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Introduction

This document refers to the first report of activity 1 (research, mapping, comparative analysis and graphic design of the full framework of financial instruments in the area of research and innovation for the Alpine Macroregion) of the technical assistance service for strategic analysis and project proposal within the AlpGov project.

EUSALP is composed by 48 Regions within 7 Countries (5 EU Member States - Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia - and 2 non-EU countries - Liechtenstein and Switzerland); 80 million people live and work in the Region. According to ESIF data, the total expenditure for research and development in EUSALP regions is 67 billion euros; the percentage of R&D spending on GDP is very variable from region to region: from 0.4% (Italy – Valle d’Aosta) to 4.87% (Austria - Steiermark).

The subject of this report is a collection that EUSALP AG1 Eu-Program Staff has implemented in order to list and shortly describe with synthetic fiche (integrated within the Platform of Knowledge) all financial instruments related to R&I available at EU level.

This first release will show:

1. The methodological approach through which the database was designed and data was retrieved and inserted;
2. The available results at the European level of analysis.

Subsequent releases will show national results at national levels (7 Member States), regional levels funds available at the 48 regions and the final comparative and GAP analysis.

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1. Methodological report

1.1 Data source

The sources adopted to feed the database are the web sites of each financial instrument. In order to have a complete picture of the entire financial instruments universe two web sites provided by EU commission have been used: “Overview of funding programs” by the European Commission and “Keep EU Cooperating”.

The European Commission Funding Overview allows to search programs implemented through the Multiannual Financial Framework which support EU policies - including amounts and legal bases, in other words to get background information on funding processes and programs.

ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/overview-funding-programmes_en

While “KEEP” is an aggregated data source regarding projects and beneficiaries of EU cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation programs within the EU, and between Member States and neighbouring countries”. The database covers the 2000-2006, 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 periods.

www.keep.eu

These sources were used as they are accredited and constantly updated.

1.2 Database field description

This paragraph will describe the fields that compose the database. Depending on what is reported in each line, the database can be split into two types of fields:

- Searchable fields: composed by a limited and pre-defined possible content. They will describe, and also give the database users the choice of funding programs that meet their needs on the basis of the information entered in the search;
- Descriptive fields: composed by free text. They provide the basic information about each funding programme.

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1.2.1. Fields of research

Fields of research have a close number of choices, in order to allow a standardization and a web search engine.

Instrument/ program level (major % funding source)	It is referred to Fund source, could be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European; • National; • Regional; • Local.
Eligible thematic in line with ERC sectors	This is a multiple choice field . The list has been defined by considering ERC sectors.
Eligible thematic in line with S3	This is a multiple choice field . The list has been defined by considering RIS S3 strategy priorities description of each EUSALP Region.
Action typologies	This is a multiple choice field. This list groups eligible actions by keywords.
Eligible Actions	This is a multiple choice field . Eligible actions were listed after a careful review of analysed programmes.
NUTS 1,2,3	<p>The Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) is a three-level hierarchical classification drawn up by Eurostat. For Switzerland and other countries outside the EU, regions have also been coded in a way which resembles NUTS.</p> <p>As reported in Article 2 (2) REG. (EC) n. 1059/2003: The NUTS classification is hierarchical. It subdivides each Member State into NUTS level 1 territorial units, each of which is subdivided into NUTS level 2 territorial units, which in turn are subdivided into NUTS level 3 territorial units.</p>
Beneficiaries	This is a multiple choice field, options were defined in a short list of eligible subjects.
Status of eligible Institutions	Containing 4 possible choices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public • Public eq. Body; • Private; • International organization.

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1.2.2. Descriptive Field

A descriptive field is where the user can input information. These fields are divided into thematic and quantitative.

