

Thematic focus of the third call - INNOVATION

PRIORITY AXIS (PA)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (SO)	THEMATIC FOCUS
<p>Cooperating on INNOVATION to make CENTRAL EUROPE more competitive</p>	<p>1.1 To improve sustainable linkages among actors of the innovation systems for strengthening regional innovation capacity in central Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Bottom-up implementation of smart specialisation strategies (RIS3) in industrial sectors that are technology priority areas in central Europe ¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple and quadruple helix approaches to strengthen the participation of public and civil society actors (in particular RIS3 key actors) • Innovative practices such as open innovation and co-creation approaches involving e.g. the creative sector (<i>overlaps with SO 3.2 targeting cultural and creative industries have to be avoided</i>). • Actions for bringing innovation closer to the market such as financing mechanisms for market introduction and leverage of innovation
	<p>1.2 To improve skills and entrepreneurial competences for advancing economic and social innovation in central European regions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Social innovation and integration of disadvantaged groups and regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom-up social innovation practices creating and strengthening support infrastructure, services and schemes (e.g. mentoring, community-owned initiatives, services of general interest) • Integration of migrants and other disadvantaged groups into society and the labour market • Innovation of social policies (e.g. tackling policy-related challenges, policy improvements and coordination) • Development of entrepreneurial competences for social entrepreneurship (including entrepreneurship of migrants) and entrepreneurship aiming to create positive social effects

¹ Energy and environment, Public health, medicine and life sciences, Agro- and bio-economy, Advanced materials and nanotechnology, Transport and mobility, Advanced manufacturing systems, ICT and electronics - see http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/20182/81824/S3-CE_160926_report.pdf/491bbef6-7610-4960-a74c-b58a57a0c9f4. Projects are encouraged to address also multiple sectors under broader headings such as circular economy.

Thematic focus of the third call - LOW CARBON STRATEGIES

PRIORITY AXIS (PA)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (SO)	THEMATIC FOCUS
Cooperating on LOW-CARBON strategies in CENTRAL EUROPE	2.1 To develop and implement solutions for increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy usage in public infrastructures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Energy efficiency and renewable energy usage in public infrastructure other than public buildings and streetlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport infrastructure including railway, road, waterways, terminals etc. (<i>overlaps with Priority Axis 4 have to be avoided</i>) • Water infrastructure including distribution and maintenance of water supply • Waste and waste water infrastructure including collection and treatment • ICT infrastructure including data storage and distribution systems > Financing aspects of energy-efficient renovation, e.g. considering investment and operational costs or financial savings during the operation phase (exclusively related to above listed types of public infrastructure) > Integration of renewable energy sources (exclusively related to above listed types of public infrastructure)
	2.2 To improve territorially based low-carbon energy planning strategies and policies supporting climate change mitigation	> No thematic focus , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (available here)
	2.3 To improve capacities for mobility planning in functional urban areas to lower CO ₂ emissions	> Remains closed because topics are already sufficiently covered by projects. No project proposals can be submitted in this specific objective.

Thematic focus of the third call - NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

PRIORITY AXIS (PA)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (SO)	THEMATIC FOCUS
Cooperating on NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES for sustainable growth in CENTRAL EUROPE	3.1 To improve integrated environmental management capacities for the protection and sustainable use of natural heritage and resources	> No thematic focus , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (available here)
	3.2 To improve capacities for the sustainable use of cultural heritage and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Cultural and creative industries (CCI) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCI entrepreneurship • CCI policies • cross-sectorial cooperation and linkages of CCI to other sectors or innovative technologies
	3.3 To improve environmental management of functional urban areas to make them more liveable places	> No thematic focus , all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (available here)

Thematic focus of the third call - TRANSPORT

PRIORITY AXIS (PA)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (SO)	THEMATIC FOCUS
Cooperating on TRANSPORT to better connect CENTRAL EUROPE	4.1 To improve planning and coordination of regional passenger transport system for better connections to national and European transport networks	> No thematic focus, all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (available here)
	4.2 To improve coordination among freight transport stakeholders for increasing multi-modal environmentally-friendly freight solutions	> No thematic focus, all topics can be addressed as described in the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Cooperation Programme - Version 2.0 (available here)