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Hello from Vienna!

The world is changing fast and cooperation will be central to cope with all the challenges ahead. Currently, record numbers of Ukrainians are fleeing their homes to seek refuge in the regions and cities of central Europe. When supporting these new arrivals, many local and regional authorities face similar problems. To inspire them, we have pooled together transferrable solutions from our projects that can help with the welcome and integration of refugees. Other news today include:

- → European Commission Officially Adopts Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE
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European Commission Adopts Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE

Our funding programme was among the first three cohesion policy programmes officially adopted by the European Commission. The decision from 23 March 2022 allows us to support transnational cooperation projects with around 224 million Euros ERDF in the coming years. The constituting meeting of the new programme monitoring committee took place on 28 and 29 April in Venice.

Read the adopted document

First Call: Update on Timeline of the Selection Process



The quality assessment of proposals is already fully underway. In the current phase, we are identifying the most relevant project proposals in view of their relevance and partnership. Complete results of this so-called "relevance filter" are expected by early autumn. Project proposals that pass this filter will enter the full quality assessment. The funding decision will be taken by the monitoring committee before the end of the year.

Find out more about the process



Solutions that Help Central Europe to Welcome Refugees

Local and regional authorities are facing similar challenges in supporting the high number of refugees from Ukraine. We have pooled together transferrable solutions from our projects, from social inclusion schemes for refugees, to skills development measures for refugee women to facilitate their integration into labour markets. Many more solutions exist, and we are updating the page continuously.

> Take a look at available solutions



Towards A More Social Economy in Europe

Our project Arrival Regions was invited by the European Commission to present their migration-focused activities at the EU Social Economy Forum, which takes place in Strasbourg on 5 May. Read more and register



New European Bauhaus: Calls Open

The New European Bauhaus is an initiative that connects the EU Green Deal to living spaces and experiences. New calls have been launched to support citizens, cities and towns. Read more and apply

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EU Green Week: Register Now

EU Green Week is the key event to discuss European environment policy. It will take place in hybrid form from 30 May to 5 June and put a spotlight on circular economy, zero pollution and biodiversity. <u>Register now</u>



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