

# CENTRAL EUROPE PROGRAMME 2007-2013



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### Summary of the State of the Art of Programme Implementation

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# CENTRAL EUROPE PROGRAMME AREA



8 EU countries  
1 third country

Surface:  
Around 1,050,000 km<sup>2</sup>

Population:  
Around 148 million citizens

## 4 Programme Priorities:

- Innovation
- Accessibility
- Environment
- Competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions



# BASIC PROJECT REQUIREMENTS



## Characteristics of **eligible partners**:

- National, regional and local public authorities
- Public equivalent bodies
- Private institutions
- International institutions

## Minimum partnership **requirements**:

- At least **three financing partners**,
- From at least **three countries** and
- Being at least **two of the partners located in EU CENTRAL EUROPE regions**

## **Location** of partners/activities:

- Core thematic activities to be implemented **within the CENTRAL EUROPE area**
- If clear benefit for the regions of the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme area, possibility to involve partners/carry out activities **in the EU territory outside the CE cooperation area** (20% flexibility) as well as in **third countries** (10% flexibility)

# PROGRAMME STATE OF THE ART



- **2 Calls for Proposals** already launched and projects selected and approved for funding
- ~ **60%** of the total ERDF Programme budget **already allocated** (around 139 Mio € ERDF funds)
- **66 projects approved**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Call: 29 projects
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Call: 37 projects (conditions are currently being fulfilled )



# PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

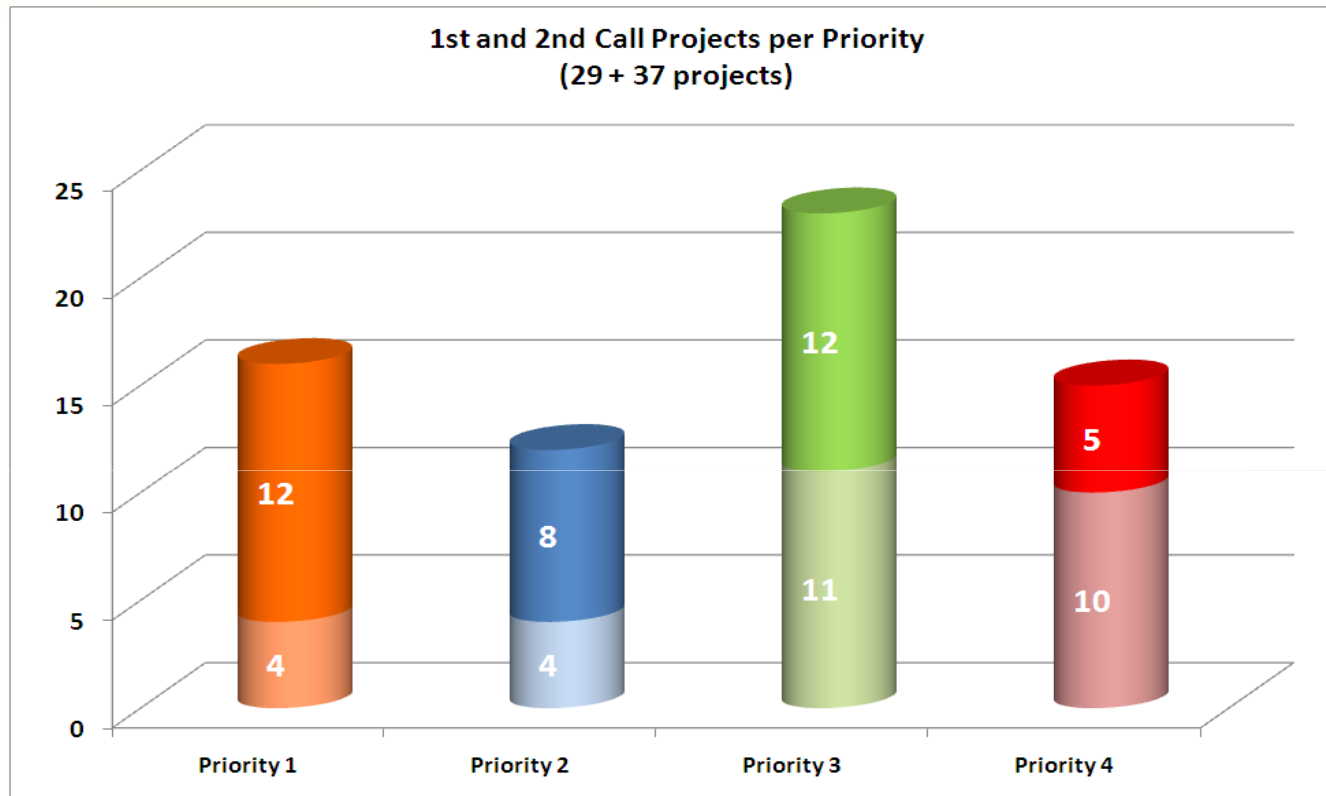
## Results of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Call



