



Mapping document

Interreg C



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Introduction

Purpose of this mapping document

This mapping document presents information on European territorial cooperation programmes where health-related investments have been foreseen. More specifically, this document focuses on Interreg C programmes, which are European interregional cooperation programmes that work at pan-European level, covering all EU Member States, and more. Interreg C builds networks to develop good practice and facilitate the exchange and transfer of experience by successful regions. It showcases what regions do well, to the benefit of those still investing.

The focus of the document is on health-related investments that are linked to one or more of the following six health themes:

1. Access to health services
2. Reform of health systems
3. eHealth and digital health technologies
4. Research and innovation in health
5. Ageing, occupational safety and health (OSH), disease prevention and health promotion
6. Health workforce

Each chapter focuses on a specific Interreg C cooperation programmes 2014-2020, and presents per programme the health-relevant Priority Axis, Investment Priority and Specific objectives. In case these were available, the chapter also provides information on health-related indicators from these programmes.

Next, a list of identified projects, funded under the specific cooperation programme is presented, including information on their timeframe, budget and objective.

This mapping document solely reports on cooperation programmes and projects implemented or considered for implementation under the 2014-2020 programming period.

1. Interreg V-C - Interreg Europe

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| Priority Axis | Source | TB covered | Investment priority | Specific objective | Health-related indicators |
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| 1. Research, Technological Development and Innovation | ERDF | T4 | 1a. Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest | 1.1. Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, in the field of research and innovation infrastructure and capacities notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies | NA |
| | | T4 | 1b. Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies | 1.2. Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, that support the delivery of innovation by actors in regional innovation chains in areas of “smart specialisation” and innovation opportunity | NA |

Based on the available list of operations¹, the following projects were identified that have been or will be implemented under this OP during the current programming period (2014-2020).

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¹ The list of operations reviewed included all projects approved for funding on 1 September 2017, and was downloaded from the following website: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/discover-projects/>

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| Delivery of Innovative solutions for Home Care by strengthening quadruple-helix cooperation in regional innovation chains (HoCare) | T4 | Objective of HoCare project is to boost delivery of home care innovative solutions in regional innovation chains by strenghtening of cooperation of actors in regional innovation system using Quadruple-helix approach. Quadruple-helix is an innovation cooperation model or innovation environment in which users, businesses, research actors/universities and public authorities cooperate in order to produce innovations - government, industry, academia and civil participants work together to co-create the future and drive structural changes far beyond the scope of what any one organization or person could do alone. This model encompasses also user-oriented innovation models to take full advantage of ideas' cross-fertilisation leading to experimentation and prototyping in real world setting. | 01.04.2016 | 31.03.2020 | EUR 202,289.8 |
| Health Innovation Experimental Landscape through Policy Improvement (HELIUM) | T4 | <p>Innovation is a game-changer. And innovation in healthcare is not only a life-saver, but it improves and enhances the quality of people's lives. The result is a population in Europe whose proportion of citizens aged 65 and older is projected to double over the next 50 years. Paradoxically, then, this innovation has also presented us with the considerable societal challenge of today and tomorrow: how can healthcare systems be made sustainable in the face of an exponential rise in longevity, taking account of the need for care, affordability and management of scarce resources? It is a challenge that affects us all - from government to citizen, from industry to hospital ward. And the solution is one that requires the engagement and participation of all parties.</p> <p>Helium (Health Innovation Experimental Landscape through Policy Improvement) is a project that addresses these very issues. It focuses on health, wellbeing and life sciences as smart specialisation sectors with high innovation potential. Its aims include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening new competitiveness through innovation • Linking innovation market needs and policy • Generating more opportunities to implement new technology in health • Enhancing quality of life and improving care • Providing better diagnosis, monitoring and physical/mental rehabilitation of patients • Improving policy instruments through more efficient public funding of health innovation • Enabling the development of better quality projects in health innovation and improved governance of policy instruments <p>Besides improving people's health and quality of life, innovation can also bring financial benefits and economic growth if it can be implemented and translated into successful business models to meet the complex needs of the care system. The failure of innovative ideas is often due to innovation systems not facilitating the scouting, creation, valorisation and market uptake of the innovation. Helium intends to change all that with its twin objective of boosting the development of health innovation and economic growth through sharing knowledge so that more opportunities are created to implement new technology in health. By changing the market mind-set, we aim to facilitate the uptake of innovative healthcare products and services.</p> | 01.04.2016 | 30.09.2020 | EUR 365,535.7 |

