

## What can be co-funded?

### ➔ Background Information

The EU regulations include some common eligibility rules to be followed by all programmes. Following article 13 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1080/2006, the programme has defined common eligibility rules to be followed by all project participants coming from EU – Member States of the Alpine Space Programme. Please be aware that expenses of project participants from Switzerland and Liechtenstein are not eligible for European Regional Development Fund co-funding.

### ➔ Guidance

There might be some deviations between the rules set out in the EU regulations, in national rules or the programme's eligibility rules. Please consider that always the stricter rule shall apply (e.g. article 51 and 52 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1828/2006 lays down conditions under which contributions in kind and overhead costs would be eligible, however the programme's eligibility rules explicitly state that both, contributions in kind and lump sum overhead costs are ineligible => these expenses shall therefore not be certified and will not be co-funded).

The programme's eligibility paper lays down detailed rules for each cost category, i.e.:

- + staff
- + external experts and services
- + investments
- + general expenses
- + financial charges and guarantee costs

It furthermore includes information on revenues (see also factsheet 6.5 on *How to handle revenues*) and a list of ineligible expenses. Please consider that this list is not exhaustive – expenses not listed there are therefore not automatically to be considered as eligible.

Should there be a question related to the eligibility of expenses that is not answered by the eligibility paper, it should be discussed with the Alpine Space Contact Points or the Joint Technical Secretariat.

## **Reference Documents**

- + Article 56 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006
- + Article 13 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1080/2006
- + Article 51 to 52 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1828/2006

## **Annex**

- + Eligibility rules of the Programme