



Why cooperation is central for improving transport connections of rural and peripheral regions in central Europe

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Cooperation is central for taking forward Europe's transformation and strengthening its cohesion



Building Solidarity

Our projects connect regions and people to address shared challenges.



Delivering change

Our projects test innovative solutions in real-life settings to drive sustainable growth and support the twin transitions.



Achieving synergies

Our projects enable regions and cities to pool resources and knowledge for solutions with broader impact.

125

Projects Funded ⓘ



1135

Partners ⓘ

1218

Outputs ⓘ



69

Investments ⓘ

382

Pilots ⓘ



190 m €

Funding Allocated ⓘ

COOPERATING FOR A MORE CONNECTED CENTRAL EUROPE



SO 3.1: Improving transport connections of rural and peripheral regions in central Europe

PROJECTS

ACCESSMILE | CO-MOVE | DREAM_PACE | FERRYTALES | FlexiSHARE | MUTABLE | NUTSHELL@CE | Rail4Regions | RAISE-CE | SUSTANCE | TRANS-BORDERS+

THEMATIC FIELDS COVERED AFTER THREE CALLS

- Demand-responsive and flexible regional passenger transport
- Accessibility of rural and remote areas, connectivity to main EU transport corridors
- Strategic regional transport and spatial planning
- Removal of transport barriers and bottlenecks
- Multi-modal freight transport and logistic chains in rural and peripheral areas



11

PROJECTS



86

PARTNERS



14 Mio. Euro

TOTAL BUDGET



33

SOLUTIONS



32

PILOT ACTIONS



41

STRATEGIES

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WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2026

Since January 2026

25 projects are starting their activities for peripheral and lagging areas since January

May 2026

We will select **new capitalisation projects** in May and they will kick-off in autumn

5 November 2026

Programme conference **“Better together:
Teaming up for future impact”**

February 2026

The programming of Interreg **CENTRAL EUROPE 2028-34** kicks off with a first meeting of our Member States

Summer 2026

Our **partner involvement measures for the new programme will launch** - Share your territorial challenges and needs with us