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| InnovaTion in Health And Care for All (ITHACA) | T4 | <p>Nine regions from the EU share experiences and good practices on smart health and care innovation, to improve active and healthy ageing of the population.</p> <p>A key aim is to refine regional policies in order to support innovative businesses, create growth and scale up the deployment of innovative health and care solutions. In the end, the result is smarter healthcare policies and stronger regional and interregional ecosystems for the benefit of European citizens. ITHACA's primary outputs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITHACA self, peer and expert assessment tools and findings focused on regions' strengths, weaknesses, policy priorities and policy enhancements relating to all stages of the innovation cycle and ecosystems; • An ITHACA Framework Strategy for developing evidence based and co-designed policies, programmes and implementation methods and for identifying how best to improve policy instruments; • 9 Regional Action Plans (each informed by the Framework Strategy, pre and interim self-assessments and EEPE case study) to enhance the implementation of regional policy instruments. | 01.01.2017 | 31.12.2021 | EUR 443,383.8 |
| Network for Technology, Innovation and Translation in Ageing (TITTAN) | T4 | <p>European population is ageing rapidly. The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase from 14% in 2010 to 25% in 2050. Advances in science and technology contribute to prolong people lifespan, but unfortunately that does not mean they will be healthier. In its headline strategic document "EU2020 Strategy", the EC has identified active and healthy ageing as a major societal challenge common to all European Countries.</p> <p>The TITTAN project (Network for Technology, Innovation and Translation in Ageing) aims to tackle that challenge, by improving the quality and performance of the European regional healthcare systems in relation with the healthy and active ageing. Its specific objective is to exchange, benchmark and implement good practices and measures in 7 European regions about policies which can foster the design, up-taking and use of innovative technology-based products/solutions. The TITTAN learning approach is focused on 3 Thematic Areas (TAs): how to uptake innovative health products/services through new public procurement practices (PCP and PPI); how to promote the establishment of innovation ecosystems in the health sector; how to raise citizen's awareness about using new technologies for improving quality of life. The project is promoted by a well-balanced partnership, which involves 7 European regions: Galicia (lead partner), Basque Country, Scotland, the Metropolitan Area of Amsterdam, Lombardy, Saxony and Lower Silesia. The strong ties among them - coming from the cooperation in previous projects and the active participation in the EIP-Active and Healthy Ageing - represents an added-value for the partnership.</p> <p>TITTAN will contribute to improve 7 regional policy instruments. all of them are linked to the EU Structural Funds. Thus, TITTAN will provide partner regions with the opportunity to orientate the spending process of the Structural Funds towards some of the most-effective and result-oriented policy practices for healthy and active ageing.</p> | 01.04.2016 | 30.09.2020 | EUR 310,761.7 |

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| European Life Science Ecosystems (ELISE) | T4 | <p>ELISE addresses a societal challenge common to European regions: to promote better health and life for all. This covers the need to improve health and well-being outcomes and promote healthy and active ageing, but also to promote market growth, job creation, EU competitiveness.</p> <p>ELLISE recognizes that complexity of relationships is rising between different actors of life science innovation. There is a need of coordinating affords and needs not only researchers themselves, but also producers, health providers, consumers and public bodies. Thus ELISE comes with the ecosystem concept that creates platform for cooperation between stakeholders of life science</p> <p>Life sciences are promising frontier and with help of current advancements in I.T. it is considered to be next innovation wave. This is one of the reasons, why it was chosen as focus of the project: research, economic and societal potential. However, some constraints hinder Life Science potential. These largely concerning difficulties in market exploitation; demand for extensive human and technical resources; and bioethical constraints affecting protection of individuals' rights and dignity.</p> <p>ELISE partners from 7 regions believe that the concrete application of the Ecosystem concept at regional and interregional level can help to address these constraints. An ecosystem groups business, researchers, clinicians and patients to translate discovery into clinical use for medical innovation in health service that ultimately improves health of the European</p> | 01.01.2017 | 31.12.2021 | EUR 258,400 |

Sources used:

- Interreg Europe 2014-2020, Cooperation Programme Document downloaded from: https://www.interregeurope.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Interreg_Europe_-_CP_final.pdf
- Database of approved projects available at: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/discover-projects/>
- Programme website: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/>

2. Interreg V-C - Interact

The Interact programme's specific mission is to support the implementation of other Interreg Cooperation Programmes by providing advice, tools and organising events on how to manage and implement Interreg programmes. As such it does not directly support the thematic health blocks relevant for this project, its PAs and beneficiaries do not support health projects (as of 1 September 2017 there is only limited information about the beneficiaries of the Interact programme).

