

# Interreg NEXT Cooperation programmes with Ukraine 2021-2027



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# Legal rules for Interreg NEXT 2021-2027 cooperation



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# Neighbourhood 2021-2027 in a nutshell

**Neighbourhood** integrated into an instrument covering most of the external actions (40 Articles + 7 Annexes)  
(but excluding enlargement):

*Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)*

*Neighbourhood specificities preserved:*

- **Budget ring-fenced**
- **Cross Border Cooperation**
- **Specific objectives and strategic documents**



# 5 key legal instruments

## Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)

- Delivery elements
- Article 1(5):  
What does not apply to ETC!

## ERDF/CF Regulation

- Cohesion policy priorities are here (e.g. specific objectives and thematic concentration requirements)
- Scope

## ETC (Interreg) Regulation

Territorial co-operation including external assistance

## ECBM Regulation?

## ESF+ Regulation

# EU funds for Interreg NEXT 2021-2027 cooperation:

**ERDF + NDICI**  
**(50% + 50% *or more*)**

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# Funding for the Neighbourhood 2021-2027

„In order to increase the coherence, transparency, flexibility and effectiveness of EU external cooperation, most existing instruments will be merged into a Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument with a total financial envelope of EUR 70 800 million, of which:

- i. Geographic programmes: EUR 53 805 million, of which at least EUR 17 217 million for the Neighbourhood, while maintaining an adequate geographical balance...“
- Ceiling of financing for Interreg NEXT (NDICI CBC):  
**Up to 4% (5%?)** of the Neighbourhood envelope

# Funding for Interreg 2021-2027

Following the European Council Conclusions from July 2020

- Resources for the "European territorial cooperation" goal (Interreg) will amount to a total of **EUR 7 950 million** and will be distributed as follows:
  - a) a total of EUR 5 713 million for maritime and land cross-border cooperation;
  - b) a total of EUR 1 466 million for transnational cooperation;
  - c) a total of EUR 500 million for interregional cooperation;
  - d) a total of EUR 271 million for outermost regions' cooperation.The amount of EUR 970 million allocated by the Commission for ETC - component for interregional innovation investments.

# Policy framework Interreg NEXT 2021-2027 cooperation



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## Revised Eastern Partnership – March 2020

- Building on the Partnership's key achievements
- Strengthening resilience

### **Long-term Eastern Partnership policy objectives beyond 2020:**

- together for resilient, sustainable and integrated economies
- together for accountable institutions, the rule of law and security
- together towards environmental and climate resilience
- together for a resilient digital transformation
- together for resilient, fair and inclusive societies.

Coherence and complementarity between all EU interventions should be ensured, as well as a *clear link between the policy and the 2021-2027 multiannual programming, including **for future Interreg NEXT and other territorial cooperation programmes.***

