



Interreg Sudoe Programme

Citizens' summary

What is it?

The regions from Southwest Europe have **common problems**: poor investment in research and innovation, low competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises and exposure to climate change and environmental risks.

The European Union considers that the most efficient way to tackle these challenges is working together to overcome national borders. The combination of efforts will lead to the best ideas, the best practices and will avoid duplication of the work.

The European tool to drive this common search for solutions is the **Interreg Sudoe Programme**, the abbreviation of Cooperation Programme Interreg V-B Southwest Europe.

Between 2014 and 2020 the programme will fund projects created by the alliances of different countries and regions from Southwest Europe, with a total budget of 141 million Euros.

The priorities

The projects must deal with one among **five priorities** of the Programme, identified as the areas on which transnational cooperation will have its strongest impact in the context of Southwest Europe.



Research and innovation



Competitiveness of SMEs



Low-carbon economy



Combating climate change



Environment and resource efficiency



Cooperation depends on you

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Who can participate?

The entities that can organize projects financed through the Programme are public and private organisations (with the exception of large companies), from the following regions:

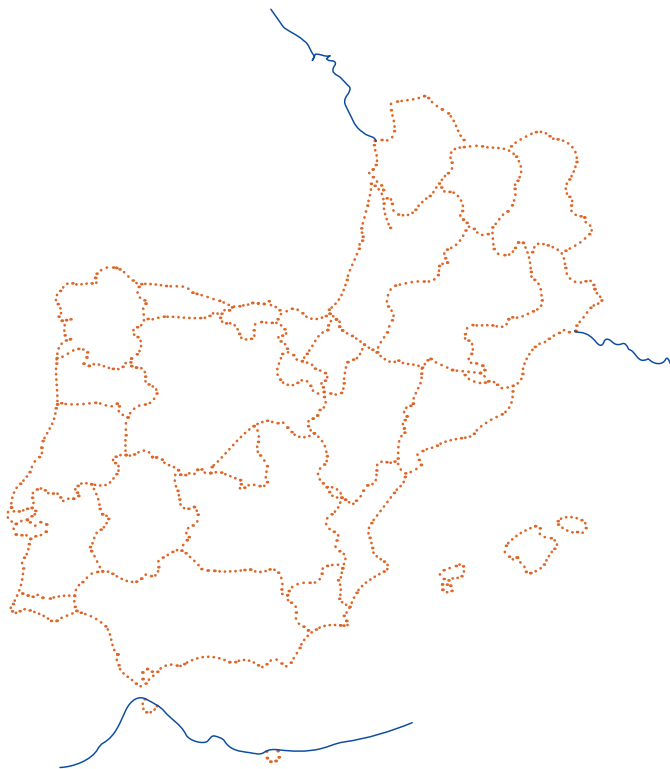
Spain: all the Autonomous Communities (except Canary Islands) and the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla.

The six South western regions of France: Aquitaine, Auvergne, Languedoc-Roussillon, Limousin, Midi-Pyrénées and Poitou-Charentes.

Portugal: all continental regions (thus excluding Madeira and Azores).

United Kingdom (Gibraltar).

The Principality of Andorra.



Who will benefit?

All citizens: higher level of well-being with a more developed economy, improved energy efficiency in buildings, better protection against natural risks and reinforced appreciation of their cultural and natural heritage.

SMEs: increased profits due to investment in R&D+i, business development initiatives and internationalisation services.

Researchers and public administrations: access to new knowledge and resources collaborating with researchers and administrations from other countries and regions.

What is Interreg?

Interreg Sudoe Programme is part of the European territorial cooperation objective, better known as Interreg, which in turn is part of the most important European tool for regional policy: the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**.

In particular, Interreg Sudoe Programme is one of the 15 programmes of the objective **Interreg B**, which funds transnational cooperation (among regions from different countries). On the other hand, Interreg A supports cross-border cooperation and Interreg C interregional cooperation.

See also: you can read all information related to the Programme on the website www.interreg-sudoe.eu

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