



INTERREG IVC and the 'Regions for Economic Change' initiative

What is Regions for Economic Change?

Regions for Economic Change (RfEC) is a European Commission initiative for the 2007-2013 period aiming at addressing some of the core issues that Europe is facing.

It seeks a stronger link between the exchange of good practices developed in the interregional cooperation (INTERREG IVC)/urban development network (URBACT II) programmes and the main body of funding in the Convergence, Regional Competitiveness and Employment and European Territorial Cooperation operational programmes.

It introduces new ways to dynamise regional and urban networks and to help them work closely with the Commission, to have innovative ideas tested and rapidly disseminated into main body of funding.

What is the link between INTERREG IVC and RfEC?

Regions for Economic Change networks can be financed through the INTERREG IVC programme, along with the URBACT II programme. Regions applying for project funding under INTERREG IVC Capitalisation projects can indicate their interest in having this project 'Fast

Tracked' by the European Commission.

What is Fast Track?

Fast track projects are the projects approved under the second type of action, 'Capitalisation', that are offered additional assistance and expertise by the European Commission.

What is Capitalisation?

Capitalisation, in this context, refers to the second project type available under INTERREG IVC. It focuses specifically on the transfer of already existing good practices into the main body of EU Structural Funds programmes. It is ensured through action plans for each participating region, detailing how the transfer of practices will be implemented.

How do I apply for 'Fast Track'?

There is no separate, specific application process for Fast Track projects. Applicants to INTERREG IVC have the choice of applying to either Regional Initiative Projects or Capitalisation projects. In order to earmark projects for additional assistance, the EC will assess the Capitalisation project applications according to a certain number of questions. This assessment is independent of the regular quality assessment by the Joint

Technical Secretariat, and will have no impact upon it.

Where can I find more information?

Interested parties should read the INTERREG IVC Programme Manual, available for download on the website: www.interreg4c.eu.

Information on the themes and the assessment questions used by the European Commission can be found on the Regions for Economic change website: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/index_en.cfm



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