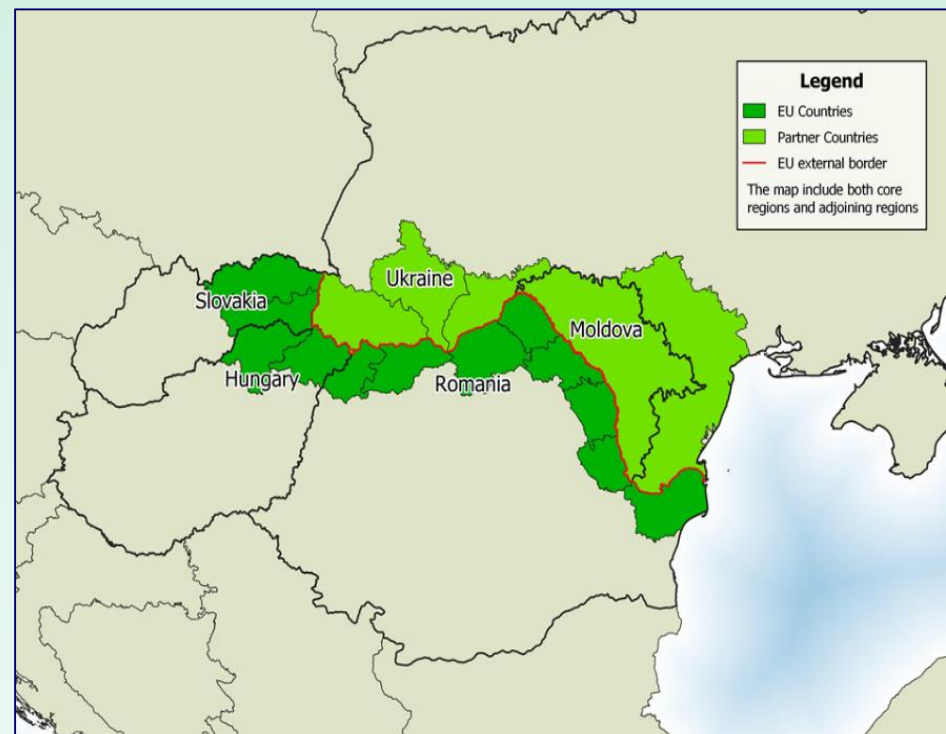
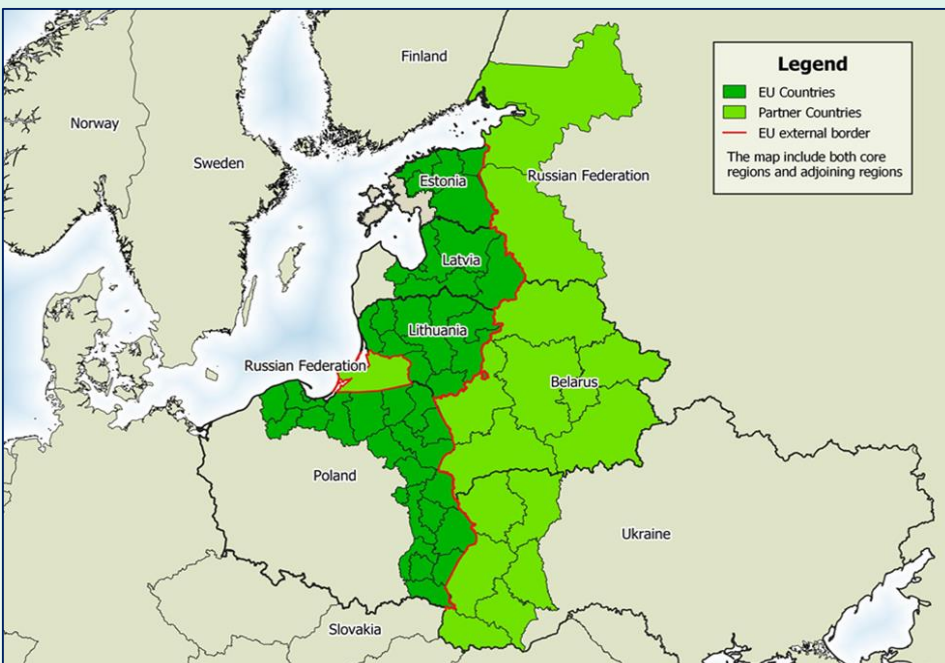


# Joint paper on Interreg NEXT Strategic Programming 2021 – 2027

- Interreg **N**eighbourhood **E**xternal (**NEXT**) programmes contribute *to both* European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the Cohesion Policy for the period 2021-2027, financed from ERDF and NDICI funds
- **Joint paper**: basis for the **multiannual strategy document** for Interreg NEXT programmes, to be adopted after the Regulations are adopted
- Policy context (including Eastern Partnership) + the socio-economic situation of the programmes' territories + lessons learnt from ENPI and ENI CBC
- Guiding principles on programming + objectives and themes for cooperation + indicative list of the future Interreg NEXT programmes.



