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- Importance of Environment in III C
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GENERAL AIM ➔ USING COOPERATION TO DEVELOP:

- BALANCED AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN TERRITORY
- ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EU COHESION THROUGH THE TRANSBORDER, TRANSNATIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATIONS
- TERRITORIAL PLANNING
- SPECIAL FOCUS ON:
  - TERRITORIAL INTEGRATION WITH THE NEW EU MEMBERS, CANDIDATE AND OTHER NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
  - INSULAR AND ULTRA-PERIPHERIAL REGIONS
INTERREG III integrates three different strands (A, B, C):

- INTERREG IIIA: cross-border cooperation
- INTERREG IIIB: transnational cooperation
- INTERREG IIIC: interregional cooperation
INTERREG III AND THE STRAND C

TOTAL INTERREG III funding distribution 2000-2006

STRAND A: TRANSBORDER COOPERATION (67%)

STRAND B: TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION (27%)

STRAND C: INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION: (6%)
ERDF CO-FINANCING RATES:

- 75% OBJECTIVE 1 REGIONS
- 85% OUTERMOST REGIONS
- 50% OTHER EU REGIONS
An Initiative on inter-regional cooperation involving:

- Entire EU-territory including insular and outermost regions
- New member states
- Norway and Switzerland
- MEDA countries
- Any other interested third country all over the world
INTERREG III C

INTERREG III STRAND C
inter-regional co-operation

FOUR ZONES:
South Zone
West Zone
East Zone
North Zone

2000-2006: 293 MEURO
**INTERREG III C**

**Management Structures for Each Zone**

The four programme zones are managed homogenously

- **Steering Committee (SC)**
  project selection and funding decisions

- **Monitoring Committee (MC)**
  supervises the programme and ensures quality and effectiveness of the implementation of the programme

- **Managing Authority (MA)**
  responsible for efficiency and correctness of management and implementation

- **Paying Authority (PA)**
  responsible for payments

- **Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS)**
  day-to-day programme management
  main contact points
INTERREG III C AIMS

• Enhancing economic and social cohesion
• Promoting a balanced and sustainable development of the European territory
• Increasing territorial integration with new member states and other neighbouring countries
• Improving the effectiveness of regional development policies and instruments
• Exchanging information and sharing of experience
INTERREG III C  topics of Cooperation

1.- OBJECTIVE 1 AND 2 ACTIVITIES
2.- OTHER INTERREG III A AND B PROGRAMMES
3.- URBAN DEVELOPMENT
4.- INNOVATIVE ACTIONS
5.- OTHER SUBJECTS
6.- BORDER REGIONS
Some figures...  
... on total budget committed....

- **496 MEUR** - Total eligible budget.
- **304 MEUR** - Total ERDF budget allocated to operations
- **2 MEUR** - Norwegian Funding
- **190 MEUR** - National Co-financing

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**INTERREG III C**

North East South West

**INTERREG IIIC**

**GENERALITAT VALENCIANA**
Some figures... to remember!

- **269** - number of INTERREG IIIC operations
- **2650** - approximate number of INTERREG IIIC project partners
- **500** - Million Euros approximately allocated to INTERREG IIIC
Relevant themes... Importance of „Environment“!
INTERREG III C
Three types of operations

OPERATIONS

Regional Framework Operations (RFO)

Individual projects

Networks
Three types of operations:

- Network: 89
- RFO: 40
- Individual: 140
### Funding of operations at present in the South Zone and ERDF contribution to each type

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Features of a Regional Framework Operation (RFO)

- Cooperation of groups of regions
- Covering 5 out of the 6 general topics (excluding “Border Regions“)
- Based on a joint strategy
- Who can apply ? Regional public authorities or equivalent bodies
- The Lead Partner submits the application to the programme zone where the lead partner is situated irrespectively of the location of the other cooperation partners.
- Multiplied effect of RFOS, Intensive Cooperation
Group of regional authorities (or equivalent bodies or regional authorities at a geographically lower level acting on behalf of the region) form a Steering Committee to select RFO-internal projects.

Minimum of three different countries (at least two must be Member States).

How does it work an RFO?

1. **RFO-Strategy**
   - Leadparticipant

2. **Project 1**
   - Lead participant
   - Participants on project level
     - Pt

3. **Project 2**
   - Lead participant
   - Participants on project level
     - Pt

4. **Project 3**
   - Lead participant
   - Participants on project level
     - Pt

RFO-internal projects
Importance of environment in IIIC: Projects INTERREG IIIC by LP´s country: total and environnement
Importance of environment in IIIC:
Projects INTERREG IIIC by Zone: total and environment
First RFO approved in South Zone Oct 2002

Intensive Cooperation example: 14 subprojects approved

Within future scope of cooperation

One opportunity for local and small territorial actors to tackle environmental issues and elaborate joint solutions
Interregional Cooperation

= Resources & KNOWLEDGE Networking

pooling information and intelligence

The Meaning and Lessons for the Future
Future Inter-regional Cooperation and Environment

The issues of environment in future IC relates to:

- **natural and technological risks**
- **water management**
- **waste management**
- **biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage**
- **energy and sustainable public transport**
- **cultural heritage**
Future Inter-regional Cooperation and Environment

**Overall objective:**
To improve the effectiveness of regional development policies in the areas of innovation, knowledge economy, environment and risk prevention by means of interregional cooperation.

**Among the specific objectives:**
1.- To improve regional policies in the field of innovation and the knowledge economy

2.- To improve regional policies in environment and risk prevention focusing on: prevention and management of natural and technological risks, water and coastal management, waste management, biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage, energy efficiency and renewable energies, clean and sustainable public transport and cultural heritage.
Future Inter-regional Cooperation and Environment

Among the specific objectives:

3.-To enable actors at the regional and local level from different countries across the EU (and beyond) to exchange their experiences and knowledge.

4.-To ensure results of interregional cooperation projects in the thematic priority fields will be made available to regional and local actors interested, (stakeholders of Convergence and Competitiveness) with the aim to improve the wider use of these results in regional policies across the EU.

5.-To match less experienced regions with more experience regions. The aim to jointly improve the regional capacities and knowledge level of the less experienced regions and support the implementation of their Convergence and Competitiveness programmes.
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