risk prevention (125 M€ ERDF)
 - Natural and technological risks
 - Water and waste management
 - Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
 - Energy and sustainable transport
 - Cultural heritage and landscape
- Priority 3: Technical Assistance (19 M€ ERDF)



Types of interventions

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- Regional Initiatives projects
 - Exchange of experience and good practice, development of tools and instruments of regional policies
- Capitalisation projects, including Fast Track projects
 - Capitalisation projects: optimise results achieved, transfer of good practices identified into main stream programmes
 - Fast Track projects: Specific European Commission assistance and expertise offered to certain capitalisation projects with reference to the “Regions for Economic Change (RFEC)” initiative
 - Aim: detailed action plan to transfer best practices identified into mainstream programmes



Eligible Partners

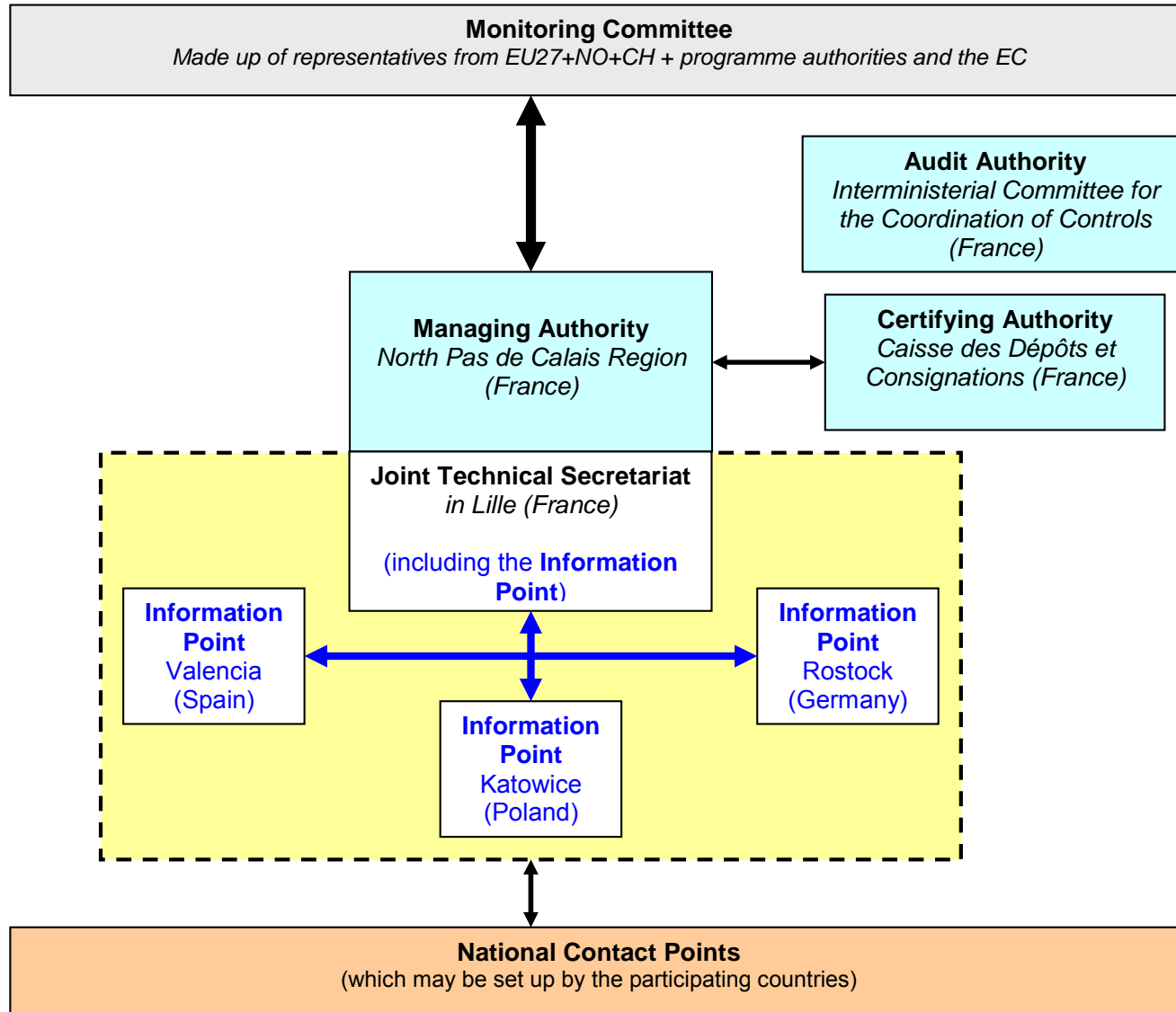
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- Public authorities (local, regional and national level if relevant)
- Bodies governed by public law
 - Legal personality and
 - Set-up to meet general interests (no commercial character) and
 - At least one of the following criteria is fulfilled
 - Financed by public authorities
 - Management supervision by public authorities
 - more than 50 % of management or supervisory board members appointed by public authorities



Management Structure

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Tools

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- **Website:** as main information centre
- **Events:** Opening and partner search events, Lead Applicant seminars, national and regional information events
- **Consultations:** in JTS, IPs and regions
- **Application Pack:** Application Form, Programme Manual and template for co-financing statements
- **Project idea and partner search database:** to be set-up on the INTERREG IVC website
- **Good example applications:** for download from the INTERREG IVC website as soon as they are available
- **Brochures, leaflets and articles in relevant media**



Advice for applicants

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1. Relevance to the programme

- INTERREG C ≠ INTERREG A & B
- Key Elements: Link to regional/local policies, exchange of experiences, identification and/or transfer of good practices
- INTERREG IVC ≠ implementation programme
- INTERREG IVC ≠ research & development programme

2. Nature of proposed activities

- Under INTERREG IVC, local implementations will be possible only if the following 3 criteria are respected:
 - Relevance to the programme
 - Interregionality criterion, e.g. transfer from one region to another,
pilot experimentation benefiting all the partners
 - Additionality criterion: Activities would not be supported without the INTERREG support



Selection Criteria (Interreg IIIC)

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Content-related criteria

- 1) Relevance of the proposal
- 2) Coherence of the proposal and quality of approach
- 3) Quality of results

Implementation- related criteria

- 4) Quality of management
- 5) Quality of partnership
- 6) Budget and finance



Points of attention for applicants

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General:

- Do not forget the specific characteristics of the programme
- Read carefully the programme manual and the instructions indicated in the application form
- Make your application understandable for non-specialists
- Be transparent
- Do not forget the inter-regionality criteria (eligibility of pilot implementations?)



Provisional time frame

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April 2007	Submission of the operational programme to the EC
September 2007	Expected approval of the programme
20/21 September 2007	Launch event in Lisbon (PT) and opening of first call for project proposals
November 2007	Deadline for submission of project proposals
March 2008	Approval of first project proposals



The End...

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...of the presentation

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Thank you for your attention!