

Series of funding programmes that support **European territorial cooperation** through investment in key priority areas depending on the region category.

Interreg Programme is divided in 4 types of cooperation strands:

<p>Interreg A Cross-Border Strand</p>	<p>for neighbouring countries</p>	<p>Include 64 programmes, and Portugal is eligible for 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interreg Spain-Portugal (POCTEP)
<p>Interreg B Transnational Strand</p>	<p>for larger regions and sea basins</p>	<p>Include 13 programmes, and Portugal is eligible for 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interreg Atlantic Area • Interreg EURO Mediterranean (EURO MED) • Interreg NEXT Mediterranean Sea Basin (NEXT MED) • Interreg South West Europe (SUDOE)
<p>Interreg C Interregional Strand</p>	<p>for European regions to enhance Cohesion Policy</p>	<p>Include 4 programmes, and Portugal is eligible for 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interreg ESPON • Interact • Interreg Europe • URBACT
<p>Interreg D Outermost Regions Strand</p>	<p>for EU's outermost regions and their neighbouring non-EU territories</p>	<p>Include 5 programmes, and Portugal is eligible for 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interreg Madeira-Azores-Canary Islands (MAC)

86 Interreg programmes for the 2021-2027 period with a **total budget of EUR 8 billion**

 *Relevant Interreg programmes for Portuguese entities operating in the Health Sector.*

Eligible Regions

POCTEP is the **EU's largest cross-border initiative**, which include the cooperation areas (CA) of:

- CA1: Galicia / Norte de Portugal
- CA2: Norte de Portugal / Castilla y León
- CA3: Castilla y León / Centro de Portugal
- CA4: Centro / Extremadura / Alentejo
- CA5: Alentejo / Algarve / Andalucía
- CA6: Plurirregional

Projects Focus Areas

- OP1: A smarter Europe (consolidate the innovation, scientific and technological ecosystem, promote digitalization and improve business competitiveness, especially for SMEs)
- OP2: A greener and low-carbon Europe
- OP4: A more social and inclusive Europe (improve equal access to labor markets, education services and healthcare, strengthening the resilience of healthcare systems)
- OP5: A Europe closer to its citizens
- OE Interreg Specific Objective: Better governance of cooperation

Eligible Regions

This programme aims to **contribute to a more sustainable and connected Atlantic Area** by promoting innovation, economic growth, and environmental protection in 22 regions from:

- France: Nouvelle Aquitaine; Pays-de-la-Loire; Bretagne; Normandie.
- Ireland: Northern and Western; Southern; Eastern and Midland.
- Portugal: Norte; Centro; Lisboa; Alentejo; Algarve; Região Autónoma dos Açores; Região Autónoma da Madeira.
- Spain: Galicia; Asturias; Cantabria; País Vasco; La Rioja; Navarra; Andalucía; Islas Canarias

Projects Focus Areas

- Blue Innovation and Competitiveness;
- Blue and Green Environment;
- Blue and Sustainable Tourism and Culture;
- A Better Governance for Cooperation.

Atlantic Connection Hub ([here](#)) is a platform where organisations share and nurture innovative project ideas, and an area for search for potential partners.

Eligible Regions

This programme focuses on **enhancing social cohesion** in South-West Europe:

- Spain: all the Spanish Autonomous Communities (except Canary Islands);
- France: Southwestern regions (Auvergne, Nouvelle Aquitaine, Occitanie);
- Portugal: Norte, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo, Algarve
- United Kingdom: Gibraltar;
- Principality of Andorra.

Projects Focus Areas

- Research and innovation
- Competitiveness of SMEs
- Low-carbon economy
- Combating climate change
- Environment and resource efficiency

This programme supports the **exchange of good practices and policy learning for better regional governance** among European regions in 36 countries:

- The 27 EU countries;
- Non-EU countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

Focus Areas

- Smarter Europe;
- Greener Europe;
- More connected Europe;
- More social Europe;
- Europe closer to citizens;
- Better regional governance.