	1 <sup>st</sup> Call	2 <sup>nd</sup> Call
No. of applications received	95	179
No. of approved projects	29	37
Success rate	~ 30 %	~ 20 %
No. of project partners	325	403
Average no. of partners per project	11 partners	11 partners
Average project size	2,3 Mio € ERDF	1,95 Mio € ERDF
Allocated funds	66,8 Mio € ERDF	72,3 Mio € ERDF*

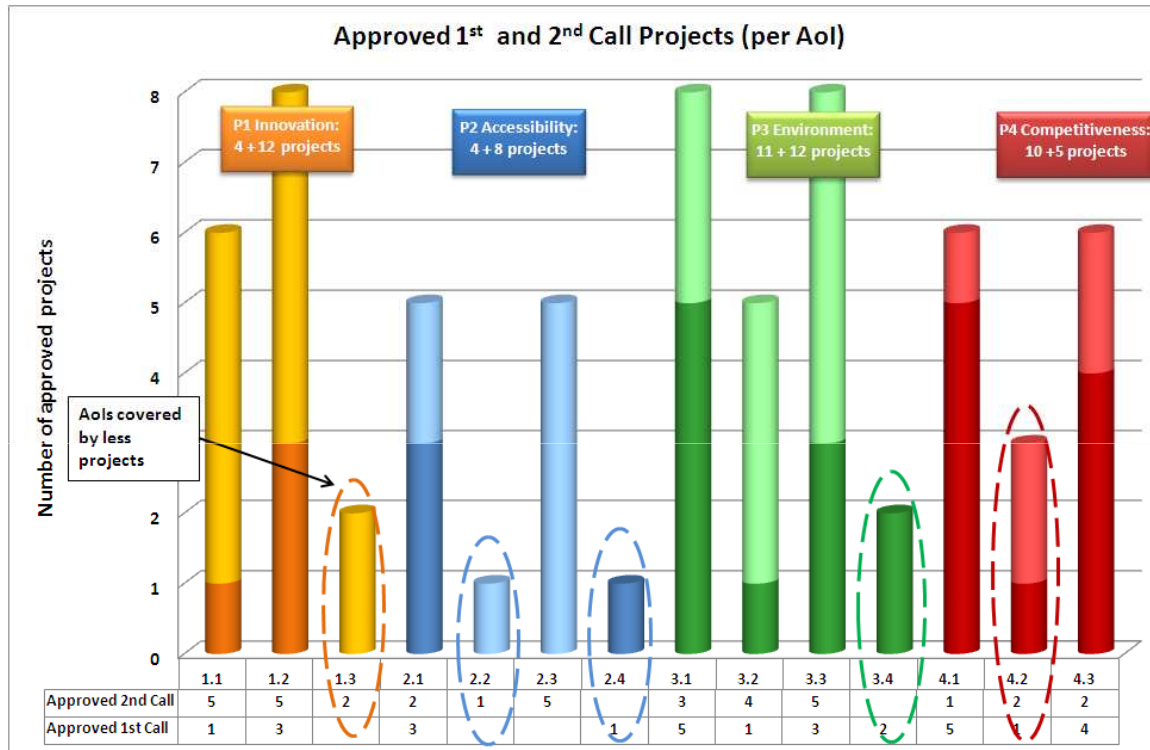
\* Not considering State Aid related budget cuts

