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WHAT IS REGINS?

REGINS (REGional standardised Interfaces for a better integration of regional SMEs in the European Economy) is an Interreg IIC Regional Framework Operation (RFO) that aims to analyse, compare and improve regional thematic cluster management initiatives as well as to support smaller interregional cooperation projects (called Sub-Projects) within the thematic priorities automotive, biotechnology and logistics.

The main cooperation partners are the Upper Austrian Technology and Marketing Company (TMG; Automotive-Cluster; Health-Cluster), the Stuttgart Region Economic Development Corporation (WRS), the Government of Lombardy Region (LR with support of CESTEC) and the West-Pannon Regional Development Agency (WPRDA with support of Pannon Automotive Cluster).

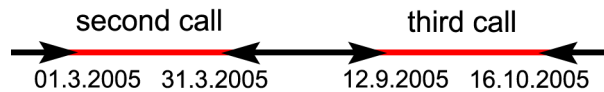
Within the REGINS programme, common interregional Sub-Projects are an important tool to initiate closer cooperation between public and public equivalent bodies coming from these partner regions.

The second and the third call for proposals within the thematic priorities Automotive, Biotechnology and Logistics take place in 2005.

second call: 01.03.2005 – 31.03.2005

third call: 12.09.2005 – 16.10.2005

Proposals should be submitted within this time frame.



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Approved as a Regional Framework Operation (RFO), ERDF-funding is provided for both the analysis and benchmarking part of the programme as well as the interregional Sub-Projects. Within the REGINS framework, the four regional economic development institutions are entitled to approve interregional Sub-Projects and decide about their possible ERDF funding.



Joining forces within interregional cooperation projects in the thematic priorities of:



Automotive



Biotechnology



Logistics



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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN A SUB-PROJECT?

1. **Public bodies** from the four regions **Upper Austria, Baden-Württemberg, Lombardy Region and West Pannon Region** involved in the areas of "Automotive", "Biotechnology" and "Logistics" (e.g. regional and local authorities, administrative units from the four regions).
2. **Public-equivalent bodies** from the four regions **Upper Austria, Baden-Württemberg, Lombardy Region and West Pannon Region** involved in the areas of "Automotive", "Biotechnology" and "Logistics" (e.g. regional / local development agencies, trade unions, non-profit-oriented institutions or NGO's etc).

Public equivalent in the understanding of Interreg III C means any legal body governed by public or private law that is

- a) established for the specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character,¹
- b) having legal personality, and
- c) + either 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 board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the state, regional or local authorities or by other bodies governed by public law.

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¹ This definition does not exclude bodies partly having an industrial and commercial character, which deal with public tasks. In some cases, such bodies may be asked to submit a clarification statement issued by regional or local authorities.



WHICH SUB-PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED?

Applications for interregional cooperation Sub-Projects can be submitted during the different calls for proposals. One of the existing major eligibility criteria is the thematic priority the Sub-Project activities refer to. All applications to the REGINS-RFO have to address one of the following three thematic priorities:



Automotive



Biotechnology



Logistics

As a matter of course, specific sub-topics within the three thematic priorities are possible, too (e.g.: within the automotive sector this might be fuel cell, virtual reality, mechatronics etc.).

If applicants are not sure whether their Sub-Project topic matches the above mentioned priorities, they can contact their Regional Network Office (RNO).

In general, REGINS Sub-Project Participants will be funded with 50 % (Upper Austria, Baden Württemberg, Lombardy Region). Each Sub-Project Participant from the West Pannon Region will be funded with 75%. Furthermore each Sub-Project Participant from Lombardy Region has an additional 35% national and 15% regional funding.

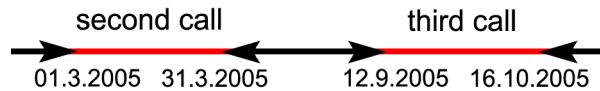
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Regional addresses and contact persons for applicants are listed on the backside of the flyer. After the closure of the call, the Sub-Project proposals are assessed by the REGINS-RFO Steering Committee according to a predefined evaluation matrix. All applicants will be informed about the results of the evaluation process and the approval or rejection of their proposal.



THE BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SUB-PROJECTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The application form is completely and properly filled in according to the instructions and has been posted / delivered in time with regard to the predefined deadline for submission
2. The Sub-Project-proposal clearly supports the strategic objectives promoted by the RFO and concentrates on one of the specific thematic priorities (automotive, biotechnology and logistics) that have been defined for the RFO
3. The Sub-Project is a partnership of at least 2 regions with at least 1 Participant per region
4. The Lead Participant and the Project Participants of a REGINS Sub-Project needs to be public or public-equivalent bodies. The Check, whether Sub-Project Participants can be considered as public or public-equivalent bodies will be done by the Interreg III C East Joint Technical Secretariat
5. The Sub-Project Lead Participant and the other Project Participants (only public and public equivalent bodies) are eligible, if they are located in the 4 REGINS-RFO Partner Regions
6. There can be up to 3 Sub-Project Participants from one region (so the maximum is 12 Project Participants per Sub-Project (3 Participants from each region))
7. The duration of each Sub-Project can be at least 3 months and up to 11 months
8. The figures in the submitted co-financing statements correspond to the individual budget figures of each Participant