Interreg NEXT programmes with  
Ukraine :  
Poland-Belarus-Ukraine  
Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine  
Romania-Ukraine  
Black Sea Basin (transnational)  
+ Danube transnational programme



# What can be supported under Interreg NEXT 2021-2027 cooperation



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# Policy objectives & Interreg-specific objectives - overview

5 Policy objectives (POs)

**PO1: A smarter Europe**

**PO2: A greener, low-carbon Europe**

**PO3: A more connected Europe**

**PO4: A more social Europe**

**PO5: A Europe closer to citizens**

+ Interreg-specific objectives (ISOs)

- A better cooperation governance
- A safer and more secure Europe

# Thematic concentration

*At least 60% of the EU funds to be allocated on PO2 („Greener“) and a max. of 2 other POs*

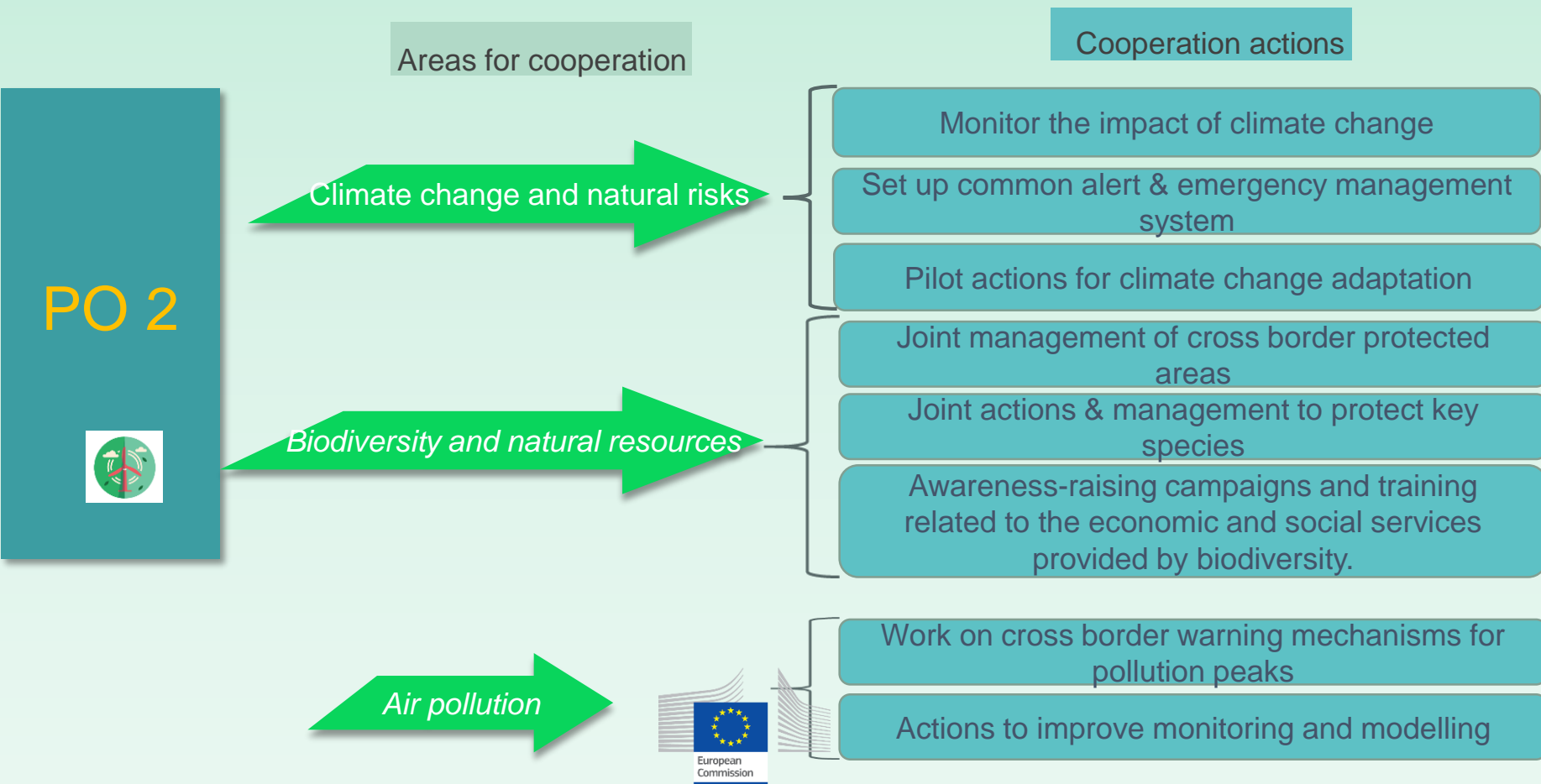
*Max. 10 % may be allocated on the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better cooperation governance'*

