

FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

Authorities and stakeholders at local and regional level have a vital role to play in the achievement of the EU's strategies for growth, jobs and sustainable development. The exchange, sharing and transfer of policy experience, knowledge and good practices contribute to the success of this objective.

The INTERREG IVC programme is part of the European Territorial Cooperation Objective of the Structural Funds policies for the period 2007-2013. It aims, by means of interregional cooperation, to **improve the effectiveness of regional development policies** and contribute to economic modernisation and increased competitiveness of Europe, by:

- enabling local and regional actors across the EU to exchange their experiences and knowledge;
- matching regions less experienced in a certain policy field with more advanced regions;
- ensuring the transfer of good practices into Structural Funds mainstream programmes.

The INTERREG IVC programme is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), whose principles and regulations are laid down in Council Regulation N°1083/2006 (General Regulation), Council and Parliament Regulation N° 1080/2006 (ERDF Regulation) and Commission Regulation N° 1828/2006 (Implementation Regulation). The principles and regulations for projects developed within the programme are laid down in the Operational Programme, which was officially approved by the European Commission on 11th September 2007.

2. ELIGIBLE AREA

The eligible INTERREG IVC cooperation area covers the whole territory of the European Union with its 27 Member States, including insular and outermost areas. In addition, Norway and Switzerland are full members of the programme and organisations from these countries are welcome to participate in it. Partners from other countries can participate at their own costs.

3. TIMING OF THE CALL

The fourth call for proposals opens on **1 December 2010** and closes on **1 April 2011**.

4. PRIORITIES

The INTERREG IVC programme is divided into two thematic priorities related to the EU strategy for growth and sustainable development known as the Lisbon and Gothenburg strategies. Applicants are invited to submit their project application under one of the sub-themes listed below.

PRIORITY 1 – INNOVATION & THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY	PRIORITY 2 – ENVIRONMENT & RISK PREVENTION
- Innovation, Research & Technology Development	- Natural & Technological Risks, Climate change
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs	- Water Management
- Information Society	- Waste Prevention and Management
- Employment, Human Resources and Education	- Biodiversity and Natural Heritage, Air quality
	- Energy and Sustainable Transport
	- Cultural Heritage and Landscape

Further information on the programme priorities and sub-themes can be found in the Operational Programme and annex 1 of the programme manual.

5. TYPES OF INTERVENTION

The fourth call is **open only to Regional Initiative Projects, excluding mini-programmes**. A detailed description of this type of intervention is provided in section 2.1.1 of the programme manual. **Applications for Capitalisation Projects and mini-programmes will not be accepted.**

6. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT: THE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Based on the experience gained from the previous calls and further to the recommendations of the programme evaluation, an additional requirement is set for the fourth call projects in terms of outputs to be produced within component 3. In order to optimise the results of the policy exchange of experience, each 'region' participating in the cooperation will have to produce an 'implementation plan'. The aim is to go beyond the requirement of a final document like a good practice guide or a policy recommendation paper (which usually remain at project level) by focusing on a more specific output at 'partner' level.

The implementation plan is defined as a document that specifies how each 'region' participating in the cooperation will work to integrate the lessons learnt from the cooperation into its local / regional or, if relevant, national policies. This plan should describe the future actions planned to ensure that the benefits of the exchange of experience are not lost after the project ends. Examples of these actions could include: - local meetings to mobilise relevant stakeholders and to prepare bids to be submitted in local/regional/national programmes; - launch of new initiatives in the region; - measures to modify a specific policy document/instrument. The plan could also include information on the results already achieved during the project lifetime if relevant. The implementation plan should contribute to better ensure the durability of the project results.

No specific format or template for the implementation plan is provided by the programme so it is up to each project / region to set it up according to its needs and characteristics. The implementation plan reflects the intent of the regions and shall not be considered as a binding document. Nevertheless, partners are encouraged to gain the necessary commitments to put the plan into action.

This new requirement is reflected in the fourth call application form through the addition of a compulsory output indicator in component 3 (section 3.3.1). When calculating the value of this indicator, applicants need to consider that the number of implementation plans may not necessarily correspond to the number of partners. For example, if the same region/territory is represented by more than one organisation (e.g. a public authority together with its development agency), only one joint implementation plan for this region is expected from these two bodies. There may be also cases where one of the proposed partners is involved in the proposal not representing a 'region' but as an organisation whose specialised knowledge and competences (e.g. in terms of communication and dissemination or exchange of experience) are required for the success of the project. In such a case, the concerned organisation will not have to elaborate an implementation plan.

The implementation plans will have to be submitted to the programme at the end of the project, therefore **an abstract of each implementation plan will have to be available in English.**

7. INNOVATIVE CHARACTER OF THE APPLICATION

Since the programme has already approved 122 projects, the innovative character of the applications submitted in the fourth call will be of special importance. Therefore, authorities interested in this call are warmly invited to check the characteristics of these projects on the 'Approved projects database' on the programme website: www.interreg4c.eu

In case of similarities with approved projects, applicants will need to precisely explain in their application form the differences but also the possible synergies of their proposals with these projects. The similarities can be related to the topic tackled by the proposal but they can also be related to the partners involved in the cooperation. The innovative character of fourth call applications will need to be clearly demonstrated at both levels.

An analysis of the current thematic and geographical coverage of the programme is also available as part of the external evaluation, available on the programme website under 'Programme > Programme evaluation'.

8. PROJECT DURATION

Decisions on fourth call applications are expected to be taken by the end of 2011. The applicants should therefore be ready to start their project in **January 2012**.

Since all activities within the projects must be completed and costs paid before the end of 2014 (see also section 2.4.1 of the programme manual), **the fourth call projects will last a maximum of 36 months (project closure included) without any possibility of extension of duration.**

9. PARTNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

9.1 WHO CAN APPLY?

Only public authorities and bodies governed by public law are eligible. According to Directive 2004/18/EC, Article 1, a body governed by public law means any body:

- (a) established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;
- (b) having legal personality; and
- (c) - financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law;
- or subject to management supervision by those bodies;
- or having an administrative, managerial or supervisory.

