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INTERREG IPA CBC

ITALY-ALBANIA-MONTENEGRO PROGRAMME

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Territorial Cooperation for smart, inclusive and sustainable growth

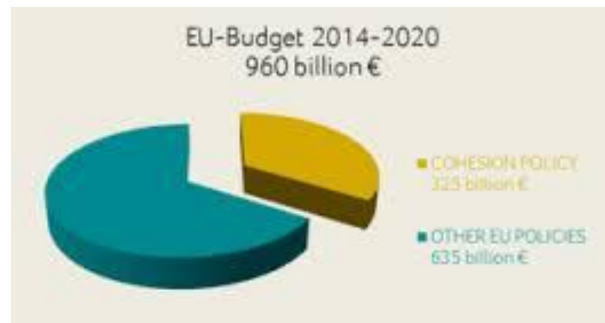
Europe 2020



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

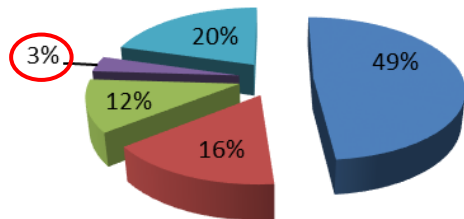


- *'to reinforce the effectiveness of cohesion policy'*
- *'identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs goal** but also, where relevant, to*
territorial cooperation programmes

Funds for regional development

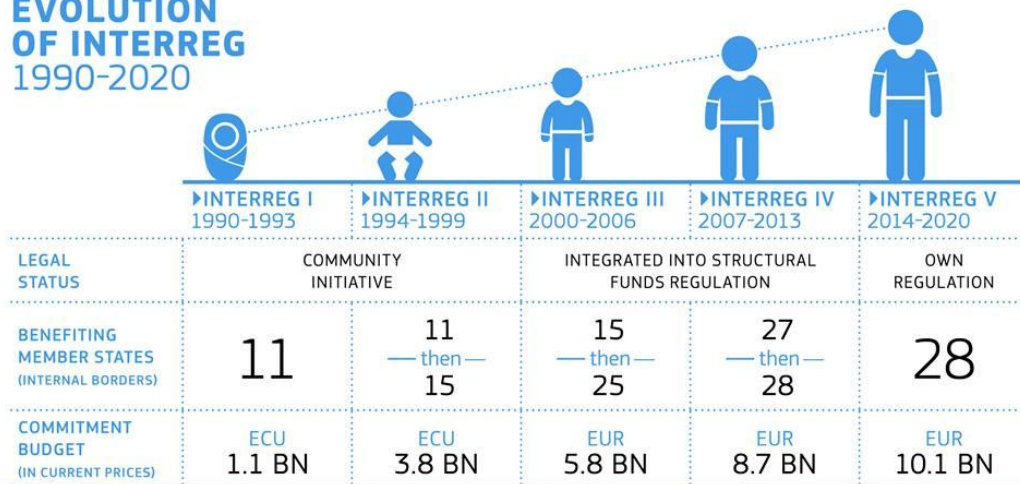
Exchange of experience to improve performance of policies for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds (SF)** programmes

- 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



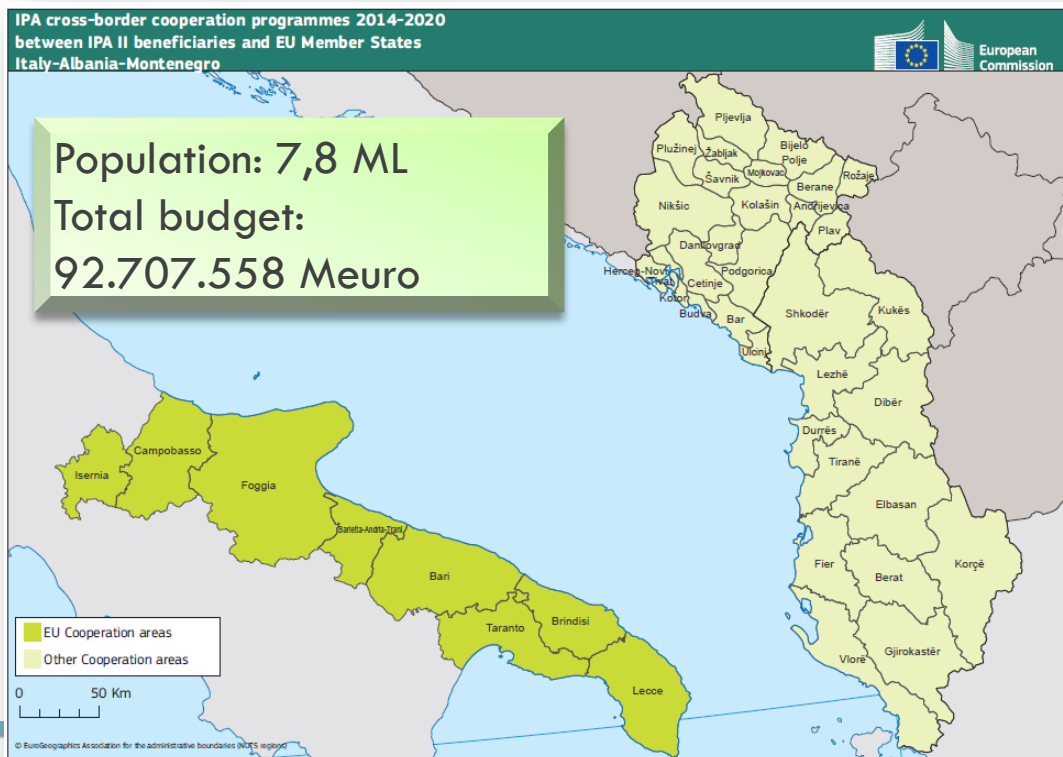
- ✓ Interreg was developed in 1990 as a Community Initiative with a budget of just 1 billion EUR covering exclusively Cross-border Cooperation.
- ✓ Later, it was extended to transnational and inter regional cooperation.

