

# 2. The programming process



#### The preparatory steps

The preparation of the new programme builds on solid knowledge of:

- ✓ Common challenges and shared needs characterising the whole Programme area;
- ✓ **Potentials** for a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth of the central European regions.

In-depth **territorial analysis** carried out in 2012, based on desk researches and direct involvement of stakeholders (on-line survey, interviews).

#### 2. The programming process The process Identification of challenges/needs/potentials (Territorial analysis of the Programme area) (DONE) 2012 March 2013 Setting-up of the "Programme strategy" Stakeholder consultations on strategy (Strategic choices for thematic focusing) (on-line, national/transnational events) (DONE) (NOW) April-May 2013 September 2013 Consultation of the public Contents of the Programme (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Actions, finances, implementation, etc.) October 2013 EC approval of the Programme and launch of calls (2014)

# 3. The role of stakeholders



#### Who are the "stakeholders"?

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme seeks feedback from the following stakeholder groups:

- ✓ Competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities;
- Economic and social partners;
- ✓ Bodies representing **civil society**, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

#### CENTRAL 3. The role of stakeholders Why to involve stakeholders The involvement of stakeholders at all stages of the Programme lifetime is a key factor for delivering growth and jobs. In CENTRAL EUROPE: On line survey Analysis of needs Mid 2012 Interviews On line survey Preparing the April-May 2013 National forums Programme strategy Transnational event Finalising the On line tools October 2013 Operational Direct consultations Programme

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# Focus on consultations on the Programme strategy

Three levels of involvement:

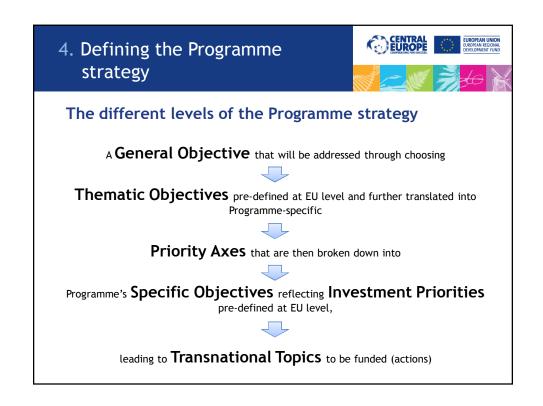
What	How	When
Feedback mostly on a pre-identified list of topics ("quantitative" approach). Open to the public.	Transnational on-line survey	9-30 April 2013
Feedback from the national perspective giving open proposals/ suggestions and pointing possible final beneficiaries ("qualitative" approach).	National events:  Austria: Vienna  Czech Republic: Prague  Germany: Berlin  Hungary: Budapest  Italy: Torino  Poland: Warsaw  Slovakia: Bratislava  Slovenia: Ljublana	11 March 2013 22 April 2013 24 April 2013 30 April 2013 16 April 2013 16 April 2013 6 May 2013 25 April 2013
Transnational consultation putting together all national perspectives and adding an "European breath" with EU-level key experts.	CENTRAL EUROPE annual conference (Padova - IT)	16 May 2013

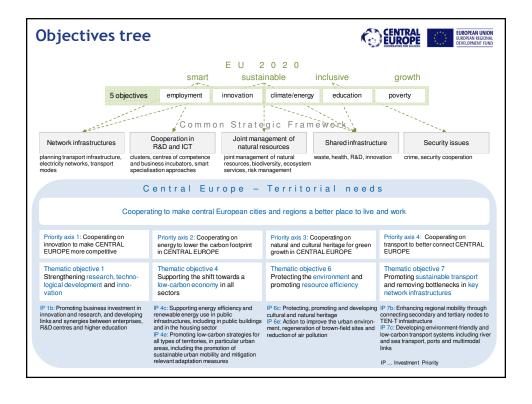
# 4. Defining the Programme strategy



#### **General principles**

- √ The strategy of the CENTRAL EUROPE 2020 Programme is building on those challenges and needs that can be effectively tackled through transnational cooperation;
- √ The proposed Programme strategy is aligned with the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy;
- ✓ The proposed Programme strategy is framed by the "Thematic Objectives" (T.O.) and "Investment Priorities" (I.P.) proposed by the European Commission for the 2014-2020 programming period.





# 5. Useful links



Europe 2020 strategy:

ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index\_en.htm

Proposal of legislative package for the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020: <a href="mailto:ec.europa.eu/regional\_policy/what/future/proposals\_2014\_2020\_en.cfm">ec.europa.eu/regional\_policy/what/future/proposals\_2014\_2020\_en.cfm</a>

Territorial analysis of the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme area (2012): www.central2013.eu/about-central/central-europe-2014-2020/programming-process/

Transnational on-line survey on Programme strategy: http://poll.oir.at/CE2020

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