

INTERREG IVC

The INTERREG IVC programme helps regional and local authorities exchange and transfer their policy experience in order to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies. By sharing knowledge and good practices in the domains of innovation & the knowledge economy, and environment & risk prevention, regions can

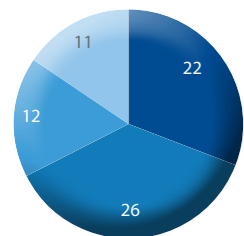
contribute to the competitiveness and sustainability not only of their region, but Europe as a whole.

Already 122 cooperation projects involving over 1,300 partners work together under the programme's two main priorities.
(Figures as of December 2010)

In Ireland, 25 partners from both NUTS 2 regions are already participating in 17 projects.

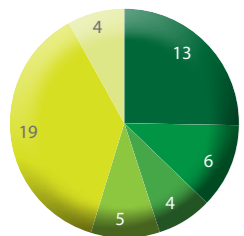
Irish partners are represented in projects covering almost all sub-themes. The highest participation is in sub-themes 'Information Society', 'Entrepreneurship and SMEs' and 'Energy and sustainable transport'.

Innovation & Knowledge Economy (71 projects)



- Innovation, research and technology development
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Information society
- Employment, human capital and education

Environment & Risk Prevention (51 projects)



- Natural and technological risks
- Water management
- Waste management
- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
- Energy and sustainable transport
- Cultural heritage and landscape

Contact information

INTERREG IVC Information Points assist applicants and distribute information in their area.

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National Contact Points: provide country-specific information on partner eligibility, national co-funding details and can help with partner search.

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Here is an example of how your country is benefitting from interregional cooperation!

PIKE – Promoting Innovation and the Knowledge Economy

PIKE is a Capitalisation project that aims to improve regional and local Information society policies through the exchange, sharing and transfer of eGovernment and Wireless Broadband good practices. As partners share the same ICT challenges and needs, the project serves as an excellent platform for the integration of the existing good practices into the policies of all the participating regions.

The partnership covers a wide geographical area and includes 10 partners, 3 of which are from Ireland: ERNACT EEIG, Donegal County Council and Galway County Council. The project set out to exchange and transfer 4 eGovernment and Wireless Broadband good practices and to disseminate information about the project to a large audience.

One of the 4 good practices, DOPS – (Donegal Online Planning Services), which is being transferred to the

Swedish partner ALAV (Association of Local Authorities Vasternorrland County) came from Donegal County Council. DOPS was a finalist in both the 2007 European eGovernment Awards and the Irish Government Awards. This good practice enables citizens and businesses to access up-to-date spatial planning information via the Internet 24/7 using a user-friendly map interface. In addition to providing a better service to citizens and businesses, it has resulted also in substantial efficiencies for the local authority. Donegal County and Galway County Council will in turn be adopting the good practices “Wireless City” and “eLocal” respectively.

Further information on the project: www.pike-project.eu

Who can apply?

Since the programme aims to improve policies, it is targeted towards national, regional and local public authorities, and bodies governed by public law. Private bodies are not eligible for funding. Your National Contact Point can confirm if your organisation is eligible.

How much funding is available?

€302 million co-financing from European Regional Development Fund (ERDF): around €100 million ERDF is still available for project funding, as of December 2010 (expected to be allocated in 2011).

For partners from Norway, national funding totalling €2.64 million is available, out of which around €1.65 million remains for project funding. This is managed by the INTERREG IVC programme. Swiss partners should contact the Swiss Contact Point for details of co-financing.

What are the co-financing rates?

Irish partners can have up to 75% of their costs reimbursed by the programme - see map for details of other country co-financing rates.

Programme area

The eligible INTERREG IVC cooperation area covers the entire territory of the European Union with its 27 Member States, Norway and Switzerland. The co-financing rate for partners from each country is indicated on the map.

