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ENPI CBC Technical Assistance

The European Commission provides technical support to the CBC programmes mainly by financing two projects: RCBI and INTERACT ENPI.

Regional Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI)

The RCBI project supports the partner countries in the preparation and implementation of the ENPI CBC programmes.

RCBI activities include:

- information on ENPI CBC opportunities;
- support to identify and develop projects;
- help to find partners on both sides of the border;
- training in project management.

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INTERACT ENPI

The INTERACT ENPI project provides a platform where all ENPI CBC stakeholders meet to share their expertise and good practices.

The INTERACT ENPI project is managed by the self-governing region of Bratislava in Slovakia. Two INTERACT ENPI points have been set up and are respectively hosted by the Ministry of Employment and Economy in Turku, Finland, and by the Region of Tuscany in Florence, Italy.

INTERACT ENPI activities include:

- specific advisory services to the Joint Managing Authorities;
- organising seminars for the ENPI CBC community on technical or strategic matters;
- a virtual platform where all programmes can regularly discuss problems and find solutions;
- studies, tools and manuals.

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Projects

The Joint Managing Authority (JMA) of each programme will regularly launch calls for proposals allowing applicants to submit projects for financing. The programme will decide on the submission deadline and the eligibility criteria for each call. These criteria include the eligibility of applicants, the project size, cooperation sectors, etc.

The JMA will sign one contract per project covering both Member States and partner countries. The JMA will manage the projects with support from the Joint Technical Secretariat (located in the Member State hosting the JMA) and the branch offices (located in both member states and partner countries). One set of rules will apply to these projects on both sides of the EU external border.

Who can apply?

Based on the ENPI regulation priority will be given to:

- local and regional authorities;
- NGOs, development organisations, business associations, cultural or scientific institutions;
- other key organisations in the eligible regions.

The eligibility of applicants will be specified in each call for proposals.

Partners

A partnership between an EU Member State and a partner country is obligatory. Each project should represent at least one Member State and one partner country. A good partnership is key to the success of a project.

More information

Calls for proposals and application packs, including guidelines for applicants and application forms, are published online by the JMAs. Please consult their websites for details on calls for proposals as well as selected projects, forecasts and updates.

Cross-Border Cooperation



For more information

Internet: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/index_en.htm

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CBC Team on the Internet: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/documents/members_of_the_cbc_team_en_.pdf

ENPI CBC programmes on the Internet:
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/programmes/index_en.htm



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What is Cross-Border Cooperation?

Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC) is a key priority of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). Its objective is to reinforce cooperation between Member States and partner countries along the external borders of the European Union.

The CBC strategy has four key objectives:

- to promote economic and social development in border areas;
- to address common challenges;
- to ensure efficient and secure borders;
- to promote people-to-people cooperation.

In total, 15 CBC programmes (nine land border, three sea crossing and three sea basin programmes) have been identified on both sides of the EU's external borders in the east and in the south with a total funding of EUR 1.1 billion for the period 2007–2013.

How does Cross-Border Cooperation work in practice?

A fully balanced partnership: partner countries and Member States work together within a common management structure, applying a single set of implementing rules and sharing one single budget. Common needs are identified by local partners on both sides of the border for activities that are most relevant to their local situation.



Programmes

Land Border Programmes

- **The Kolarctic Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 28.241 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Regional Council of Lapland, Finland
- **The Karelia Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 23.203 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Regional Council of Oulu, Finland
- **The South-East Finland – Russia Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 36.185 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Regional Council of South Karelia, Finland
- **The Estonia – Latvia – Russia Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 47.775 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Regional Development and local governments of Latvia
- **The Latvia – Lithuania – Belarus Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 41.737 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, Regional Policy Department
- **The Lithuania – Poland – Russia Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 132.130 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Poland
- **The Poland – Belarus – Ukraine Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 186.201 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Poland
- **The Hungary – Slovakia – Romania – Ukraine Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 68.638 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the National Development Agency in Hungary
- **The Romania – Ukraine – Republic of Moldova Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 126.718 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Regional Development and Housing, Romania

Sea Crossing Programmes

- **The Spain – Morocco Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 135.231 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Spain
- **The CBC Atlantic Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 27.762 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Spain
- **The Italy – Tunisia Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 25.191 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Region of Sicily, Italy

Sea Basin Programmes

- **Black Sea Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 17.306 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Ministry of Regional Development and Housing, Romania
- **The Mediterranean Sea Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 173.607 million)
Joint Managing Authority: the Region of Sardinia, Italy
- **The Baltic Sea Region Programme**
(Financial allocation: EUR 22.608 million ENPI contribution to the integrated Baltic Sea Programme)
Joint Managing Authority: Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