# OVERVIEW ON APPROVED PROJECTS



- Highest number of approved projects within **Priority 3 Environment** (58% of the total approved)
- Significant increase of approved projects within **Priority 1 Innovation** and in **Priority 2 Accessibility** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for proposals
- All Areas of Interventions are represented in the approved projects, even if with different intensity

# APPROVED PROJECTS AND AREAS OF INTERVENTION



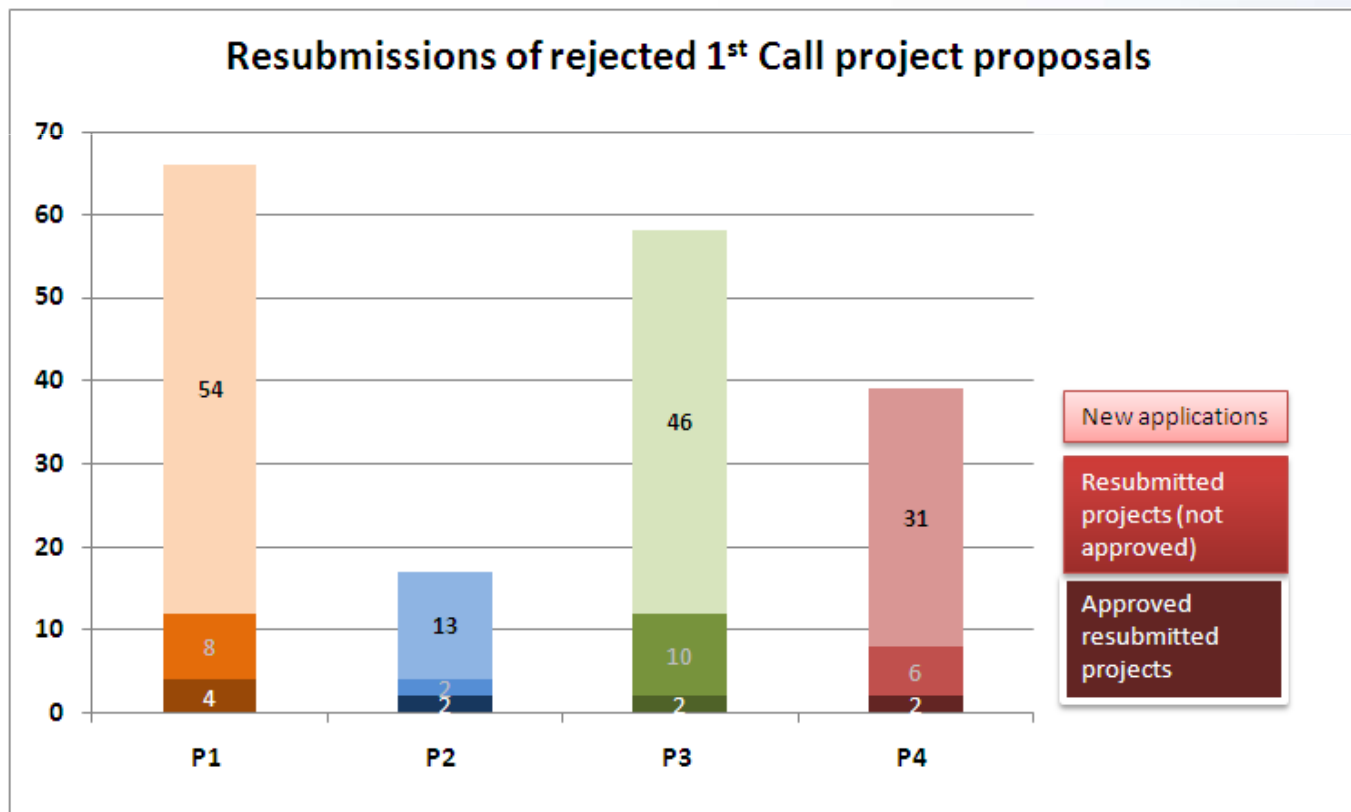
## Less represented Areas of Intervention:

