

INTERREG PROFILE OF TÜRKİYE

Türkiye has been participating in Interreg cross-border and transnational cooperation programmes since 2003. The Directorate for EU Affairs has been the National Authority for Interreg Programmes in Türkiye since 2009. Türkiye has maintained continuous engagement in Interreg cooperation and is currently participating in three Interreg Programmes.

Over the years, Türkiye has built a solid track record in programme implementation, ensuring effective alignment between national and EU rules and contributing to the smooth and successful implementation of the programmes in close cooperation with Managing Authorities and other National Authorities.

INSTITUTIONAL ROLE AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

The Directorate for EU Affairs fulfils the role of National Authority for Interreg Programmes and possesses the necessary institutional, human and financial capacity to carry out this function effectively.

In this context, the National Authority:

- **actively contributes** to the management and implementation of Interreg programmes, ensuring alignment with both national and EU rules,
- **maintains** effective cooperation and communication with Managing Authorities, other National Authorities, EU bodies and programme stakeholders, contributing to smooth programme implementation,
- **draws on solid experience** in project implementation, with a strong focus on achieving results, preventing irregularities and minimising the risk of decommitment,
- **demonstrates** strong operational capacity, including the establishment and management of a Joint Secretariat Branch Office and the management of Technical Assistance budgets,
- **provides** national co-financing to project beneficiaries and, where applicable, to programme-level Technical Assistance,

- **has extensive experience** in organising programme-related activities, including information days, beneficiary trainings, Monitoring Committee meetings,
- **participates in** people-to-people and youth-focused initiatives, including **Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY)**, contributing to capacity building and enhanced cooperation,
- **has organised** Interreg Day (ECDay) activities since 2012, six times on Turkish territory, one of which won the **“Most Original Local Event”** award

FUTURE COOPERATION AND PROSPECTS

Türkiye would like to continue to engage in Interreg cooperation frameworks developed jointly with Managing Authorities, the European Commission and all partner countries.

Building on its experience across different Interreg management modalities and its strong commitment to the Interreg spirit, the Turkish National Authority is well positioned to contribute to the effective implementation of future programmes, ensuring cooperation and mutual benefits at both programme and project levels with new partnerships.

PROVEN EXPERIENCE IN INTERREG COOPERATION

2003-2006

Türkiye participated in the Bulgaria–Türkiye Cross-border Cooperation Programme, marking the beginning of its involvement in Interreg cooperation.

Bulgaria -
Türkiye
Cross-border
Cooperation

8
Projects

2007-2013

During this period, Türkiye participated in the IPA CBC Bulgaria–Türkiye Programme and the ENPI Black Sea Basin Programme, gaining experience in both cross-border and multilateral cooperation frameworks.



2014-2020

Türkiye continued its participation in the IPA CBC Bulgaria–Türkiye Programme and the ENI Black Sea Basin Programme, expanded its involvement to strategic projects, and gained hands-on experience in the implementation and management of large scale projects.



2021-2027

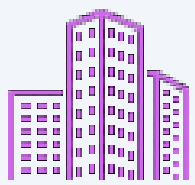
In the current programming period, Türkiye expanded its participation by adding a new transnational programme and is now involved in three Interreg programmes: Interreg **IPA Bulgaria–Türkiye** Programme, Interreg **NEXT Black Sea Basin** Programme and Interreg **NEXT Mediterranean Sea Basin** Programme.

The addition of a new programme generated renewed momentum and interest among stakeholders in Türkiye, while also being positively received by partners in other participating countries.



* The second call for proposals is under assessment, and a third call is foreseen, with further participation of Turkish entities.

CONTACT DETAILS



Turkish National Authority for Interreg Programmes
Directorate for EU Affairs



cbc@ab.gov.tr



<https://cbc.ab.gov.tr>