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Yet again, 500 interregional cooperation project applications submitted

Friday 30 January 2009 was the deadline for submission of projects under INTERREG IVC's second round of funding. A total of 473 electronic applications were received by email; this figure will be confirmed with the exact number of paper versions received over the coming days.

The programme's Secretariat will now begin the administrative and technical analysis of the applications, expected to last until the summer for such a high number of applications.

A decision on approved projects can be expected from the programme's Monitoring Committee in autumn 2009.

As was the case first time round, interest from Regions was high, keeping our contact points busy with questions right up to the last minute. Approved projects can expect co-financing between 75% and 85% of the total cost of their project, which has for ultimate objective the improvement of regional development policy.

Forty-one projects have already started their activities, having received funding under the first round of INTERREG IVC. They operate in the fields of Innovation and knowledge economy, and Environment and risk prevention. A full list of projects can be found on the INTERREG IVC website 'Project' section.

INTERREG IVC is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund to finance the exchange of experience and transfer of good practice between Regions of Europe. Primarily targeted at local and regional public authorities, INTERREG IVC's objective is to ultimately improve regional development policy in Europe. A total of €321 million is available for the period 2007-2013.

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