Steps of cooperation



Interreg - IPA CBC 
Italy-Albania-Montenegro

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

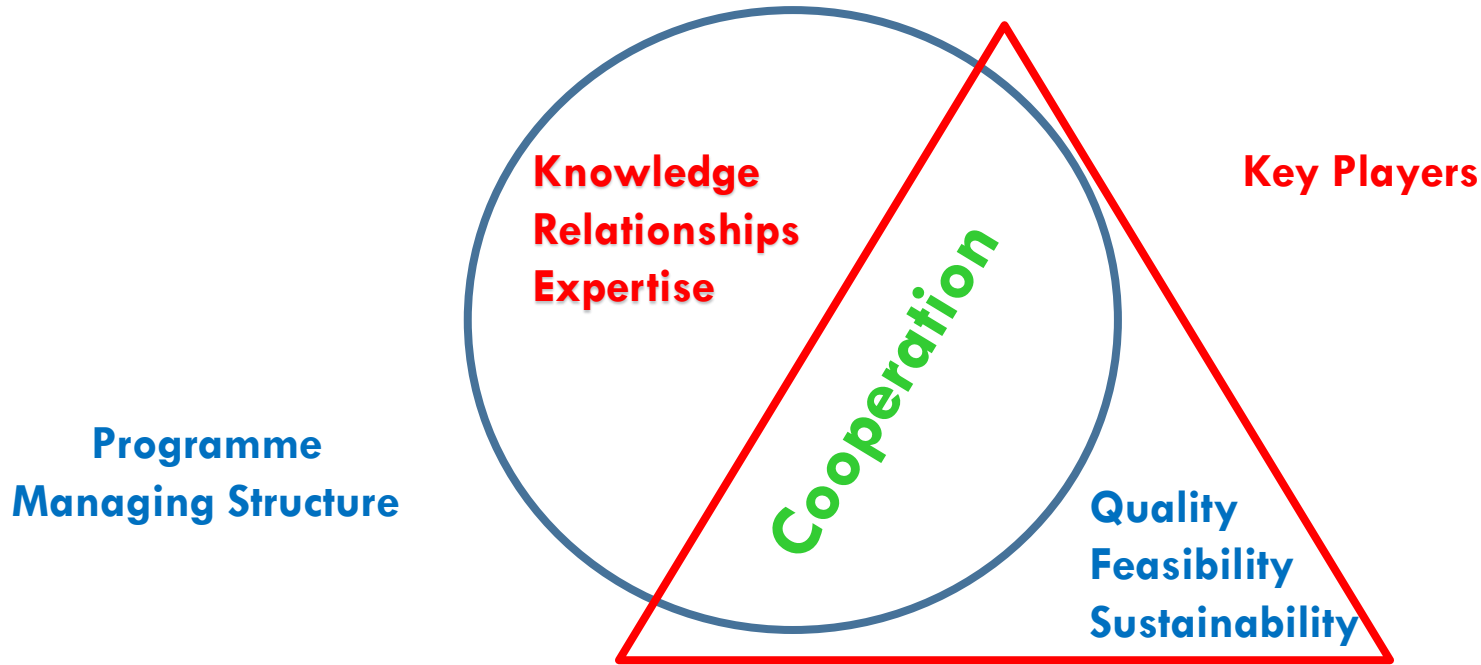
Promoting local and regional governance and enhancing the planning and administrative capacity of local and regional authorities

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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