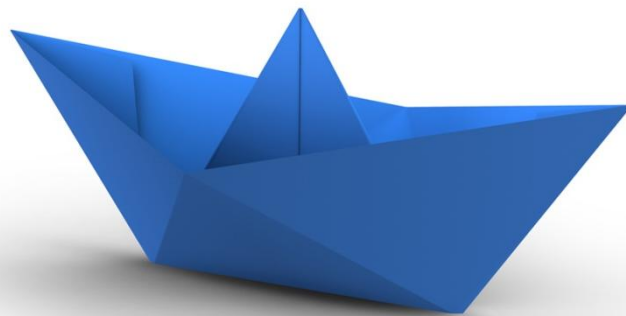




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1. Introduction

At the outset of the new programming period 2014-2020 and once most Operational Programmes have already been presented or are in the process of being submitted to the European Commission's services for their appraisal, INTERACT Point Valencia has initiated the analysis of the main strategic thematic choices made by ETC Programmes in the Mediterranean.

This initial analysis made in order to inform future thematic research is structured around four main elements:

- the choices made by the draft Interreg programmes (mainly Interreg A and B) in regards to the selected Thematic Objectives;
- if there is a continuity between the 2007-13 objectives to the new Thematic Objectives chosen;
- if there are any trends that can be identified when analysing the above contents;
- if there are any indications at this stage on how the calls for proposals will be organised based on the Thematic Objectives.

The analysis has been made over the following 13 Operational Programmes in the Mediterranean¹:

INTERREG V-A - CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMMES

- (Interreg V-A) Spain-Portugal (POCTEP)
- (Interreg V-A) Spain-France-Andorra (POCTEFA)
- (Interreg V-A) Greece-Italy
- (Interreg V-A) Italy-France (Maritime)
- (Interreg V-A) France-Italy (ALCOTRA)
- (Interreg V-A) Italy-Slovenia
- (Interreg V-A) Italy-Malta
- (Interreg V-A) Italy-Croatia
- (Interreg V-A) Greece-Cyprus

INTERREG V-B - TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES

- (Interreg V-B) ADRIATIC-IONIAN
- (Interreg V-B) MEDITERRANEAN
- (Interreg V-B) SOUTH WEST EUROPE
- (Interreg V-B) BALKAN-MEDITERRANEAN

¹ At the time of writing, all available draft Programmes with the sole exception of the (INTERREG V-A) Italy-Slovenia include in their respective text the proposed strategy and the thematic choices made.

INTERACT Point Valencia has been supported in this initial analysis on the thematic choices by Ecorys' experts who were appointed for this assignment.

2. Thematic Objectives chosen by Interreg Programmes

This section offers a view of the the main strategic choices made by Programmes and the financial resources allocated to each of those thematic choices made.

As indicated above, 12 out of 13 Programmes subject to the present analysis contain already their respective strategies and thus the selection made in terms of the Thematic Objectives as included in the Common Provisions Regulation 1303/2013².

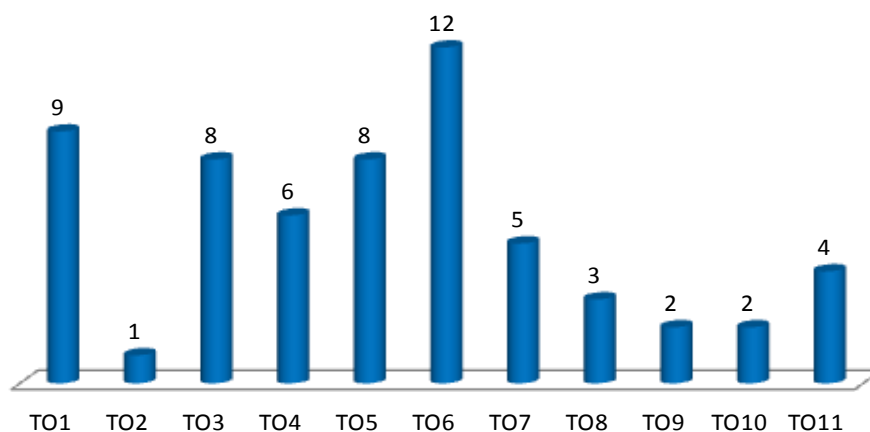
2.1. Thematic Objectives in the draft Operational Programmes

The choices made by the new Interreg Programmes in the Mediterranean show that the top priorities for Programmes comprise the following:

- The preservation and protection of the environment, together with the promotion of resource efficiency.
- The growth and jobs agenda, including strengthening research, technological development and innovation and the enhancement of the SMEs competitiveness.

