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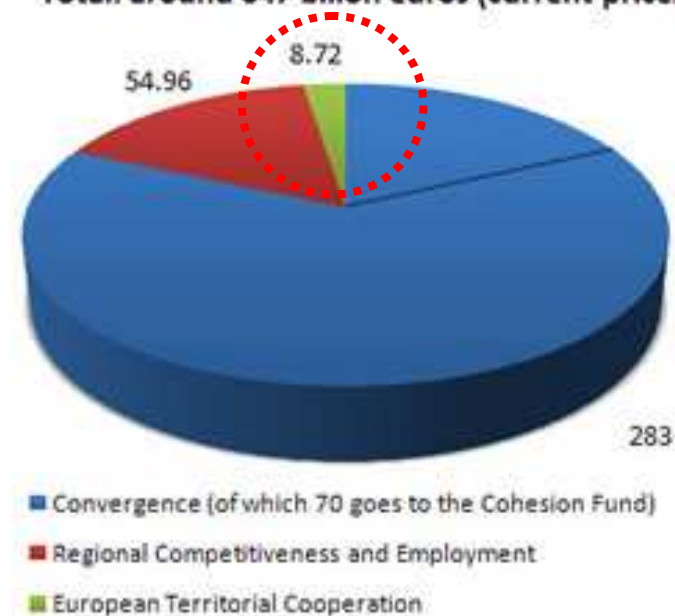
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1. Transnational cooperation in CENTRAL EUROPE



Objectives	Structural Funds and instruments		
Convergence	ERDF	ESF	Cohesion Fund
Regional Competitiveness and Employment	ERDF	ESF	
European Territorial Cooperation	ERDF		

Cohesion Policy for 2007-2013, Total: around 347 billion euros (current prices)



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1. Transnational cooperation in CENTRAL EUROPE



The aim is to encourage **cooperation across borders** that would not happen without help from the cohesion policy.

- 52 cross-border cooperation programmes along internal EU borders
ERDF contribution: 5.6 billion EUR
- 13 transnational cooperation programmes cover larger areas of co-operation such as the Baltic Sea and central European regions.
ERDF contribution: 1.8 billion EUR
- 1 interregional cooperation programme (INTERREG IVC) and 3 networking programmes (Urbact II, Interact II and ESPON) covering all 27 Member States of the EU. They provide a framework for exchanging experience between regional and local bodies in different countries. *ERDF contribution: 445 million EUR*

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- ▶ carry out pilot investments and actions
- ▶ leverage additional money and investment
- ▶ come up with new economic strategies and involve local communities
- ▶ increase efficiency on various levels
- ▶ improve spending of public money
- ▶ support the adaptation of EU directives to regional contexts
- ▶ strengthen regional networks and involve local communities
- ▶ influence the policy agenda on all political levels

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1. Transnational cooperation in CENTRAL EUROPE



The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme runs from 2007 to 2013 and funds projects in six thematic areas:

Cooperating across borders to make our cities and regions a better place to live and work

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme is funded under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It invests EUR 231 million to provide funding to transnational cooperation projects involving both public and private organisations.