- 1.3 Fostering knowledge development
- 2.2 Developing multimodal logistics' cooperation
- 2.4 Promoting information and Communication technologies and alternative solutions for enhancing access
- 3.4 Supporting environmentally friendly technologies and activities
- 4.2 Addressing the territorial effects of demographic and social change on urban and regional development

# PROJECT RESUBMISSIONS



- Significant resubmission of projects initially rejected within the 1<sup>st</sup> Call (due to eligibility or quality reasons) - 20 % of received projects:  
→ 35 resubmitted projects with a success rate of 28,5 % (10 approved resubmissions)



# PARTNERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS



- Strong focus of activities in the CENTRAL EUROPE area
- 21 projects made use of the opportunity of involving EU countries outside the CENTRAL EUROPE area (**20% flexibility rule**) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call:  
(e.g. Belgium, Denmark, France, Romania, Sweden, UK)  
→ 3 out of the 37 approved projects foresee the involvement of 5 Romanian partners (total ERDF of EUR 436.920)
- Limited use of the **10% flexibility rule** (activities in third countries):  
→ 2<sup>nd</sup> Call: 6 approved projects (total ERDF of EUR 218.285)
- Involvement of **Ukraine**:  
→ 1<sup>st</sup> Call: 2 approved projects involving 3 UA partners  
2<sup>nd</sup> Call: 3 approved projects involving 4 UA partners



# Private institutions` (PVT) participation

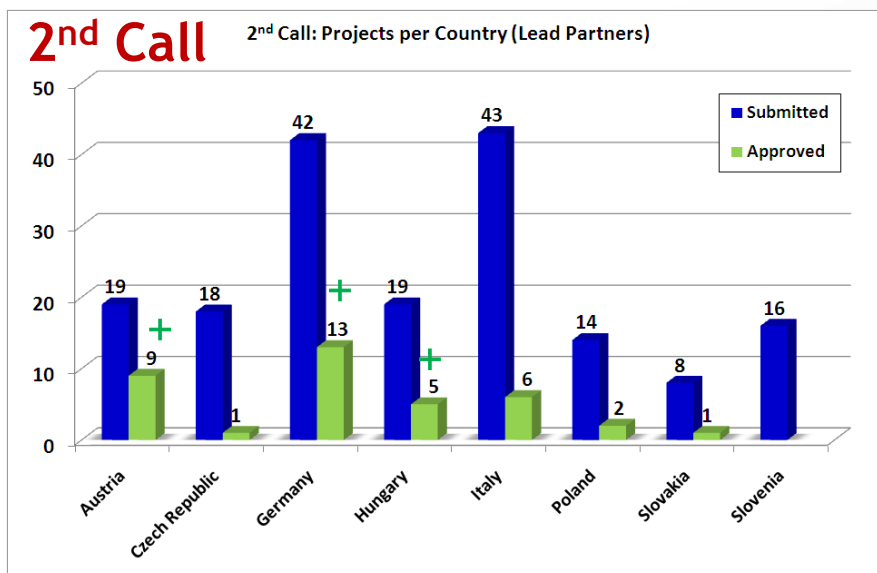
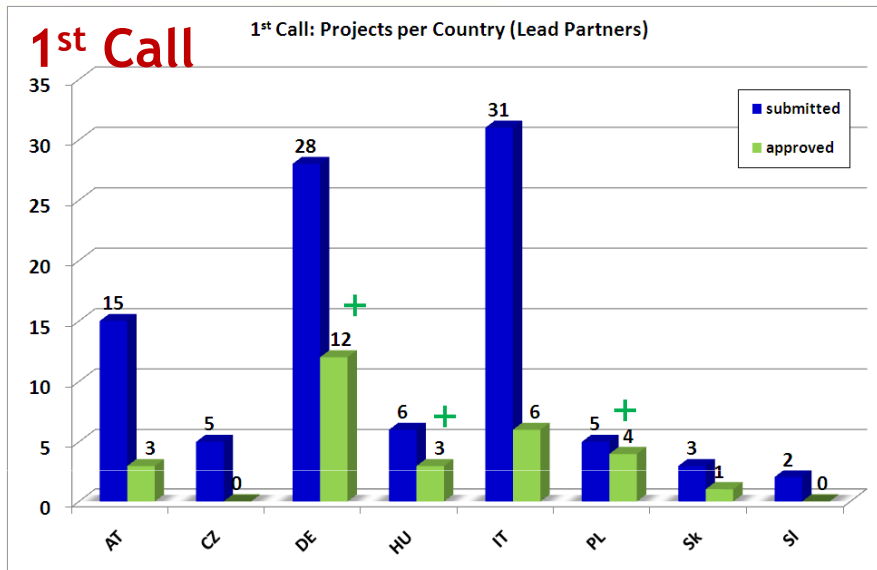