ID	Create unique ID per each Program.
Name	Name of the Program as defined by the official European source.
Link	Link to the specific program homepage.
Managing authority	For every program, the Member States designate a managing authority (at national, regional or another level) which will inform potential beneficiaries, select the projects and generally monitor implementation. The Name of the Office is included. Type: thematic.
Objectives	Briefly describes overall and specific objectives of the program. Type: thematic.
Program contribution Min/Max (%)	Contains funding rate Type: quantitative.
Program contribution warning	Contains specific information about partners or specific funding rate, if available. Type thematic.
Program Budget	Referred to the total program budget without Technical Assistance. Type: quantitative.
Project budget Min/Max	Contains data regarding minimum and maximum budget per call, if available. Type: quantitative.
Min/Max project duration	Contains data regarding minimum and maximum project duration, if available. Type: quantitative.
Project duration specific notes	Contains specific information about the duration of the project, if available. Type: thematic.
Funded projects under this Program	Link to the program website/ page related to funded projects.
Funded projects under this Program in the 3D map	Link to the 3D map, specific layer (Keep, etc.)
Events organized by this Program	Link to the program website – events calendar.

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2. Database analysis

This chapter briefly describes the analysis of collected data.

2.1 Dataset overview

The database contains 56 rows, for a total of 48 EU-Programs.

These programs are financial resources for the EUSALP area, and they allow to develop different thematic aspects, especially R&I. Depending on the characteristics of the funds, is then possible to split them into four categories:

1. Horizon 2020 (main direct EU program to finance R&I);
2. Other Direct EU-Programs;
3. Interreg – ESIF;
4. ESIF - Regional/National Operating Program (ROP/NOP).

Considering EUSALP, the maximum theoretical potential available budget amount is more than **10 billion euro** (excluding Horizon 2020, DCI II and EIB).

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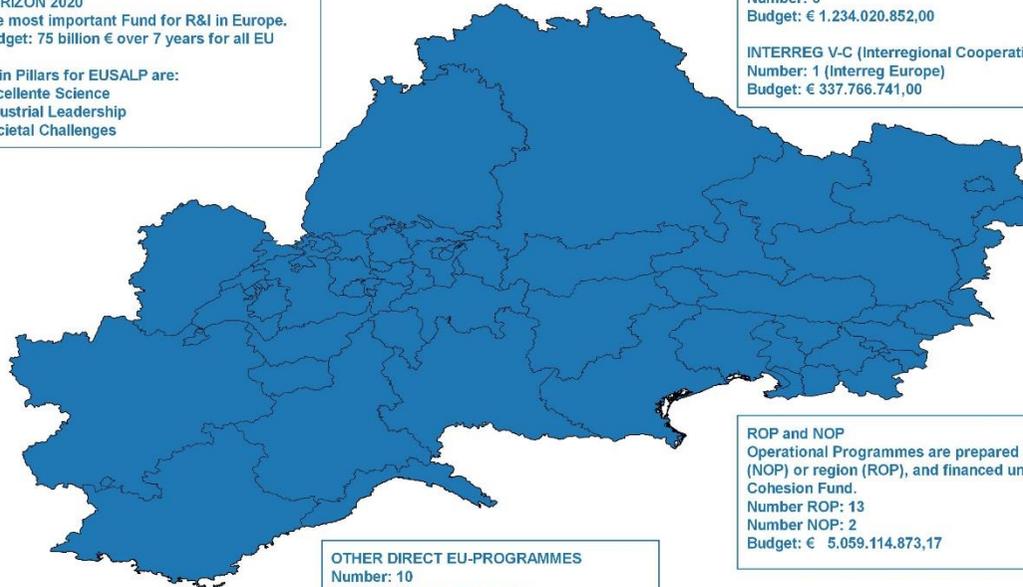
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Population: 80 million
7 Nations
48 Regions

HORIZON 2020
The most important Fund for R&I in Europe.
Budget: 75 billion € over 7 years for all EU

Main Pillars for EUSALP are:
Excellent Science
Industrial Leadership
Societal Challenges



INTERREG Programme
It is funded by ERDF for the cooperation between european regions.
Number: 23
Budget: € 2.686.532.460,00

