

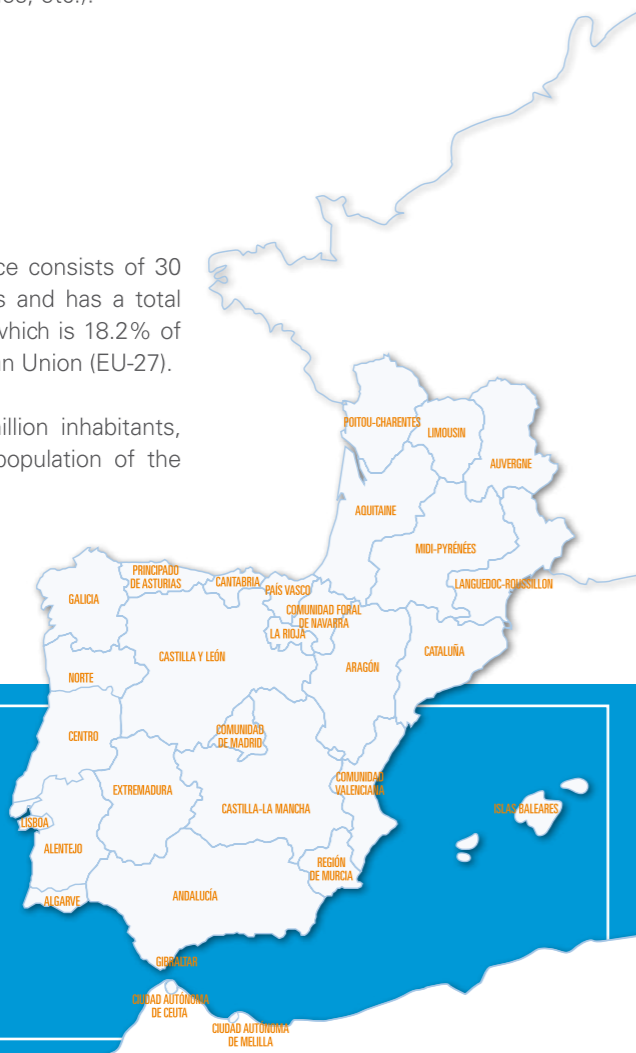
THE BENEFICIARIES

All public entities and non-profit-making bodies involved in this cooperation space may take part as partners in SUDOE projects (national, regional, and local administrations, other public bodies, research centres, universities, socio-economic players or bodies, etc.).

THE SUDOE SPACE

The Southwest European Space consists of 30 regions and autonomous cities and has a total surface area of 770,120 km², which is 18.2% of the surface area of the European Union (EU-27).

It has a population of 61.3 million inhabitants, which is 12.4% of the total population of the European Union (EU-27).



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THE SUDOE IS BUILDING THE EUROPE OF THE FUTURE

The Southwest European Space Territorial Cooperation Programme (SUDOE) is supporting regional development by means of the joint financing of transnational projects through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) within the framework of the European Territorial Cooperation Objective for 2007-2013.

The 2007-2013 SUDOE Programme is the second transnational cooperation programme for the area and is a follow-up to the previous 2000-2006 programme which was part of the INTERREG European Community Initiative.

Thanks to the 2007-2013 SUDOE Programme, 132 million euros will be invested in the Southwest European Space as a whole, of which the European Union is contributing 99.4 million euros through the ERDF. The projects set in motion can benefit from a joint financing rate of 75%.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the new SUDOE Programme is to consolidate the territorial cooperation of the Southwest European regions in the fields of competitiveness, innovation, environmental protection, and the sustainable planning and development of the area. The Programme will thus help to guarantee the harmonious and balanced integration of the regions taking part and their economic and social cohesion within the European Union.

SPAIN: GALICIA, PRINCIPALITY OF ASTURIAS, CANTABRIA, BASQUE COUNTRY, AUTONOMOUS REGION OF NAVARRA, LA RIOJA, ARAGÓN, REGION OF MADRID, CASTILLA Y LEÓN, CASTILLA-LA MANCHA, EXTREMADURA, CATALUÑA, REGION OF VALENCIA, BALEARIC ISLANDS, ANDALUSIA, REGION OF MURCIA, AUTONOMOUS CITY OF CEUTA, AUTONOMOUS CITY OF MELILLA.

FRANCE: POITOU-CHARENTES, AQUITAINE, MIDI-PYRÉNÉES, LIMOUSIN, AUVERGNE, LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON.

PORTUGAL: NORTH, ALGARVE, CENTRE, LISBON, ALENTEJO.

UNITED KINGDOM: GIBRALTAR.

HOW TO AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUDOE

The Southwest European transnational cooperation programme gives the public bodies of the area the opportunity to benefit from European Union aid.

To request ERDF joint financing within the framework of the SUDOE Programme, project promoters must present their proposals within the deadlines set in the various project calls.

Each call defines the requirements for presenting a project, such as the anticipated lines of cooperation, the deadline for its presentation, the amounts of financing available, etc.

All information on calls can be found on the programme's website (www.interreg-sudoe.eu).

SELECTION PROCESS

The Programming Committee consists of the national and regional administrations of each member state taking part in the Programme. It selects the projects after the joint technical instruction of the application forms by the Joint Technical Secretariat and by its national representatives. This Committee makes its decisions according to the selection criteria published during the calls.

KEYS TO CERTAIN SUCCESS

The new generation of projects must be distinguished by their strategic nature. To this end, all projects must have a strong transnational impact, a marked aptitude for innovation and transference, a suitable partnership with competence in the matter in question, and tangible results.

FOUR LINES OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

So that the cooperation projects set in motion can contribute towards the sustainable growth of the SUDOE Space, four major priority cooperation areas have been established:

Priority 1: Promotion of the innovation and constitution of permanent technological networks (some 33% of the total budget).

The projects must promote scientific excellence, competitiveness and innovation in the form of improved cooperation between the economic, social and scientific players.

Priority 2: Improvement of sustainability for the protection and conservation of the environment and natural surroundings of the SUDOE Space (23.6% of the total budget).

The projects must carry out sustainable and practical measures involving risk prevention and the conservation of natural resources.

Priority 3: Harmonious integration of the SUDOE Space and improved accessibility to information networks (23.6% of the total budget).

The projects must provide solutions to improve the accessibility of the SUDOE Space in both the field of multimodal transport and network interconnection and that of information (ICT).

Priority 4: Encouragement of sustainable urban development taking advantage of the positive effects of transnational cooperation (14.2% of the total budget).

The projects should contribute to the balanced development of cities and city networks so as to encourage the generation of synergies between them and the rural environment.