

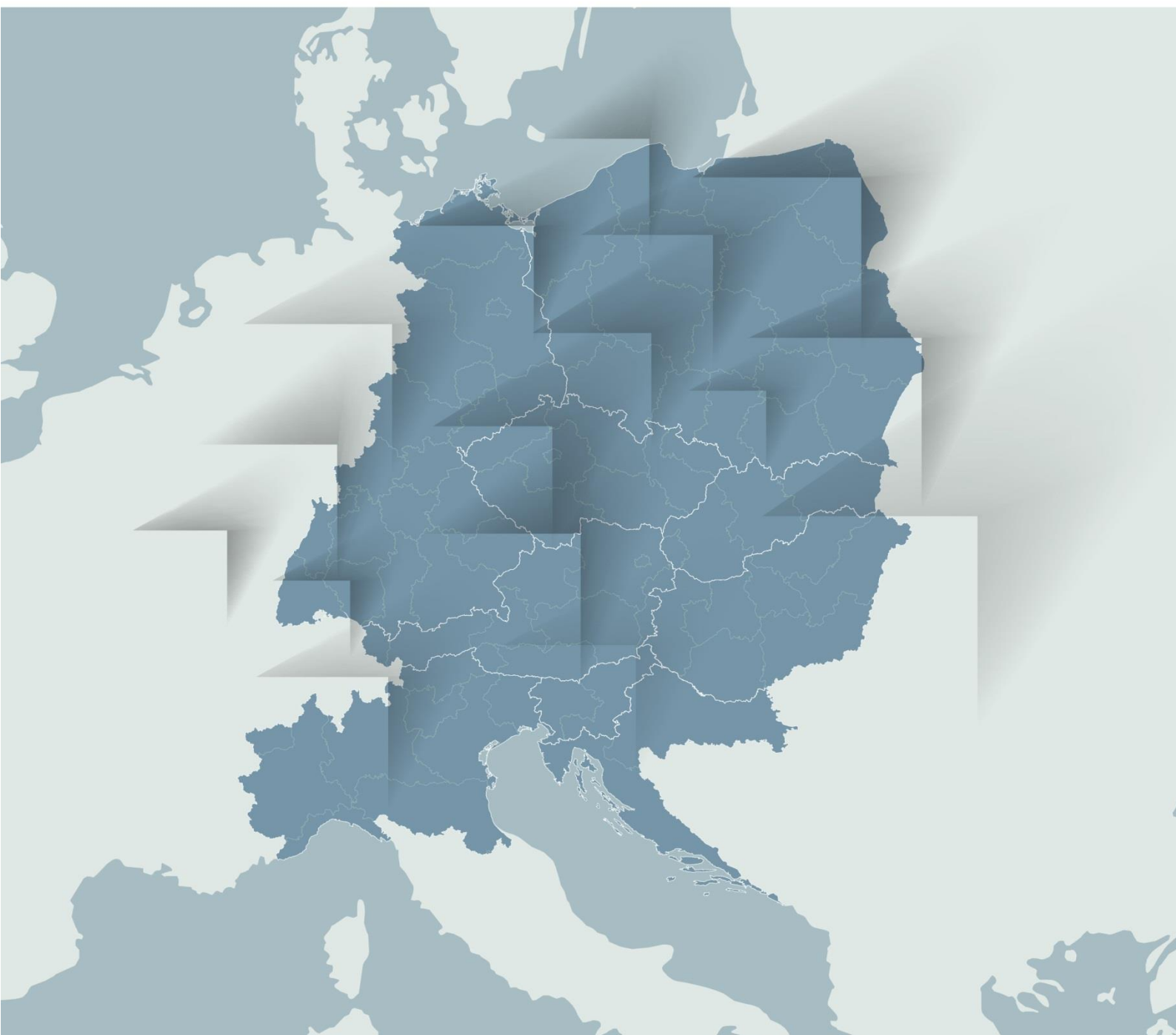
# 20 YEARS OF TRANSNATIONAL INTERREG COOPERATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE

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# ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE: 20 YEARS OF TRANSNATIONAL INTERREG COOPERATION