INTERREG V-A (CB-Cooperation)
Number: 16
Budget: € 1.456.270.352,00

INTERREG V-B (Transnational Cooperation)
Number: 6
Budget: € 1.234.020.852,00

INTERREG V-C (Interregional Cooperation)
Number: 1 (Interreg Europe)
Budget: € 337.766.741,00

OTHER DIRECT EU-PROGRAMMES
Number: 10
Budget: € 25.144.871.274,00
Type of Fund: Grants and Loans

ROP and NOP
Operational Programmes are prepared by each Member State (NOP) or region (ROP), and financed under ERDF or the Cohesion Fund.
Number ROP: 13
Number NOP: 2
Budget: € 5.059.114.873,17

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2.2 Focus on categories

As already defined, the categories of the Programs are four. In the following chapter a description and a discussion of the data collected during the first analysis are provided.

2.2.1 HORIZON 2020

With an available fund counting about 75 billion € over 7 years (2014 – 2020), Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation program.

HORIZON 2020 offers a series of funds, setting in three main pillars, as follows:

- *Excellent Science* has the aim to extend the excellence of the Union’s science base and to consolidate the European Research Area in order to make the Union’s research and innovation system more competitive on a global scale.
- *Industrial Leadership*, increasing Europe's industrial leadership through research, technological development, demonstration and innovation and help innovative European SMEs to grow into world-leading companies.
- *Societal Challenges*, a challenge-based approach will bring together resources and knowledge across different fields, technologies and disciplines, including social sciences and the humanities.

In relation to the third pillar the main challenges are:

- Health, demographic change and wellbeing;
- Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research, and the Bioeconomy;
- Secure, clean and efficient energy;
- Smart, green and integrated transport;
- Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials;
- Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies;
- Secure societies - protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens.

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The table below collects data referred to Population (2014) and total Horizon 2020 allocated funding until October 2016.

Region	Population (2014)	Total H2020 (Allocated funding 2014-Oct 2016) M€
Bayern	12.648.000	893,69
Baden-Wurttemberg	10.674.000	468,50
Lombardia	9.989.000	352,12
Rhone-Alpes	6.476.000	245,39
Provence-Alpes-Côte D’azur	4.971.000	115,70
Veneto	4.928.000	88,64
Piemonte	4.431.000	176,99
Slovenija	2.060.000	102,56
Wien	1.781.000	274,32
Niederosterreich	1.631.000	47,42
Liguria	1.588.000	83,80
Oberosterreich	1.431.000	47,49
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	1.228.000	40,39
Steiermark	1.218.000	126,45
Franche-Comte	1.180.000	8,68
Tirol	725.000	26,74
Karnten	557.000	15,94
Trento	537.000	55,86
Salzburg	536.000	16,68
Bolzano	517.000	9,99
Vorarlberg	377.000	3,74
Burgenland	288.000	1,17
Valle dAosta	128.000	0,11
Total	69.899.000	3.202

Source: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/synergies-tool>

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2.2.2 INTERREG

Interreg is a EU initiative funded by the ERDF for the cooperation between European union regions. The EC entrusts the management of the Program to a specific Managing International Authority that coordinates all the Regions located inside the cooperation area, and presents to the Commission an Operative Program about the common developing strategy for the interested areas. In addition, it defines the Axis, or topics, to which it will direct the available resources.

There are three different Interreg types:

1. Interreg A (European Cross-Border cooperation) Programmes available for the EUSALP region are 16, for a total budget of EUR **1.456.270.352,00**. This kind of Interreg supports the cooperation between NUTS III regions from at least two different adjacent Member States. It aims to face common challenges identified jointly in the border regions and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas, while improving the cooperation process for the purpose of the overall harmonious development of the Union.

