

**BUILDING  
A COMMON  
FUTURE**

## **LAUNCH EVENT**

**INTERREG IPA CBC**

**ITALY-ALBANIA-MONTENEGRO PROGRAMME**

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**Territorial Cooperation for smart, inclusive and sustainable growth**

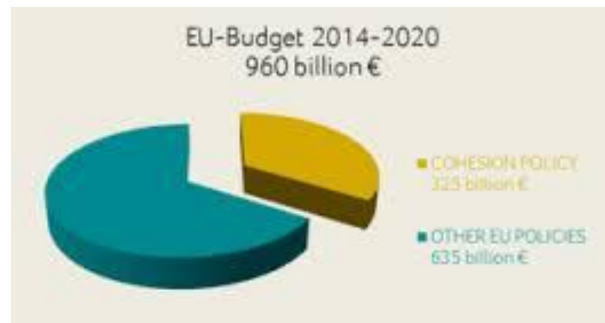
# Europe 2020



The EU's growth strategy for a changing world to become a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy. Three priorities to deliver high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion.

Five Objectives in five main areas:

- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Climate change
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Poverty



# EU Cohesion Policy

**Provides the necessary investment framework and delivery system to achieve the Europe 2020 objectives**

**Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation**

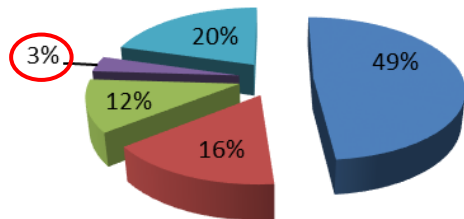


- *‘to reinforce the effectiveness of cohesion policy’*
- *‘identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs goal** but also, where relevant, to **territorial cooperation programmes**’*

# Funds for regional development

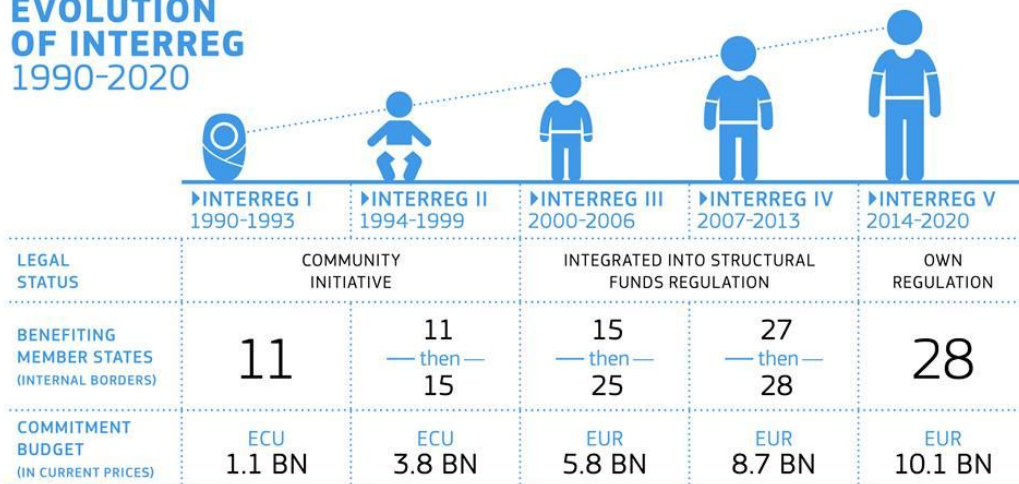
**Exchange of experience** to improve performance of policies for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds (SF)** programmes

- Less developed Regions (GDP less than 75% of the EU average)
- More developed Regions (GDP greater than 90% of the EU average)
- Transition Regions (GDP of 75% to 90% of the EU average)
- Territorial Cooperation
- Cohesion fund



