## 7TH MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

31.01.-01.02.2024 in Linz

## Programme countries select 47 new projects and decide to focus the next call on small-scale projects

On 31 January 2024, the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE monitoring committee selected 47 new transnational cooperation projects for funding. These will be supported with a budget of 76 million EUR from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The total number of transnational projects funded by the programme thus increases to 100 after the first two calls for proposals.

The second call for project proposals was open from 22 March to 17 May 2023. Since then, the programme had thoroughly checked and assessed 280 submitted proposals. A <u>list of selected projects</u>

<u>is available on the programme website</u>. More information about their planned activities and results will become available on the project gateway as of April 2024.

In addition, the monitoring committee discussed principles of the <u>upcoming third call for project proposals</u>. It was decided to open the call in October 2024 and to focus it on small-scale projects. Details of the call will be discussed and decided by the monitoring committee in the coming months and more information for potential applicants will be published in June 2024.

The monitoring committee also discussed how to contribute to the <u>debate on the future of cohesion policy</u>. In this respect, the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) launched a consultation process at the beginning of this year to gather feedback and suggestions on the potential shape of Interreg in the next programming period. The monitoring committee decided to support this consultation with a survey of programme stakeholders in spring and will discuss further consultation steps in the coming months.

The next meeting of the monitoring committee will take place in Ljubljana (Slovenia) on 11 June 2024.





