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# European Territorial Cooperation

## The INTERACT Programme

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## Points covered:

- What is European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)?
- What types of cooperation programmes are there and what are the differences?
- Does ETC fund research and innovation?
- What are some important differences to FP7?
- The INTERACT Programme
- What are some hot topics in ETC in preparation of ETC beyond 2013?
- What are some potential synergies between ETC and FP7?



## Objectives, Structural Funds and instruments 2007-2013

Objectives	Structural Funds and instruments		
Convergence	ERDF	ESF	Cohesion Fund
Regional Competitiveness and Employment	ERDF	ESF	
European Territorial Cooperation	ERDF		

Around 347 billion EUR is available for SF in 2007-2013 period



## How much ERDF is available in ETC?

- 347 billion in Cohesion Policy
- Of these: 198 billion in ERDF
- Objective 3 (ETC): 2,5% (ie 7,8 billion):
  - 52 **cross-border cooperation programmes** along internal EU borders (ERDF contribution: €5.6 billion).
  - 13 **transnational cooperation programmes** cover larger areas of co-operation such as the Baltic Sea, Alpine and Mediterranean regions. (ERDF contribution: €1.8 billion).
  - The **4 networking programmes** (Interreg IVC, Urbact II, Interact II and ESPON) cover all 27 Member States of the EU. (ERDF contribution: €445 million).