# Evolution of Interreg

## EVOLUTION OF INTERREG 1990-2020



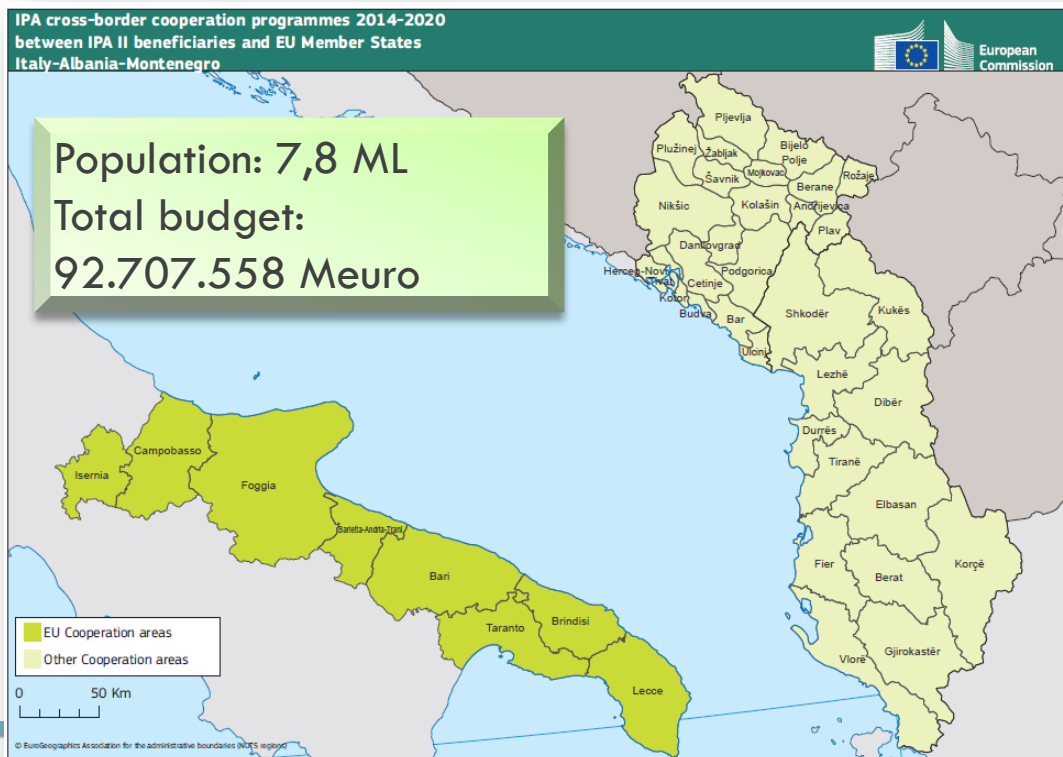
- ✓ Interreg was developed in 1990 as a Community Initiative with a budget of just 1 billion EUR covering exclusively Cross-border Cooperation.
- ✓ Later, it was extended to transnational and inter regional cooperation.

# Steps of cooperation



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# The Programme area



## From Member States

-ITALY  
2 regions (Puglia and Molise)  
8 Provinces

## From IPA Countries

-ALBANIA  
The whole territory  
-MONTENEGRO  
The whole territory

# Common history, needs and challenges



The Italy-Albania-Montenegro Programme originates from a **long cooperation among the territories** in the southern Adriatic Sea, which share a **common history, traditions, cultural roots**.

Albania, Montenegro and the coastal regions of Italy Puglia and Molise also share **common needs**.

They have very similar economic, social and environmental features, which are **both challenges and potential for growth** in the future.



# Key elements for Programme planning

2 Regional ERDF Operational Programmes for  
Molise and Puglia

Italian Partnership Agreement

Consistency with EUSAIR

Potential interest of the stakeholders (online  
consultation)

EC progress report 2013 and Strategy Country  
Paper for Albania and Montenegro

Potential synergies with other ETC Programmes

# EUSAIR Strategy



The Programme is aligned with the macro-regional EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region EUSAIR, and helps Adriatic-Ionian regions of Italy, Albania and Montenegro to achieve growth by building on the 4 EUSAIR thematic pillars:

- Blue Growth
- Connecting the Region
- Environmental Quality
- Sustainable Tourism