In this way, and as it can be clearly noticed from the figure below, Thematic Objective 6 (preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency) has been selected by all draft Operational Programmes in the Mediterranean, followed by Thematic Objective 1 (strengthening research, technological development and innovation), Thematic Objective 3 (enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs) and Thematic Objective 5 (promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management).

Figure 1: Thematic Objectives' choices made by draft Interreg Programmes in the Mediterranean



² Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.

This scenario suggests that cross-border and transnational cooperation in the EU's Mediterranean area will occur in all Thematic Objectives (all of them have been selected) but it will be within the 'Green' areas on environment, climate change adaptation and risk prevention and management, together with the 'Growth and Jobs' agenda, where most of the Interreg projects will be operating.

Thematic Objectives 8, 9 and 10 (devoted to employment, education and social inclusion respectively) have been included only in 3 and 2 draft Operational Programmes respectively. And the same happens with Thematic Objective 2 (enhancing access to, and use and quality of, ICT), where only 1 single Operational Programme has included this thematic area in its strategy for the next seven years.

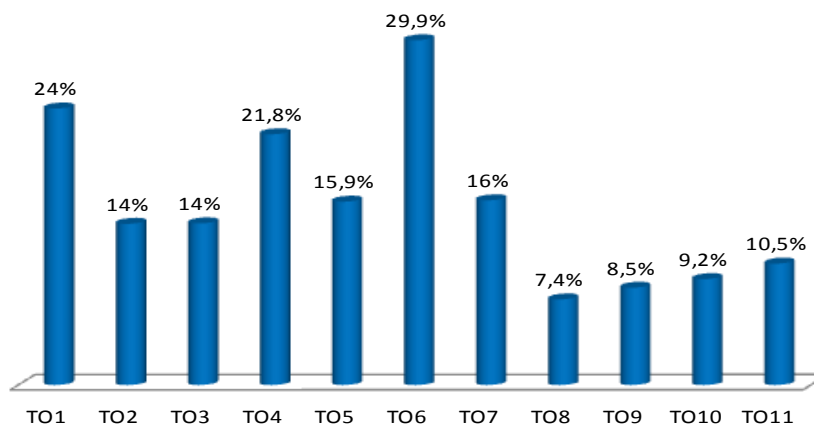
It is also worth pointing out that Thematic Objective 11 (enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration) has been chosen by 4 draft Operational Programmes, this topic being traditionally one of the main fields of activity for cross border and transnational cooperation exercises.

2.2. Budget allocation by Thematic Objective

The next step in the study of the thematic choices made by draft Interreg Programmes in the new programming period 2014-2020 has implied the analysis of the actual financial resources allocated for each of the Thematic Objectives chosen by the Programmes.

Again, the analysis offers a similar picture to that of the actual selection of the Thematic Objectives, and indicates that Thematic Objective 6 is not only the most popular one, but once selected, it also represents the largest thematic choice in terms of the budget allocation. That is to say, if Thematic Objective 6 is chosen, then almost 30% of the available budget will be devoted for this thematic area. This is also true for the case of Thematic Objective 1, that comes second in the ranking and it is also the second one in terms of the financial allocation (average of 24% of the funds are allocated to this thematic objective).

Figure 2: Financial allocation made per thematic Objective



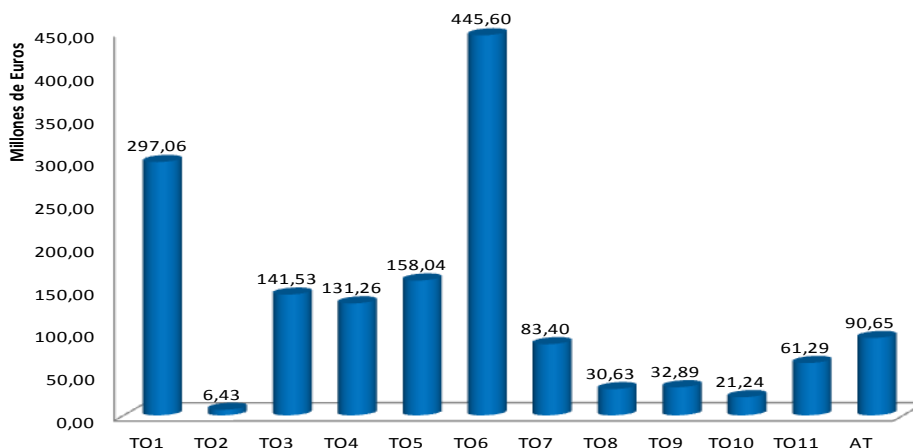
It is interesting to see that Thematic Objective 3, which is chosen by 8 draft Operational Programmes, clearly showing that it's a priority for most Programmes in the Mediterranean area, represents a mere 14% of the financial allocation. The reason for this might be that the practical involvement of profit making companies in these types of Programmes remains a pending issue for many Interreg Programmes.