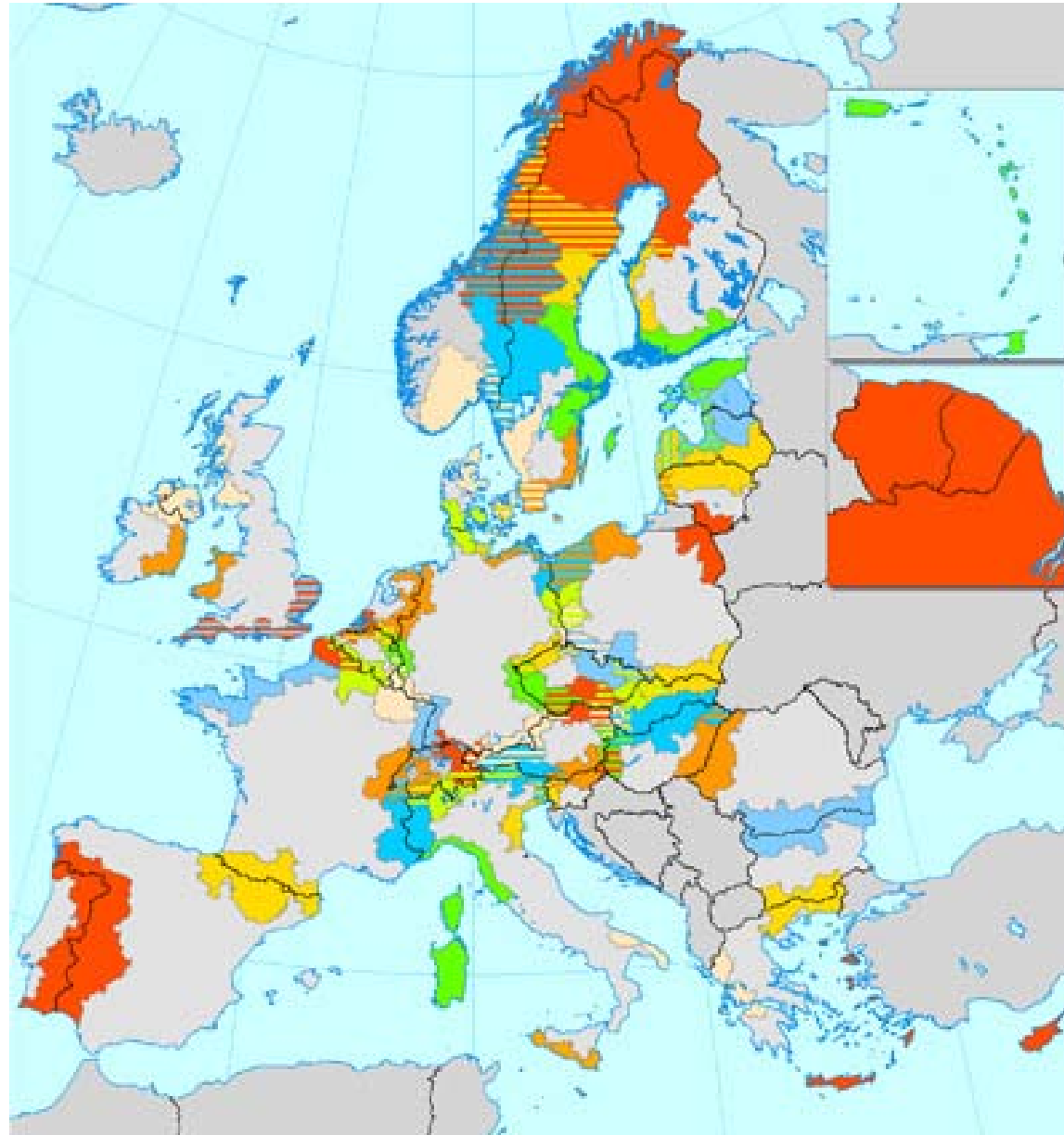


## Transnational programme North West Europe – 355,5 Mio ERDF

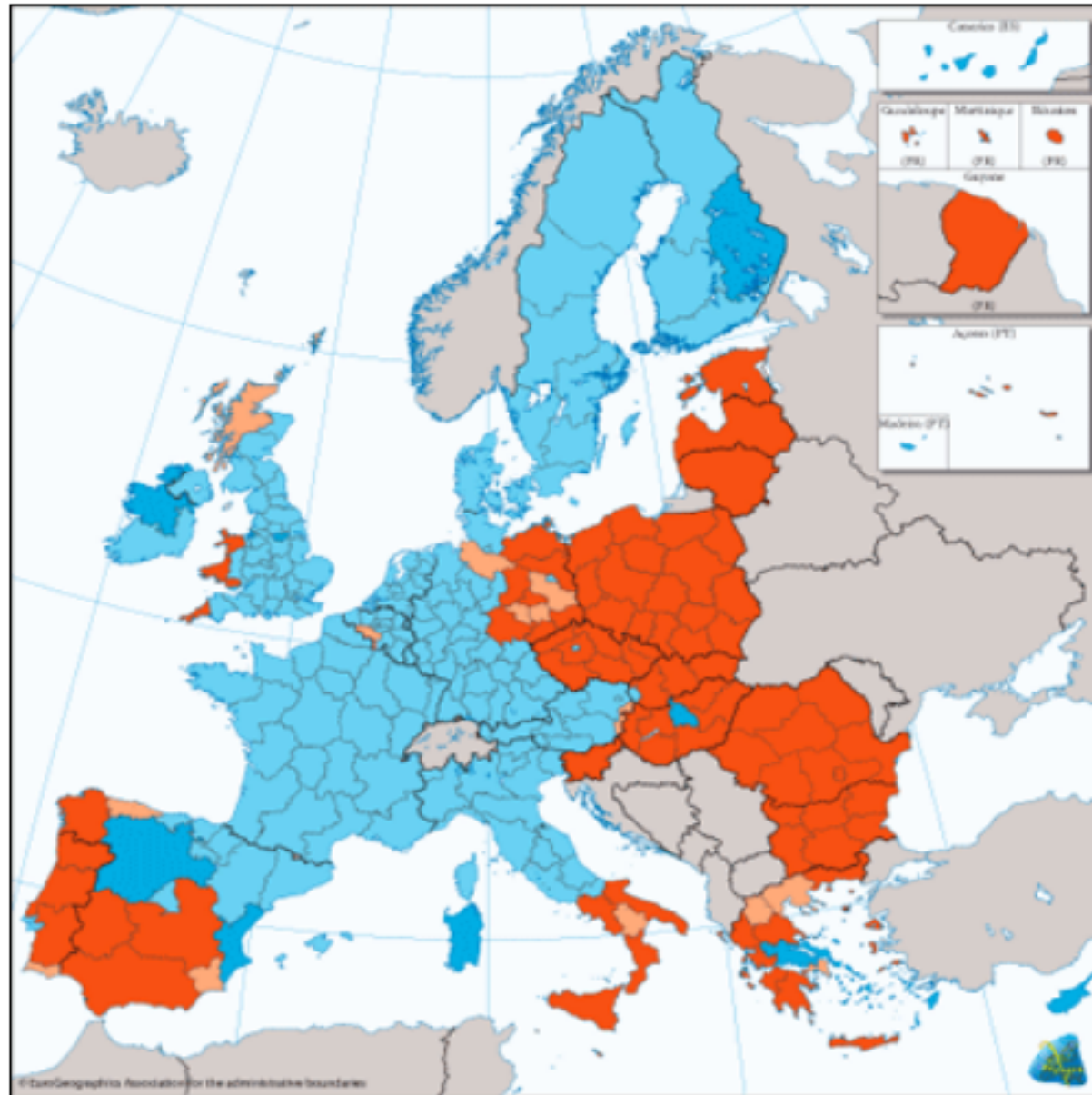


## CBC Programme Denmark – Germany 22,9 Mio ERDF











## European Territorial Cooperation programmes:

- ETC aims to remove existing physical, administrative and regulatory barriers between the territories and the regions
- Develop, manage and finance multi-national partnerships and networks
- Bring regions together for environmental, social and economic regional development.
- Work with thousands of project partners in all Europe, from public administrations and SMEs to NGOs, universities, schools and many more
- Reach out to non-EU partners



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## ETC and FP7 have some things in common:

- Focus on cooperation
- Time frame in 2007 to 2013
- Some thematic similarities
- Others?



- The Structural Funds provide substantial investment in research and innovation (some 82 billion EUR)
- How about ETC programmes?
- **KEEP** database - search for keywords:
  - “**Innovation Capacity**” (actions to increase person's or organisation's capacity for innovation): About 11% of the INTERREG + ETC projects
  - “**Knowledge and technology transfer**” (knowledge/technology transfers between key players): About 4% of the INTERREG + ETC projects
  - “**Clustering and economic cooperation**” (clusters, networks, other forms of intense cooperation between e.g. public and private players, RTD facilities etc): About 1% of the INTERREG + ETC projects
  - “**New products/services**” (Innovative products/services or substantial improvement of these): About 2% of the INTERREG + ETC projects

**NOTE: VERY preliminary data! Double counting of projects! Currently 11.000 projects in KEEP**



## ETC and FP7 have some important differences / complementarities:

- ETC had a **spatial** (geographic) approach and is organised in cooperation areas.
- ETC focuses on **regional development**. This includes social, environmental and economic factors. Emphasis on innovation is growing...
- ETC is managed under "**shared management**"
- Others?



