



The Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Kotnikova 5, 1000 Ljubljana, represented by the Division for Managing of Cross-border Programmes, Ul. škofa Maksimilijana Držečnika 6, 2000 Maribor, acting as the Managing Authority of the Operational Programme Slovenia-Austria (OP SI-AT) 2007-2013 and the contracting authority for funds from European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is announcing the

**Public Call for Project Ideas  
in the frame of the Operational Programme Slovenia-Austria 2007-2013**

Reference number: 4300-58/2012

This Public Call for Project Ideas is issued by the Managing Authority and is applicable for eligible applicants from Slovenia and Austria.

**1. Subject of the Public Call for Project Ideas**

The subject of this Public Call for Project Ideas is collecting project ideas for the co-financing of projects from the ERDF with the funds remaining from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call for Proposals and from completed operations of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call for Proposals of the OP SI-AT 2007-2013, corresponding to the following topics within Priorities 1 and 2 of the Operational programme Slovenia-Austria 2007-2013:

**Priority Axis 1:** Competitiveness, knowledge and economic cooperation

- improved competitiveness of industrial sector in fields relevant for the cross-border area,
- improvement of technology transfer across the border,
- sustainable technologies (e.g. renewable energy, environmental technology, etc.),
- cooperation of SMEs located in the border municipalities.

**Priority Axis 2:** Sustainable and balanced development

- environment and energy (e.g. preparing concepts, raising awareness, etc.),
- raising awareness for the culture and language for neighbour countries,
- direct cooperation of municipalities on the border, urban and regional development,
- public transport and intelligent transport systems,
- services for citizens in the field of e.g. social inclusion, e-services, etc.

Each project Idea can address only **one** of the above-mentioned priorities. The selected above-mentioned topics have to address at least one of the activity fields in the form Project Idea (ad 1.4). Activities have to indicate cross-border impact on the eligible area of this Programme. The project partners must fulfil at least two of the cross-border cooperation criteria: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing and joint financing.

In order to develop and submit the Project Ideas, applicants will need to conform to the requirements laid down in this Public Call for Project Ideas.

The project activities have to be in line with the Operational Programme Cross-border cooperation Slovenia-Austria 2007-2013 (December 2007).





## **2. General procedure**

This Public Call for Project Ideas will follow a two step application procedure. In the first step applicants are requested to submit the project idea on the form Project Idea (see Annex 1). The project idea is to be submitted in Slovene and German, except for the Summary which is to be submitted in English. Only the indicated sections in the form shall be filled in. The submitted project ideas will be discussed on the Programme Working Group (BWG). On this basis the proposals for the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) will be prepared. The JMC will decide which project ideas will be invited to prepare project proposals being treated as “strategic” projects. In the second step, applicants of pre-selected project ideas will be invited to submit an application form which will be the basis for the selection of projects. If appropriate applicants will be given the recommendations on how to further elaborate the project ideas to shape it to the expectations of the programme. The final decision on approval or rejection of a project application will be taken by the JMC of the OP SI-AT 2007-2013.

The JMC formally decides on the approval or rejection of the projects and on the ERDF contribution by taking into consideration the quality of projects and contribution to the Programme objectives. Decision of the JMC on projects is definitive.

## **3. Available funds, share of co-financing, project size and project duration**

Under this Public Call for Project Ideas the amount of ERDF funds will be available progressively from remaining funds of completed operations of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call for Proposals OP SI-AT 2007-2013. Therefore no specific ERDF amount is currently determined within this Public Call.

The JMC reserves the right not to award all funds available. Only eligible expenditure can be funded from the programme, whereby the Community co-financing from the ERDF can amount to max. 85% of the public funding; at least 15% is to be ensured from other public sources.

The projects have to apply for at least 30.000 EUR of ERDF funds and should not apply for more than 500.000 EUR ERDF funds.

The project duration is up to 12 months.

## **4. Programme Area**

The programme area of the cross-border cooperation OP SI-AT 2007-2013 includes the following territorial units on the NUTS level 3:

- **in the Republic of Slovenia:** Gorenjska statistical region, Savinjska statistical region, Koroška statistical region, Podravska statistical region, Pomurska statistical region and Osrednjeslovenska statistical region;
- **in the Republic of Austria:** Oststeiermark, West- und Südsteiermark, Graz, Obersteiermark Ost, Obersteiermark West, Unterkärnten, Klagenfurt-Villach, Oberkärnten, Südburgenland.