# Programme Priorities

## Priority Axis 1



Strengthening the cross border cooperation and competitiveness of SMEs

## Priority Axis 2



Smart Management of natural and cultural heritage for the exploitation of cross border sustainable tourism and territorial attractiveness

## Priority Axis 3



Environment protection, risk management and low carbon strategy

## Priority Axis 4



Increasing cross border accessibility, promoting sustainable transport service and facilities and improving public infrastructures

# Cross Cutting Themes

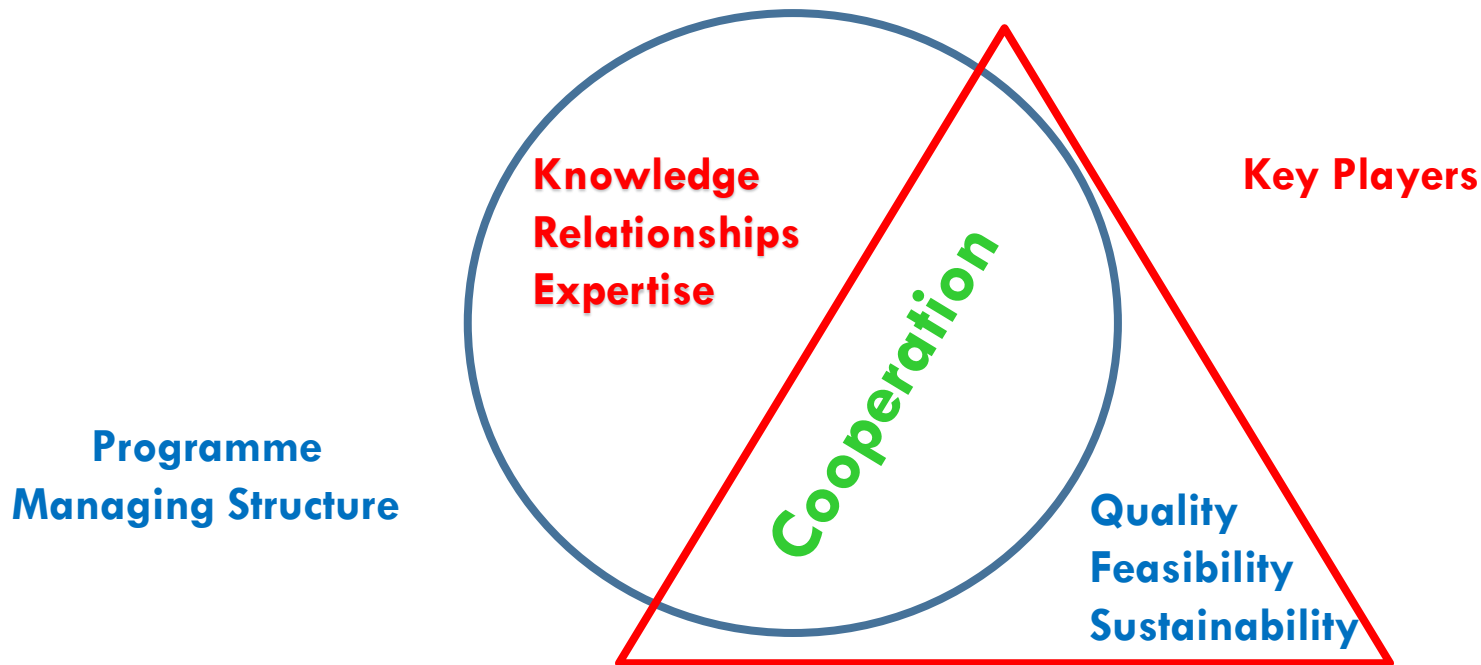
Promoting local and regional governance and enhancing the planning and administrative capacity of local and regional authorities

Strengthening research, technological development, innovation and information and communication technologies through, inter alia, promoting the sharing of human resources and facilities for research and technology development

## ***Compliance to the Cross-cutting thematic Priorities***

*A specific section of the quality assessment grid will check the coherence of the project proposals with the above mentioned thematic Priorities*

# Our ambitions





## Thanks for your attention

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