Opposite to this, it can be highlighted that Thematic Objective 4 (supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors), even if it is only chosen by less than half of the draft Programmes, it would represent a substantial part of the budget for those Programmes (21,8%).

Finally, the more 'social and education' Thematic Objectives (i.e. Thematic Objectives 8, 9 and 10), which are chosen by a few draft programmes, in this case the financial allocation remains marginal in the context of the Programme, with less than 10% of the overall budgets being allocated to them.

The next figure illustrates, in absolute values, the budget allocation of each of the chosen Thematic Objectives.

Figure 3: Budget allocation in absolute terms



Correlated to the analysis above in percentage terms, 445 million Euro from Union Support will be devoted to Thematic Objective 6, with almost 300 million Euro going for research, technological development and innovation.

Overall, 444.9 million Euro can be claimed to be devoted to Growth and Jobs related activities, whereas 734 million Euro will be spent in cross border and transnational cooperation exercises dealing with the environment, climate change adaptation and the support to the shift towards a low-carbon economy.

This contrasts to a greater extent with the relative low values for Thematic Objectives 8, 9 and 10, that all together arise to 84,7 million Euro (approximately 11,5% of the amount dedicated to the 'green' thematic areas).

3. Continuity between the 2007-13 objectives to the new thematic choices

The objective of this section is to analyse the degree of continuity in terms of priority thematic areas between the programming periods 2007-2013 and 2014-2020.

Before going deeper into the analysis, two important preliminary considerations should be made:

1. There are three new cooperation programmes in the 2014-2020 programming period: the *Italy-Croatia Cross-border Cooperation Programme*, the *Adriatic Ionian Transnational Cooperation Programme* and the *Balkan-Mediterranean Transnational Cooperation Programme*. In the first case, the Programme was born after the entrance of Croatia in the EU in 2013 and is built upon the existing cross-border ties already established and strengthened by joint projects under the IPA Adriatic CBC Programme, SEE and MED 2007-2013 Cooperation Programmes. Concerning the two Transnational Programmes, both the Adriatic-Ionian and the Balkan-Mediterranean programmes derive from the splitting of the South East Europe 2007-13 Programme.
2. The second point is in order to analyse the continuity between the 2007-2013 objectives to the new thematic choices, it is necessary in the first stage to classify and categorise the 2007-2013 Priority Axes and the 2014-2020 Thematic Objectives in common and comparable thematic areas. In the case of 2014-2020, the classification has been made by grouping together the 11 Thematic Objectives into the following six general thematic areas:
 - innovation and competitiveness,
 - energy efficiency,
 - environment and risk management,
 - accessibility,
 - employment, social inclusion and education,
 - institutional capacity.

As far as the 2007-2013 Programming period is concerned, the different Priority Axes have been classified following article 6 of the Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the European Regional Development Fund, which established that under the European Territorial Cooperation Objective, the ERDF shall focus its assistance on the following priorities:

Cross-border cooperation	Transnational cooperation
<p>a) encouraging entrepreneurship, in particular the development of SMEs, tourism, culture, and cross-border trade;</p> <p>b) encouraging and improving the joint protection and management of natural and cultural resources, as well as the prevention of natural and technological risks;</p>	<p>a) Innovation: the creation and development of scientific and technological networks, and the enhancement of regional R&TD and innovation capacities, where these make a direct contribution to the balanced economic development of transnational areas.</p>

Cross-border cooperation	Transnational cooperation
<p>c) supporting links between urban and rural areas;</p> <p>d) reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services, and cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities;</p> <p>e) developing collaboration, capacity and joint use of infrastructures, in particular in sectors such as health, culture, tourism and education.</p>	<p>b) environment: water management, energy efficiency, risk prevention and environmental protection activities with a clear transnational dimension.</p> <p>c) accessibility: activities to improve access to and quality of transport and telecommunications services where these have a clear transnational dimension.</p> <p>d) sustainable urban development: strengthening polycentric development at transnational, national and regional level, with a clear transnational impact.</p>

On the basis of the above, the following represents the seven thematic areas upon which the analysis is based:

Figure 4: Thematic areas



3.1. Cross-border cooperation

With regards to Cross-border cooperation Programmes, the figure below compares the 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 thematic choices in terms of their continuity and budget allocation.

