



# The European territorial cooperation.

## Analysis of the middle term results – in Italy – in the seven-year Programming period 2007-2013 and in the next new Programming strategies 2014-2020

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### Introduction

The European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) is one of the two goals of cohesion policy. The overarching objective of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) is to promote a harmonious economic, social and territorial development of the Union as a whole. Since 2007, the territorial cooperation is an objective of European Cohesion Policy supported by European Structural Funds (specifically by ERDF). In this poster is described the analysis of the middle term results of ETC, in Italy, in the seven-year Programming period 2007-2013 and in the next new Programming strategies 2014-2020. The ETC has been governed by a specific Regulation, which underlined, therefore, the special features of intervention (Table 1, 2).

Compared to the 2007-2013 Programming period, the European Territorial Cooperation scheduled for seven years 2014-2020 has got a strengthened role, which confirmed the nature of the overall aim of Fund Programming, while maintaining its financial dimension of the intended resources, even in the presence of a framework for the reduction of resources allocated to cohesion policy (Table 3, 4).

### Results

#### Report 2009 Data (2007-2013 Programming) Status of implementation of the CTE Objective in Italy at 31.12.2009 - After two years

All the programs have activated the procedures related to the selection of projects and allocated large part of the funds available for approved projects. The financial progress of the programs, in relation to the deadline of 31.12.2009, indicates that **the Italy-France maritime programs and Italy-France Alcotra only, have not yet reached the defined expenditure target.**

Two years later, the total amount of the procedures activated as at 31.12.2009 for cross-border and transnational cooperation, is equal to € 871.950.938,60, that means **about 40%** of the resources (Table 5).

**At 31.12.2009 the amount of procedures activated for external cross-border cooperation amounted to € 150,000,000.00.**

The lack of integration between the monitoring systems of the territorial cooperation programs and the national monitoring systems, makes it difficult at the moment, to deepen the specific contribution of the Italian partners in achieving the priorities of the NSR and to the different themes of intervention of the Funds.

As a critical element in the implementation, it should be noted that it is still not very significant the participation of economic operators, due to the continuing difficulties in applying the rules in the field of competition and State aids, which would require greater deepening at Community level.

#### 2016 Report Data (2014-2020 Programming) Status of implementation of the CTE objective in Italy, at 31.12.2016 - after two years.

Since 2015, which marked the conclusion of the approval phase of all cooperation programs with Italian participation, to 31.12.2016, **almost all** the cooperation programs have published at least one call for proposals for projects, for a total of 21 calls. The project proposals approved under the CTE programs with Italian participation at 31.12.2016 are a total of 414. Of these, 194 were presented by Lead Italian partners. Comparing the number of projects with Italian partners with the total number of projects per Program, it clearly emerges that in six out of eight Programs, the two data coincide. In fact, the total number of projects with Italian participation is 414 out of a total of 445.

Analyzing the percentage incidence of projects approved by the CTE programs on Cross-border, Transnational and Interregional cooperation (Figure 1), a substantial balance can be observed in the distribution of the number of projects approved among the Cooperation components, with 35% of projects approved by the Interregional Cooperation, followed by the Internal Cross-border Cooperation projects with 34%, and by the Transnational Cooperation projects with 31%.

**At 31.12.2016, no external cross-border cooperation project has been approved.**

As stated above, the number of projects with Italian partners coincides almost with the total number of projects per Program; the progress of the 2014-2020 Programming, based on the programs for cross-border and transnational cooperation at 31.12.2016, estimates **the 42.5%** of total resources allocated after two years from the start of Programming (Table 6).

Thanks to the new regulation laying down common provisions on the European Structural and Investment Funds (Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013), the new monitoring and control system makes more data available, compared to the previous Programming. It is possible a technical in-depth analysis of the contribution of Italian partners in the 2014-2020 program as specified below:

"The total resources allocated to projects with Italian partners, approved as at 31.12.2016 amounted to € 703.705.002,22, € 580.374.556,62 of which are attributable to the ERDF funding source.