*Max. 5 % may be allocated on the external Interreg-specific objective of 'a safer and more secure Europe'.*

*For transnational programmes („strand B“), if covered by macro-regional or sea-basin strategy:*

*At least 80 % of EU funds (other than TA) to contribute to the objectives of that strategy*

# • Programme specific recommendations

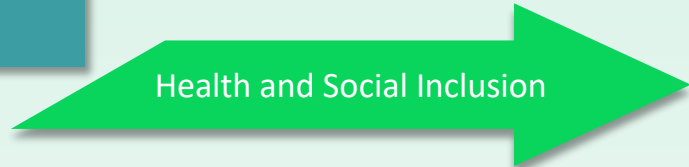


# • Thematic concentration

PO 4



Areas for cooperation



Topics for cooperation

Initiatives to remove legal, administrative and language barriers preventing labour force movement.

Joint analyses of regional skills gaps

Jointly developed training programmes aimed at young people in isolated areas

Networking of public service providers, training courses and exchange of experience

Organisation of cross-border public health campaigns

Inter-hospital partnership with joint organisation of care, for complementary care, enabling joint provision of specialist care



# • Thematic concentration

Areas for cooperation

Actions

ISO 1  
&  
ISO 2

Interreg

Local Communities

Institutional Capacities

Conservation, preservation & adaptation of cultural heritage

Joint training of staff to increase cultural heritage management

Develop joint sustainable tourism products & services & transnational thematic itineraries

Pilot activities to deliver more efficient public services

Exchange of public sector staff



# How to implement Interreg NEXT projects?



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## Level of financing and co-financing

- **CBC funding:** ERDF + "at least" equivalent NDICI/IPA funding for CBC

### ***Specificities of the CBC programmes between Neighbourhood countries and Member States kept:***

*NDICI derogation to ETC Regulation:*

- ***Co-financing: up to 90%***
- ***Pre-financing: up to 80% of yearly allocation***

# Interreg project partnership (Article 23 ETC)

- **Interreg partnership for operations** (ex 45-46)  
*Cooperation is about...cooperation!*

## **4 dimensions (DISF)**

- **Development**
  - **Implementation**
  - **Staffing *and/or***
  - **Financing**
- **Lead partner principle** ("partners") (tasks → Article 25)
  - **Sole beneficiary** (EGTC or cross-border legal body)
  - **Implementation in only one country, if impact**

# New: Small project funds (Article 24)

- *SPF = "operation"*
- *EUR 20 million or 15% per SPF under an Interreg programme*
- *"Final recipients" implement "small projects" (§1)*
- *Cross-border legal body or **EGTC** = beneficiary (§2)*
- *Content of grant letter (§3)*
- *Selection of small projects ≠ delegation of tasks to an IB (§4)*
- *20% max. for staff and management costs (§5)*
- *Small project < EUR 100.000 → SCO obligatory (§6)*

