

Webinar Call 8 - Welcome!

Webinar for applicants 24 June 2021

Welcome!

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- ✓ Switch off your microphone
- ✓ Ask questions in the chat or raise your hand
- ✓ When you speak, put on your video (if you can)
- ✓ Presentations will be available online

Agenda

- Welcome
- Part I – General presentation Call 8
 - Introduction Interreg EMR
 - Call 8 – calendar, budget, key documents, selection criteria
 - Q&A
- Break
- Part II – Application form
 - work plan, intervention logic, budget, state-aid
 - Q&A

General introduction Call 8

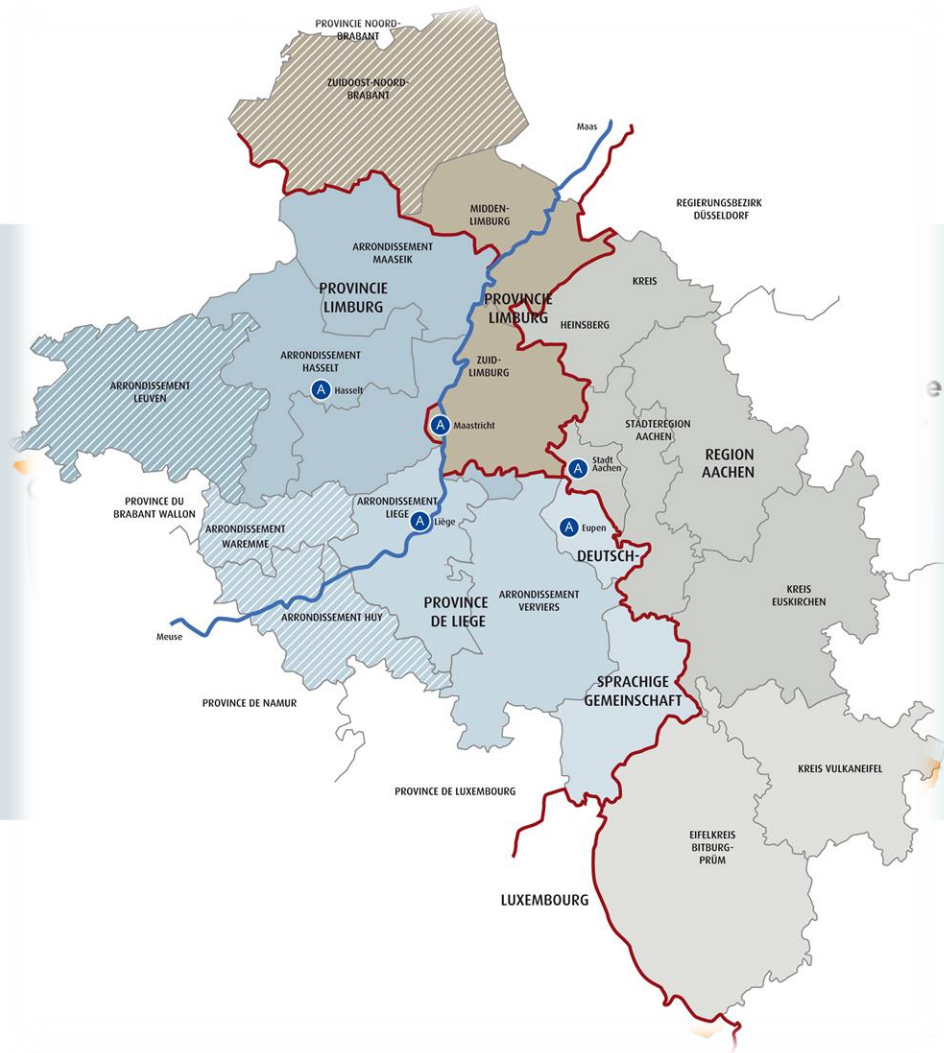
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Interreg EMR

Interreg EMR area



Results of cooperation so far

- 6 calls + special COVID-call
- 62 projects selected
- More than 300 project-partners
- 196 million total project –costs of which 50% ERDF

Call 8: key data

Priority axis 2

Projects can be submitted only under...