Only "official partners" (those listed in the application form, also called "contributing partners") can incur costs and receive ERDF. It is therefore not possible to participate with a "sub-partner" status.

As indicated in the Operational Programme and programme manual, applications from national, regional or local authorities, or partnerships having at least a solid and relevant participation of regional and local authorities in them, will be considered with priority in the selection process. In order to maximise the impact of this programme on regional and local policies across the EU, applicants are strongly encouraged to include the relevant and competent public authorities in their application.

9.2 GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

In order to be eligible, the applications submitted in the fourth call will have to ensure that the two following requirements are met:

- **at least one partner from each of the four Information Point areas** (see point 14 below) is represented in the partnership,
- **at least one of the twelve most recent EU Member States** is represented in the partnership (i.e. Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia).

10. FINANCIAL SIMPLIFICATION

In order to simplify the reporting of **administration costs**, a flat rate has been introduced for projects to be approved under the fourth call.¹ This will simplify the reporting and first level control and audits of administration costs as no supporting evidence is required to back up the reported administration cost amount.

In the application form for the fourth call, the administration budget is now **automatically calculated** as 12% of the budgeted staff costs. **The same single fixed rate for administration costs (12% of staff costs) applies to all partners in all states participating in the INTERREG IVC programme.**

For the budgeting (and later reporting) of staff costs, and the costs under the other budget lines, the real cost principle continues to apply. Further explanation of this financial simplification is available in the programme manual section 2.4.2.2.

¹ In compliance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 397/2009 and subject to the positive outcome of the EC's ex-ante assessment of the proposed method.

11. FUNDING AVAILABLE AND CO-FINANCING RATE

The remaining available ERDF budget for projects is allocated to the fourth call for proposals. This ERDF budget amounts to approximately **EUR 100 million** (around EUR 62 million for priority 1 and 38 million for priority 2).

Under the INTERREG IVC programme, the eligible project activities are co-financed by the ERDF at a rate of either 75% or 85% depending on the Member State. Partners from Norway and Switzerland are not eligible to receive ERDF but can receive co-financing from their respective national funds. The Norwegian funds are provided directly through the programme and the co-financing rate amounts to 50%. Swiss partners should refer to the Swiss National Contact Point in order to know more about the availability of Swiss funds.

Co-financing rate/funding	Participating States (EU + Norway)
75% ERDF	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
85% ERDF	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
50% National Funds	Norway

12. APPLICATION PROCESS

The application pack of the fourth call is available on the programme website (www.interreg4c.eu) and includes the following documents:

- the present terms of reference,
- the programme manual,
- the application form,
- the application form technical requirements,
- the co-financing statement template.

Project applicants who would like to submit a proposal must complete an application form in English, as it is the working language of the programme. Applications submitted in another language will be considered ineligible.

The application form is an Excel document, programmed with a number of automatic links and formulae. These features ensure that error messages appear in the form if it is not properly filled in. Applications submitted with error messages will be declared ineligible. Detailed instructions on how to fill in the application form are provided in the form itself and in the accompanying notice of the application form technical requirements. All the relevant information is available on the programme's website: www.interreg4c.eu

The application form has to be submitted electronically by e-mail to:

application@interreg4c.eu

at the latest by **1 April 2011**. Similarly the original, unbound hard copy hand signed, stamped (if exists) and dated (as per postal stamp or equivalent proof) has to be sent at the latest by the same date to the following address only:

INTERREG IVC
4th call for proposals
Les Arcuriales - Entrée D - 5e étage
45 rue de Tournai
59000 LILLE
FRANCE

The electronic version and paper version of the application form must be identical. The original paper version of the application form must also include the signed co-financing statements from all partners including that of the Lead Partner (originals or copies).

Further requirements are outlined in point 13 below and in section 3.4.1 (eligibility criteria) of the programme manual.

13. SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be subject to a two-step assessment procedure. Applications will initially be checked against the following eligibility criteria.

Fourth call eligibility criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the application form been <u>submitted in due time</u> in original and electronic versions, both versions being identical? Is a proof of sending provided (postal stamp or equivalent)? 2. Is the <u>application complete</u> and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the application form (original)? - the co-financing statements for the Lead Partner and each partner (originals or copies)? 3. Is the <u>application form dated and hand signed and fully and properly filled</u> in according to the instructions (no error messages appear in the document)? 4. <u>Are all co-financing statements correct?</u> Are they signed and dated (they should also be stamped and printed on headed letter paper if available)? Is the name of the partner mentioned identical to the institution name mentioned in the application form? Does the sum stated in the statement at least cover the "national co-financing" amount (or the "total amount" in case of partners not applying for INTERREG IVC co-financing) indicated in the application form? Is the standard form included in the application pack used and, besides the fields to be filled, have no amendments been made to the text? 5. Does the project partnership include <u>at least one partner from each IP area</u>? 6. Does the project partnership include <u>at least one new EU Member State</u>?

The eligibility assessment is a 'yes or no' process. This means that the eligibility assessment does not allow any flexibility in the way the criteria are applied. Applications that do not meet all the eligibility criteria will not be considered further.

Eligible applications will be subject to **quality assessment** according to six selection criteria which are further detailed in annex 4 of the programme manual:

- **Content-related criteria**
 - Criterion 1 - Relevance of the proposal
 - Criterion 2 - Coherence of the proposal and quality of approach
 - Criterion 3 - Quality of results
- **Implementation-related criteria**
 - Criterion 4 - Quality of management
 - Criterion 5 - Quality of partnership
 - Criterion 6 - Budget and finance

Based on the results of the quality assessment, final decisions are made by the Monitoring Committee of the programme, which is made up of representatives from both national and regional authorities within the participating states. They are communicated to all Lead Partners via a notification letter.

14. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) - which supports the Nord-Pas de Calais Region, Managing Authority of the programme - is based in Lille, France. The JTS is in charge of the overall implementation of the programme (development, assessment, monitoring, auditing). The JTS works closely with four Information Points located across Europe. They provide assistance to applicants and organise events to promote the programme. They also support the network of national and regional contact points. Applicants are invited to get in contact with their respective Information Point depending on their location (see table below).

