Discussion on ETC 2014+
some ideas from AT perspective

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Preliminary remark

Legislative package (frame of cohesion policy 2014-2020)

Proposal presented by EC on 6.10.2011

Not yet AT position!

BUT some ideas: AT-project „15 years INTERREG/ETC in AT"

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and recommendations of the evaluation exercise of current programme

Ad EC proposal – legislative framework

✓ **Separate legal framework for cooperation programmes**

- **Continuation of all strands (Cross-border, transnational, interregional)**

- **ERDF-allocation on programme level**

- **More EU-wide procedures and standards**
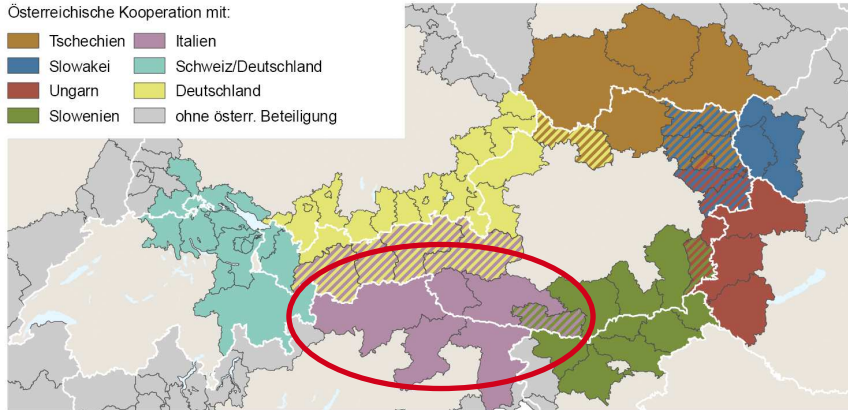
- **Unified co-financing rate**

Some other details in proposal need to be discussed (e.g. tasks of lead beneficiary)

some ideas from AT perspective …
ÖROK-project „15 years INTERREG/ETC in AT"

GRENZÜBERSCHREITENDE KOOPERATIONSRÄUME

Österreichische Kooperation mit:

- Tschechien
- Italien
- Slowakei
- Schweiz/Deutschland
- Ungarn
- Deutschland
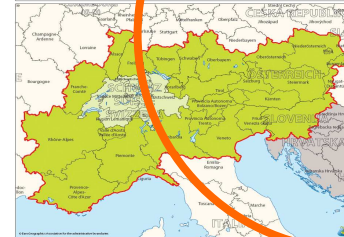- Slowenien
- ohne österr. Beteiligung

... considering all INTERREG/ ETC-programmes with Austrian participation!

Ressources and Projects so far … only AT!!!

INTERREG/ETC Italy-Austria 1995-2010 (only Austria!)

topic	INTERREG II 1995-1999		INTERREG III 2000-2006		ETC 2007-2010*	
	number of Projects	ERDF	number of Projects	ERDF	number of Projects	ERDF
Economic development	56	2.336.733	76	5.020.728	22	5.010.196
Human ressources	0	0	10	315.973	5	1.021.234
Transport and accessibility	2	48.619	7	639.855	8	2.440.717
Environment	12	539.331	37	3.355.486	12	2.836.224
Other topics	19	363.060	61	3.706.402	29	6.774.019
Total	**89**	**3.287.743**	**191**	**13.038.444**	**76**	**18.082.390**

without Technical Assistance
* only 3 years!

so far … only AT!!!

INTERREG/ETC Italy-Austria 1995-2010 (only Austria!)
Topic: Economic Development

Economic Development	INTERREG II 1995-1999		INTERREG III 2000-2006		ETC 2007-2010*	
	number of Projects	ERDF	number of Projects	ERDF	number of Projects	ERDF
Innovation/Technology	5	298.432	6	295.858	6	1.351.556
Cooperation of enterprise	6	165.868	18	874.301	1	196.800
Tourism	45	1.872.433	52	3.850.569	15	3.461.840
Total	**56**	**2.336.733**	**76**	**5.020.728**	**22**	**5.010.196**

* only 3 years!

ETC 2014+ ..... „stronger strategic focus"

– **New balance between „EU-objectives/overarching strategies" and thematic focus on the regional context**

– **More „top-down" strategic projects (incl. appropriate regulatory framework and cbc governance)**

– **Greater awareness of „embedding" and connecting ETC-programmes into the relevant strategic context**

But also scope for <u>improvements on programme level</u>: Simplifying reimbursement procedures (e.g. standard unit costs, flat rates), accelerating project decisions, etc.

Restricting call system where it make sense to get „better" projects, administrative solutions for small-scale projects

„Future topics and EU priorities"

- **Economic development and Research:**
  - *Synergies with R&D, Innovation policies/programmes*
  - *Regulatory framework for Private actors*
- **Human resources**
  - *Education, training*
  - *Services of public interests*
  - *Demographic Change*
  - *Social cohesion, cultural integration*
- **Environment**
  - *Sustainable energy supply and efficiency*
  - *„Climate change"*
- **Transport and Mobility**
  Accessibility of border regions and cbc labour markets
    Public transport, touristic traffic

AT-ideas … EC proposal … ETC IT-AT 2014+

Topics of ETC programmes embedded in MS partnership contract → ensures connection to relevant strategic context (EU-level, national and regional level)

-> Contribution of ETC projects to EUROPE 2020 objectives!

-> ETC = a chance for <u>innovation beyond national/regional limits</u>!

-> Next programme period = <u>Next step</u> in cbc IT-AT!