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Background

In order to support the creation of effective synergies among Alpine Space projects and other initiatives in and beyond the Alpine Space, the Programme Committee decided to offer the possibility of applying for additional funding.

The added value of cooperation among projects in building clusters can for example contribute to enrichments in project content through share of knowledge and outcomes, a mutualisation of resources or an increased impact thanks to joint communication measures. The activities implemented by the involved projects create synergies and capitalise project results, giving more visibility to the territory of the Alpine Space.

The programme supports the coordination activities of clusters with a maximum additional ERDF subsidy of € 25.000. It shall be granted to the project participant of an Alpine Space project that coordinates and manages the respective cluster ("cluster leading" PP). Necessary steps shall be taken by the applicant to ensure that the corresponding national co-funding is secured.

Criteria for additional ERDF co-funding

- a minimum of four projects shall participate in the cluster, of which at least three projects are co-funded by the Alpine Space Programme. Cooperation with projects funded by other EU Programmes (e.g. URBACT, other ETC transnational Programmes, mainstream programmes) is also welcome;
- at least one preparatory meeting of the involved projects shall be held before the request for additional funding is submitted;
- the objectives of the cluster, a definition of the expected output of the activities and a description of the added value of additional funding for the cluster shall be set out;
- a description of a common work plan shall be given;
- the cluster leading project participant bears the overall responsibility for the cluster activities. Only this participant will receive the additional ERDF co-funding for the steering and management of the cluster and for technical expertise, therefore only the cost categories "staff" and "external experts" can be object of co-funding.

Procedure for the request for additional ERDF co-funding

The form "project cluster funding - request for change of an approved project" shall be filled in by the leader of the cluster and the respective changes shall be set out in the application form of the project in which the cluster leading PP is taking part as LP or PP (in one additional new work package, in case the latter is not possible, under work packages 2 or 3). Both documents shall be submitted to the JTS as soon as they are ready and approved by the Project Steering Group. The decision on the funding of clusters needs to be taken in a Programme Committee meeting.