**Tips to pass strategic assessment**

**A cheat-sheet on how to pass the strategic assessment of your project.**

**Address the right topic**

* Is your project topic clearly in line with one of the Interreg Europe topics?
* Is your project topic focused and as specific as possible?
* Is your project topic reflected in all the policy instruments you address?
* Is your project topic reflected in the different territorial contexts?

**Describe well the policy instruments you address**

* Are all policy instruments precisely defined, for example indicating the specific priority the project will address and the way they could be improved described?
* Please make sure that structural funds are selected only when the Operational Programmes (or Cooperation programmes) are addressed?

**Select partners relevant for your policy instruments**

* Are organisations responsible for each policy instrument involved in the project?

Check country-specific pages for list of policy-relevant bodies for Structural Funds programmes at: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/>

* In case they are not directly partners:
	+ have these policy responsible organisations provided a letter of support for your project partner(s) and joined the stakeholder group(s)?
	+ is the policy relevance of the partner addressing the concerned policy instrument demonstrated? (policy relevance = link of the organisation with the policy responsible organisation and capacity to influence the policy instrument).

Letter of support is **not** sufficient to demonstrate policy relevance of a partner.

**Form a true interregional partnership**

* Are your project partners from different corners of Europe going beyond transnational cooperation areas?
* Does your partnership mix less and more developed regions?