	Projects submitted	Partners involved *)	Projects with PVT institutions	PVT institutions involved	PVT institutions involved in approved projects	Percentage of PVT institutions
1 <sup>st</sup> Call	95	920	56	133	45	~15%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Call	179	1618	130	338	64	~20%

*\*) The same partner can be involved in more than one project.  
Figures include also partners from outside the CENTRAL EUROPE area.*



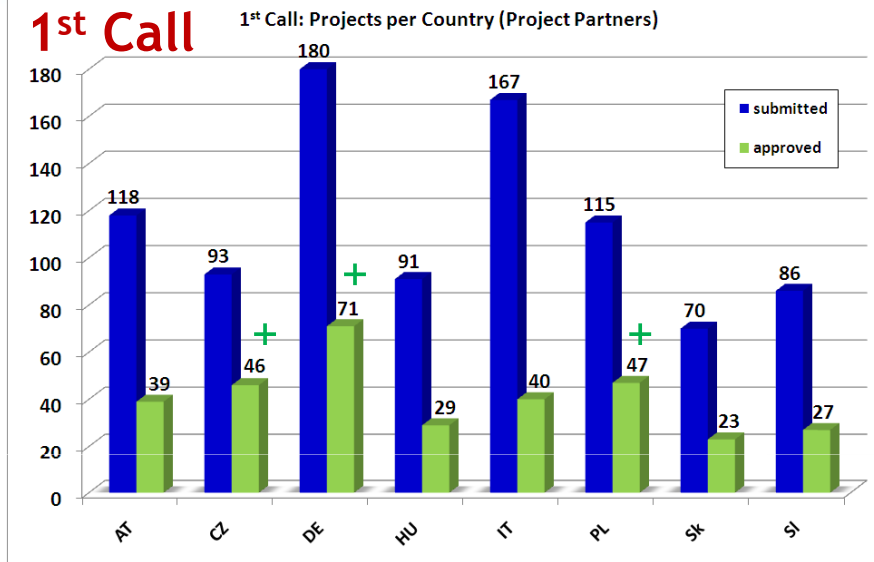
# APPROVED PROJECTS: LEAD PARTNERS PER COUNTRY



## Average success rate of Lead Partners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Call: 31%**  
 DE, HU, PL showing higher than average success rates (up to 80% - PL)  
 PL: 4 LP projects - COBRA MAN, FOKS, REURIS, ViaRegia plus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Call: 21%**  
 AT, DE, HU exceeding the average success rate (up to 47% - AT)  
 PL: 2 LP projects - CHAMPIONS, CIRCUSE