# Article 55 - Large infrastructure projects (ex 41(2))

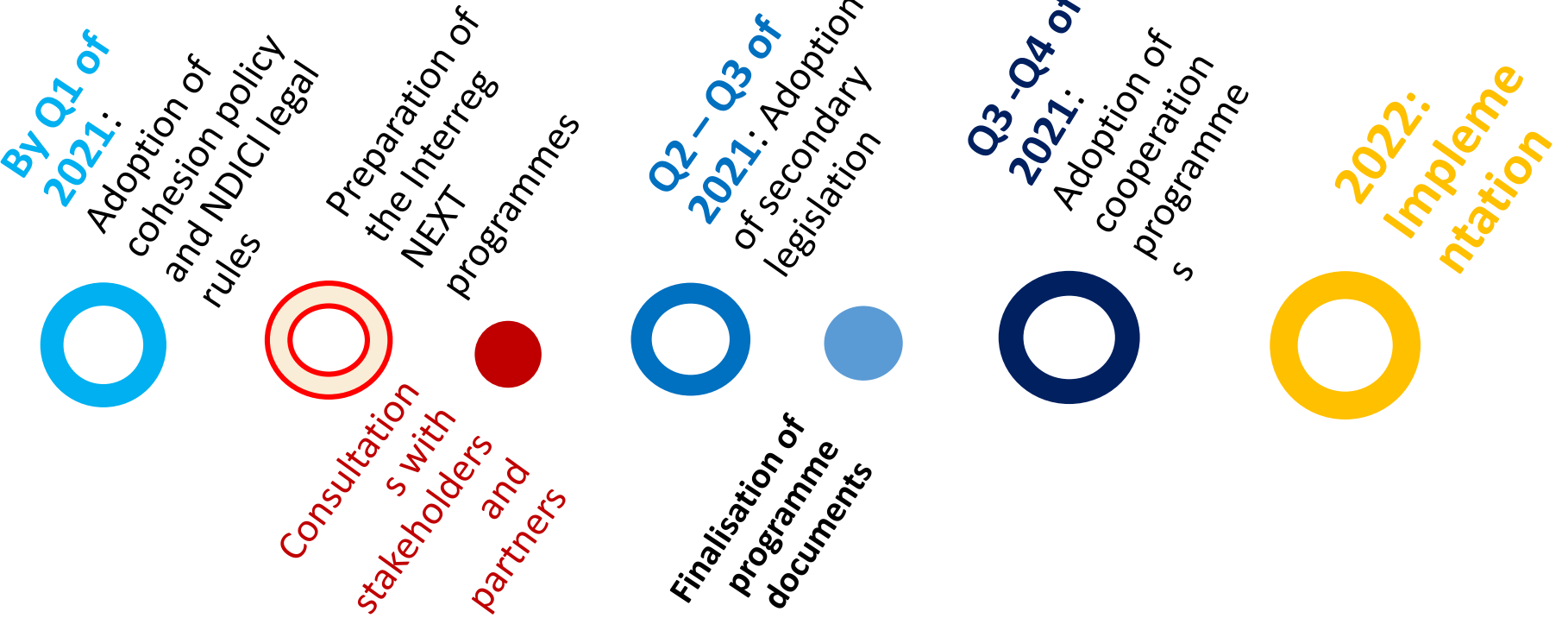
- Infrastructure project:
  - Comprising set of works, activities and services to fulfil indivisible function (no slicing)
  - Investments delivering cross-border (or transnational) impacts and benefits
  - Sole acquisition of infrastructure (amount of works contract) **above EUR 2.5 million (including VAT)**
- Concept note to be sent to the Commission for information before the meeting of steering committee envisaged to select the project (**easier!**)
  - Maximum 3 pages
  - Description limited to essential elements: nature, location, budget, partners, objectives and deliverables

# Timeline



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# Next steps until 2022



**Many thanks  
for your attention!**

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