## ETC is managed under “shared management”:

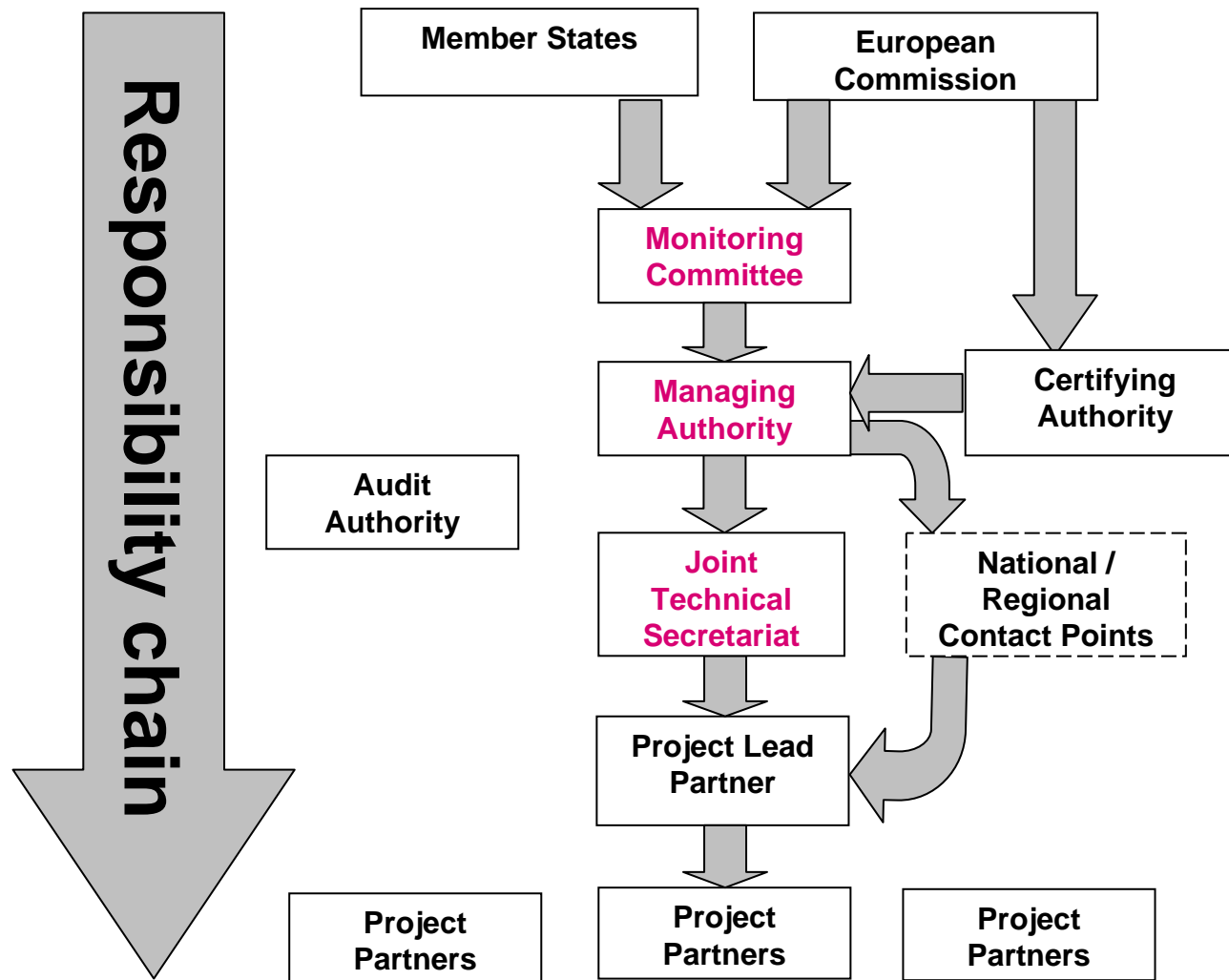
*Reg. 1605/2000 Article 53b*

*“Where the Commission implements the budget by shared management, implementation tasks shall be delegated to Member States.”*

## Some practical implications for potential synergies:

In ETC, it is Member States responsibility to:

- discuss, design and develop ETC programmes
- strategically guide programme implementation (e.g., selection of projects, evaluation)
- set up control systems and recover funds in case of irregularities
- others





# The INTERACT Programme

## Objectives

Is the Platform for European Territorial Cooperation Programmes.




- Exchange of practices
- Help enhance quality and know-how in ETC
- Make programme management more effective

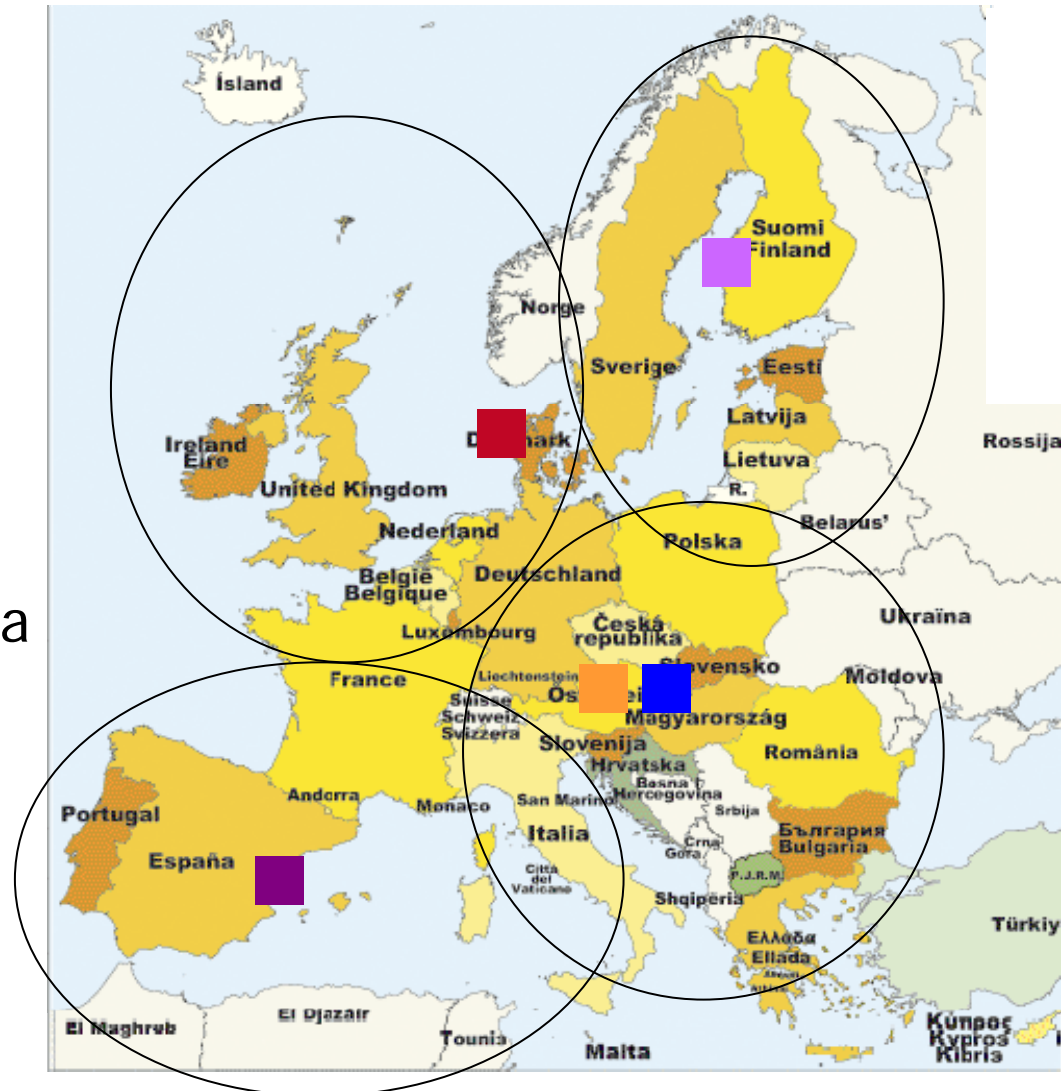
Creates communities of ETC actors throughout Europe, facing the same daily issues, questions and challenges