Name	Total Program Budget
INTERREG V-A France - Germany - Switzerland (Rhin supérieur-Oberrhein)	€ 103.122.668,00
INTERREG V-A France - Italy (ALCOTRA)	€ 186.943.708,00
INTERREG V-A France-Switzerland*	€ 61.937.075,00*
INTERREG V-A Austria - Hungary	€ 74.117.008,00
INTERREG V-A Austria - Germany / Bavaria (Bayern - Österreich)	€ 51.209.381,00
INTERREG V-A ABH - Alpenrhein - Bodensee - Hochrhein	€ 36.817.240,00
INTERREG V-A - Austria - Czech Republic	€ 91.946.038,00
INTERREG V-A Austria - Slovakia	€ 71.339.121,00
INTERREG V-A Germany / Bavaria - Czech Republic	€ 97.172.640,00
INTERREG V-A Italy - Slovenia	€ 73.254.157,00
INTERREG V-A Italia - Austria	€ 77.304.535,00
INTERREG V-A Italy - Croatia	€ 189.275.787,00
INTERREG V-A Italy - France (Maritime)	€ 159.520.267,00
INTERREG V-A Italy - Switzerland	€ 94.208.179,00
INTERREG V-A Slovenia - Austria	€ 44.988.355,00
INTERREG V-A Slovenia - Croazia	€ 43.114.193,00
Total Interreg V-A Budget in EUSALP Region	€ 1.456.270.352,00

*excluded CHF funds

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Interreg B (Transnational cooperation) Programmes available for the EUSALP region are 6, with a total budget of EUR **1.234.020.852,00** . Interreg B involves regions from several countries of the EU forming bigger areas. It promotes cooperation and regional development in the Union by a joint approach to solve common issues. It supports different kind of project investment related to innovation, environment, accessibility, telecommunications, urban development etc. The transnational programs add an important extra European dimension, in order to get financial support, projects must demonstrate a relationship with the priorities set by the program in question.

Name	Total Program Budget
INTERREG VB North West Europe	€ 372.366.282,00
INTERREG VB Danube	€ 208.298.873,00
INTERREG VB Central Europe	€ 231.786.426,00
INTERREG VB Alpine Space	€ 109.637.339,00
INTERREG VB Adriatic - Ionian	€ 92.648.553,00
INTERREG VB Mediterranean	€ 219.283.379,00
Total Interreg V-B Budget in EUSALP Region	€ 1.234.020.852,00



Source: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/european-territorial/trans-national/

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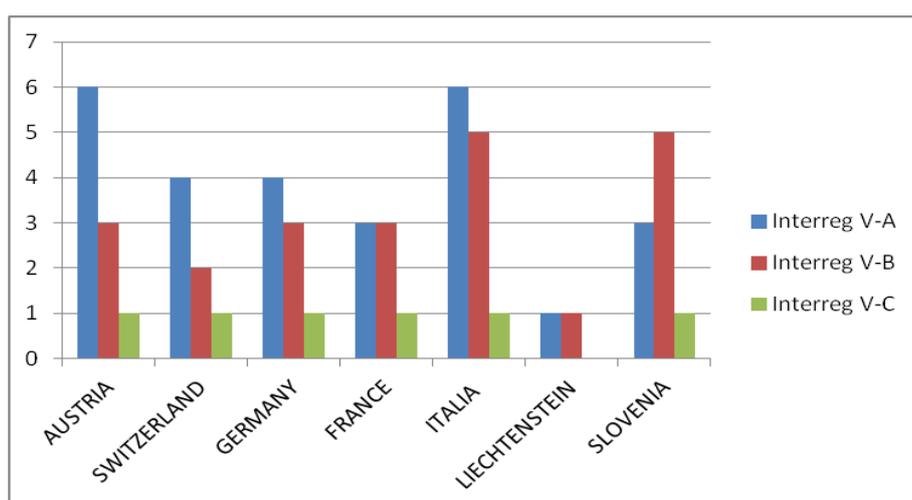
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- Interreg C (Interregional cooperation), covers all EU Member States. It builds networks to develop good practice and facilitate the exchange and transfer of experience by successful regions. In this subgroup we find only INTERREG EUROPE. It promotes the exchange of experience and the transfer of good practices between actors at all levels in Europe. The involved countries are the 28 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland. The total program budget is 337.766.741,00.