The total resources allocated to Italian partners for projects approved at 31.12.2016 amount to € 245,451,893.02, of which € 204,931,679.53 are attributable to the ERDF funding source.

**The France-Italy Alcotra program is the one that has allocated the largest share of resources (€ 69.614.007.59), followed by Italy-France Maritime program (€ 45.378.272.44).**

Table 1. During the 2007-2013 program, Italy has participated in 14 of the Territorial Cooperation Programs.

7 Cross-Border Cooperation Programs	2 Cross-border Cooperation Programs co-financed by ERDF and ENPI	1 Cross-border Cooperation Program co-financed by ERDF and IPA	4 Transnational Cooperation Programs
Italy-France Alpes (Alcotra)	Italy-Tunisia	Adriatic	Alpine Space
Italy-France maritime	Mediterranean Basin		Central Europe
Italy-Switzerland			Southeastern Europe
Italy-Austria			Med
Italy-Greece			
Italy-Malta			
Italy-Slovenia			

Table 2. During the 2014-2020 Programming period, Italy is participating in 15 of the Territorial Cooperation Programs. Italy is also participating in 4 Interregional Cooperation Programs involving all 28 EU Member States (INTERREG V-C).

8 Cross-Border Cooperation Programs (INTERREG V-A)	3 Cross-border Cooperation Programs (IPA II CBC e ENI CBC)	4 Transnational Cooperation Programs (INTERREG V-B)	4 Interregional Cooperation Programs (INTERREG V-C)
France-Italy Alcotra	Italy-Albania-Montenegro (IPA)	Adriatic	ESPON 2020
Greece-Italy	Mediterranean Sea Basin (ENI)	Alpine Space	INTERACT III
Italy-Austria	Italy-Tunisia (ENI)	Central Europe	INTERREG Europe
Italy-Croazia		Med	URBACT III
Italy-France maritime			
Italy-Malta			
Italy-Slovenia			
Italy-Switzerland			

Table 3. During the 2014-2020 Septennate Italy will have resources for a total amount of 1,136,800,000 euro. The 2014-2020 allocation leads to an increase in real terms (2011 prices) of available resources, with respect to the allocation from 2007 to 2013 (approximately 16% of total resources ETC).

2007-2013		2014-2020	
Programs	Allocation Italy FESR (euro)	Programs	Allocation Italy FESR (euro)
Cross-border	Italy-France Alpes (Alcotra)	France-Italy Alcotra	127.322.853 €
	Italy-France maritime	Greece-Italy	76.184.019 €
	Italy-Switzerland	Italy-Austria	54.885.486 €
	Italy-Austria	Italy-Croazia	172.063.582 €
	Italy-Greece	Italy-France maritime	29.641.849 €
	Italy-Malta	Italy-Malta	138.259.056 €
	Italy-Slovenia	Italy-Slovenia	66.025.234 €
ENPI CBC	Italy-Tunisia	Italy-Switzerland	100.221.466 €
	Mediterranean Basin	Italy-Albania-Montenegro (IPA)	39.400.711 €
IPA CBC	Adriatic	Mediterranean Sea Basin (ENI)	64.861.590 €
	Alpine Space	Italy-Tunisia (ENI)	16.677.410 €
Transnational	Central Europe	Adriatic	57.114.925 €
	Southeastern Europe	Alpine Space	42.079.947 €
	Med	Central Europe	38.352.270 €
		Med	113.685.858 €
		ESPON 2020	*
		INTERACT III	*
		INTERREG Europe	*
		URBACT III	*

\*ERDF resources have been transferred to the IPA.

Table 4. Compared to the 2007-2013 Programming period, the ETC scheduled for seven years 2014-2020 has got a strengthened role.