## Delivery structure

Managing Authority:  
Bratislava Self-governing  
Region

-  INTERACT Secretariat
-  INTERACT Point Turku
-  INTERACT Point Valencia
-  INTERACT Point Viborg
-  INTERACT Point Vienna  
City of Vienna





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# INTERACT IPA Cross-border Programmes





## INTERACT Services



Technical



Financial



Communication  
and Content

Programme set-up, management and evaluation

Financial systems, controls and audit

Visibility, added-value, management of knowledge

- Learning events: Trainings, Workshops, Seminars
- Conferences
- Advisory services
- Networks
- Handbooks, Studies, etc.



## Examples of INTERACT services

- ETC beyond 2013 (preparation of next SF period)
- Handbook on Programme evaluation
- Cross—programme evaluation
- Compendium of First Level Control procedures
- Training in state aid and public procurement
- Handbook on public procurement in non-MS (IPA countries)
- Support to the EC in the development of the Danube Region Strategy and Baltic Sea Region Strategy
- KEEP knowledge platform
- In June 2011: **event on synergies between funds**



## Hot topics - ETC beyond 2013

- How to reduce the administrative burden?
- How to address overlapping projects and foster pooling of resources?
- How can ETC contribute effectively to Europe 2020 and smart specialisation strategies?
- Establishing and keeping active contacts between ETC and other EU-funded and national/regional programmes
- Role of ETC in preparation/implementation of the macro-regional strategies
- ...



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### INTERREG Agenda

◀ November 2010 ▶

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	01	02	03	04	05

### Wednesday 10 November Overview

**Financial management in Eur...**  
 10.11.2010 | La Valetta  
 The seminar is targeted at new finance staff wi...

#### More About



- Programme Management
- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Knowledge Management and Capitalisation
- Evaluation
- IPA CBC
- EGTC
- DG Regio Mailings
- Regulatory Changes and Simplification

#### News



- South Baltic Cross-border Cooper...  
South Baltic Cross-border Cooper...
- Celebrating 20 Years of Cooperat...  
The Belgian Presidency of the Co...

#### Macro-Regions



**Macro-Regional Strategies in the EU**  
 In this section you will find useful information on European Macro-Regional Strategies and related INTERACT support

#### Events



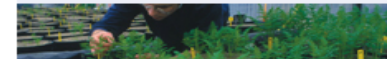
- Public Procurement in ETC Progra...**  
Brussel, Belgium; venu...  
An intensive one day workshop on...
- Inform Network Event**  
Funchal, Madeira  
The Inform Network will hold its...

#### ENPI CBC



- 3rd INTERACT ENPI Annual Confere...**  
More than 30 countries will meet...
- Joint Technical Secretariat Bran...**  
Poland-Belarus-Ukraine ENPI CBC ...

#### Territorial Cooperation



**European Territorial Cooperation...**  
 "More growth and jobs for all regions and cities of the European Union." This is the message which is at the heart of the programming period 2007-2013 for Cohesion Policy and its instruments. Europ...

#### KEEP



**Knowledge and Expertise in Europ...**  
 INTERACT is developing an exciting new tool which will provide more comprehensive information on European Territorial Cooperation than ever before.



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