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How to become a future lead partner?

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Incentives for becoming lead partner

- Shape the project and its outputs
- Gain a high visibility as “face of the project”
- Extend your organisation’s network
- Build your management capacity in view of EU projects



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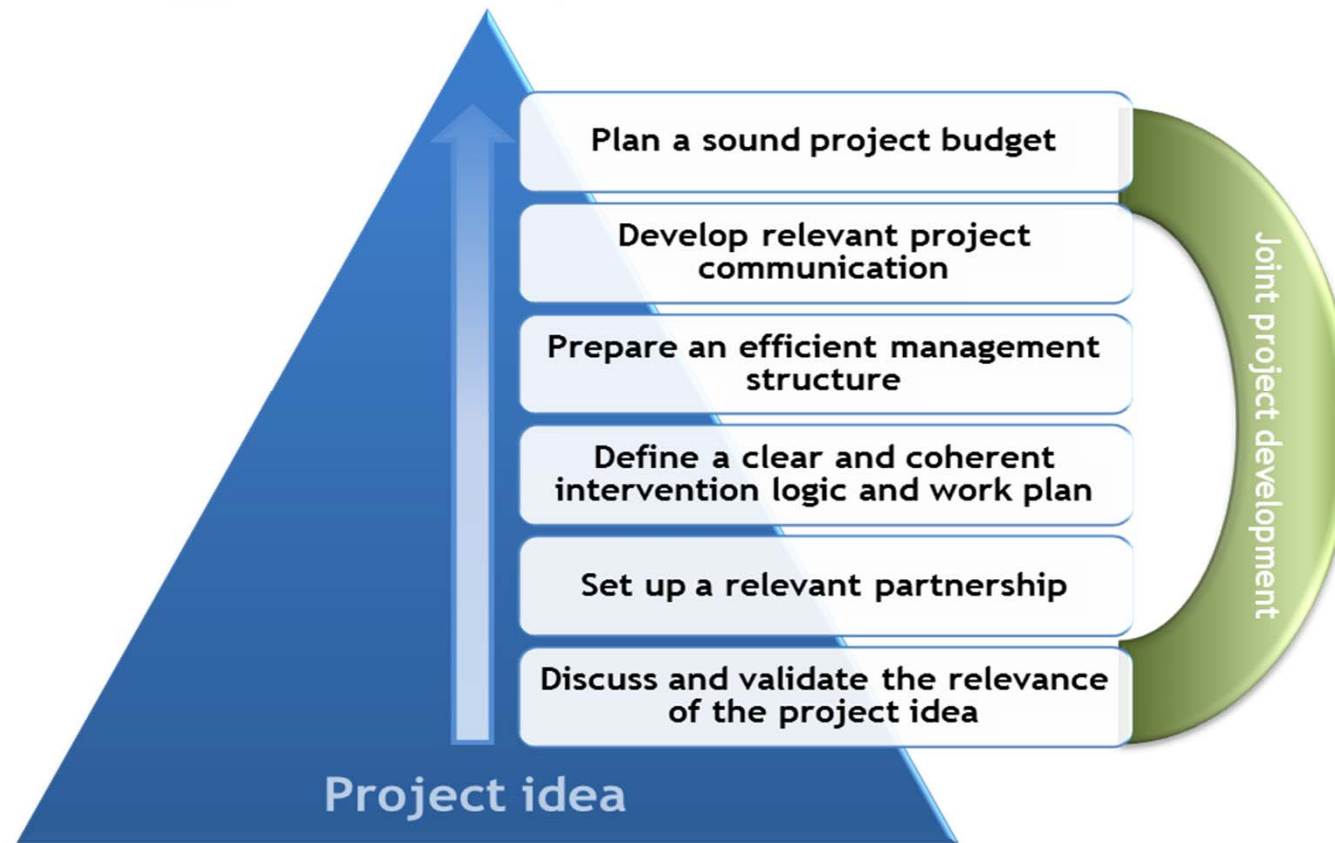
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From project idea to submission of the application