Information Point	Geographical Area
North (Rostock, Germany) IP-North@interreg4c.eu	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East (Katowice, Poland) IP-East@interreg4c.eu	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South (Valencia, Spain) IP-South@interreg4c.eu	Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West (Lille, France) IP-West@interreg4c.eu	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Full details of the support offered to applicants is available on www.interreg4c.eu

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

A comprehensive description of the programme's strategies and priorities, together with a socio-economic analysis of Europe are included in the INTERREG IVC Operational Programme.

Further guidance for project applicants is provided in the programme manual which is available on the programme website. All official documents and contact details of the programme JTS and the Information Points are also available on the programme website:

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European Regional Development Fund

2.3.2. Partnership funding

2.3.2.1. Funding for partners from EU-Member States and from Norway

Under the INTERREG IVC programme, the eligible project activities are co-financed from the ERDF at either 75% or 85% depending on the Member State in which the partner is physically located (determined by its address). The other 25% or 15% has to be provided by the partners themselves. The sources of the partners' own co-financing amount can be manifold. It can come from the partners' own budget, or from other public sources at central, regional or local levels.

It is not possible to receive an advance payment from the ERDF under the INTERREG IVC programme. This means that each project has to pre-finance its activities until it submits a progress report and claims funds from the programme for the activities carried out and paid in the past period. The programme then reimburses 75% or 85% of the total eligible expenditure declared by each partner – ensuring that 25% or 15% is always provided from other public sources. Project partners therefore need to set aside sufficient liquidity if they are to become involved in an INTERREG IVC project.

Interregional Cooperation under Convergence and Competitiveness programmes

According to the Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 Article 37 §6 (b), some regions may have foreseen a priority on interregional cooperation within their regional Convergence or Competitiveness Operational Programme. In principle, these regions should develop projects with other regions that have included the same reference to interregional cooperation in their Operational Programme. For cooperation projects under Convergence or Competitiveness programmes, each will have its own contract with its own Managing Authority. As this offers significant coordination challenges across the partnership, this type of initiative should be dedicated to intensive cooperation projects with a limited number of regions.

It may occur that the above regions have to work with partners which do not have such a reference to interregional cooperation in their Operational Programme. In this case and in order to avoid additional complexity, it is strongly recommended that all the partners of the project apply to INTERREG IVC ensuring that no partner is in receipt of funding from its regional Convergence or Competitiveness Operational Programme.

In exceptional cases and if duly justified, some regions may use their regional funding to be involved in a project submitted to the INTERREG IVC programme. They would not receive any INTERREG IVC funding, but would instead finance their participation with the budget of their regional programme, which would be listed as "other funding" in the INTERREG IVC application. The following conditions will apply to these particular projects:

- The region funded by its Operational Programme cannot be the Lead Partner of the INTERREG IVC project. The Lead Partner bears all the administrative, financial and legal responsibility (see section 2.3.4) for the implementation of the project. This is the reason why the Lead Partner has to be a 'full' partner in the project.
- Besides the partner(s) funded from the regional programme, the partnership has to involve at least two more partners which are from two other EU Member States and actually financed by the INTERREG IVC programme.
- At least three partners who are from two other EU Member States and funded under INTERREG IVC.
- A partner has to be financed either under INTERREG IVC or under the regional programme, but not under both programmes at the same time. It should also be stressed that expenditure can only be financed from one funding source.
- The deadlines, approval and reporting procedures of the regional programmes will differ from the INTERREG IVC programme and thus make the management of the activities of partners under different funding mechanisms complex. This should be taken into consideration when the project is set up.

Partners from Norway are not eligible to receive ERDF, but can receive funding of 50% from pre-allocated national funds, which Norway makes available in the context of its direct participation in the INTERREG IVC programme. The Norwegian national funds are also disbursed by the INTERREG IVC programme following the submission and acceptance of the projects' progress reports.

Funding rate and source	Participating States (EU + Norway)
75% ERDF	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, UK
85% ERDF	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
50% Norwegian funding	Norway

2.3.2.2. Funding for partners and activities outside the EU Member States

Partners coming from countries outside the EU territory can participate with their own funding.

Partners from Norway are eligible for Norwegian funding provided by the INTERREG IVC programme. Switzerland has also reserved some funding which is directly provided by the Cantons. Further information can be requested through the Swiss INTERREG National Contact Point.

In some cases it might be possible to obtain funding through other EU-instruments (such as ENPI⁵ or IPA⁶) or through special national allocations. In case of co-financing from other EU instruments, the following has to be kept in mind:

- The financing provided by other instruments has to follow separate administration and monitoring, even if the project has been designed as a joint one.
- The approval deadlines and the administrative procedures of the different instruments vary and might not be in phase with the INTERREG IVC cycle. This should therefore be carefully considered by the partners when planning activities and budgeting costs.
- From the point of view of accountancy an item of expenditure can be allocated to only one programme. Actions budgeted and paid for by EU-partners and Norway and co-financed from the ERDF or the Norwegian allocation are reported to the INTERREG IVC programme. Other parts of the project budgeted and financed by other non-EU partners under other instruments, have to be monitored by the respective other management bodies.

Based on Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006, expenditure incurred in implementing parts of the projects outside the EU especially in countries eligible to receive IPA funds, can be co-financed if they are for the benefit of the project and do not exceed 10% of the project's INTERREG IVC budget. The expenditure has to be budgeted, paid and borne by the EU or Norwegian partners. The related activity has to be explicitly mentioned and justified in the approved application. Usually the activity outside the EU is linked to the official participation of a non EU-partner in the project and allows the EU-partners to take over part of the non EU-partner's costs to facilitate its participation.

Please note that travel costs for EU-partners travelling to places outside the EU do not fall under the 10% rule mentioned above, but are eligible as any other travel costs (provided that the related activity has been foreseen and justified in the application).

