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CENTRAL EUROPE Programme - contribution to Roma integration

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CENTRAL EUROPE Programme 2007-2013 - Overview



Cooperating across borders to make our cities and regions a better place to live and work

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme is funded under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It invests EUR 231 million to provide funding to transnational cooperation projects involving both public and private organisations.

8 languages

9 countries

80 cities and regions

124 projects funded

1331 partners cooperating in our projects

150 million people benefitting from our work

CENTRAL EUROPE Programme 2007-2013 - Overview



COOPERATING IN CENTRAL EUROPE

CENTRAL EUROPE is a transnational cooperation programme that provides funding for public and private partners working together across borders. The programme is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and part of European Territorial Cooperation. Learn more about us at www.central2013.eu and www.facebook.com/CentralEuropeProgramme

CENTRAL EUROPE AT A GLANCE

COUNTRIES, REGIONS/CITIES, AND INHABITANTS COVERED



PROJECTS CO-FINANCED BY THE PROGRAMME



DURATION OF PROGRAMME

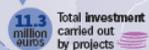


PUBLIC MONEY WELL INVESTED

BUDGET INVESTED

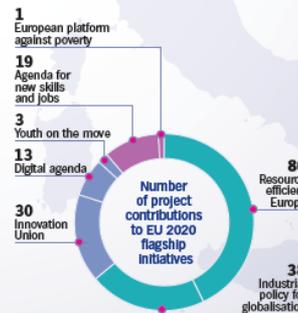


With roughly **0.22€** spent per citizen per year, the programme achieves:



CONTRIBUTING TO EUROPE 2020

CENTRAL EUROPE contributes to the European Union 2020 Strategy and reaching its goals of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth. Concrete targets for employment, innovation, education, social inclusion as well as climate change and energy were set on the European level and CENTRAL EUROPE project results help to meet them on the local and regional levels.



Number of project contributions to EU 2020 priorities



CENTRAL EUROPE Programme - Examples of implemented projects



TransWaste: From informal waste trade to formal re-use

Objective: Developing and testing formalisation scenarios for informal waste collectors

Project team: 7 partners from 5 countries affected by informal waste collection (AT, DE, HU, PL, SK)

Project results:

- Transnational action plan for formalisation and re-use
- Establishment of an association ISHS - International Second Hand Service (HU)
 - Training materials to show collectors the legal way of collecting second hand items
 - 72 Roma people were trained and passed the exams (with identification cards acknowledging their increased competence)



Project: TransWaste
ERDF funding: € 2 423 190
Duration: 2009 – 2012
Website: www.transwaste.eu

→ Contribution to solving social problems and integration of the ethnic group of Roma and raising their employment levels while fostering re-use

CENTRAL EUROPE Programme - Examples of implemented projects



Traditional and wild: Promoting traditional collection and use of wild plants to reduce social and economic disparities

Objective: Preserving knowledge on wild plants for providing income to vulnerable groups

Project team: 9 partners from 4 countries (HU, PL, SI, CZ)

Project results:

- Socio-economic analysis of target groups (Roma population along women and the elderly)
- Sustainable plant collection
- Development of training manuals and modules in all project languages (including Roma language)
- Model products and marketing analysis



Project: Traditional and wild
ERDF funding: €996 039
Duration: 2011 – 2014
Website: www.traditionalandwild.eu

→ Contributing to enhancement of entrepreneurial and marketing skills as well as employment opportunities while providing a sustainable source of income to minorities and vulnerable groups



EU Thematic Objectives

TO1: Strengthening research, technological development and innovation

TO 4: Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors

TO 6: Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

TO 7: Promoting sustainable transport removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructure



Cooperating beyond borders in CENTRAL EUROPE to make our cities and regions better places to live and work

Programme Priorities

P1: Cooperating on innovation to make CENTRAL EUROPE more competitive

P2: Cooperating on low carbon strategies in CENTRAL EUROPE

P3: Cooperating on natural and cultural resources for sustainable growth in CENTRAL EUROPE

P4: Cooperating on transport to better connect CENTRAL EUROPE



CENTRAL EUROPE 2014-2020 - Relevance to Roma integration

- Programme follows guiding principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination applicable to all programme priorities and actions
- Emphasis on inclusive development by also stimulating activities that address needs of disadvantaged groups and minorities

Programme specific objectives (SO) of particular relevance:

- SO 3.3 Environmental management of functional urban areas - tackling also issues such as urban sprawl, shrinkage and fragmentation under the consideration of social implications
- SO 4.1 Regional passenger transport systems - considering also social aspects in terms of provision of improved mobility services in the public interest (e.g. for disadvantaged groups or for shrinking regions)



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