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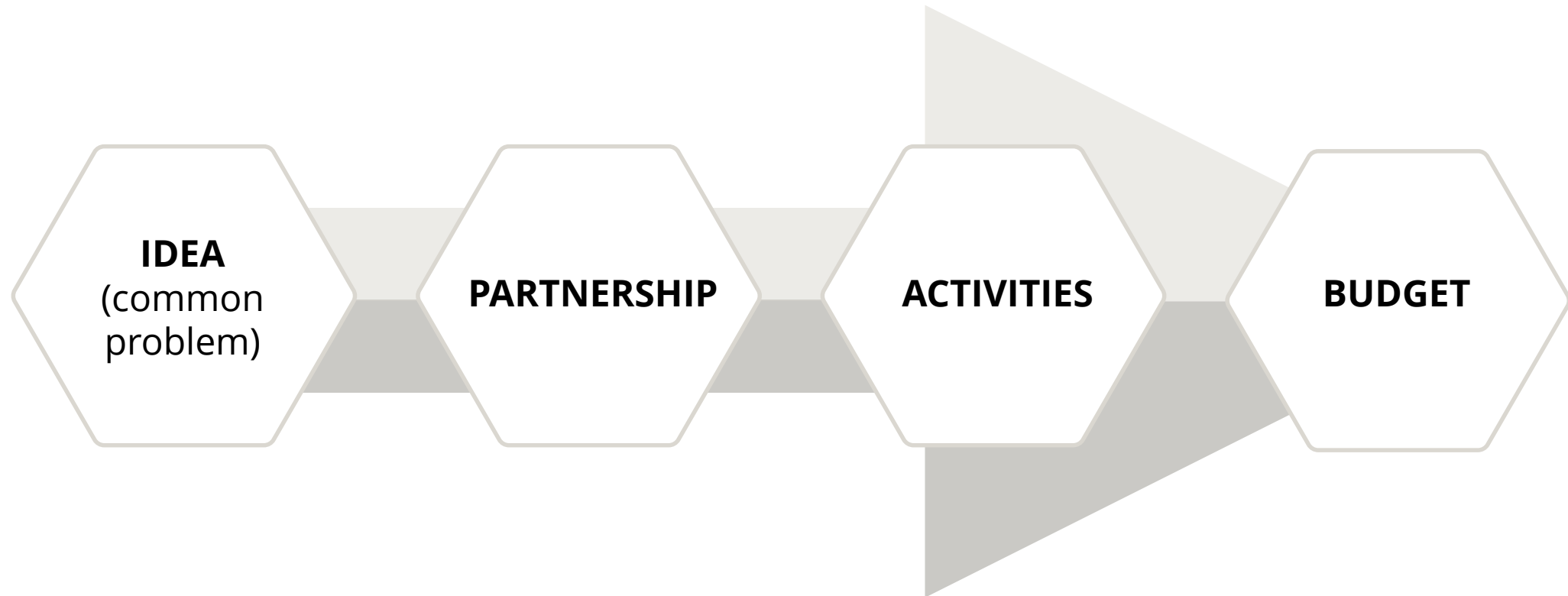
# Successful budget



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# First **steps**



# General **recommendations**

- Total Interreg fund **budget** of a project
  - **1 – 2 MEUR**
- Involve partners in the **preparatory** work
- Clear partner responsibilities = **justified** budget allocations
- **Reasonable** budget according to:
  - Planned activities
  - Partnership size
  - Project duration

# General **recommendations**

Budget of partners in line with their **project role and responsibilities**:

- **Lead partner** = usually the largest budget  
(coordination, management)
- **Advisory/ Discovery partner** = no policy instrument addressed  
(Advisory partner is often responsible for cross-cutting tasks)
- Partners addressing **the same policy instrument** = joint activities, savings expected

# Projects' **co-financing** rates

<b>Co-financing rates</b>	<b>According to legal status or location</b>
<b>80% Interreg fund*</b>	Public or public equivalent from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
<b>70% Interreg fund*</b>	Private non-profit from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
50% Norwegian fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

\* Subject to revised CP approval

# Partner contribution

- Each partner must commit to provide their **own contribution** through a declaration (online)
- Depends on the partner's legal status and location
- Partner contribution from private or public sources

# Simplified budget

Six costs categories + preparation costs lump sum


<b>Real-cost basis</b>	<b>Flat rate</b>
Staff	Administration
External expertise and services	Travel and accommodation
Equipment	
Infrastructure and works	

# Simplified budget

Simplified cost options:

- **Flat rates** for admin + travel and accommodation
- Preparation costs **lump sum**
- No budget split per components/ work packages
- Contracting partner principle – no shared costs
- No in-kind contributions
- VAT eligible for operations up to 5 MEUR

(Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060 Article 64 (1) (c) i)





# Communication budget

## Tools provided **by the programme:**

- Website
- Main project visuals (programme logo + project acronym)
- Poster (and plaque) design

No gifts/ giveaways

No awards/ prizes

# Verification of expenditure

Project expenditure must be approved by **independent controllers**

- In some countries, the verification is **free of charge**
- In others, costs need to be **budgeted** (for 8 reports)

Country-specific control information on our website:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/>

# Spending **plan**

Reporting periods of **6 months**  
(last reporting period = 9 months)



# Spending **plan**

- Estimate amounts **paid out** per semester
  - Usually lower spending at the beginning, increasing over time
- Follow-up phase  $\neq$  phase 2 of the current programme
  - $\Rightarrow$  the spending plan depends on the follow-up phase **activities planned by each project**
- Importance of the spending plan - decommitment risk

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