2.3.2.3. Co-financing statement

At the application stage, the INTERREG IVC programme requires proof that the Lead Partner and the partner's own co-financing amount has been secured and will be available for the project's implementation as laid out in the application form. This proof is delivered in the form of a co-financing statement. The co-financing statement is obligatory for all partners listed in the application form, i.e. for both EU and non-EU partners. It is a pre-requisite for a project to be eligible to the programme. It is therefore important to take this requirement into account early on in the preparation phase so that the co-financing statement is available at the latest before the closure of the call when the application has to be submitted to the JTS. The template for the co-financing statement is available with the application pack on the programme's website (www.interreg4c.eu).

Further requirements for the co-financing statement are outlined in sections 3.3 and 3.4 of this Programme Manual.

⁵ The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument for more information see: http://ec.europa.eu/world/enpi/funding_en.htm

⁶ IPA: Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance, supports candidate and potential candidate countries for membership to the EU. For details see: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funds/ipa/index_en.htm

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DOTT. ANTONINO CARBONARO
Capo di Gabinetto Ufficio di Presidenza
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Mr. Dominique Dupilet
Presidente del Dipartimento Pas de Calais

IL PRESIDENTE

VISTA la nota del Presidente del Dipartimento Pas de Calais, assunta al prot.n.8419/Gab. del 29-10-2010;

DATO ATTO del proprio impedimento ad intervenire personalmente,

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Il **Dott. ANTONINO CARBONARO**, nella qualità di Capo di Gabinetto del Presidente della Provincia Regionale di Messina, a firmare il Protocollo d'Intesa relativo all'iniziativa "European Straits", nel corso dell'incontro politico che si terrà a Calais (Francia) il giorno 23 - 11- 2010.

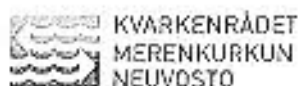
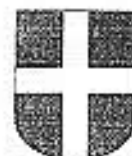
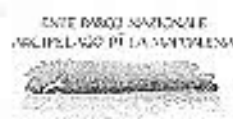
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON

EUROPEAN STRAITS INITIATIVE

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WITH REGARD TO the geographical discontinuity of the local authorities on either side of Straits, increasingly concentrated economic and transportation flows – and therefore environmental risks – linked especially to the significant development of cross-border conurbations, means that the transformation of Straits into economic gateways substantially changes their overall dynamic.

WHEREAS the capacity of Straits to be relevant stakeholders in future development is not supported by any specific European developmental or financial instruments.

WITH REGARD TO the strong involvement of local authorities in European territorial cooperation programmes, amongst which INTERREG IV A, IV B and IV C, and the long experience of the parties concerned in cross border cooperation since 1992,

WHEREAS the general framework of those programmes does not meet the expectations of these local authorities whose particular circumstances are linked to their specific geographical situation bordering national and binational Straits,

WITH REGARD TO current territorial cohesion policy which is targeted on non-maritime and non-coastal areas,

WHEREAS Straits are both maritime and coastal areas with the characteristic of being separate hinterland territories sharing common maritime areas.

WITH REGARD to the integrated maritime policy, currently under review, which aims to integrate all aspects of coastal policies along the 70,000 km of European coastline,

WHEREAS the majority of coastal and territorial policies as regards economy, environment, migration, transport are focused on Straits which makes them privileged observatories and laboratories for the implementation of such policies.

THEREFORE

Several local authorities decided to come together

During summer 2009 Kent County Council (Kent) and the Conseil Général du Pas-de-Calais (Pas-de-Calais) invited local authorities (mostly NUTS 2 and 3 level) to express their interest in the issue.

During autumn 2009, Euregio Tallinn-Helsinki invited Pas-de-Calais for a European meeting at Rail Baltica in Tallinn, in presence of the European Commission.

It was then decided to organise a first technical meeting on 15 and 16 March 2010 in Arras (France) aimed at the development of a common project and to share views on the issues faced by Straits.

Following that, a second technical meeting took place on 27, 28 and 29 September in Messina (Italy). This technical meeting on the one hand integrated new partners, and on the other hand strengthened the wish of the parties to formalise an agreement.

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding agree on the following:

Article 1 – General aims

This Memorandum of Understanding is aimed at:

- 1- Gaining recognition of the particular characteristics of European Straits within European policies and integrating these within European programmes and European Structural Funds for 2014-2020;
- 2- Working for the emergence of cooperation projects, either through INTERREG programmes or other European programmes, developing mutual cooperation and implementing common actions and projects, in order to promote economic development, coastal protection, transportation and logistics, intercultural working and tourism activities.

Article 2 – Implementation

This Memorandum will be implemented through:

- the organisation of meetings with relevant European Union institutions and networks
- the submission of an INTERREG IV C bid in 2011, whose lead partner will be the Conseil Général du Pas-de-Calais
- any other relevant actions.

Article 3 – Management of the Memorandum

This Memorandum will be managed by at least one annual meeting composed of the relevant representatives of each party.

Each meeting will establish the date and location of the following meeting.

Article 4 – Communication and dissemination

Each party is responsible for sending this Memorandum of Understanding to relevant local, national and European authorities.

Article 5 – Ratification

The present Memorandum is subject to ratification by each party.

Article 6 - Duration of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum is of four years' duration following its signature and may be jointly renewed by the parties.

The Memorandum may be amended and modified by the parties by written amendment.

Article 7 – Principles

The preambles form an integral part of this Memorandum.

The parties are free to enter into cooperation with third parties not involved in this Memorandum.

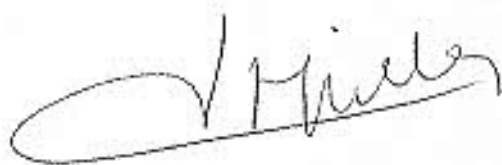
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A party may withdraw its membership by sending a letter to the members of the partnership.