Sources used:

- Cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal, INTERACT downloaded from: <http://www.interact-eu.net/#o=about>
- Programme website: <http://www.interact-eu.net/#news>

3. Interreg V-C - ESPON

The ESPON programme's specific mission is to 'to support the reinforcement of the effectiveness of the EU Cohesion Policy and other sectoral policies and programmes co-funded by the European Structural Investment (ESI) funds as well as national and regional territorial development policies, through the production, dissemination and promotion of territorial evidence [...]'. As such it does not directly support the thematic health blocks relevant for this project, its PAs and sole beneficiary do not support health projects (as of 1 September 2017 there is only one beneficiary responsible for the implementation of the ESPON programme).

Sources used:

- Cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal, ESPON, downloaded from: http://www.aménagement-territoire.public.lu/content/dam/amenagement_territoire/fr/espon2020_cooperation_programme/The-ESPON-2020-Cooperation-Programme/Programme_2014TC16RFIR004_2_0_en.pdf
- List of operations available at: http://www.aménagement-territoire.public.lu/content/dam/amenagement_territoire/fr/espon2020_cooperation_programme/Programme-Implementation/List-of-Operations/List-of-Operations1.pdf
- Programme website: <http://www.aménagement-territoire.public.lu/fr/espon2020.html>

4. Interreg V-C - URBACT

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| 1. Promoting Integrated Sustainable Urban Development | ERDF | T5 | Thematic Objective 11: Enhancing institutional capacity and efficient public administration | 1. To improve the capacity of cities to manage sustainable urban policies and practices in an integrated and participative way | NA |
| | | | | 2. To improve the design of sustainable urban strategies and action plans in cities. | NA |
| | | | | 3. To improve the implementation of integrated plans for sustainable urban development | NA |
| | | | | 4. To ensure that practitioners and decision-makers at all levels (EU, national, regional and local) have increased access to URBACT thematic knowledge and share know-how on all aspects of sustainable urban development in order to improve urban policies. | NA |

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| VITAL CITIES | T5 | VITAL CITIES seeks answers on how to combat social exclusion through the redesign of public spaces in deprived residential areas by using the power and common language of sport through innovative community and IT based urban sport actions, innovative physical equipment and better orchestrated service delivery. The project tackles TO9 ("promoting social inclusion and combating poverty"). The project applies a novel approach: instead of bringing inactive citizens to sports facilities, public space should be turned into a low threshold sports facility, inviting all citizens to physical activity. Street layout, land use, location of recreation facilities, parks and public buildings, the transport system can all encourage or discourage physical activity. Opportunities for physical activity need to be created close to where people live, while also creating | 15.09.2015 | 03.05.2018 | EUR 747,774.36 |

² The list of operations reviewed included all projects approved for funding on 1 September 2017 (the list was last updated in June 2016), and was downloaded from the following website: http://urbact.eu/sites/default/files/urbact_list_of_approved_operation_june_2016.pdf

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| | | cleaner, safer, greener and more activity-friendly local environments. In order to reach this, cities need to be equipped with new, innovative tools to be used in urban design and planning (to redesign public spaces linked to sport activities, urban sports, games, physical exercises) to adequately provide for recreation and sport services and exploit potential social, health and economic benefits. Partners will create the “vital cities” brand, to be allocated to cities ensuring open access to recreation and sport services and breaking down barriers to participation especially within the less active, deprived population. | | | |

Sources used:

- URBACT III Operational Programme, downloaded from: http://urbact.eu/sites/default/files/u_iii_op_adopted_12_december_2014.pdf
- List of approved operations (last updated June 2016) downloaded from: http://urbact.eu/sites/default/files/urbact_list_of_approved_operation_june_2016.pdf
- Programme website: <http://urbact.eu/>