

How to receive national co-funding?

Background Information

Projects are co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) up to a maximum rate of 76%. The remaining budget has to be covered with national co-funding, brought in by each project participant. As the programme follows the "public costs" principle only public funds can be co-funded with ERDF. In case private project participants join a partnership as project partners, they have to prove that their national funding will be provided by public authorities and that it is therefore ensured that the expenses co-funded by the ERDF are funded by public funds only.

As Liechtenstein and Switzerland are not members of the European Union, project participants from these countries are not eligible for European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) co-funding. Both countries have foreseen a budget for co-financing their partners.

Partners from Liechtenstein and Switzerland may act as Lead Partners in projects. However they can't take the overall responsibility for the management of the ERDF-funds granted to the project. Partners from these countries who would like to be Lead Partner has to find an ERDF-Lead Partner coming from an EU-Member State of the Alpine Space cooperation area.

Guidance

Each partner state applies a different system to provide with national public co-funding. In the following specific information per partner state is made available:

1 Austria

In Austria there is no special fund dedicated to projects applying for European Territorial Cooperation programmes. In the past, lots of Austrian Interreg IIIB project participant made use of several funds stemming from ministries and regions, however, they had to apply for these funds individually. A close contact to the members of the National Committee could be helpful (generally in the stage of project generation). For public or public equivalent participants it is also possible to use their own resources as national co-funding.

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2 France

No specific national co-financing instrument dedicated to projects applying for European Territorial Cooperation programmes is available in France. Each project participant has to address an individual request to the local, regional or national public authorities, which could contribute to the national co-funding according to the project aims. Thus, it is necessary to involve those authorities in a very early project development stage to meet possible specific requirements.

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3 Germany

Generally, no specific national co-financing instrument is available in Germany. However, public authorities on regional and national level or other bodies governed by public law may contribute to the national co-funding in specific cases, depending on the overall project aims. Project participants are therefore recommended to address their request for co-funding directly to the authorities who are expected to have a special interest in the intervention. Thus, it is useful to involve those authorities in a very early project development stage to meet possible specific requirements.

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4 Italy

Once the ERDF funds are allocated to the projects by Programme Committee (PC) approval, Italy makes available the necessary funds to the total cover of the projects budget through the National *Fondo di Rotazione* (National law 183 dated 16-04-1987). Criteria for national co-funding are specified in *Delibera* CIPE n°36 dated 15-06-2007.

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5 Slovenia

When national funds are available, the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning will launch one national call per year. Its potential beneficiaries will be Slovenian project participants taking part in the projects already approved by the Programme Committee (PC).

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6 Switzerland

Switzerland has foreseen a national budget for co-financing its partners which is managed by the Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE). The Swiss project partners are asked to address early to the Alpine Space Contact Point in order to discuss the procedure and funding. Swiss partners have to fill in a form during the second step of the Call for Proposal where they give a detailed budget. The co-funding is then discussed on the basis of this form. The co-funding rate is flexible and is decided project per project.

Other public authorities on national, regional and local levels or other bodies governed by public law may also contribute to the co-funding of a project. Private co-funding is possible too, under the condition that the provenance of money is known.

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7 Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein has foreseen a national budget for co-funding its partners which is managed by the Government Chancellery. The Liechtenstein project partners are asked to address early to the Alpine Space Contact Point in order to discuss the procedure and the general commitment to co-funding. The Liechtenstein partners have to apply for the co-funding as early as possible. But during the second

step of the Call for Proposal at the latest. Based on this request the co-funding rate is then discussed. The co-funding rate is flexible and is decided project per project.

Other public authorities or other bodies governed by public law may also contribute to the co-funding of a project. Private co-funding is possible too, under the condition that the provenance of money is known.

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