Name	Total Program Budget
INTERREGV-C EUROPE	€ 337.766.741,00

The table and the graph below show the number of Interreg programmes available for each EUSALP Country. It is important to consider however that Interreg are focused on NUTS III regions, thus not all regions of each country are involved in programmes.

	N. Interreg for each EUSALP MS	Interreg V-A	Interreg V-B	Interreg V-C
AUSTRIA	10	6	3	1
SWITZERLAND	7	4	2	1
GERMANY	8	4	3	1
FRANCE	7	3	3	1
ITALIA	11	6	5	1
LIECHTENSTEIN	2	1	1	
SLOVENIA	8	3	5	1



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The data in the table below relates to the number of Interreg programmes per each EUSALP region. For a simple reading and consistency in data analysis with other EUSALP Member State, Swiss cantons are grouped by region.

Regarding other member states, the number of Interreg V-A can also be referenced to only one NUT III for each region.

EUSALP REGION	N. Interreg V-B for each EUSALP Region	N. Interreg V-A for each EUSALP Region
Burgenland (AT)	3	3
Niederösterreich	3	2
Wien	3	3
Kärnten	3	2
Steiermark	3	2
Oberösterreich	3	2
Salzburg	3	2
Tirol	3	2
Vorarlberg	3	2
Aargau	2	2
Basel-Landschaft		1
Basel-Stadt		1
Bern	2	1
Freiburg		1
Jura		2
Neuchâtel		2
Solothurn		1
Appenzell A. Rh.		1
Appenzell I. Rh.	1	
Glarus	2	1
Graubünden		2
Schaffhausen		0
St. Gallen		1
Thurgau		1
Geneva		1
Valais		2
Vaud	1	

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Luzern		0
Nidwalden		0
Obwalden		0
Schwyz	2	0
Uri		0
Zug		0
Ticino	2	1
Zürich	2	1
Baden-Württemberg*	4	2
Bayern*	4	3
Franche-Comté	1	1
Rhône-Alpes	2	2
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	2	2
Piemonte	3	2
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	4	1
Liguria	3	2
Lombardia	4	1
Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano/Bozen	4	1
Provincia Autonoma di Trento	4	0
Veneto	4	3
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	4	3
Liechtenstein	1	1
Slovenija	5	3