2007-2013		2014-2020	
Programs	Allocation Italy FESR (euro)	Programs	Allocation Italy FESR (euro)
Cross-border	457.919.072 €	Cross-border (INTERREG V-A)	885.543.256 €
ENPI CBC	61.582.966 €	Transnational (INTERREG V-B)	251.233.000 €
IPA CBC	117.145.966 €	Interregional (INTERREG V-C)	*
Transnational	209.805.513 €		

\*ERDF resources have been transferred to the IPA.

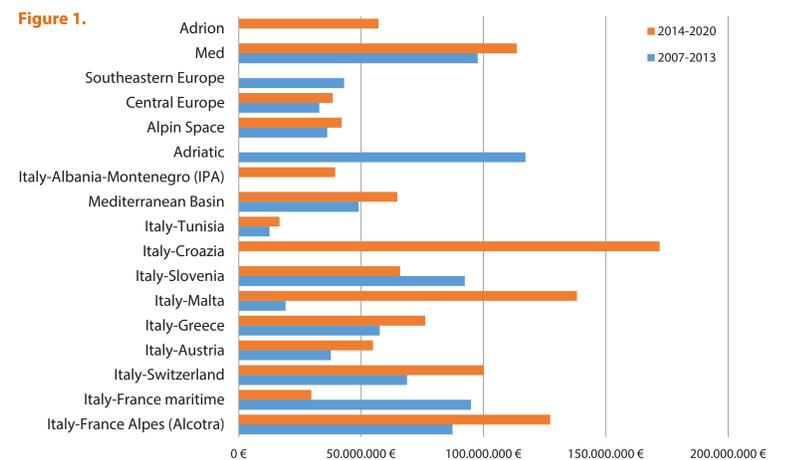


Table 5.

Programs	Programmed	Activated	
Cross-border	Italy-France Alpes (Alcotra)	199.583.127 €	142.577.562 €
	Italy-France maritime	161.976.354 €	45.972.317 €
	Italy-Switzerland	91.749.144 €	91.749.144 €
	Italy-Austria	80.099.557 €	72.735.693 €
	Italy-Greece	118.606.893 €	48.473.998 €
	Italy-Malta	35.468.255 €	394.524 €
	Italy-Slovenia	136.714.036 €	109.379.313 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>824.197.366 €</b>	<b>511.282.551 €</b>	
ENPI CBC	Italy-Tunisia	27.458.651 €	7.569.560 €
	Mediterranean Basin	189.231.983 €	32.811.784 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>216.690.634 €</b>	<b>40.381.344 €</b>	
IPA CBC	Adriatic	166.490.331 €	75.000.000 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>166.490.331 €</b>	<b>75.000.000 €</b>	
Transnational	Alpin Space	129.980.630 €	
	Central Europe	298.295.837 €	137.000.000 €
	Southeastern Europe	245.111.974 €	108.287.044 €
	Med	256.617.688 €	
<b>Total Transnational</b>	<b>930.006.129 €</b>	<b>245.287.044 €</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.137.384.460 €</b>	<b>871.950.939 €</b>	

40%

Table 6.

Programs	Programmed	Activated	
Cross-border	Italy-France Alpes (Alcotra)	233.972.102 €	120.839.170 €
	Italy-France maritime	199.649.897 €	71.539.908 €
	Italy-Austria	98.380.352 €	40.434.275 €
	<b>Total Cross-border</b>	<b>532.002.351 €</b>	<b>232.813.352 €</b>
Transnational	Alpin Space	139.751.456 €	75.538.711 €
	Central Europe	298.987.026 €	75.697.882 €
	Med	264.898.514 €	136.880.587 €
<b>Totale Transnational</b>	<b>703.636.996 €</b>	<b>288.111.180 €</b>	

42.5%

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### Conclusions

The data analysis shows that the eight Programs that approved project proposals as at 31.12.2016, assigned 40% of their programmed resources to projects involving Italian partners, with three programs exceeding the percentage of 50%.