Figure 5: Comparison between thematic choices 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 (Cross Border Cooperation)



From Figure 5, it a form of continuity can be observed between the four thematic areas:

- innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness,
- environment and risk prevention,
- accessibility and
- institutional capacity and capacity building.

On the other hand, the sustainable urban and rural development thematic area, which was widely supported in the 2007-2013 programming period, does not represent a priority as such in the 2014-2020 period and new thematic areas such as energy efficiency, employment, social inclusion and education have been included in the new set of Interreg Programmes 2014-2020.

The thematic area related to innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness continue being a clear priority for the cross-border cooperation programmes in the new period. Although the budget allocation suggests a slight decrease from 2007-2013 to 2014-2020, the importance of this thematic area is clear that it concentrates three of the eleven thematic objectives in the 2014-2020 period and that it amounts to more than a quarter of the total allocated Union support.

A substantial increase of the budget allocated to environment and risk prevention can be observed, which increases its weight from 35,57% to 47,4%. Again, the fact that in the 2014-2020 programming period this thematic area concentrates two of the eleven thematic objectives highlights the increasing importance given to this topic in the EU Agenda.

Another evidence to this direction is the inclusion of energy efficiency as a specific field of work which concentrates on average 39% of the aid from the Union dedicated to the cross-border cooperation programmes.

Although the 2014-2020 programming period maintains accessibility as one of its priorities, the proposed amounts demonstrate that its weight is drastically reduced and only an average of 12% of the budget is dedicated to this field.

The employment, social inclusion and education thematic areas represent a new topic in the cross border cooperation 2014-2020 agenda, although there were already priority sectors in the 2007-2013 policy under the Priority 'e' devoted to develop collaboration, capacity and joint use of infrastructures, in particular in sectors such as health, culture, tourism and education.

Capacity building and improving the institutional facets remains as a priority for the 2014-2020 period, although its importance in terms of resource allocation is reduced and its approach is modified. While in the previous programming period institutional capacity actions focussed on developing collaboration, capacity and joint use of infrastructures, in the 2014-2020 programming period, the scope of the initiatives in this field is more orientated towards strengthening the institutional capacity and the efficiency of the public administration and public services.

Finally, the sustainable urban and rural development thematic area (improvement of the links between urban and rural areas), which in the 2007-2013 period was allocated an average of 25,8% of the available Union support for cross-border programmes, appears to have been diluted in the 2014-2020 period and no specific Thematic Objective has been envisaged for this topic, counting only with an investment priority within Thematic Objective 6 (*6e - taking action to improve the urban environment, to revitalise cities, regenerate and decontaminate brownfield sites (including conversion areas), reduce air pollution and promote noise-reduction measures*).

3.2. Transnational Cooperation

As far as transnational cooperation is concerned, and similarly to the analysis on the previous section, the figure below compares the 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 thematic choices in terms of their continuity and budget allocation.

Figure 6: Comparison between thematic choices 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 (Transnational Cooperation)



The results of the analysis are coincide fairly well with the conclusions drawn from the review of the cross-border cooperation programmes.

There is a clear continuity and match between the two programming periods in the area of innovation, competitiveness and entrepreneurship as well as in the area of environment and risk prevention.

The continuity and the match in other thematic areas such as energy efficiency, accessibility, employment, social inclusion and education, institutional capacity and sustainable urban and rural development is evidenced only to a limited extent.

Innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness is reinforced in the new 2014-2020 programming period with an increase in the budget allocated that goes from 32% to a 34,3%, which places this thematic area as the largest thematic choice in terms of the budget allocation in the transnational cooperation programmes.

The same can be observed for the environment and risk prevention initiatives. The fund allocated to this thematic areas places this topic as the second largest choice in terms of budget. The weight and importance of this 'green' priority is also reinforced by the establishment of a new energy efficiency thematic area (shift towards a low-carbon economy) which accumulates an average of 25,7% of the total budget allocated to transnational cooperation in the Mediterranean.