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2.2.3 ROP/NOP

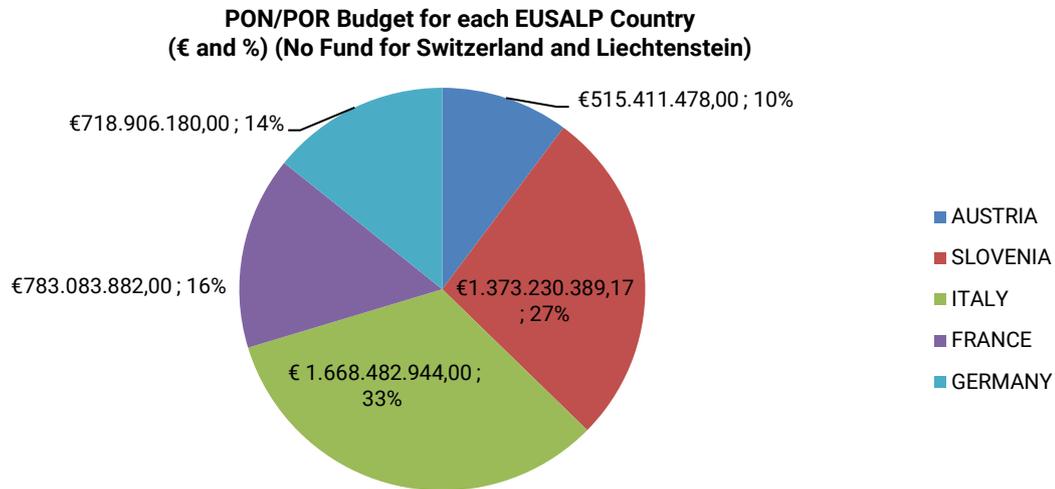
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Name	TOTAL PROGRAMME BUDGET	Total ESIF Research & Innovation per capita per year
AUSTRIA - ERDF NOP	€ 515.411.478,00	€ 45.648,24
SLOVENIA – COHESION POLICY OP (2014-2020)	€ 1.373.230.389,17	€ 54.863,79
ROP ERDF PROVINCIA AUTONOMA DI BOLZANO	€ 65.578.176,00	€ 5.184,44
ROP ERDF PROVINCIA AUTONOMA DI TRENTO	€ 52.160.685,00	€ 11.083,84
ROP ERDF FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	€ 110.793.989,00	€ 9.637,72
ROP ERDF REGIONE LIGURIA	€ 188.500.000,00	€ 6.419,32
ROP ERDF REGIONE LOMBARDIA	€ 468.800.000,00	€ 3.497,34
ROP ERDF REGIONE PIEMONTE	€ 463.605.475,00	€ 6.708,56
ROP ERDF REGIONE VALLE D'AOSTA	€ 30.895.475,00	€ 11.288,92
ROP ERDF REGIONE VENETO	€ 288.149.144,00	€ 4.249,13
ITALY ROP AMOUNT	€ 1.668.482.944,00	€ 58.069,28
ROP ERDF- ESF FRANCE – PACA	€ 284.316.236,00	€ 3.423,19
ROP ERDF- ESF FRANCE - RHÔNE ALPES	€ 353.069.269,00	€ 3.895,63
ROP ERDF- ESF FRANCE - FRANCHE COMTÉ ET JURA	€ 145.698.377,00	€ 10.051,10
FRANCE ROP AMOUNT	€ 783.083.882,00	€ 17.369,92
ROP ERDF GERMANY - BADEN WÜRTTEMBERG	€ 234.085.038,00	€ 2.804,27
ROP ERDF GERMANY - BAYERN	€ 484.821.142,00	€ 2.424,98
GERMANY ROP AMOUNT	€ 718.906.180,00	€ 5.229,25
TOTAL AMOUNT	€ 5.059.114.873,17	€ 181.180,48

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2.2.4 OTHER DIRECT EU-PROGRAMS

In this section 10 “Other direct Eu-Programs” are collected with a total maximum theoretical budget of € **25.144.871.274,00**. The considerable difference between this section and the previous one is the type of funds allocated. In this case we find *Grant* as in the previous sections but also *Loans* provided in particular by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Name	TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET
3rd HEALTH PROGRAM	€ 449.394.000,00
LIFE PROGRAM	€ 3.456.655.000,00
EIB - EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK	n.a*
ENI-CBC MED	€ 188.152.030,80
COSME	€ 2.298.243,00
CEF - TELECOM	€ 1.040.000,00
ISA ²	€ 130.928.000,00
Development Cooperation Instrument - DCI II	€ 19.661.639.000,00
Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries - PI	€ 954.765.000,00
COST – European Cooperation in Science and Technology	€ 300.000.000,00
Total Other EU-Programs	€ 25.144.871.274,00

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3rd HEALTH PROGRAM

The European Commission uses this instrument to implement the EU Health Strategy. The total budget for the program is € 449.4 million. The program covers 4 main objectives:

- Promote health, prevent diseases and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles taking into account the 'health in all policies' principle;
- Protect Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats;
- Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems;
- Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens.

Financial contributions by the Union shall take the form of grants, public procurement or any other form of intervention necessary for achieving the objectives of the Programme. (article 7 (1) Reg. (EU) n. 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014).