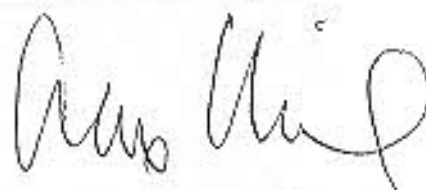
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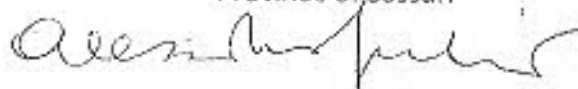
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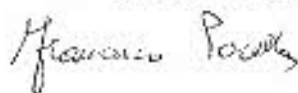
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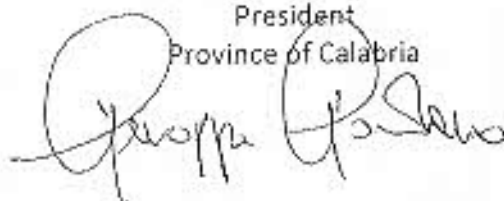
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Dear All,

Here are the documents you have been waiting for!

- the record of decisions of the meeting, including locations of the future activities and time plan
- the budget and partner forms for you to fill in for **February 1st** at the latest
- the key infos to help you with the budget.

Please remember the date of our next meeting: February 15th in Brussels.

Do not hesitate to call or send an email if anything needs to be clarified.

Regards,

Laurence

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4th TECHNICAL MEETING EUROPEAN STRAITS
January 19th – 20th 2011 - BRUSSELS

PARTICIPANTS

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Dover Strait	
<u>Pas de Calais County Council :</u>	
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Fehmarn Belt	
<u>Fehmarn Belt Committee :</u>	
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<u>Province of Sassari</u>	
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<u>Fehmarn Belt Committee :</u>	
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RECORD OF DECISIONS

1- THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Economic Development

- Key issue: Demonstrate that the geographical discontinuity represents an "added value" to multiply opportunities and knowledge and to promote the straits as joint cross-border economic systems.
- Objective: promote economic development of the common area through the collaboration between various actors such as universities, administrations, companies, cultural connexions, etc.
- Outputs: best practices database and policy recommendations, common database of actions to promote economic development across the straits

Transport

- Key issue: Straits are places of commercial traffic, traffic of passengers and freight which are crucial for the economic development of the area and need to preserve the biodiversity.
In what way the choice of the crossing infrastructure (channel, ferries, bridges, ...) will help meeting both expectations: economic development and preservation of biodiversity?
- Objective: Promoting "Innovative tools" to improve point-to-point maritime transport considering the straits inhabitants needs, the commercial and environmental issues.
 - ⇒ Sub-objectives: exchanges of knowledge on how to have the synergy and combine economic development and preservation of biodiversity
- Outputs: best practices manual/dynamic common database and policy recommendations; a network of experts on straits

Biodiversity

- Key issue: Assisting new approaches of implementation to planning and designing the straits marine environment considering landscapes and seascapes as protected "public" heritage to improve the straits inhabitants' quality of life.
- Objective: How to take into account the planning and the development of straits in order to ensure the preservation of biodiversity and the inhabitants' quality of life?
- Outputs:
 - Exchanges of experiences, policy recommendations (ie : data collection)
 - Common action plans
- Results: raise awareness of the transnational aspect of straits and the necessity to develop common models of management

2- ACTIVITIES

A general agreement was reached regarding the proposal of activities submitted to the partners. See annexe 1 for details of the activities.

3- LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES

2012

February: Launching conference - Pas-de-Calais / Kent

June: Study visit - Kvarken

End of October: Study visit + Forum - Sardinia

2013

January: Workshop (data collection)-Kent (tbc)

March: Workshop (Tourism + cultural heritage)- Lecce

June: Workshop (Transport - Maritime Security)- Fehmarn Belt

November: Workshop (Economy) + forum - Euregio

2014

March: Seminar (link between hinterland and coast) - Messina

June: Seminar (biodiversity and INTERREG projects) - Corsica

September: Seminar (results, action plan, recommendations, networks) - Eastern partner (tbc)

October: Final conference - Brussels

	2012												2013												2014											
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4- TIMEPLAN

February 1 st	Each partner sends to Pas-de-Calais County Council its draft budget and its partner form + confirm its willingness to be part of the partnership for the OpenDays
February 3 rd and 4 th	Budapest INTERREG IVC Cooperation Forum
February 7-11 th	Pas-de-Calais County Council sends a consolidated budget
February 15 th	Technical meeting in Brussels
February 23 th	Lead Partner seminar in Amsterdam
March 4 th	Deadline to submit the application for the OpenDays
March 15 th	Technical meeting in Brussels with all the co-financing statement letters
April 1 st	Deadline to submit the application

Annexe 1 – Details of the activities planned in the project

Launching conference

- Presentation of the project, the partners (straits) and the expected impacts of the project
- Communication on the specificities of straits
- Speech of a representative of the EC (from DG Regio or MAR) on their expectations for the project
- Press conference
- Site visit

Participants: Partners' elected representatives, stakeholders from other straits – European institutions and other institutions – networks – media ... => to communicate on the project and to disseminate the project's results

Study visit

Prior to study visits, the strait which organises the study visit will provide other partners with initial information on the strait and the structures of governance which will be visited during the stay. The aim of the prior information is to give enough time to discuss during the study visit.

Day 1: Arrival

Day 2, 3 et 4:

- Short introduction of participants and programme of the study visit
- Feedbacks on territorial meetings after the last study visit
- Presentation of political and administrative system of both sides of the strait
- Presentation of the strait
 - o Geography (outspread of nature, habitat areas, cities)
 - o Economic activity, existing and coming (tourism, business etc.)
 - o Transport corridors (where are the corridors placed in the landscape: water, road, train, path)
 - o Biodiversity
- Presentation and visit of the binational managing structure (history, organisation).
- Presentation of governance tools concerning transport, economy and biodiversity in each country and across the Strait :
 - o *Hard (law and regulative)*
 - EU and country specific
 - o *Soft (local plans, politicians, multi-level administrations)*
 - For the specific study area
 - o Visits of actors of transport governance (including private companies, port ...)
- Presentation of the involvement of civil society and the population in the governance of the straits – "Pass the mental gap / How to create a "strait identity" – a common vision for each strait ?

