

# ***Cooperation Programmes and Macro-Regional Integration***

***Regional, Interregional and Transregional  
cooperation programmes***

***Opportunities, Challenges and Best Practices***

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Interreg MED 2014-2020  
COOPERATION AREA



European Regional Development Fund - Instrument for Pre-Accession II Fund

4 assi prioritari

- 1. Regione innovativa
- 2. Regione sostenibile
- 3. Regione economica
- 4. Crescita in FEMER

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**SmartPilots**  
Interreg Europe

**S34Growth**  
Interreg Europe

**TITTAN**  
Interreg Europe

**SWARE**  
Interreg Europe

**INNOGROW**  
Interreg Europe

**SME ORGANICS**  
Interreg Europe

**S3Chem**  
Interreg Europe



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## AlpGov

Implementing **Alpine Governance Mechanisms** of the European Macroregional Strategy

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## 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** ect) 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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