8 languages

9 countries

80 cities and regions

124 projects funded

1331 partners cooperating in our projects

150 million people benefitting from our work

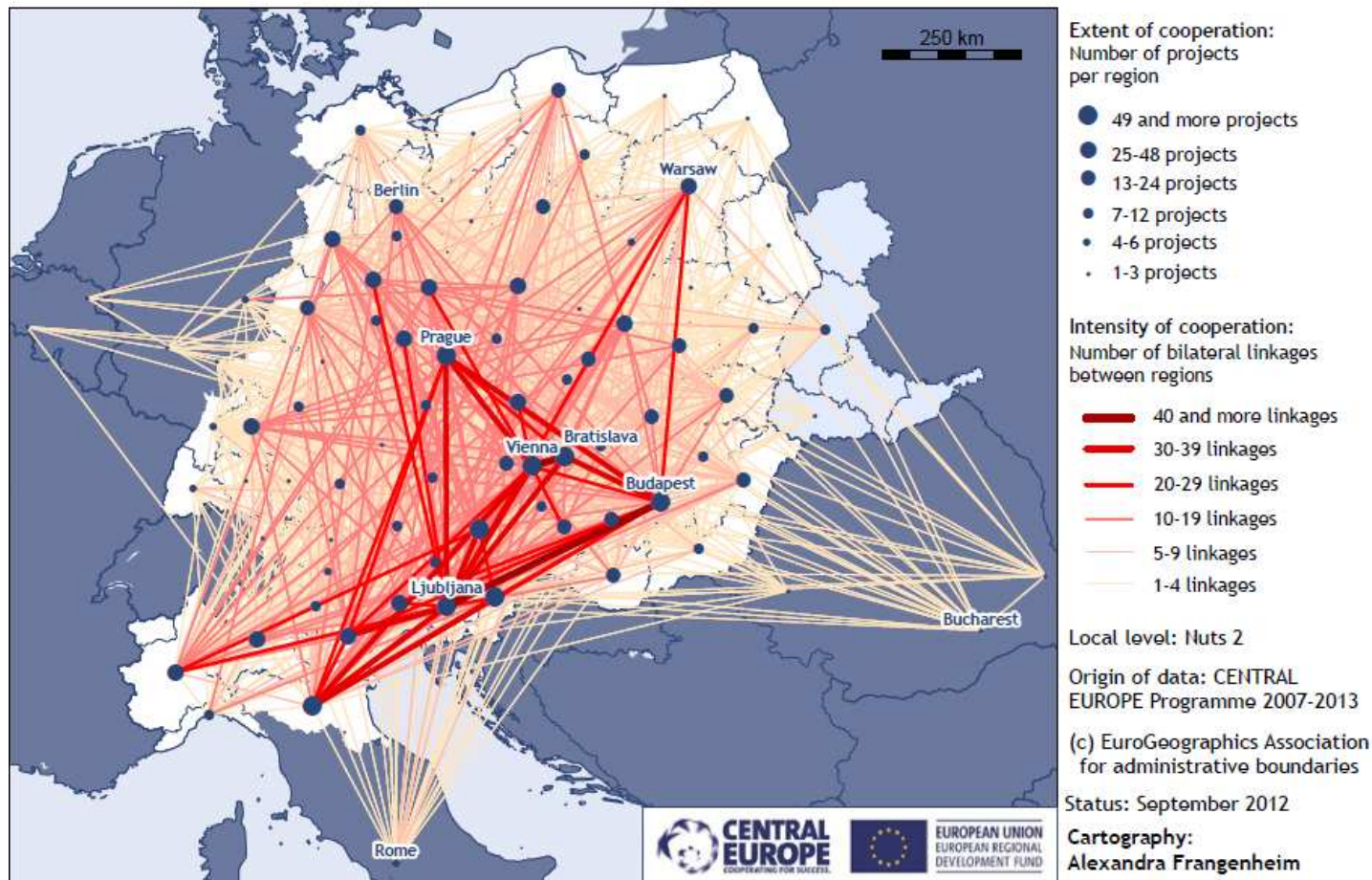
	Technology transfer and business innovation
	Sustainable public transport and logistics
	Environmental risk management and climate change
	Energy efficiency and renewable energies
	Demographic change and knowledge development
	Cultural heritage and creative resources

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Cooperation links and projects in the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme

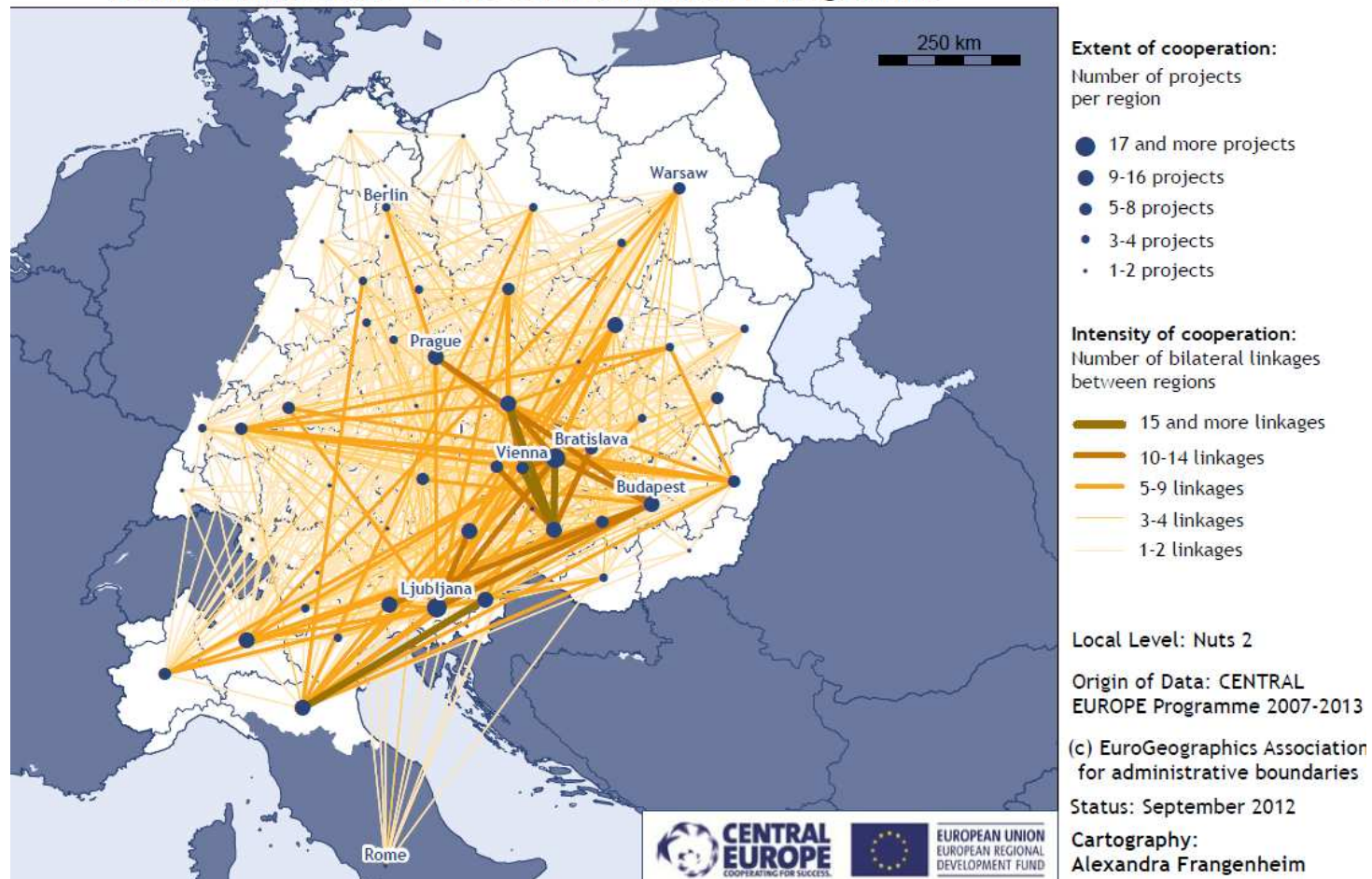


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1. Transnational cooperation in CENTRAL EUROPE



Cooperation links and projects in fields of "technology transfer and business innovation" in the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme



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2. The programming process for 2014+



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.

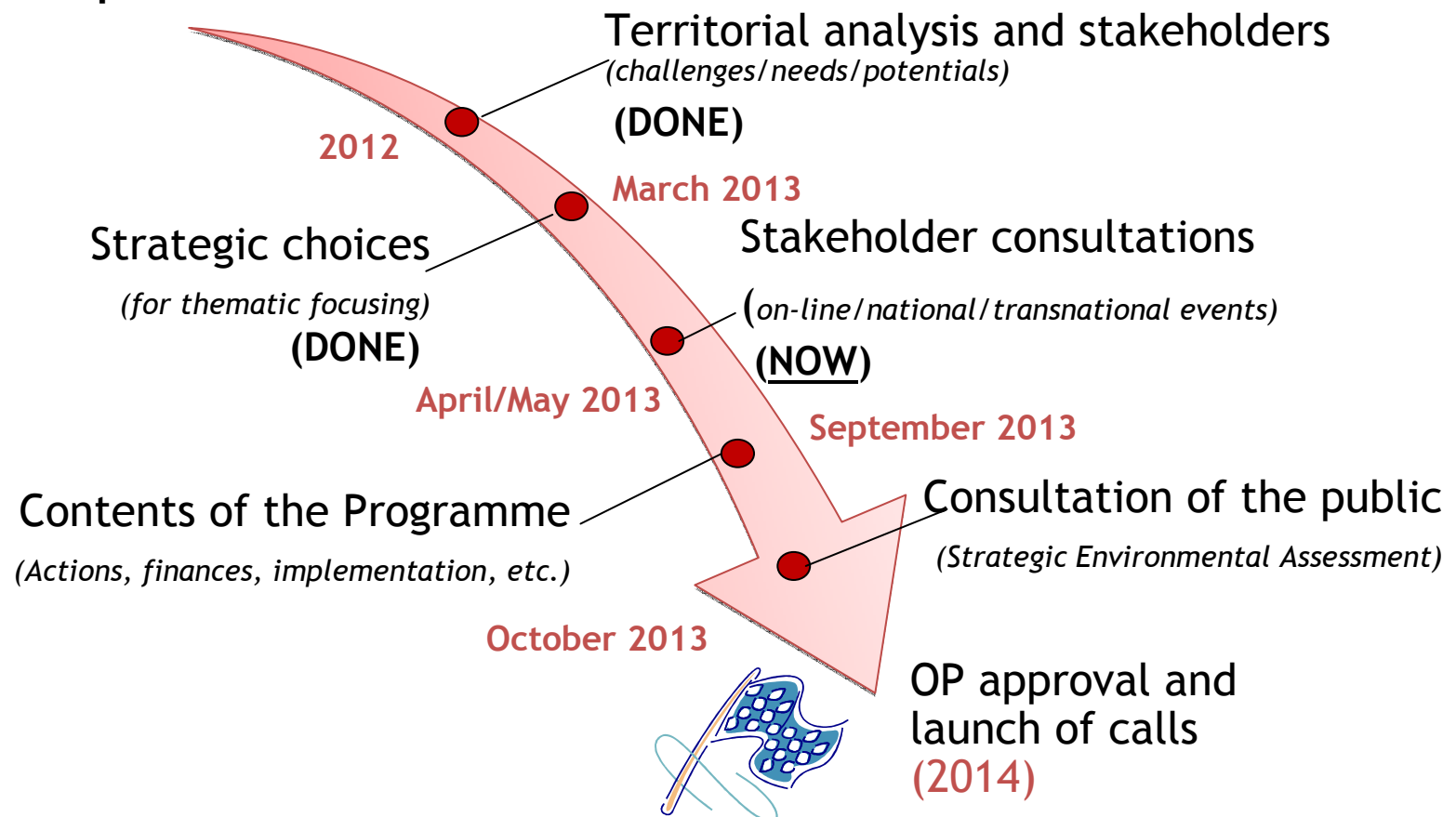
In-depth **territorial analysis** carried out in 2012, based on desk researches and direct involvement of stakeholders (on-line survey, interviews).