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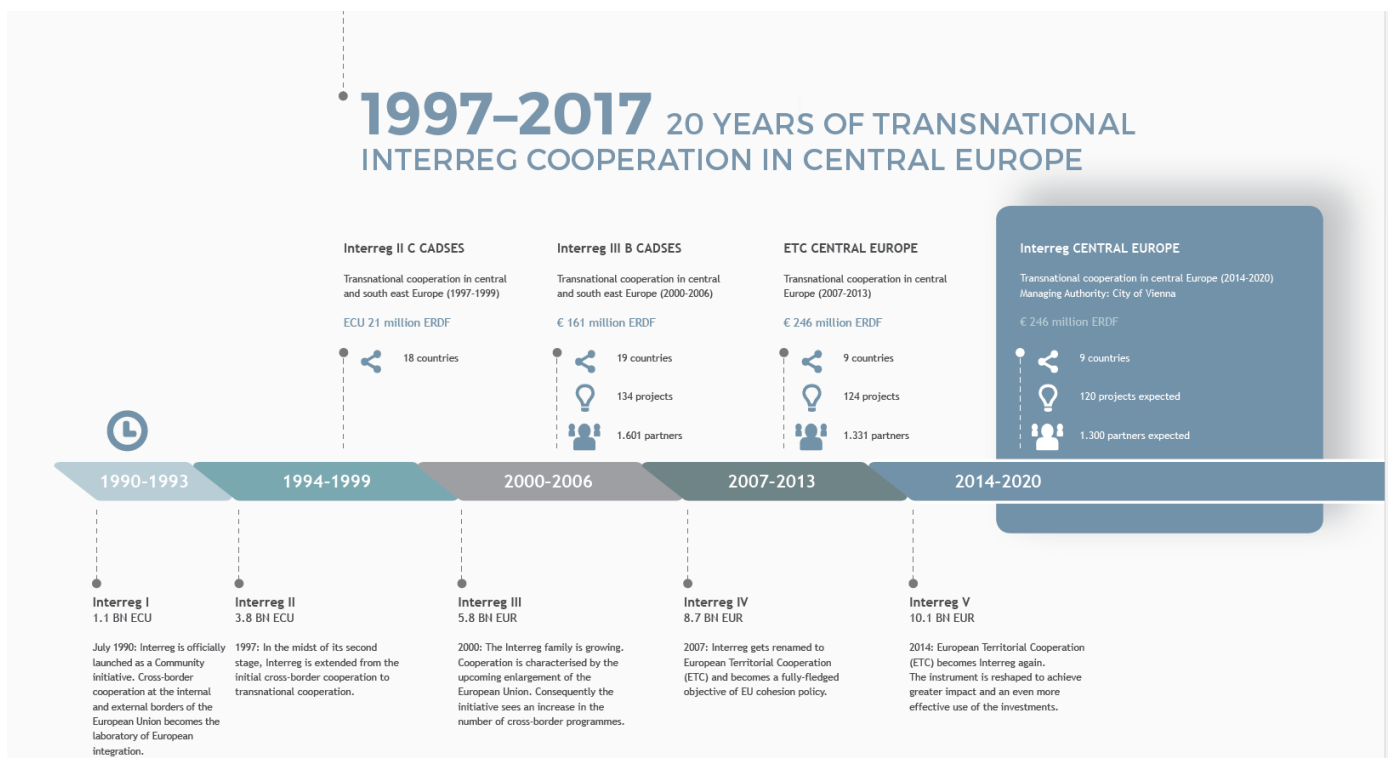
## Transnational Interreg cooperation turns 20 in central Europe in 2017!

Through hundreds of successful projects, transnational cooperation has helped great ideas come true beyond borders since 6 August 1997.

Projects build mutual trust and realise pilot actions and investments. Regional economic disparities in the area are reduced and jobs created. Furthermore, neglected infrastructures are targeted by improving governance frameworks and public services. Knowledge management is enhanced and competences are transferred to public administrations, academia and companies. Pilot actions are implemented with direct positive effects for stakeholders and the public. Last but not least institutional dialogues are held across different categories of stakeholders.

Transnational cooperation has proven to be a catalyst for smart solutions that answer to shared challenges - with only spending 22 Eurocent per citizen per year. It is highly relevant to sustainably change stakeholder skills, capacities and attitudes in view of problems most urgently affecting central European countries.