With regards to transport and accessibility, although such thematic areas are confirmed among the eleven thematic objectives for the 2014-2020 programming period, none of the examined transnational cooperation programmes in the Mediterranean area has selected them as a priority.

The thematic area of sustainable urban and rural development and interactions was not a substantial priority already in the 2007-2013 programming period, and this continues to be the case for transnational cooperation in 2014-2020.

It can be observed that Thematic Objective 11 (enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration) has been chosen by Operational Programmes working for the development of macro regional strategy in the Mediterranean. Such Operational Programmes have allocated in average 9% of their budgets to this Thematic Objective.

4. Main trends identified as a result of the analysis

1. The 'Green'-related thematic areas and the 'Growth & Jobs'- related areas are the top priority for Interreg programmes in the 2014-2020 programming period.

The choices made by the new Interreg Programmes in the Mediterranean show that the top priorities for Programmes comprise:

- The preservation and protection of the environment, together with the promotion of resource efficiency.
- The growth and jobs agenda, including strengthening research, technological development and innovation and the enhancement of SMEs competitiveness.

In this way, Thematic Objective 6 (preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency) has been selected by all draft Operational Programmes in the Mediterranean, followed by Thematic Objective 1 (strengthening research, technological development and innovation), Thematic Objective 3 (enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs) and Thematic Objective 5 (promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management).

2. Employment, education and social inclusion thematic areas are included by a very limited number of Programmes and the same applies for Thematic Objective 2 on ICT.

Thematic Objectives 8, 9 and 10 (devoted to employment, education and social inclusion respectively) and Thematic Objective 2 (enhancing access to, and use and quality of, ICT) are only marginal thematic areas and very few draft Operational Programmes include them in their respective strategies.

3. A slight change in the scope of Programmes as one of the traditional areas of work, enhancement of institutional capacity through cooperation, is no longer a top priority for programmes.

In this sense, Thematic Objective 11 (enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration) is just included as a thematic choice by 4 draft Operational Programmes, this topic being traditionally one of the main fields of activity for cross border and transnational cooperation exercises.

4. The bulk of financial resources goes to Thematic Objectives 6 and 1 (following the same pattern as for the thematic choices made by Programmes)

In terms of the financial allocation, a similar picture is revealed to that of the actual selection of the thematic choices, and it indicates that Thematic Objective 6 is not only the most popular one but, once selected, it also represents the largest thematic choice in terms of the budget allocation. That is to say, if thematic objective 6 is chosen, then almost 30% of the available budget will be devoted for the thematic priority. This is also true for the case of Thematic Objective 1, that comes second in the ranking and it is also the second one

in terms of the financial allocation (average of 24% of the funds are allocated to this thematic objective when its results are chosen).

5. If selected, substantial Union support goes to energy efficiency and a more limited amount goes for SMEs competitiveness support

It is interesting to see that Thematic Objective 3, which is chosen by 8 draft Operational Programmes, which clearly shows that it is a priority for most Programmes in the Mediterranean area, represents a mere 14% of the financial allocation. The reason for this might be that the practical involvement of profit making companies in these type of Programmes remains a pending issue for many ETC Programmes.

Opposite to this, it can be highlighted the fact that Thematic Objective 4 (supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors, when it is chosen, does represent a substantial part of the budget for those Programmes - 21,8%).

6. Cross-Border Cooperation: Continuity and actual increase in the thematic orientation of Programmes towards the areas of innovation, competitiveness and environment but limited inclusion of capacity building, accessibility and stimulus of the interactions between the urban and the rural world

The thematic areas related to innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness continue being a clear priority for the cross-border cooperation programmes in the new period. Although the budget allocation suggests a slight decrease from 2007-2013 to 2014-2020, the importance of this thematic area is clear from the fact that it concentrates three of the eleven Thematic Objectives in the 14-20 period and that it amounts to more than a quarter of the total allocated Union support.

A substantial increase of the budget allocated to environment and risk prevention can be observed, which increases its weight from 35,57% to 47,4%. Again, in the 2014-2020 programming period this thematic area concentrates two of the eleven thematic objectives, highlighting the increasing importance given to this topic in the EU Agenda.

More evidence to this direction is the inclusion of energy efficiency as a new fundamental field of work which concentrates on average 39% of the aid from the Union dedicated to the cross-border cooperation programmes.

