

Partner search for participation in the 2nd call of INTERREG EUROPE Programme with a project aiming at enhancing the coordination and management of Research and Development between universities in regions with a high number of higher education institutions, in the frame of Smart Specialisation Strategies

Summary

Fundación por el conocimiento madri+d, a regional organization aiming at developing and promoting higher education, science and technology within the Spanish region of Madrid, is seeking for partners to participate in the 2nd call of INTERREG EUROPE Programme (deadline 13 May 2016). The major objective of the proposal is to enhance the coordination and management of Research and Development between universities in regions with a high number of these institutions, in the frame of Smart Specialisation Strategies. The *Fundación madri+d* is mainly looking for regional authorities or agencies responsible for higher education in regions where the number of universities is high and that want to improve the related policy instruments through interregional cooperation.

Description

Universities play an instrumental role in the design and implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies (<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/universities>). With the aim of optimising the contribution of universities to these Strategies, the management of Research and Development between universities of a region must be conveniently analysed and coordinated.

In the Spanish region of Madrid there are 15 universities distributed along 46 campuses. This high number of institutions and centres entail coordinating and management problems that hinder the optimal development of R&D in the region. With the goal of enhancing the coordination and management of R&D in the ensemble of universities in Madrid, *Fundación para el conocimiento madri+d* proposes to coordinate a project in the frame of INTERREG EUROPE Programme. The main objective of this proposal is to share experiences and identify good practices between regions with a high number of universities and, as a result, to put into practice policy instruments or measures to optimise their resources devoted to R&D.

INTERREG EUROPE is a regional cooperation programme that seeks to enhance regional policies through interregional cooperation, exchange of experiences and identification of good practices. The programme is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funds with a Budget of EUR 359 million for the period 2014-2020. Among the four priority axes of the programme, Axe 1 refers to Research and Innovation. Three type of organizations are eligible to participate in the programme: 1) National, regional or local public authorities, 2) Institutions governed by public law (e.g. regional development agencies, business support organisations, universities), and 3) Private non-profit bodies.

All information of the programme is accessible at <http://www.interregeurope.eu/about-us/what-is-interreg-europe/>.

Keywords

Interreg Europe, University management, Higher Education Institution, Smart Specialisation Strategies

Type and Role of Partner Sought

Mainly regional public authorities or agencies responsible for higher education in regions with a high number of universities and a will to improve policy instruments through interregional cooperation. Universities or university mergers that have experience in the coordination of a high density of institutions may be also eligible. All partners must play a justified role in the development of the project.

Organization searching for partners

Original name: *Fundación para el conocimiento madri+d*

Name in English: Foundation for knowledge madri+d

Fields of activity: Regional Education, Research and Development

Region and country: Madrid (Spain)

Year established: 2002

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Italian and French

Webpage of organization: <http://www.madrimasd.org/>

Programme-call

Name of the programme: INTERREG EUROPE

Call title: Second Call for INTERREG EUROPE project proposals

Deadline for Call: application open from 5 April 2016 to 13 May 2016 at midday

Webpage to The Call: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/news-and-events/news/48/second-call-for-project-proposals-open-5-april-13-may-2016/>