Second to last day : Press conference to present the project to local media

Last Day : Meeting of the Steering Committee.

- Progress and financial report (for the 1st one : training session cf. progress and financial report)
- Dissemination and publicity
- Future events

Participants :

- 1 project coordinator for each partner
- 3 thematic experts for each partner
- 1 extra participant for each partner

Territorial meetings

Participants : each partner gathers during one day their local actors involved in the governance of the straits

Presentation of the success stories of the last study visit

Discussion on these success stories and possibility to implement them on the local territory

(+ for the first meeting : presentation of the project and expectations of participants)

Forum

Participants : politics (2 politicians for each partner), economic actors (2 economic actors) + the project coordinator and the thematic experts for each partner

Goal : How to create a "strait identity", a common concern for each strait ?

2012 :

- Synthesis of previous exchanges and existing tools of governance
- Exhibitions of European straits
- Meetings between public and private actors of different straits
- Cross-cutting conference on maritime safety (to be confirmed)
- Visit

2013 :

- Synthesis of the work done and presentation of a handbook of best practices
- Exhibitions on best practices regarding governance of European straits
- Meetings between public and private actors of different straits
- Cross-cutting conference on the geopolitical aspect and stakes of straits (topic to be confirmed)
- Visit

Workshops

- Presentation of the external study on the thematic (including other straits outside the project) + discussion between the partners and the expert
 - Questions to answer:
 - o How are the questions about Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage taken into account when planning a new economic activity? What kind of specific planning instruments are taken into use when planning a new transport activity?
 - o How has transport affected the economic development? How do the transport corridors affect the biodiversity? What governance instruments are taken into use when planning a new transport activity?
 - o How are the specific biodiversity's challenges of straits taken into account?
 - o For each thematic: What are the general governance tools used? How are special governance tools used for the direction in wish?
- Group work to question partners' own case according to the previous study + Synthesis of the results of the workshops
- Group work to define set of good practices which could be used for the creation of a toolbox for relevant stakeholders + Synthesis of the results of the workshops
- ⇒ Technicians (taking part of the delegation) will have to analyse and make proposals for their own situation - institution at the end of each workshop. These proposals will sustain the external study- they could be outputs for the action plans
- Site visit

Last Day: Meeting of the Steering Committee.

- Progress and financial report
- Dissemination and publicity
- Future events

Participants:

- 1 project coordinator for each partner
- 2 thematic experts for each partner
- 1 extra participant for each partner

Cross-cutting seminars

- one on the link between the coast and the hinterland
- one on biodiversity and the capitalisation of the INTERREG IIIA, IIIB, IVA and IVB projects implemented on the territories of the partners : presentation of different INTERREG projects linked to straits and the possibility to transpose them on other territories
- one to finalise each partner's action plans and a set of recommendations for EU institutions and local authorities » discuss how to promote the results of the project among networks.

Last Day: Meeting of the Steering Committee.

- Progress and financial report
- Dissemination and publicity
- Future events

Participants:

- 1 project coordinator for each partner
- 2 thematic experts for each partner
- 1 extra participant for each partner


Final conference

- Presentation of the outcomes
- Recommendations for local, national and EU levels
- Debates with European and local elected representatives who will react to the outcomes and explain how they will take into account the recommendations in their political strategies
- Exhibitions
- Press conference

Participants: Partners' elected representatives, stakeholders from other straits – European institutions and other institutions – networks – media ... => to communicate on the project and to disseminate the project's results

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Dear All,

First, the result of the doodle poll: Our project will be called NOSTRA (Network of STRAIts).

Then, in order to prepare our meeting next week, please find attached the draft application form.

Of course many things are left to be done. We will discuss it on Tuesday.

I will send you the co-financing statements tonight for those of you whose budget is finalised.

All the best,

Laurence

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Acronym: NOSTRA

Acronym

NOSTRA

Title of the project

Network of STRAits

Type of intervention

Type 1: 'Regional Initiative Project'



Type 2: 'Capitalisation Project'



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Section 1: Project Summary

Acronym: NOSTRA

1.1 Acronym: NOSTRA

1.2 Title of the project: Network of STRAits

1.3 Type of intervention: Regional Initiative Project

1.4 Duration

Please indicate when the operation will start and finalise its activities. Concerning the start date, the following elements should be taken into consideration. Projects should be ready to start their implementation as soon as possible after the decision of the IVC Monitoring Committee and in any case within a maximum of two months from the date of decisions. Decisions on projects are expected to be taken within eight months after the end date of each call. For the recommended duration of projects, please refer to the programme manual.

Start: beginning of 01 2012

Closure: end of 12 2014

TOTAL N°MONTHS: 36

1.5 Sub-theme selected:

Please select the sub-theme the project focuses on. Please note that only one sub-theme can be chosen.

Priority: 2: Environment and risk prevention

Sub-theme: Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage (including air

1.7 Partnership information

Number of partners not financed under INTERREG

Number of partners financed under INTERREG IVC

IVC

EU-MS: 0

Switzerland: 0

Others: 1

Austria:	0
Belgium:	0
Bulgaria:	0
Cyprus:	0
Czech Republic:	0
Denmark:	1
Estonia:	1
Finland:	2
France:	2
Germany:	1
Greece:	0
Hungary:	0
Ireland:	0
Italy:	6
Latvia:	0
Lithuania:	0
Luxembourg:	0
Malta:	0
Netherlands:	0
Poland:	0
Portugal:	0
Romania:	1
Slovak Republic:	0
Slovenia:	0
Spain:	0
Sweden:	0
United Kingdom:	1
Total:	15
Norway:	0

Total number of partners: 16

Overview of project partners (details of the partnership have to be filled in in Section 5)

