



INTERREG IVC

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INTERREG IVC state of play

ERIK ACTION final conference

11 May 2010, Florence

Programme implementation – May 2010

- Two open calls for proposals carried out (2008 & 2009)

Almost 1000 applications received

- Third call dedicated to Capitalisation:
Projects currently under evaluation

- Fourth call planned for end of 2010 / beginning of 2011
Terms of reference not available yet



Programme implementation – May 2010

- **115** running projects
 - **71** projects in priority 1 ‘Innovation & knowledge economy’
 - **44** project in priority 2 ‘Environment & risk prevention’

- **EUR 192 million** ERDF allocated (64% of EUR 302 million, total available ERDF budget)

Programme implementation – May 2010

Two important on-going tasks:

- Experimentation on ‘capitalisation at programme level’
 - Focus on 21 projects dealing with innovation policies
 - First findings presented next week in Brussels

- Programme ‘mid-term’ evaluation
 - Results expected in Autumn
 - Will feed into the terms of reference of the 4th call (e.g. thematic restriction?)

Overview on capitalisation projects

Call	Acronym	Fast track	Sub-theme	Lead partner
1st	ERIK ACTION	Yes	Innovation	Regional Government of Tuscany (IT)
1st	B3 Regions	Yes	Information Society	Piedmont Region (IT)
1st	RAPIDE	Yes	Innovation	South West of England RDA (UK)
1st	PIKE	Yes	Information Society	ERNACT EEIG (IE)
1st	ICHNOS PLUS	No	Entrepreneurship and SMEs	ANCITEL SARDINIA (IT)
1st	ESF6 CIA	Yes	Employment & human capital	Aufbauwerk Region Leipzig (DE)
2nd	C2CN	Yes	Waste management	Province of Limburg (NL)
2nd	SufalNet4EU	No	Waste management	Province of Noord-Brabant (NL)
2nd	MKW	Yes	Innovation	Brainport Foundation (NL)
2nd	IMMODI	Yes	Information Society	Association TECLA (IT)
2nd	ENTREDI	No	Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Kompass (DE)
2nd	SCINNOPOLI	Yes	Innovation	Lower Austrian Government,(AT)
2nd	WINNET 8	No	Employment & human capital	Municipality of Älvdalen (SE)

Overview on capitalisation projects

- **13** approved projects (11.3% of the 115 running projects)
- Including **8** Fast Track networks
- For a total budget of EUR **20 million** ERDF (10.4% out of EUR 192 million allocated)

Overview on capitalisation projects

Thematic allocation of the 13 running projects:

- **11** projects under Priority 1
 - 4 projects in “Innovation, Research & Technology Development”
 - 2 projects in “Entrepreneurship and SMEs”
 - 3 projects in “Information Society”
 - 2 projects in “Employment, Human Capital Education

- **2** projects under Priority 2
 - 2 projects in “Waste Management”

Third call for proposals: overview

29 applications submitted

➤ **10** applications under Priority 1

1 application in “Innovation, Research & Technology Development”

6 applications in “Entrepreneurship and SMEs”

1 application in “Information Society”

2 applications in “Employment, Human Capital Education”

➤ **19** applications under Priority 2

4 applications in “Natural & Technological risk / Climate change)”

2 applications in “Water management”

1 application in “Waste management”

1 application in “Biodiversity / Natural heritage”

8 applications in “Energy and sustainable transport”

3 application in “Cultural Heritage and landscape”

Capitalisation Projects: achievements / lessons learnt

- Main results to be known in Autumn (i.e. submission of last progress reports)

- In the 13 projects currently financed:
 - 155 partners involved
 - Including 80 public authorities
 - 23 EU Member States represented

Capitalisation Projects: achievements / lessons learnt

- Non measurable but important outcomes:
 - At project level: closer link between the world of cooperation and the world of 'mainstream'
 - At EC level: 'new' links within DG Regio and between DG Regio and other thematic DGs

- Difficulties / challenges encountered: decision-making process of each Operational Programme, availability of ERDF, etc.