Priority Axis 2/Economy

- SO 2.2 Increase resource efficiency of SMEs

Target group:

SMEs – the applications must have a direct or indirect effect on this target group



Call 8 Specificities

The projects submitted **must address at least one of the following indicators:**

- **PSI6 Number of projects supported addressing a rational usage of resources in SMEs**
- **PSI17 Number of projects aimed at increasing the energy autonomy of SMEs**
 - programme-level indicators
 - **'Number of projects' should not be higher than 1 per project**, except where the project contains clearly identifiable/supported sub-projects

Call 8 Specificities

- Last call
- Shorter projects - max. project duration (18 months)
- Earliest start date: 1 January 2022, latest end date 30 June 2023
- ERDF standard support rate of 50%
- Travel & accommodation flat rate of 1.5% of staff costs
- Language of submission: **FR, NL, DE - mandatory**, EN - optional

Calendar

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 17 August 2021 | Publication of the call regulation |
| 31 August 2021 | 1st Day of project submission in eMS |
| 21 September, 12:00 noon | Last day of project submission in eMS |
| 17 November 2021 | Selection Committee Meeting |
| 8 December 2021 | Monitoring Committee Meeting |
| <i>1 January 2022</i> | <i>Project start date</i> |



Priority axis 2 Budget

Available Budget

- EUR 5.000.000 ERDF
- Funding rate – 50% ERDF + additional regional co-financing (where applicable)
- **Given that the activities may be state-aid relevant, for certain partners and deliverables the public funding may be lower than 50%**

It is recommendable not to go for very expensive projects & request 5 million ERDF in one application!



Call 8 Topics

The projects must address one of the following topics:

- Green hydrogen
- Energy communities
- Use of low-voltage direct current technology
- Development of local production of technology for integrated photovoltaics
- Information exchange on the topic of energy to stimulate and promote the energy transition and create synergies in this field in the EMR

Successful projects under call 8

- Clear direct/indirect focus on SMEs – guidelines, tools, products, training etc. to be freely shared with the SME community in the EMR and to be used by the SMEs in the EMR – the connection with the SMEs must be achieved within the project lifetime!
- Should not have a lot of project partners – try to keep the consortium as small as possible
- Should not rely heavily on equipment budget – only depreciation costs are possible
- **Should have a clear project plan that can realistically be achieved in 18 months**
- Limit the number of your demos to something that can be achieved in 18 months!
- Projects should have clear impact on the market, not research oriented applications!
- **The cross-border need should drive the application!**

Key documents



Application package 1

Rules & guidance

1. Call guidelines
2. Official call regulation (to be published in August 2021)

Available here:
www.interregemr.eu/downloads-en

Application form & annexes

- Application form template
- Budget template
- **Annex – Partnership agreement – mandatory for submission**
- **Annex – State aid self-assessment (one per partner) – mandatory for submission**
- **Annex – Self- declaration Legal Status & not in difficulty (one per partner) – mandatory for submission**
- Annex – Overview of external regional or national co-financing

Application package 2

Additional documents that are provided in the application package **but are not mandatory for the submission:**

- ***De minimis self-declaration*** – optional/ can be provided also later, only if the partner identifies that they are state-aid relevant and they want to make use of the de minimis rule
- ***Partner declaration own means*** – to be provided later, when the partner is not granted the regional or national co-financing requested

Additional guidance documents

- Cost catalogue
- Communication handbook
- State-aid guidance
- FAQ Call 8 – supplied in the Application package
- Indicator definitions and state of progress at programme level
- User guide to the SME definition
- eMS Technical Guidance

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Selection process Eligibility and selection criteria

Selection process

One-step application process in call 8!

One chance to submit the project proposal!

Final submission

- Eligibility assessment (if this step is not passed, no further assessment)
- Quality assessment
- State aid assessment

Eligibility criteria

1. The application was submitted **on time** in the eMS.
2. All mandatory **fields** in the application form are properly filled.
3. The application is **complete** with all compulsory annexes.
4. The project involves at least **2 partners from 2 different member** states within the EMR Programme area or at least one cross-border organisation (e.g. a EGTC).
5. The project application is submitted in **NL, FR and DE (EN optional)**.
6. All partners have a **legal personality**.
7. The maximum **ERDF co-financing rate of 50%** has not been exceeded.
9. The project's start date is **1 January 2022** at the earliest.
10. The project's end date is not later than **30 June 2023**.

Selection criteria (quality assessment criteria)

- 1. Partnership & cross-border character**
 - 2. Contribution to the objectives/results of the programme**
 - 3. Feasibility, coherence and sustainability**
 - 4. Budget & value for money**
- Rating scale from 1 (insufficient) to 5 (strong)
 - Projects must reach a minimum score of 3 under each criterion
 - Projects will be selected based on ranking

More information?



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Programme website

- www.interregemr.eu

Key programme documents

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Q&A

Break