Cooperation Programmes and Macro-Regional Integration

Regional, Interregional and Transregional cooperation programmes

Opportunities, Challenges and Best Practices

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Lombardy

[Map of Lombardy]

- SmartPilots
  Interreg Europe
- TITTAN
  Interreg Europe
- SWARE
  Interreg Europe
- INNOGROW
  Interreg Europe
- SME ORGANICS
  Interreg Europe
- S3Chem
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**AlpGov**

Implementing Alpine Governance Mechanisms of the European Macroregional Strategy

**C-TemAlp**

Clustering and economic cooperation, Innovation capacity and awareness-raising, SME and entrepreneurship

**INTESI**

Services of general interest, Health and social services, ICT and digital society, Rural and peripheral development, Transport and mobility
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OPPORTUNITIES

• Better definition of macroregional strategies action plans
  • Collecting concrete ideas within identified priorities
  • Sharing information, experience and best practices between national, regio & local actors`

• Translate intentions in concrete “joint actions” bringing solutions to joint problems (Action groups)
  • Creation of tools/platforms for cooperation

• Help regional government to be more effective when planning and implementing policies (governance)
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CHALLENGES

• Localisation of Investments
• Limited Funding for the territorial cooperation
• Funding synergies needed
• Financial engineering
• Innovative financial instruments
• Exploiting the potential of joint programming for research and innovation
• Mobilise Public-Private Investments
BEST PRACTICES

• Regions of Knowledge heritage
• Building on cooperation started in European Thematic Networks
• Vanguard & S3 as coordination principle for interregional cooperation
LESSONS LEARNT

- Building a **competitive innovation ecosystem** across macroregions need **time** and the right **framework conditions for cooperation**
- Structured and continuous interaction between **economic, human and intellectual capital** is needed
- A strong political **governance** at national, regional and local level is essential
- **S3 strategies** need to become “operational”
- Key role of interconnected **intermediaries organisations (clusters, science parks, Business and Innovation Centers etc)** and regional stakeholders
KEY ELEMENTS FOR A “RESULT ORIENTED” MACROREGIONAL COOPERATION

Political Support and Commitment
Shared Vision, Clear Objectives
Methodology, build on S3
Detailed Action & Implementation Plans: what, how, when, who
Coordination/ Clear Governance
Stakeholders involvement
Funding synergies in the implementation phase
KEY ELEMENTS FOR A “RESULT ORIENTED” MACROREGIONAL COOPERATION

- Human factor
- Knowledge & Trust
- Mutual Interest
- Use platforms for cooperation
- Be open and connected along value chains
Thank you!

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