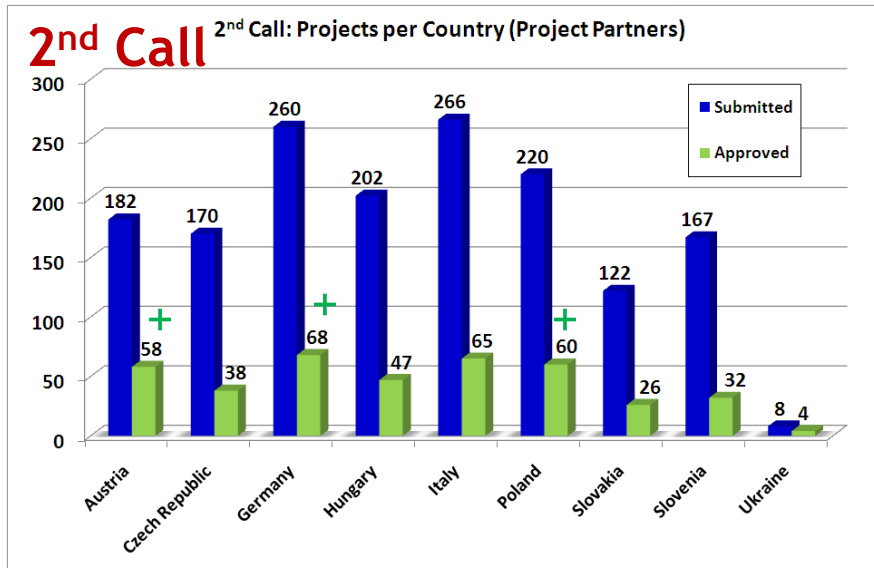
# APPROVED PROJECTS: PROJECT PARTNERS PER COUNTRY



## Average success rate of Project Partners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Call: **35%**  
CZ, DE, PL showing higher than average success rates (up to 49% - CZ)

