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## TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

### **A transnational approach to territorial development and integration**

The general aim of transnational cooperation is to foster a balanced territorial development and territorial integration within the cooperation area. Transnational cooperation concentrates on a limited number of priority areas in line with the Lisbon and Gothenburg processes: Innovation, Environment, Accessibility and Sustainable Urban Development.

### **Different countries - jointly for a common future**

Transnational cooperation programmes involving national, regional, local authorities and other relevant actors aim to promote better integration within the Union through the formation of large groups of European regions. Transnational cooperation programmes encourage a sustainable and balanced development of the European territory. Some of these programmes, such as the South East Programme, also promote better integration between the Member States, candidate and potential candidate countries and neighbouring countries.



## SOUTH EAST EUROPE TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME 2007-2013

### **A transnational Cooperation Programme for a European area in transition on the way to integration**

Regional cooperation in south-eastern Europe is essential, regardless of the different stage of integration of the various countries. The stability, prosperity and security of the region are of significant interest to the EU. The South East Europe Programme 2007-2013 is part of the European Territorial Cooperation objective of EU regional policy.

### **Global Objective:**

The South East Europe programme aims to develop transnational partnerships on matters of strategic importance to improve the territorial, economic and social integration process and to contribute to cohesion, stability and competitiveness. Furthermore, the programme seeks to realise high quality, result orientated transnational projects of strategic character, relevant for the programme area.

## Programme Priorities

**Priority 1 "Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship"** shall contribute specifically to the future development of South East Europe as a place of innovation. The objective is to facilitate innovation, entrepreneurship, knowledge economy and to enhance integration and economic relations in the co-operation area.

**Priority 2 "Protection and improvement of the environment"** shall contribute to the improvement of the environmental conditions and to a better management of protected and other natural/semi natural areas. The objective is to override the constraints imposed by national barriers, to foresee future environmental threats and opportunities and to develop common transnational action for the protection of nature and humans.

**Priority 3 "Improvement of the accessibility"** shall contribute specifically to the improvement of the accessibility of local and regional actors to the European Networks. That includes physical infrastructure as well as access to the Information Society. The objective is to promote coordinated development of accessibility networks and the support of multimodality.

**Priority 4 "Development of transnational synergies for sustainable growth areas"** shall contribute to the balanced growth of the programme area. The objective is to develop and implement integrated strategies for metropolitan areas and regional systems of settlements, work towards optimal polycentric structures in the programme area and use cultural values for sustainable development.



## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES:

**16 countries:** Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

### **Funds available:**

- The budget of the programme, coming from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and national public funds is Euro 245.1 million.
- The programme also benefits from IPA funds, for the countries having the candidate or potential candidate status for the EU membership and from ENPI funds for the countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

### **How to apply**

Calls for project proposals are launched every year.

For more information related to the programme, the calls and instructions on how to apply go to: [www.southeast-europe.net](http://www.southeast-europe.net).