Capacity building and improving the institutional facets remains as a priority for the 2014-2020 period, although its importance in terms of resource allocation is reduced and its approach is modified. While in the previous programming period institutional capacity actions focussed on developing collaboration, capacity and joint use of infrastructures, in the 2014-2020 programming period, the scope of the initiatives in this field is more orientated towards strengthening the institutional capacity and the efficiency of the public administration and public services.

7. Transnational Cooperation: Reinforcement of innovation, Competitiveness and all 'Green'-related Thematic Objectives with accessibility practically disappearing from the thematic scope of programmes

Innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness are reinforced in the new 2014-2020 programming period with an increase in the budget allocated that goes from 32% to a 34,3%, which places this thematic area as the largest thematic choice in terms of the budget allocation in the transnational cooperation programmes.

The same can be observed for the environment and risk prevention initiatives. The budget allocated to this priority places this thematic area as the second largest choice in terms of budget. The weight and importance of this 'green' priority is also reinforced by the establishment of a new energy efficiency thematic area (shift towards a low-carbon economy) which accumulates an average of 25% of the EU budget.

Accessibility does not appear as an individual thematic priority in any of the consulted draft Operational Programmes.

5. Indications on the first calls for proposals 2014-2020

Public web information sources consulted for the purpose of this report do not offer any indication or information as for the thematic orientation of the future calls for proposals which are expected for spring 2015.

In parallel, and after a round of contacts with the relevant Joint Technical Secretariats carried out for the purpose of this study, most programmes indicate that there are not clear indications at this stage as for the thematic orientation of the first calls for Proposals to be launched.

It has to be taken into consideration the fact that Programmes are still waiting for their formal approval and some final adjustments are still to be done.

As an exception to this, the MED (Interreg V-B) Programme can state that they are planning to open three out of four Priority Axes of the Programme during the first call: Innovation capacity, Low Carbon Economy and Environment (leaving the Priority Axis on Governance closed).

In parallel, also the Cross-Border Cooperation Italy-France (Maritime) Programme offers some degree of information and indications and, in their case for the first call, the Programme will be opening Priority Axis 1 and Priority Axis 2 on competitiveness and cultural and natural resources/heritage protection, respectively.

Annex I - Data sources

Operational Programmes

- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Spain-Portugal (POCTEP)
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Spain-France-Andorra (POCTEFA)
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Greece-Italy
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Italy-France (Maritime)
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - France-Italy (ALCOTRA)
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Italy-Slovenia
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Italy-Malta
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Italy-Croatia
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Greece-Cyprus
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - ADRIATIC-IONIAN
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - MEDITERRANEAN
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - SOUTH WEST EUROPE
- 2014-2020 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - BALKAN-MEDITERRANEAN
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Spain-Portugal (POCTEP)
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Spain-France-Andorra (POCTEFA)
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Greece-Italy
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Italy-France (Maritime)
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - France-Italy (ALCOTRA)
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Italy-Slovenia
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Italy-Malta
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - Greece-Cyprus
- 2007-2013 IPA Adriatic Cross-Border Cooperation Programme
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - MEDITERRANEAN
- 2007-2013 European Territorial Cooperation Programme - SOUTH WEST EUROPE

Cooperation Programmes websites

- <http://www.poctep.eu>
- www.poctefa.eu
- www.ctp.org
- <http://www.greece-italy.eu/>
- <http://www.maritimeit-fr.net/>
- <http://www.interreg-alcotra.org>
- <http://www.interreg-it-si.org/?lng=eng>
- <http://www.mrrfeu.hr/>
- <http://www.interreg.gr/en/programmes/bilateral-cooperation-programmes/greece-cyprus.html>
- <http://www.greece-cyprus.eu/>
- http://www.southeast-europe.net/en/about_see/adriaticionianprogramme/index
- <http://www.programmemed.eu/en>
- www.southeast-europe.net

- http://www.southeast-europe.net/en/about_see/balkanmediterranean/

Legislation

- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006
- Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006
- Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal
- Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the European Regional Development Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1783/1999
- Communication From The Commission: Europe 2020 A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth (Brussels, 3.3.2010, COM(2010) 2020)

Annex II - Statistical Data

2014-2020 - Budget allocation by thematic objective (Section 2)

