



# FOURTH MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

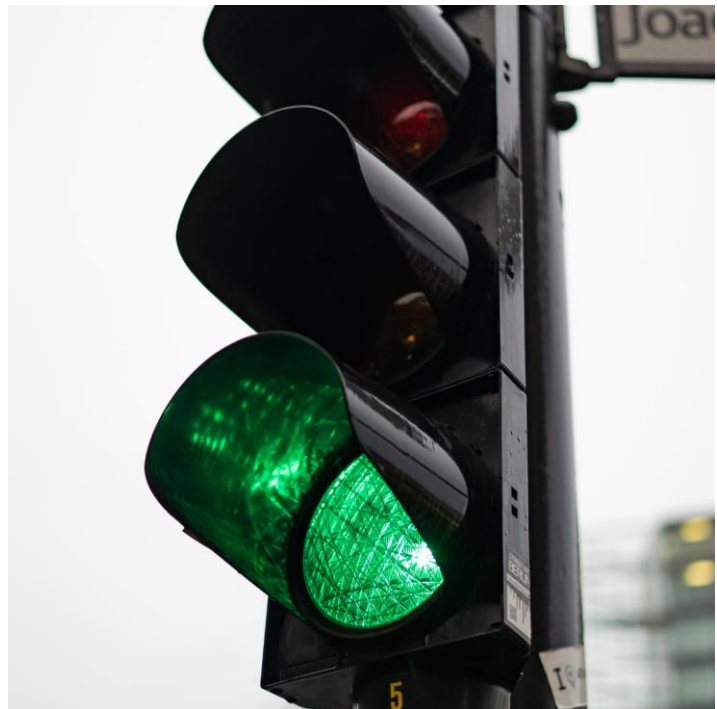
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## Green light for first call projects and facilitation of the assessment of applications in second call

53 transnational cooperation projects were selected in the first Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE call for proposals in December 2022 to make central Europe greener, smarter, better connected and more integrated.

In the fourth meeting of the monitoring committee on 31 January 2023, the programme countries gave the mandate to the managing authority and the joint secretariat to provide the projects with funding contracts. This decision followed a brief contracting phase, during which the projects fixed minor issues in their applications in line with conditions set when they were selected. In this process, some projects also decided to change their acronyms. The transnational partnerships will now be contracted and start with their cooperation activities as soon as February in some cases.



Another decision taken in the fourth monitoring committee meeting concerns the assessment methodology for the second call for project proposals, which will be launched on 22 March 2023. The programme countries reached agreements on improved legal status and capacity checks, assessment criteria, and the process for filtering applications according to their relevance. This strategic decision to revise the assessment methodology for the second call will help to make the selection of future projects easier and more efficient. It will also help to strengthen the territorial dimension of project activities and thus contribute better to funding the best solutions for enhanced regional development and cohesion in central Europe.

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The complete application package including terms of reference for the second call will be approved in the 5th monitoring committee meeting in Vienna on 21 March 2023.

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