## **5. Eligible applicants and partners**

The participation in the programme is open to **legal entities and sole proprietors**.

The indicative list of potential applicants/Lead Partners or Project Partners under each priority, is listed in the Guide for Applicants (version 3) under Chapter 3.1.





## 6. Eligible period of co-financing

The earliest possible start of the project is the date when the Project Application is approved by the JMC. The project end is the date when the last payment has been executed by the project partners. In any case, all projects have to be concluded by 31 March 2015 at the latest.

## 7. Eligible expenditure

- 1) Personnel expenditure;
- 2) External expenditure,
- 3) Investments;
- 4) Administrative expenditure;

A detailed description of the eligible expenditure is included in the Guide for Applicants (Version 3) under Chapter 4.4 and in the Manual on eligibility of expenditure.

## 8. Project development support

In the course of the Public Call for Project Ideas, questions may be sent by e-mail to the following addresses:

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| <b>Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS)</b> | <p>Ministry of Economic Development and Technology<br/><b>Division for Managing of Cross border Programmes</b><br/>Ul. škofa Maksimilijana Držečnika 6, SI-2000 Maribor, Slovenia</p> <p>Contact person: Mojca Trafela<br/>tel. + 386 (0)2 229 42 15, e-mail: jts-si-at.svlr@gov.si<br/><b>www.si-at.eu</b></p>  |
| <b>Regional Bodies (RBs)</b>             | <p><b>Slovenia</b></p> <p>Ministry of Economic Development and Technology<br/><b>Division for international affairs and national authorities</b></p> <p>Contact person: Mateja Vegič<br/>tel. + 386 (0)2 229 42 32, e-mail: mateja.vegic@gov.si<br/>Ul. škofa Maksimilijana Držečnika 6, SI-2000 Maribor</p> <p>Contact person: Vanja Jevremov<br/>tel. + 386 (0)2 229 42 30, e-mail: vanja.jevremov@gov.si<br/>Ul. škofa Maksimilijana Držečnika 6, SI-2000 Maribor</p> <p>Contact person: Ksenija Fak<br/>tel. + 386 (0)2 229 42 33, e-mail: ksenija.fak@gov.si<br/>Ul. škofa Maksimilijana Držečnika 6, SI-2000 Maribor</p> |
| <b>Regional Bodies (RBs)</b>             | <p><b>Austria</b></p> <p><b>R M B - Regionalmanagement Bgld GmbH</b><br/>Marktstraße 3, Technologiezentrum Eisenstadt, A-7000 Eisenstadt</p> <p>Contact person: Harald Ladich<br/>tel. +43 (0)26 82 704 2424, e-mail: harald.ladich@rmb.co.at</p> <p><b>Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung</b><br/><b>Abt. 16 - Landes- und Gemeindeentwicklung</b><br/>Stempfergasse 7, A-8010 Graz</p>   |





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#### **9. Submission of project ideas**

Each Lead Partner can submit several project ideas.

**The project ideas can be submitted from 2 April 2012 until 18 May 2012.**

The completed form (signed, stamped if stamp available and scanned) for project ideas has to be submitted by the Lead Partner, only to the following email address of the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) of the OP SI-AT: [jts-si-at.svlr@gov.si](mailto:jts-si-at.svlr@gov.si) indicating "Public Call for Project Ideas OP SI-AT 2007-2013".

All further information regarding this Public Call will be published on the website: [www.si-at.eu](http://www.si-at.eu).

#### **10. Informing on the project ideas selection**

On the basis of the decision of the JMC, the Managing Authority will inform the Lead Partners of the selected Project Ideas about the further procedure and set conditions for preparing the project application which could be co-financed out of the funds remaining from open calls and the completed operations of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call for Proposals of the OP SI-AT 2007-2013 not later than 30 days after the decision of the JMC.

#### **11. Other provisions**

For this Public Call for Project Ideas the Guidelines for Applicants (version 3) apply, unless differently specified within this document.

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*Annex 1: Project Idea form (including Project Summary in English)*

*Annex 2: The Operational Programme Cross-border cooperation Slovenia-Austria 2007-2013 (December 2007)*

*Annex 3: Guide for Applicants (Version 3)*