	Institution	country	Partner budget			
<u>LP</u>	Pas-de-Calais County Council	FR	ERDF Funding: 279 659,25 €	EU Nat. Cof 93 219,75 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 372 879,00 €
<u>P2</u>	Kent County Council	UK	ERDF Funding: 158 078,88 €	EU Nat. Cof 52 692,96 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 210 771,84 €
<u>P3</u>	Province of Messina	IT	ERDF Funding: 119 733,00 €	EU Nat. Cof 39 911,00 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 159 644,00 €
<u>P4</u>	Province of Reggio Calabria	IT	ERDF Funding: 106 529,25 €	EU Nat. Cof 35 509,75 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 142 039,00 €

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P5	Kvarken Council	FI	ERDF Funding: 99 327,96 €	EU Nat. Cof 33 109,32 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 132 437,28 €	
P6	Regional Province of Trapani	IT	ERDF Funding: 77 708,49 €	EU Nat. Cof 25 902,84 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 103 611,33 €	
P7	Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development	RO	ERDF Funding: 159 155,70 €	EU Nat. Cof 28 086,30 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 187 242,00 €	
P8	Harju County Government	EE	ERDF Funding: 83 564,35 €	EU Nat. Cof 14 746,65 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 98 311,00 €	
P9	Uusimaa Regional Council	FI	ERDF Funding: 95 406,00 €	EU Nat. Cof 31 802,00 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 127 208,00 €	
P10	Province of Lecce	IT	ERDF Funding: 136 366,50 €	EU Nat. Cof 45 455,50 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 181 822,00 €	
P11	Vlora Regional Council	other	ERDF Funding: 0,00 €	EU Nat. Cof 0,00 €	Other: 2 472,00 €	TOTAL: 2 472,00 €	
P12	Region Zealand	DK	ERDF Funding: 159 605,25 €	EU Nat. Cof 53 201,75 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 212 807,00 €	
P13	County of Ostholstein	DE	ERDF Funding: 56 585,25 €	EU Nat. Cof 18 861,75 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 75 447,00 €	
P14	Corsican Environment Office (O.E.C.)	FR	ERDF Funding: 115 519,44 €	EU Nat. Cof 38 506,48 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 154 025,92 €	
P15	Province of Sassari	IT	ERDF Funding: 155 601,75 €	EU Nat. Cof 51 867,25 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 207 469,00 €	
P16	National Park of Maddalena Acipelago	IT	ERDF Funding: 99 567,00 €	EU Nat. Cof 33 189,00 €	Other: 0,00 €	TOTAL: 132 756,00 €	
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1.8 Project budget (in EUR) (based on the partner budget described in Section 5)

	Amount
ERDF Funding	1 902 408,07 €
National Public Co-financing	596 062,30 €
Total budget eligible to ERDF	2 498 470,37 €
Norwegian Funding	0,00 €
Norwegian Co-financing	0,00 €
Total Budget Norway	0,00 €
INTERREG IVC BUDGET	2 498 470,37 €
Other funding	2 472,00 €
TOTAL BUDGET	2 500 942,37 €

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1.9 Lead Partner confirmation

By signing the Application Form the Lead Partner hereby confirms that

- the project neither in whole nor in part has or will receive any other complementary EU funding (except for the funding indicated in this Application form) during the whole duration of the project.
- the project is in line with the relevant EU and national legislation and policies of the countries involved.
- all partners in the partnership receiving funding from the INTERREG IVC programme (ERDF or Norwegian funding) fulfil the criterion of a public body or a body governed by public law as defined in the Programme Manual.
- all partners described in Section 5 of the Application Form are committed to taking part in the projects' activities
- the information is accurate and true to the best knowledge of the Lead Partner

Signature of the Lead Partner	Official stamp of the Lead Partner's institution (if exists)
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Name of the signatory	Dominique DUPILET
Title of the signatory	President
Lead Partner's institution	Conseil général du Pas-de-Calais
Date of signature	

Section 2: Detailed Description of the Project

2.1 Rationale

2.1.1 Brief history of the project

Please describe how the project idea and partnership was developed and how the partners were involved in developing the project proposal.

During summer 2009, on the joint initiative of Pas-de-Calais County Council and Kent County Council, all local authorities bordering a strait in Europe have been contacted and proposed to try and find ways of working together. This solicitation was followed by a first meeting between Pas-de-Calais County Council and Euregio (Helsinki-Tallinn) in November 2009 at a rail Baltica round table.

In the meanwhile most local authorities contacted expressed their strong interest in having a first technical meeting. The latter took place in March 2010 in Arras (Pas-de-Calais) and gathered 14 local authorities. It was then decided a twofold strategy:

- working for the recognition of the straits specificities and the issues they face;
- developing cooperation projects in general and submitting an INTERREG IVC bid in particular.

A second technical meeting was held in Messina (Italy) in September 2010 which was dedicated to the first discussions on the content of such a project. It also was the

opportunity to decide to organise a political meeting in order to sign a Memorandum of Understanding which would state the two objectives mentioned above and thus officialise the partnership. This event took place on November 23rd, 2010. 15 local authorities bordering 8 straits of Europe signed the MoU. On that date, another technical meeting took place as well which helped define more precisely the types of activities needed to be implemented in the framework of the project. Partners were asked to submit concept papers on their expectations and those papers have been discussed during a 4th meeting in January 2011 in Brussels. The partners have kept exchanging information and working on the content of the project via emails and during technical meetings since March 2010. Though there is no strait in Eastern Europe, an Eastern partner has been found to fulfil programme requirements. An opportunity was to make a link with another INTERREG IVC project, DELTANET, which has many

similarities with the NOSTRA project. Indeed, they are both networks of regions with a geographic specificity (deltas and straits) and both projects deal with the issue of joint and often bi-national governance tools.

The Romanian partner of DELTANET, the Danube Delta National Institute, who agreed to join in the project, also has the advantage of being specialised in the issue of preservation of biodiversity.

2.1.3 Objectives of the project

Please describe the overall objective and sub-objectives of the project.

The overall objective of the project is to show how a joint governance of straits can ensure better public policies in respect to the preservation of biodiversity and natural heritage and thus allow a sustainable economic development of the area.