TO	POCTEP		POCTEFA		Greece-Italy		IT FR Marit		ALCOTRA		Italy-Malta		Greece-Cyprus		Adriatic-Ionian		MED		SUDOE		Balkan-Med		
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2													6.434.615	14									
3	55.513.938	19,2	8.900.000	4,7	13.087.545,3	12,5	35.094.458,6	20,7			4.496.869,0	10,2	1.838.460	4					14.953.473,4	14	7.649.129,2	27	
4									18.694.370	9,4			10.341.350	22,5		46	44.861.746,0	20	11.749.158	11			
5	20.228.434	7	28.500.000	15,1			44.665.674,6	26,3	37.388.742	18,8	8.925.000,0	20,3	5.512.500	12					12.817.263	12			
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9			14.200.000	7,5					18.694.371	9,4													
10									18.694.371	9,4												2.549.709,7	9
11	29.390.254	10,2												9.915.662	10	17.944.699,0	8				4.037.040,4	14	
TA	17.338.658	6	11.360.484	6,0	6.282.021,7	6	10.182.144,7	6,0	11.932.577	6	3.000.000,0	6,8	2.757.701	6	5.949.397	6	13.458.524,0	6	6.408.631	6	1.983.107,6	7	
Total	288.977.635	100	189.260.484	100	104.700.362	100	169.702.411	100	198.876.285	100	43.952.171	100	45.961.551	100	99.156.616	100	224.308.732	100	106.810.524	100	28.330.108	100	

Budget allocation by thematic areas (Section 3)

A) Cross-border cooperation

2014-2020: Budget allocation by thematic areas

Thematic Areas / TO	POCTEP		POCTEFA		Greece-Italy		IT FR Marit		ALCOTRA		Italy-Malta		Greece-Cyprus		total		
	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	
Innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness / 1+2+3	132.437.220	45,8	49.800.000	26,3	29.316.101,4	28	35.094.458,6	20,7	18.694.371,0	9	17.682.520	40	8.273.075	18		291.297.747,1	29,8
Energy efficiency / 4									18.694.370,0	9			10.341.350	22,5		29.035.720,0	39

Thematic Areas / TO	POCTEP		POCTEFA		Greece-Italy		IT FR Marit		ALCOTRA		Italy-Malta		Greece-Cyprus		total	
	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%
Environment and risk prevention / 5+6	109.811.500	38	76.500.000	40,4	40.833.141,2	39	82.950.538,5	48,9	112.166.225,0	56	20.294.651	46	20.682.695	45	463.238.752,0	47,4
Accessibility / 7			24.900.000		28.269.097,7	27	26.320.844	15,5					3.906.730	8,5	83.396.671,7	12,8
Employment, social inclusion and education / 8+9+10			26.700.000	14,1			15.154.425,3	8,9	37.388.742,0	19	2.975.000	7			82.218.167,3	12,2
Institutional capacity / 11	29.390.254	10,2													29.390.254,5	10,2
TA	17.338.658	6	11.360.484	6	6.282.021,7	6	10.182.144,7	6	11.932.577,0	6	3.000.000,0	7	2.757.701,0	6,0	62.853.586,5	6,98
Total	288.977.635	100	189.260.484	87	104.700.362	100	169.702.411	100	198.876.285	100	43.952.171	100	45.961.551	100	1.041.430.899,0	

