

**EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION (INTERREG)
DESIGN IN THE BALKANS & SOUTH EAST EUROPE
IN THE PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2021-2027
& CAPITALIZATION OF GOOD PRACTICES**

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▶ **New programming period 2021 -2027**

- ▶ Next Generation EU
- ▶ Multi Annual Financial Framework
- ▶ Cohesion Policy

Cohesion Policy
377,77 beuro

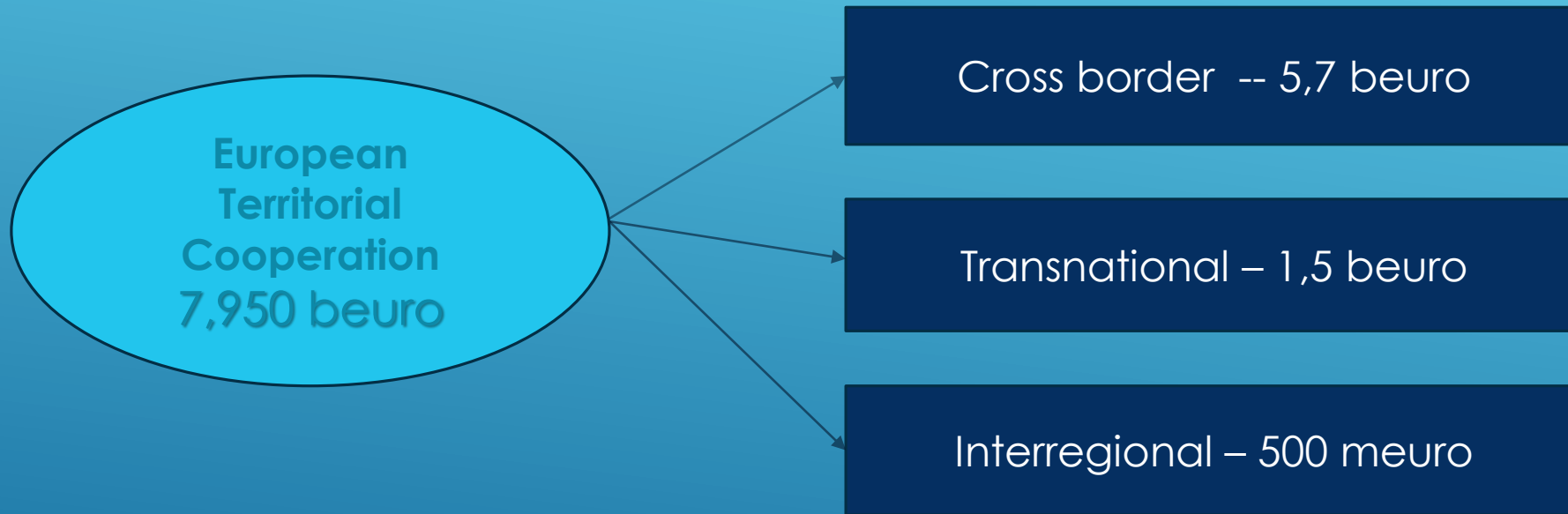
Economic, social & Territorial
Cohesion
330,27 beuro

Resilience & Values
47,5 beuro



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ETC (Interreg) funds at a glance



- 500 meuro interregional innovative investments (ERDF)
- 470 meuro to be allocated to Interreg strands

Policy Objectives 2021-2027

- ✓ A **smarter** Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)
 - ✓ A **greener**, low-carbon Europe (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)
 - ✓ A more **connected** Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity)
 - ✓ A more **social** Europe (the European Pillar of Social Rights)
 - ✓ A Europe **closer to citizens** (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)
- **+ 2 INTERREG specific objectives**
- ➔ *A better Interreg governance*
 - ➔ *A safer and more secure Europe*



European Territorial Cooperation (for Greece)

2021-2027 → 127 meuro (2014-2020 → 220 meuro)

Bilateral Cross-border with Member- States

Greece – Cyprus 2021-2027

Greece – Bulgaria 2021 -2027

Greece –Italy 2021-2027



Managing Authority:
*Special Service for
the Management of
ETC programmes*

Bilateral cross-border with IPA countries

Greece – Albania 2021-2027

Greece – Republic of North Macedonia 2021-2027



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→ **What about the Balkan Med 2014-2020 programme?**



- ▶ **transnational programme including Western Balkans & Cyprus**
- ▶ **Political & geographical importance the eligible area**
- ▶ **Considerable number of beneficiaries involved and projects implemented**
- ▶ **the only Transnational programme managed**



- => EU against the continuation of the programme**
- => Eligible area overlapping eligible for areas of other transnational CPs**
- => Existence of bilateral CBC CPs of Greece with the same partner states by the Managing Authority**

Where do we stand right now?



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What about the Balkan Med 2014-2020 programme?

- Balkan Med: five countries & a budget of 40 meuro
- Letters to the Commission by Ministers for the continuation of the programme
- Expression of interest by the partner countries of the CP for its continuation
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs involved for opinion and ways of action
- Hellenic Permanent Representation in Brussels to support our position
- MA of INTERREG programmes contacting counterparts for support

**GOAL: TO STRENGTHEN OUR PRESENCE IN THE BALKANS,
SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE & SOUTH EAST MED AREA**



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ETC State of Play for 2021-2027 programming period

Programming Committee meetings held in June-July 2020

- ▶ Greece – Cyprus 2021-2027
- ▶ Greece – Bulgaria 2021 -2027
- ▶ Greece – Italy 2021-2027
- ▶ Greece – Albania 2021 -2027

Agenda of 1st PC

- Rules of procedure of PC
 - Concept paper
 - EU orientation paper
- Presentation of the Expert Consultant
 - Programming of next steps

- ***Greece – Bulgaria 2021-2027 (scheduled on 28.9.2020)***



Issues to be dealt with in 2021-2027 for ETC

- ✓ Less funds → targeted calls, added value of projects
- ✓ Bigger projects – limited number of beneficiaries
- ✓ Strong administrative capacity of beneficiaries
- ✓ Use of small project funds (ETC Regulation)
- ✓ Simplification of procedures, increase absorption of funds
- ✓ Reduction of cost of controls and administrative burden
- ✓ Accelerate the implementation of projects
- ✓ Increase visibility of Interreg programmes & projects
- ✓ Increase capacity of beneficiaries
- ✓ Maintain cooperation & collaboration among partners



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