

European Commission approves €2.3 million to support management of Cross Border Cooperation programmes in the European Neighbourhood

The European Commission approved today the next phase of the INTERACT ENPI project for the management of Cross Border Cooperation (CBC) programmes in the European Neighbourhood region. With a budget of €2.3 million the project will continue to support the preparation and implementation of the CBC programmes established along the EU's Eastern and Southern external borders. It will run over the period of 2011-2013 and aims at assisting the joint managing bodies of the Cross Border Cooperation programmes within the framework of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

Background

The INTERACT ENPI Project helps to improve the management and the implementation of ENPI CBC programmes by facilitating cooperation and communication between different stakeholders and by providing information and advisory services to the programmes. INTERACT ENPI provides guidance on management and implementation issues through the organisation of seminars and conferences held across the ENPI Programme area.

13 ENPI CBC programmes are operational since end 2008. All programmes have launched their calls for proposals and will soon focus their activities on contract signature and project implementation.

The INTERACT ENPI services are provided from two locations: Turku (Finland) and Florence (Italy). The ongoing Interact ENPI first project will phase out at the end of 2010 and will be extended for another 36 months until end 2012.

Additional information:

For more information on ENPI CBC:

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

For more information on Interact ENPI:

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

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