By 2020 Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE will fund around 120 new cooperation projects and bring together up to 1.300 public institutions and private companies from nine European Union Member States (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia). They will jointly work on topics related to innovation, low carbon, environment, culture, and transport and also contribute to the success of all existing EU macro-regional strategies.



## Agenda

<b>THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER</b>	9.30	<i>Treasure Hunt Registration</i>
	10.00	<b>Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Treasure Hunt</b>
	13.00	<i>Conference Registration and Light Lunch</i>
	14.00	<p><b>Cooperating for Success: How Interreg Has Changed Central Europe</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gerhard Schulz, Director General Department for Policy Affairs, German Federal Ministry for Transport and Digital Infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><b>Interviews</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rossella Rusca, Programme Monitoring Committee Member for Italy in CADSES and CENTRAL EUROPE between 2000 and 2013</li> <li>Andrea Rainer-Cerovska, Programme National Contact Point for Austria since CADSES in 2002</li> <li>Pino Musolino, President of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority in Venice - Partner institution in multiple projects co-financed by CADSES, CENTRAL EUROPE &amp; Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE</li> <li>Andreas Kühn, Experienced (lead) partner in CADSES &amp; CENTRAL EUROPE - ELLA and LABEL projects</li> <li>Andrej Kržan, Experienced (lead) partner in CENTRAL EUROPE &amp; Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE - PLASTiCE and BIOCOMPACT-CE projects</li> <li>Rafał Bruski, Mayor of the City of Bydgoszcz - Partner city in multiple projects co-financed by CENTRAL EUROPE &amp; Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE</li> </ul>
	15.00	<p><b>Taking Cooperation Forward: How Can Transnational Interreg Cooperation Shape Central Europe in the Future?</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paweł Chorąży, Undersecretary of State of the Polish Ministry of Economic Development</li> <li>Michael Schneider, Saxony-Anhalt Secretary of State for EU Affairs and CoR Rapporteur on the Future of Cohesion Policy after 2020</li> <li>Katharina Erdmenger, German Federal Ministry for Transport and Digital Infrastructure, Head of Division for European Spatial Development Policies and Territorial Cohesion</li> <li>Moray Gilland, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Head of Unit for Policy Development and Economic Analysis</li> <li>Pavel Lukeš, Czech Ministry of Regional Development, Chair of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Monitoring Committee</li> </ul>
	16.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	17.00	<p><b>Launch of the 2017 Call for Project Proposals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christiane Breznik, Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Managing Authority</li> <li>Luca Ferrarese, Head of Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Joint Secretariat</li> </ul>
	18.00	<b>Treasure Hunt Award Ceremony and Networking Reception</b>

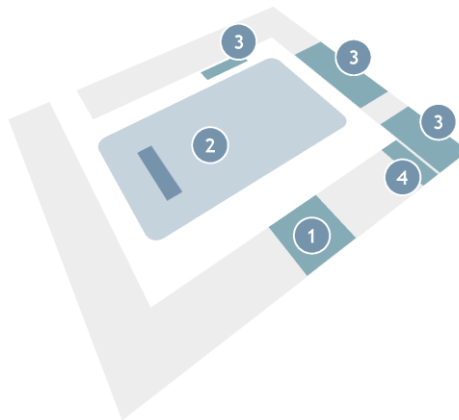
FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	9.00	<b>PITCH IT! Cooperation Stories from Central Europe</b> Innovation   Low Carbon   Environment and Culture   Transport
	11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	11.30	<b>PITCH IT! Cooperation Stories for Central Europe</b> Innovation   Low Carbon   Environment and Culture   Transport
	13.00	<i>Networking Lunch</i>
	14.00	<i>Open Space for Networking</i>

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### FLOOR PLAN 21 SEPTEMBER

- 1 Entrance and Registration
- 2 Main hall and stage
- 3 Catering
- 4 Cloakroom



### FLOOR PLAN 22 SEPTEMBER

- 1 Entrance
- 6 Networking
- 2 Pitcht! Innovation
- 7 Corridor
- 3 Pitcht! Low carbon
- 8 Catering
- 4 Pitcht! Environment & Culture
- 9 Cloakroom
- 5 Pitcht! Transport

