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EXCHANGE & DISCUSSION WITH EUSALP AG4

# The future funding period from AG4's perspective Thematic compliance and priorities

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## AG4 & the future funding period

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- **AG4 from the perspective of the EU funding landscape**
- **What do the Alpine Regions need?**
- **Relevant observations with regards to future programme proposals**
- **Priorities: Rationale & Positioning**
- **Next steps to be taken**
- **Open discussion**

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## AG4 from a funding perspective

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### Two strands of activities

Transnational and infrastructure-intensive activities that require multiple investments

Projects and initiatives that

- fill gaps (e.g. intermodality),
- work on the interfaces to other issues of high concern in the Alpine region (nature protection) or
- develop innovative solutions for Alpine mobility based on the design of common targets and measures.

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### How is this delivered?

- Transnational
- Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary
- Integrating policy, research
- Background analysis
- Multilevel
- Specific thematic focus



### Therefore, AG4 needs

- Multi-country / cross-border approaches
- Pilot projects in a wider umbrella
- Openness of funds for functioning co-ordinated approaches between programmes
- Programmes, that allow integrated and interdisciplinary approaches (including indicators)
- Programmes allowing multilevel governance
- Thematic focus: Programmes addressing tourism, transit traffic, urban-rural relationships, climate friendly, sustainable transport

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## What is interesting for AG4:

### Observations in proposals for the future funding programmes

2020+	Observation for AG4
CEF	Explore further potential in unlocking public and private investments Extended funding opportunities for more cross-sectoral synergies
Mainstream ERDF	More interface with TEN-T to attach the axes to the regions, cities and rural areas
ETC	Reinforcement of co-ordination with mainstream ERDF Coherent Strategy
Horizon Europe	Connection to global challenges Pressure to deliver solutions to urgent problems
LIFE	Climate related aspects Sectoral aspect, e.g. noise reduction

## AG4 & the future funding period: Positioning

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- Achievement of **appropriate share of funds for the topics of transport and mobility** in all programmes (all regional mainstream ERDF with relevance for AG4, in the Interreg B Alpine Space Programme as well as in all relevant Interreg A-Programmes) to support the implementation of the EUSALP Action Plan.
- Achievement of options for **improved compliance and coordination between Interreg and the mainstream ERDF-Programmes**, e.g. for realising parallel and connected regional investment needs (funded by mainstream ERDF) in a co-ordinated, transnational or cross-border strategy (co-ordination and pilots financed by Interreg).
- Achieving an **improved openness, compliance and combinability** of projects in mainstream ERDF or Interreg with other funding programmes, most importantly **CEF Transport, HORIZON Europe, LIFE**.
- Ensuring that the Interreg programmes maintain their potential to implemented projects that are **integrated, interdisciplinary or contribute to multilevel governance**.
- Ensure that **pilot implementation** will remain an important part of Interreg.
- Ensure that the topics of **tourism in combination with transport and accessibility** will still be addressed by the programmes.
- Ensure that mainstream ERDF and Interreg for strategic reasons also **cooperate with partners beyond the programme area** (Alpine tourism, freight transport routes, etc.)

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**Thanking you for your attention and  
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