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2. The programming process for 2014+



Establishment of the Steering Group CE2014+



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2. The programming process for 2014+



For the future programme, direct involvement of partners/stakeholders in programming the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme 2014-2020 is sought through:

- **National Stakeholder Dialogues (04/2013)**
- **Online Survey (04/2013)**
- **CENTRAL EUROPE Annual Conference (05/2013)**

3. The role of stakeholders



Who are the stakeholders?

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme seeks feedback from the following stakeholders 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.

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3. The role of stakeholders



Focus on consultations on the Programme strategy

Three levels of involvement:

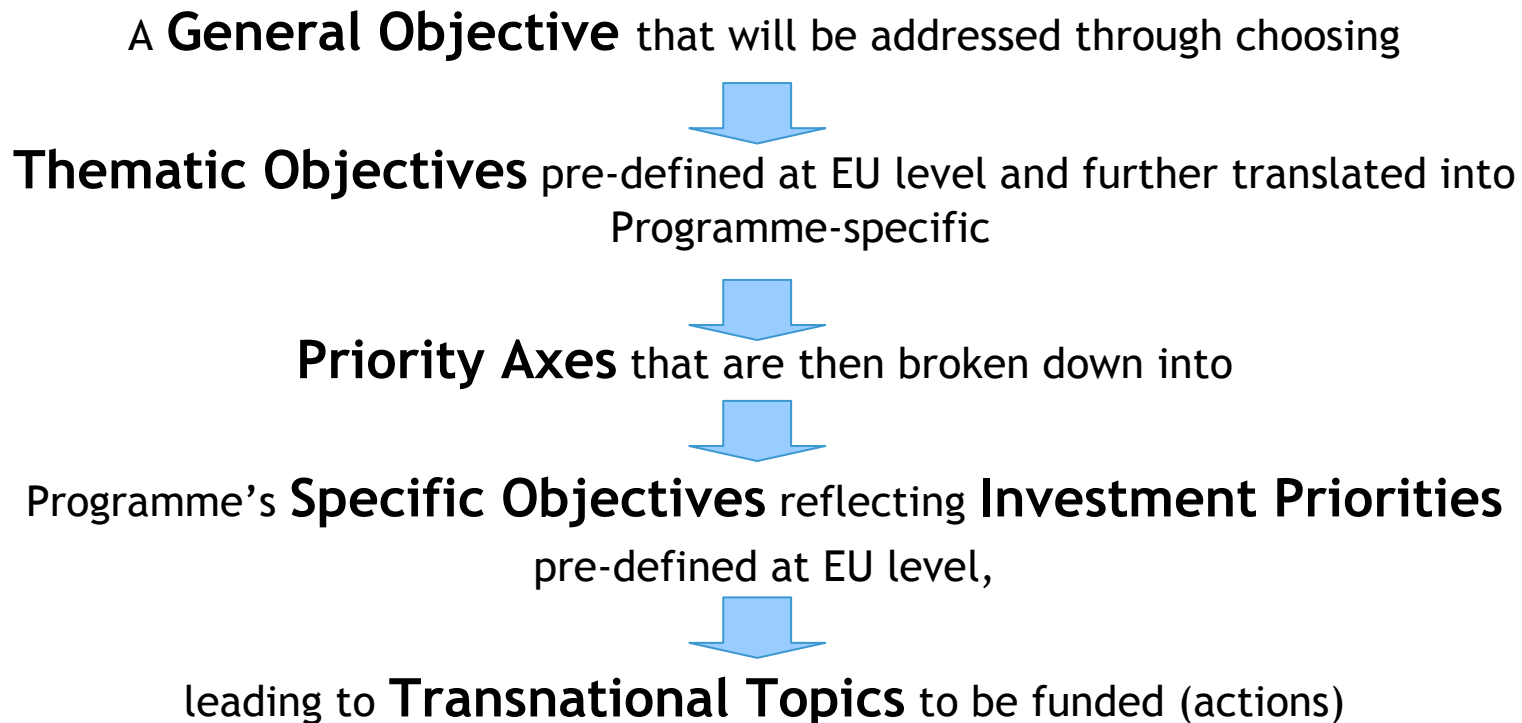
What	How	When
Feedback mostly on a pre-identified list of topics (“quantitative” approach). Open to the public.	Transnational on-line survey	9-30 April 2013
Feedback from the national perspective giving open proposals/suggestions and pointing possible final beneficiaries (“qualitative” approach).	National events: AT: Vienna CZ: Prague DE: Berlin HU: Budapest ITALY: Torino PL: Warsaw SK: Bratislava SI: Ljubliana	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