Capitalisation Projects achievements

➤ Expected results

	Action plans (target value)	Estimated amount of mainstream funds (target value)
1st call (6 projects)	59	EUR 167 million
2 nd call (7 projects)	72	EUR 142 million
TOTAL	131	EUR 309 million

➤ Leverage effect

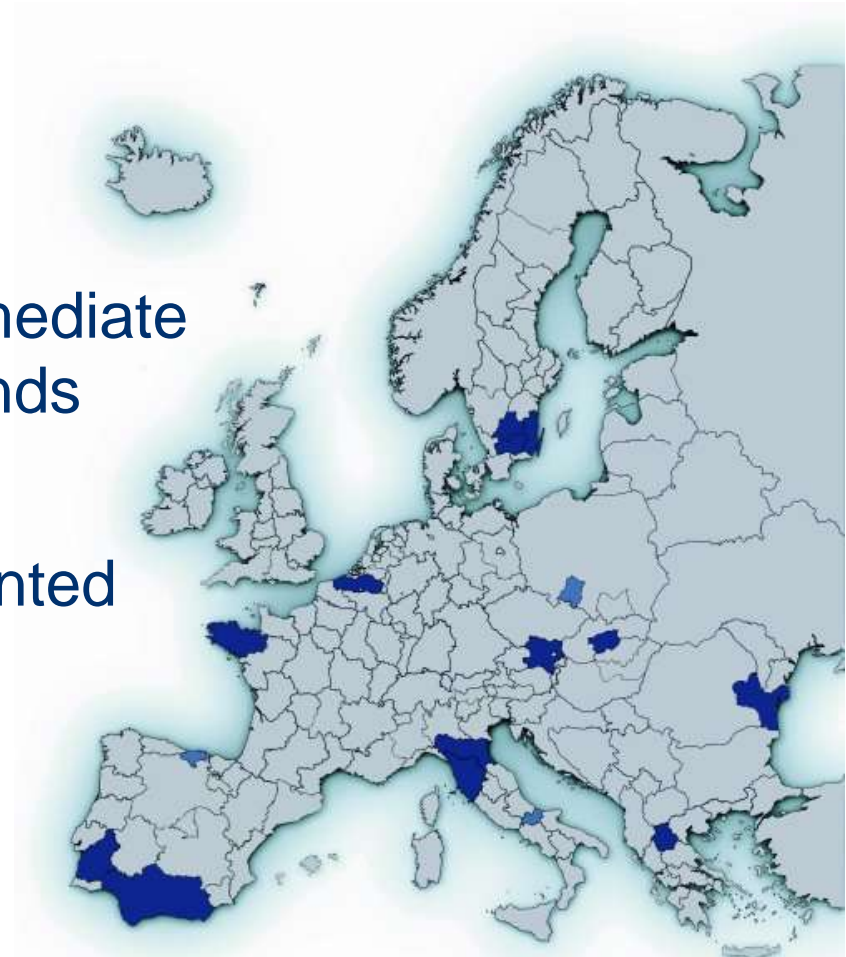
Capitalisation Project ERDF budget	Leverage effect	Estimated amount of mainstream funds impacted
EUR 20 million	x 15	= EUR 309 million

ERIK ACTION: an INTERREG IVC flagship project

- An approach fully relevant to Capitalisation Project:
 - Availability of good practices (ERIK network)
 - Focus on Structural Funds
 - Clear transfer process
 - Involvement of policy makers

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- Excellent partnership
 - 8 out of the 11 regions directly represented by the MA or Intermediate Body in charge of Structural Funds
 - Good Geographical coverage
10 Member States (MS) represented from all 4 corners of Europe including 2 new MS



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➤ Impressive communication skills

Why? ERIK ACTION manages to make INTERREG IVC concrete and understandable to non specialists

How? By finding the right balance between the public policy level and the way these policies are applied on the ground

Thank you for your attention!