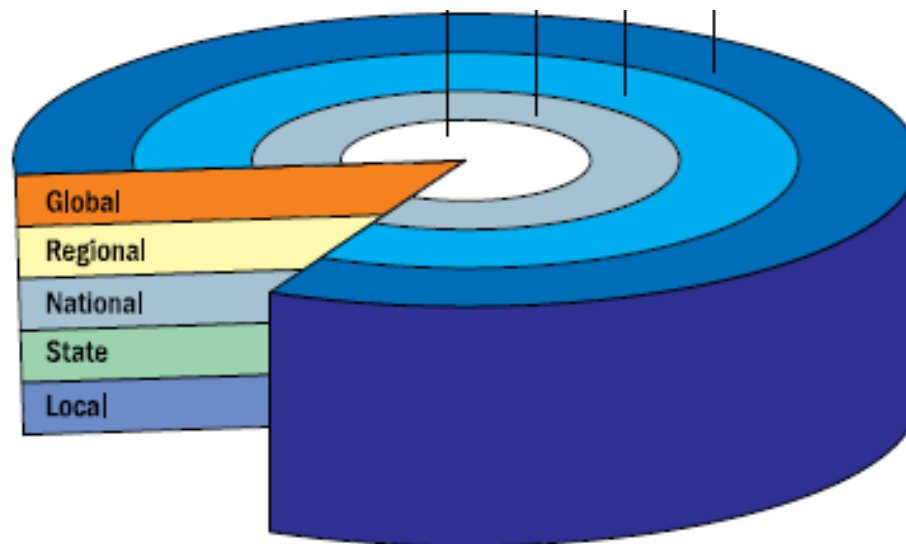
Application ready for submission



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How to set up a relevant partnership

Build a partnership that fits project aims



Limit your partnership to institutions relevant for reaching the project results. They should have:

- Fitting competences
- Interests closely linked to the project objectives
- Sufficient implementation capacity

→ Reflect the integrated territorial approach to regional development (e.g. multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral partnerships)



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How to find partners?

Our online support when you are building your partnership

Joint the **CENTRAL EUROPE** community
on www.interreg-central.eu and our
LinkedIn group

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BSR partner search on LinkedIn



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True story:

Experiences of a former CENTRAL EUROPE lead partner

Grzegorz Gzyl, Central Mining Institute, PL



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Who can become lead partner?

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Geographical requirement:

- Located in a Member State in the programme area

Legal requirement:

- Public character of organisation
- National, regional, local authorities
- Bodies governed by public law
- Associations formed by authorities/governed by public law
- European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation



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Who can become lead partner?

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Ineligible are:

- Private organizations
- Profit oriented e.g. enterprises
- European Economic Interest Grouping
- International organizations

Who can become lead partner?

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Geographical requirement:

- Located in the programme area (with exceptions applicable to IT and DE partners)

Legal requirement:

- Public bodies
- Private institutions
- International organisations acting under national law

Ineligible are:

- Private institutions not complying with obligatory financial capacity requirements
- International organisations acting under international law

Who can become lead partner?

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Where to get information regarding eligibility:

- Baltic Sea Region programme manual: “chapter C1”
- CENTRAL EUROPE application manual: part B chapter 2.1
- Members of programme monitoring committees
- CENTRAL EUROPE national contact points



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The lead partner principle



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Lead partner is the main responsible project partner:

- Submits application to the programmes
- Signs subsidy contract with managing authority
- Defines contractual relation within the partnership
- Coordinates the financial and the project management
- Guaranteeing the implementation of the entire project

The lead partner also acts as single contact point between the joint secretariat and the project partners.



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Contractual relations with partners have to be defined in a partnership agreement.

This written arrangement with partners defines:

- Rights and obligations of project partners
- Partner budgets and partner spending
- Delivery of outputs
- Procedures in case of irregularities and recovery of funds

The partnership agreement has to be based on a template provided by the programmes, in which the minimum requirements are included.



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Support for lead partners

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Guidance and support offered to lead partners:

- Programme documents
- Lead applicant events
- Lead partner events
- Specific workshops/trainings on project management, finances, communication, project closure, etc.
- Individual consultations
- On-the-spot visits



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True story:

Experiences of a current Baltic Sea Region lead partner

Marta Szubska, DAIMON/CHEMSEA projects, PL



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