The partners wish to improve their knowledge of the other straits of Europe and in particular study the different governance tools that may have been implemented or are in project and which have allowed a better management of the strait areas.

It is foreseen that an integrated approach of straits issues is the key answer to most problems those areas have to face. Therefore, the identification of best practices should enable the partnership to convince regional, national and European policy makers of the necessity of enhancing such an integrated approach. This project should contribute to reach the EU 2020 strategy objectives of an intelligent, sustainable and inclusive growth in those areas.

Considering the wide range of issues tackled by straits and in order to simplify the analysis of good practices, it has been chosen to focus on four sub-objectives, which are:

- to improve point-to-point maritime transport and logistics through innovative tools considering the straits inhabitants needs, the commercial and environmental issues;
- to promote economic development of the common area through a tight collaboration between all actors (local authorities and administrations, schools and universities, enterprises, cultural organisations, civil society, etc...)
- to ensure the preservation of biodiversity and the inhabitants' quality of life through a better planning and development of straits areas.
- To raise the inhabitants' consciousness of belonging to a same area and thus develop a strait identity.

This will be done through the exchange and analysis of best practices during study visits, seminars, workshops and conferences, which will lead to the production of priorities recommendations for regional, national and European policies and the conception of implementation plans by each partner.

2.1.4 Expected outputs and results of the project

a) Please describe the outputs and results the project intends to produce. For further information, please refer to the Programme Manual.

(**Outputs** are tangible deliverables and visible outcomes or products of the project. They directly result from the activities carried out in the project. Output indicators are typically measured in concrete units such as number of seminars, study visits, conferences, participants, publications, good practices identified, policies addressed. **Results** are direct and immediate effects resulting from the project and from the production of the outputs. Compared to outputs, results imply a qualitative value. They should be also measured in concrete units such as the number of staff with increased capacity, the number of good practices successfully transferred, the number of policies improved.)

Outputs:

- best practices database including actions to promote economic development across the strait and manual
- policy recommendations document for local, regional, national and European levels based on the assessments made by the project and the stakeholders in the short, medium and long terms
- implementation plans for each partner with a part with specific joint resolutions between the two local authorities bordering a same strait
- a study on the impact on biodiversity of tourism, transports infrastructures and economic development in the straits areas
- a joint exhibition on the history of strait areas and their cultural identity
- an informal network of experts on straits issues
- an atlas with a collection of maps of the straits and their current situations on several aspects (demography; tourist, commercial and migration flows; state of biodiversity; transports...)

Results:

- better knowledge of the relevant governance tools for straits
- improved regional public policies on the straits areas through a more integrated approach of the issues they face
- a reinforced network of the local authorities bordering a strait

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Partner budget (in EUR)

ERDF co-financing rate:	75%
Total amount:	159 644,00 €
ERDF Funding:	119 733,00 €
EU National Co-financing:	39 911,00 €

If, in exceptional case, the participation of this partner is not to be financed from INTERREG IVC but from its Convergence or Competitiveness programmes (see programme manual for further information), please click in the box below:

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Please describe the relevance of this partner in the proposed project: What are the partner's competences and experiences in the field tackled? What is the capacity of the partner to directly influence local / regional policies? How will the partner contribute to the content of the cooperation and benefit from it?

The Province of Messina lies along one of the two sides of the Strait of Messina and in front of the Province of Reggio Calabria. The hydrogeological conditions of the Strait of Messina are peculiar and its flora and fauna are equally uncommon. The strait is characterised by an extraordinary ecosystem and to preserve it strategies of protection and conservation of native and endemic species have been implemented. The element of force is now and will be in the next future the synergy between the research community and local government that will implement conservation measures based on scientific data. A threat to the environment are mainly transport and economic activities shown on this strip of sea. The Province of Messina is able to directly influence regional and local policies as the line plays an important role in strategic planning and programming with the Sicilian Region and the municipalities that fall within its territory. The planning activities cover all areas of life

including the environment and risk prevention. The contribution of this organization will be to make available to all partners its experience and its best practices, the benefits expected are to learn to work together with other European Straits and create a strong network to help resolve difficulties and improve the quality of life in all the territories included in the project.

Please describe the previous experience of the partner in interregional cooperation and Structural Funds financed projects (if any).

The province of Messina has participated as an ultimate beneficiary in a project called "Network of Historical Minor Centres" (RCS) - Provinces of Italy lead the Union - as part of the Interreg III C during the 2000-2006 programming.
Projects funded during the 2007-2013 Structural Funds Programming are numerous and have benefited mainly the resources of the Regional Operational Programme of Sicily. The policy areas are as follows:

- Mobility, transport and road safety
- social inclusion

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Gentile Dott.ssa Laurence Canal,
in riferimento alla Sua e-mail dell'11/03/2011, relativa a quanto in oggetto, si trasmette, in allegato, il
"Co-Financing Statement" debitamente firmato dal Presidente della Provincia Regionale di Messina
On. Giovanni Cesare Ricevuto.

Cordialmente,

Il Capo di Gabinetto
Dott. Antonino Carbonaro

Co-financing Statement

for Lead Partners and Partners of an INTERREG IVC project

Acronym:* **NOSTRA**

Title of the project:* **Network of STRAits**

Partner institution:* **Province of Messina**

Partner no.**: **3**

National co-financing OR Total amount if not applying for INTERREG IVC (ERDF/Norwegian) funding

EUR** **39 912 €**

We hereby certify that the above-mentioned partner is committed to the project, and should it be approved, we confirm our intention to contribute the amount indicated above to the project budget.

If applying for INTERREG IVC (ERDF/Norwegian) funding, we furthermore confirm that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be funded by any other EU programme.

Finally, we declare that we will accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the Subsidy Contract, which will be signed by the Lead Partner of the project.

Signature (hand signed)

Date

11.03.2011

Giovanni Cesare Recévuto

President

Name of the Signatory

Title of the Signatory



Stamp of partner institution (if exists)

* These fields must correspond exactly to the detail provided in the application form.

** This amount must cover at least the amount indicated in the application form.