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4. Defining the Programme strategy



The different levels of the Programme strategy



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4. Defining the Programme strategy



Central Europe – Territorial needs

Cooperating to make central European cities and regions a better place to live and work

Priority axis 1: Cooperating on innovation to make CENTRAL EUROPE more competitive

Priority axis 2: Cooperating on energy to lower the carbon footprint in CENTRAL EUROPE

Priority axis 3: Cooperating on natural and cultural heritage for green growth in CENTRAL EUROPE

Priority axis 4: Cooperating on transport to better connect CENTRAL EUROPE

Thematic objective 1
Strengthening research, technological development and innovation

Thematic objective 4
Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors

Thematic objective 6
Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

Thematic objective 7
Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

IP 1b: Promoting business investment in innovation and research, and developing links and synergies between enterprises, R&D centres and higher education

IP 4c: Supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in public infrastructures, including in public buildings and in the housing sector
IP 4e: Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable urban mobility and mitigation relevant adaptation measures

IP 6c: Protecting, promoting and developing cultural and natural heritage
IP 6e: Action to improve the urban environment, regeneration of brown-fields sites and reduction of air pollution

IP 7b: Enhancing regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure
IP 7c: Developing environment-friendly and low-carbon transport systems including river and sea transport, ports and multimodal links

IP ... Investment Priority

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5. Useful links

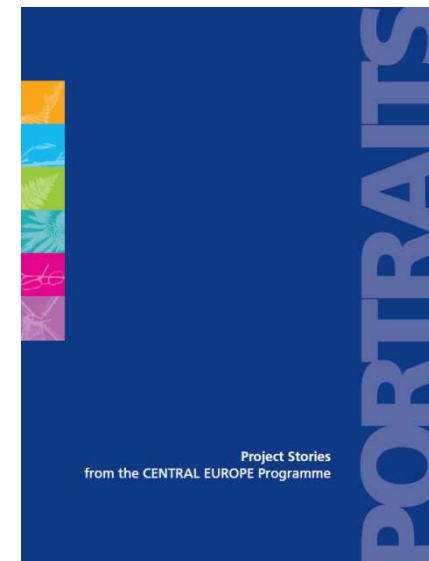


Please find more information on CENTRAL EUROPE here:

<http://www.central2013.eu>



<http://www.central2013.eu/nc/central-projects/approved-projects/>



<http://www.central2013.eu/news-events-publications/central-publications/brochure/>

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5. Useful links



Europe 2020 strategy:

ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm

Proposal of legislative package for the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020:

ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/what/future/proposals_2014_2020_en.cfm

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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