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## **EPSCE - Enhancing public employment policies in the european regions**

### **Context and justification**

In the context in which the European Commission launched, between 29 and 30 May 2018, the proposal for the legislative package on Cohesion Policy (PC), related to the financial framework 2021-2027, we intend to increase regional employment by developing policy-based policies. It has to respond to the diverse needs of the labor market and at the same time improve the efficiency and usefulness of public spending.

From a technical point of view, the elaboration and substantiation of public policies in an interregional context will have the effect of developing public policies in accordance with the cohesion policy promoted at European level.

Thus, by participating in the process of learning and elaborating the public policy instruments, the experts involved will develop their professional competencies and the volume of knowledge necessary for the elaboration and monitoring of the public policies elaborated within the project.

In the medium and long term, a strategic approach is needed at the regional level in terms of orienting public employment policies towards the citizen through the integration of European measures, transparency, implementation of innovative systems in public administration, diversification of public service delivery, depending on the needs of the citizens.

### **Project objective**

The general objective of the project is to innovate the measures of public employment policies by transferring good practices, consolidating the interregional partnership and streamlining the citizen-oriented administrative systems.

The project will help to learn how to develop public employment policies in line with the guidelines of European cohesion policy.

Public authorities will be able to learn from EU best practices case examples and testing employment measures in a real environment.

Based on the lessons learned, public authorities will prepare at least one action plan for innovating public employment policy.

### **Planned activities**

- Identifying the best practices for the elaboration and implementation of the public employment policies
- Carrying out an interregional analysis of the labor market by organizing thematic seminars



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- Peer-to-peer interregional evaluations (1. Interregional legislative thematic study, 2. Comparative analysis of PP implementation, 3. Elaboration of conclusions and recommendations of legislative changes.)
- Increasing the capacity of regional cohesion by organizing regular meetings with the stakeholder group
- Consolidation of interregional cooperation through the elaboration of the public employment policy and the development of action plans
- Improving interregional professional competencies by participating in the learning platform.
- Pilot actions: testing flexible forms of work max. 1 / region
- Monitoring the project results
- Project management

### Estimated results

- X visits exchange of good practices
- X regional seminars
- X analyzed swot
- X interest groups
- Developed public policies / action plans (partners who will not develop PP)
- Participation through the INTERREG learning platform - x..learning sessions

### Project duration and approximately financial package/partner

- Project duration: 48 months
- Partner budget: 150.000 € - 200.000 € (depending on role and activities)

### The project focuses on improving public policy instruments

A policy tool is a mean of public intervention. It refers to any policy, strategy or law developed by public authorities and applied in the field in order to improve a specific territorial situation.

In most cases, financial resources are associated with a policy instrument.

However, an instrument can sometimes refer to a strategy or legislative framework without specific funding.

Beyond the EU's political cohesion program, local, regional or national public authorities are developing their own policy instruments, which can also be addressed by Interreg Europe projects.