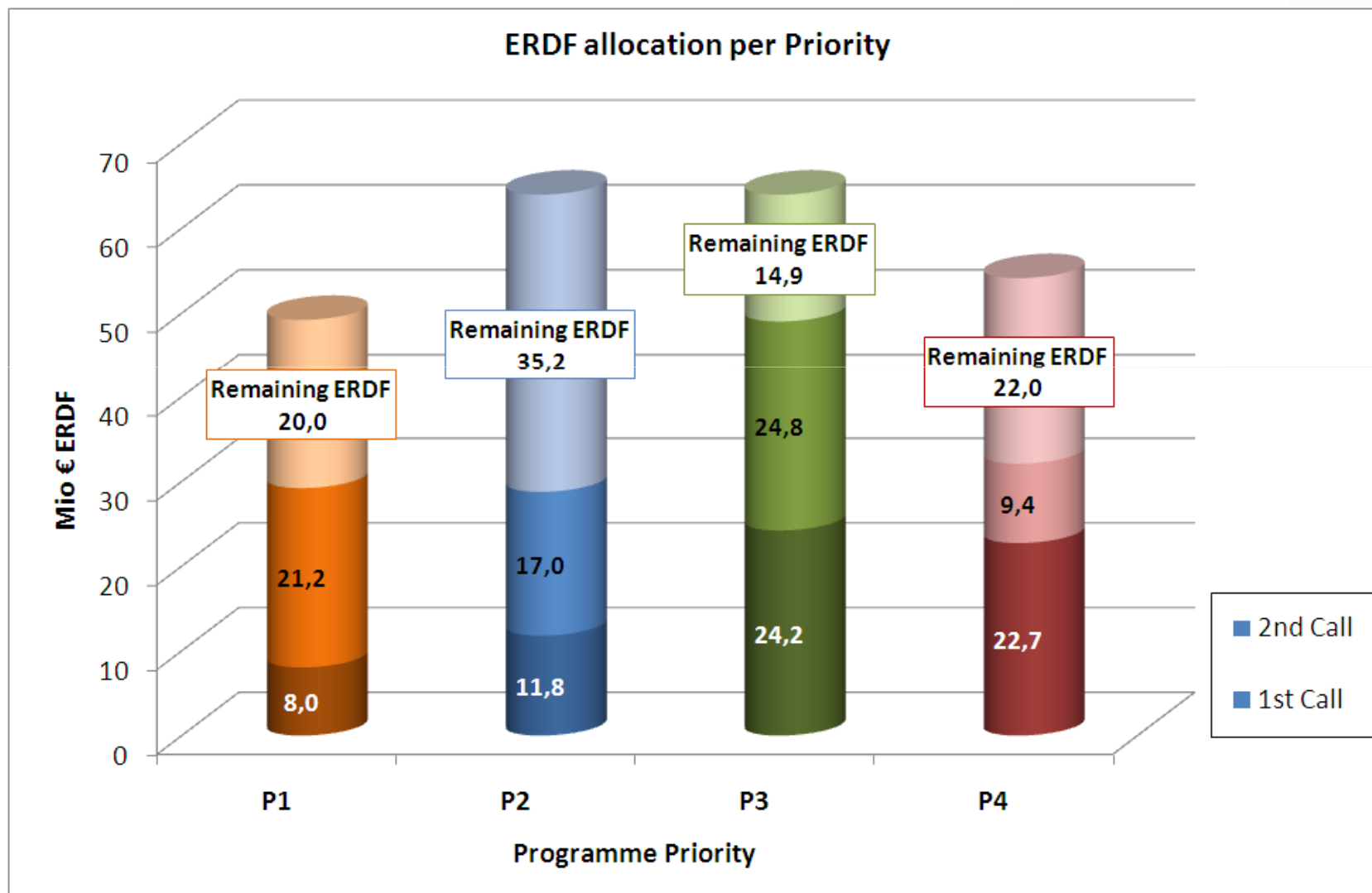
PL: 47 PPs involved in 24 projects



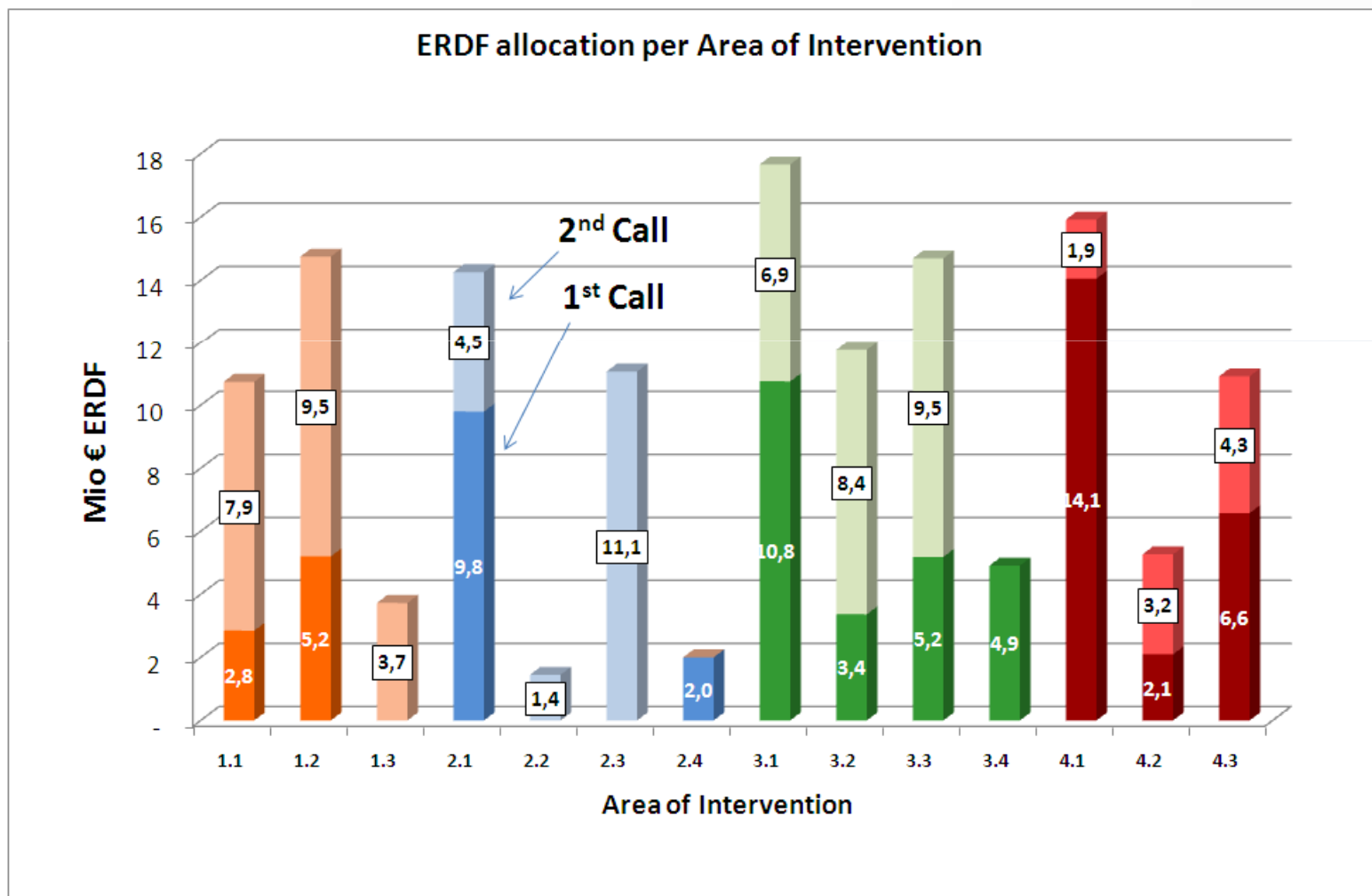
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Call: **25%**  
AT, DE, PL exceeding the average success rate of project partners (up to 32% - AT)