2007-2013: Budget allocation by thematic areas

Thematic areas	POCTEP			POCTEFA			Greece-Italy			IT FR Marit			ALCOTRA			Italy-Slovenia			Italy-Malta			Greece-Cyprus			TOTAL				
	PA	Budget	%	PA	Budget	%	PA	Budget	%	PA	Budget	%	PA	Budget	%	PA	Budget	%	PA	Budget	%	PA	Budget	%	total	%			
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	(...) fomento de competitividad y promoción de empleo	103.850.252	38,84	Reforzar la integración transfronteriza (...)	50.592.446	30,0	Competitiveness and innovation	24.598.139	28	Innovazione e competitività	26.478.937	21,8	Sviluppo e innovazione	45.654.640	30	Competitività e società basata sulla conoscenza	33.700.010	29	Competitiveness	14772528	49	Prioridad I: Competitividad	14.029.738	29,19			313.676.690,00	32	
Natural and cultural resources and risk management	(...) MA, patrimonio y prevención de riesgos	83.378.028	31,18	Poner en valor los territorios, el patrimonio natural y cultural (...)	53.965.275	32,0	Improving the quality of life, (environment, social and culture)	36.018.703	41	Risorse Naturali e Culturali	41.743.600	34,4				Ambiente, trasporti e integrazione territoriale sostenibile	42.996.564	37	Environment, energy and risk prevention	13.566.608	45	Medio natural y cultural	13.681.959	28,47			285.350.737,00	35,5	
Links between urban and rural areas	Ordenación del Territorio y Accesibilidades	39.810.500	14,89	(...) estructuración territorial y de desarrollo sostenible	53.965.275	32,0							Protezione e gestione del territorio	45.654.640	30													139.430.415,00	25,8
Transport and accessibility							Improve accessibility (...)	21.962.623	25	Accessibilità e reti di comunicazione	26.710.572	22									Accesibilidad y Seguridad en la zona.	17.860.633	37,16			66.533.828,00	28		
Collaboration, capacity and joint use of infrastructures	(...) integración socioeconómica e institucional	27.196.325	10,17						Integrazione delle risorse e dei servizi	19.260.220	15,9	Qualità della vita	49.396.824	33	Integrazione	32.537.941	28											128.391.310,00	21,76
TA	TA	13.170.871	4,93	TA	10.118.489	6,0	TA	5.271.029	6	TA	7.288.936	6	TA	8.981.241	6	TA	6.972.416	6	TA	1.808.881	6	TA	2.493.290	5,19			56.105.153,00	5,7	

Total		267.405.976	100		168.641.485	100		87.850.494	100		121.482.265	100		149.687.345	100		116.206.931	100		30.148.017	100		48.065.620	100					989.488.133,00
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Comparison between thematic areas 2007-2013 and 2014-2020

Thematic areas	2007-2013	2014-2020
Innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness	32,04 %	29,8%
Energy efficiency	0%	39%
Environment and risk prevention	35,57%	47,4%
Accessibility	28,05%	12,8%
Employment, social inclusion and education	0%	12,2%
Institutional capacity	21,76%	10,2%
Sustainable urban and rural development	25,8%	0%

B) Transnational cooperation

2014-2020: Budget allocation by thematic areas

Thematic Areas / TO	MED		SUDOE		Adriatic-Ionian		Total	
	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%	Budget	%
Innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness / 1+2+3	71.778.794	32	54.473.367,36	51	19.831.323,0	20	146.083.484,4	31
Energy efficiency / 4	44.861.746	20	11.749.158	11			102.222.947	21
Environment and risk prevention / 5+6	76.264.969	34	34.179.368	32	45.612.043	46	156.056.380	33
Accessibility / 7					17.848.191	18	17.848.191	4
Employment, social inclusion and education / 8+9+10							0,0	0
Institutional capacity / 11	17.944.699	8			9.915.662	10	27.860.361	6
TA	13.458.524	6	6.408.631	6	5.949.397	6	25.816.552	5
Total	224.308.732	100	106.810.524,36	100	99.156.616	100	475.887.915,4	

2007-2013: Budget allocation by thematic areas

Thematic areas	MED			SUDOE			TOTAL	
	Priority	Budget	%	Priority	Budget	%	total	%
Innovation	Strengthening of innovation capacities	57.957.399	30	Promoción de la innovación y la constitución de redes estables de cooperación en materia tecnológica	32.707.028	32,9	97.640.011	32
Environment	Environmental protection and promotion of sustainable territorial development	65.685.053	34	Mejora de la sostenibilidad para la protección y conservación del medio ambiente y el entorno natural del SUDOE	23.362.163	23,5	96.022.800	30,3
Accessibility	Improvement of mobility and territorial accessibility	38.638.266	20	Integración armoniosa del espacio del SUDOE y mejora de la accesibilidad a las redes de información	23.362.163	23,5	68.976.013	25,6
Sustainable urban development	Promotion of a polycentric and integrated development of the Med space	19.319.133	10	Impulso del desarrollo urbano sostenible aprovechando los efectos positivos de la cooperación transnacional	14.017.298	14,1	33.336.431	8
TA	TA	11.591.480	6	TA	5.964.807	6	17.556.287	6
Total		193.191.331	100		99.413.459	100	292.604.790	

Comparison between thematic areas 2007-2013 and 2014-2020

	2007-2013	2014-2020
Innovation, entrepreneurship and competitiveness	32%	34,3
Energy efficiency	0%	25,7
Environment and risk prevention	30,3%	28
Accessibility	25,6%	0
Employment, social inclusion and education	0%	0
Institutional capacity	0%	9
Sustainable urban and rural development	8%	0%