LIFE PROGRAM

LIFE Program supports environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects in EU.

The budget for the period is set at €3,4 billion.

Article 17 (1) Reg. (EU) n. 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 defines different funding forms as: grants; public procurement contracts; contributions to financial instruments in accordance with provisions on financial instruments under Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, in particular Articles 139 and 140 thereof, and with operational requirements set out in specific Union acts; any other interventions needed for the purpose of achieving the general objectives.

EIB - EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is an autonomous institution, set up in 1958 by the Treaty of Rome. The EIB's mission is to invest in projects that promote the objectives of the European Union. EIB makes its own borrowing and lending decisions only on the merits of each project and the opportunities offered by the financial markets.

EIB lends to individual projects for which total investment cost exceeds EUR 25m.

Because of the different form of contribution, a specific data for EIB is not included in the dataset, but the Audit Committee Annual Report (2016) reported that at the end of 2016 the outstanding debt securities in issuance held by the EIB's investors amounted to EUR 485 bn, while disbursed loans amounted to EUR

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471 bn. It is a multiannual cumulated data referring to the end of 2016, but it is important in order to understand the size of potential loans in EUSALP region.

ENPI-CBCMED

The European Neighbourhood Instrument covers a little part of EUSALP regions (only Liguria and Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur as eligible area and Rhône-Alpes and Piemonte as adjoining regions).

The strategy aims to support progress “towards an area of shared prosperity and good neighborliness”.

The total budget for the program is € 188.152.030,80 (considering a 10% as Technical Assistance on total budget).

COSME

The Eu-Programme for the Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, (COSME,) helps European business reaching their full potential, in particular in ICT aspects.

The financial instruments shall include an equity facility and a loan guarantee facility (art. 17 (1) Reg. (EU) n.1287/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013).

The financial envelope for the implementation of the COSME programme is set at EUR 2298,243 million.

CEF – TELECOM

The Connecting Europe Facility Programme (CEF) is divided into three sector, one of this is CEF Telecom.

CEF Telecom facilitates EU interaction between public administrations, businesses and citizens, through digital service infrastructures (DSIs) and broadband networks.

It supports actions by procurement and or grants.

The financial budget for trans-European digital services is € 1,04 billion, furthermore INEA is responsible for implementing an extra budget in the form of grants equal to €300 million .

ISA2

The ISA² is a programme on interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens as a means for modernising the public sector.

The financial budget for the implementation of the ISA² programme for the period of its application shall be EUR 130.928.000,00.

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Development Cooperation Instrument - DCI II

Geographic programmes, Thematic programmes and Pan-African Programme are three specific components of DCI II. In this case, EUSALP could play an important role to support disadvantages countries. DCI II provides funding in form of direct financial contributions (Grant) or it offers public contracts. The total budget for the period 2014-2020 amounts EUR 19.661.639.000,00.

Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries – PI

The EU can cooperate with partners around the world through Partnership Instrument (PI).

This funding supports EU strategy and challenges in a global dimension.

The total budget for the program is 954.765.000,00.

COST – EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COST was created in 1971, it is an EU funded programme that supports trans-national cooperation among researchers, engineers and scholars across Europe and beyond. COST provides funds for organising conferences, meetings, training schools, short scientific exchanges or other networking activities in a wide range of scientific topics.

COST key features are:

- building capacity by connecting high-quality scientific communities throughout Europe and worldwide;
- providing networking opportunities for early career investigators;
- increasing the impact of research on policy makers, regulatory bodies and national decision makers as well as the private sector.

In COST programmes are involved 35 EU Member States and 1 Cooperating State (Israel).

COST is supported by the EU Framework Programme Horizon 2020. COST budget (from Horizon 2020 for a 7-year period) is €300 million. The average funding totals €129.000 in 2016 for a network of 25 countries. The funds are provided via an annual grant agreement over a four-year period.

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