



**FROM INTERREG
TO EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION
(the new Objective 3)**

2007-2013

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Re-orientation

Cohesion policy re-oriented to fit closer to overall EU priorities.

Works around three pillars of sustainable development :

- **competitiveness (innovation, research, education) and accessibility**
- **Employment and social inclusion**
- **environment and risk prevention**



Structural Funds 2007 - 2013

3 objectives:

- Convergence: for regions lagging behind
- Competitiveness and employment : regions in need of consolidation through increased competitiveness and innovation
- Territorial cooperation: erasing borders, territorial dimension, maritime dimension, new ideas



EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

- **Now a full Objective (before INTERREG was a community initiative) & increased visibility**
- **Improved legal framework (specific dispositions for ETC, new EGTC regulation)**
- **75% co-financing rate for all (even 85% in some cases) – higher than in the current period**



Territorial Cooperation 2007 – 2013

The 3 strands are kept (like in INTERREG)

Strand A : Cross-border cooperation (focus on local issues)

Strand B : Transnational cooperation (larger zone, several MS)

Strand C : Interregional cooperation between all regions of the EU



FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS

	2000-2006	2007-2013
Cross-border cooperation*	4 billion	5.57 billion
Transnational cooperation	1.4 billion	1.58 billion
Interregional cooperation	380 million	392 million
Total	5.8 billion	7.75 billion

* Possibility for MS to transfer up to 15% between cbc and transnational



Main themes – Cross-border cooperation 2007-13

- ⇒ **SME development, trade facilitation**
- ⇒ **Joint management of natural and cultural resources, joint risk prevention (naturals & technological)**
- ⇒ **Connections between rural and urban areas**
- ⇒ **Joint transport and communication systems**
- ⇒ **Joint use of and cooperation in development public infrastructures (esp. Health, culture, tourism, education)**



Main themes of transnational cooperation 2007-13

- **Innovation : scientific and technology networks, RTD**
- **Environment and risk prevention (incl. maritime safety)**
- **Accessibility**
- **Sustainable urban development**

- 20% can be spent outside the eligible area
- 10% can be spent outside the EU if clear benefits for the EU regions involved



Interregional Cooperation 2007-2013

- **Continuation of INTERREG C, INTERACT, URBACT, ESPON**
- **Re-inforce the efficiency of regional policy by promoting networks and concrete exchange of experience (« Regions for Economic Change »)**
- **New ideas, new ways of working together**
- **Themes**
 - **Innovation (Lisbon)**
 - **Environment (Gothenburg)**



Novelties

(“Regions for Economic Change”)

- **Hot Themes**
- **Two-Way Bridge**
- **Better Communication**
- **Fast-Track**

Timing

- **Communication adopted by Commission 8 Nov**
- **Ministers 21 Nov**



Thank you for your attention

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