PL: 60 PPs involved in 30 projects

# ALLOCATION OF ERDF FUNDS PER PRIORITY



# ALLOCATION OF ERDF FUNDS PER AREA OF INTERVENTION



## 6 key success factors in building a project proposal

1. Quality of the action (objectives, quality and relevance of expected results etc.)
2. Quality of the approach (clear definition of work plan and deliverables, methodology etc.)
3. Innovation of the proposal
4. Partnership structure
5. Dissemination and capitalisation of results
6. Budget

## Quality of the action

- Clearly define **project rationale, objectives and expected results**
- Demonstrate clear and plausible **contribution to Programme objectives**
- Foresee **tangible/visible project outputs** and results
- Be **realistic** about planned achievements/results
- Outline further **implementation process** (use of project results)



## Partnership structure

- Careful selection of **relevant partners** for the issues to be addressed (competent for development, implementation and dissemination of outputs and results)
- Covering most of the **technical expertise required** to perform the project activities (complemented by external expertise)
- **Capacity** and **cooperation experience** of partners
- Well defined and necessary **roles** of all partners
- **Balanced involvement** of partners
- Avoid too extensive/complex partnership

- Partner search should start at an early stage of project elaboration
- Basis for ensuring proper project management and good quality outputs and results

# EXPECTED PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS



- Clear **added value** to the CENTRAL EUROPE cooperation area
- **Transnational** thematic focus and partnership
- Address an issue affecting a clearly defined **transnational geographical area** and/or of **common interest**
- **Coherent** and **implementation-oriented** approach
- **Effective management** (including communication strategy, knowledge creation and transfer)
- Strive for concrete and **visible outputs** and **results**
- Include innovative elements/support of **innovation**



# EXPECTED PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS



## CENTRAL EUROPE will not support:

- Projects **not addressing issues of transnational relevance** or that can be funded under one single cross-border programme
- **Mere networking** and **exchange of experience**
- Mere **continuation** of a past co-operation project **without clear added value**
- **Pure research and technology development** without clear links to other actors
- Projects fundable under **other Structural Funds programmes**
- Actions eligible for funding by the EAFRD (**European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development**), including LEADER 2007-2013

## Assessment Criteria

1. Relevance (what for?)
2. Implementation and methodology (how?)
3. Quality of the outputs and sustainability of the expected results (what?)
4. Partnership technical and operational capacity (who?)
5. Budget and cost-effectiveness (how much?)

Specific importance of **Relevance** and **Partnership** and Budget is reflected within the Assessment Criteria



Projects should set **particular emphasis on all the criteria** during project preparation to be successful.

## Source of information for applicants

Guidance to apply for projects within CENTRAL EUROPE is available on the Programme website [www.central2013.eu](http://www.central2013.eu)

### „How to apply“ section

Information about upcoming Call for proposals to be announced as soon as available

### Relevant documents:

- Programme Documents
- Implementation Documents
- Relevant EU Legislation
- Info Materials
- Visuals (maps and logos)



**Thank you for your attention!**

