

INDIAN OCEAN : **LET'S COOPERATE !**

HANDBOOK
INTERREG V INDIAN OCEAN
2014 - 2020



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MESSAGE FROM THE **PRESIDENT** OF THE **REGIONAL COUNCIL**



“

Cooperation is an essential element of success. 'When a region of the Indian Ocean develops, the whole Indian Ocean and all its populations benefit.

When a region of the Indian Ocean suffers, the whole Indian Ocean and our populations are affected...

With the support of Europe, new concrete projects can be set up.

The aim of the INTERREG V 2014-2020 IO programme, managed by the Regional Council, is to reinforce development actions. Our role is to apply the programme for the benefit of our territories.

Cooperation is the key to success in Reunion, the key towards true dynamics within the vast area of the Indian Ocean.”

DIDIER ROBERT,
President of the Regional Council of Reunion



THE INTERREG V INDIAN OCEAN PROGRAMME

The Regional Council of Reunion is the managing authority for the INTERREG V Indian Ocean 2014-2020 programme for European territorial cooperation.

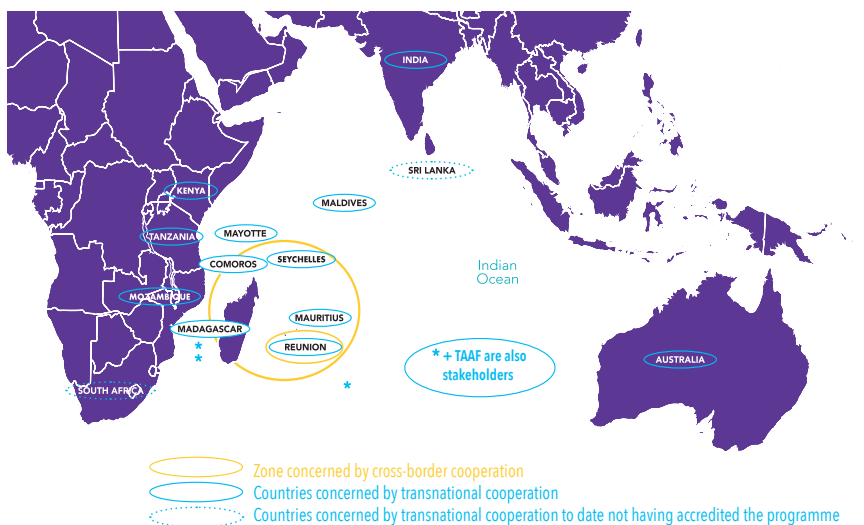
The aim of the INTERREG V programme is to reinforce the regional integration of Reunion and Mayotte within the Indian Ocean. With its 'win-win' exchange perspective, it responds to the challenges of co-development for the countries in the area. The necessary funds come from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the main instrument of the European economic, social and territorial cohesion policy.

For the period 2014-2020, the INTERREG V programme has a budget of € 63.2 M of ERDF funds, covering 2 strands of European territorial cooperation:

- **Cross-border cooperation (CB)**, which covers cooperation between Reunion and the member-states of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) : Madagascar, Seychelles, Comoros, Mauritius, to the amount of € 41.4 M,

- **Transnational cooperation (TN)**; which covers cooperation between Reunion and the following countries : Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Comoros, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Maldives, India, Australia and the French Southern and Antarctic Territories, to the amount of € 21.8 M.

Operations with South Africa and Sri Lanka are not eligible, since these countries have, so far, not given their agreement to participate in the INTERREG V programme.



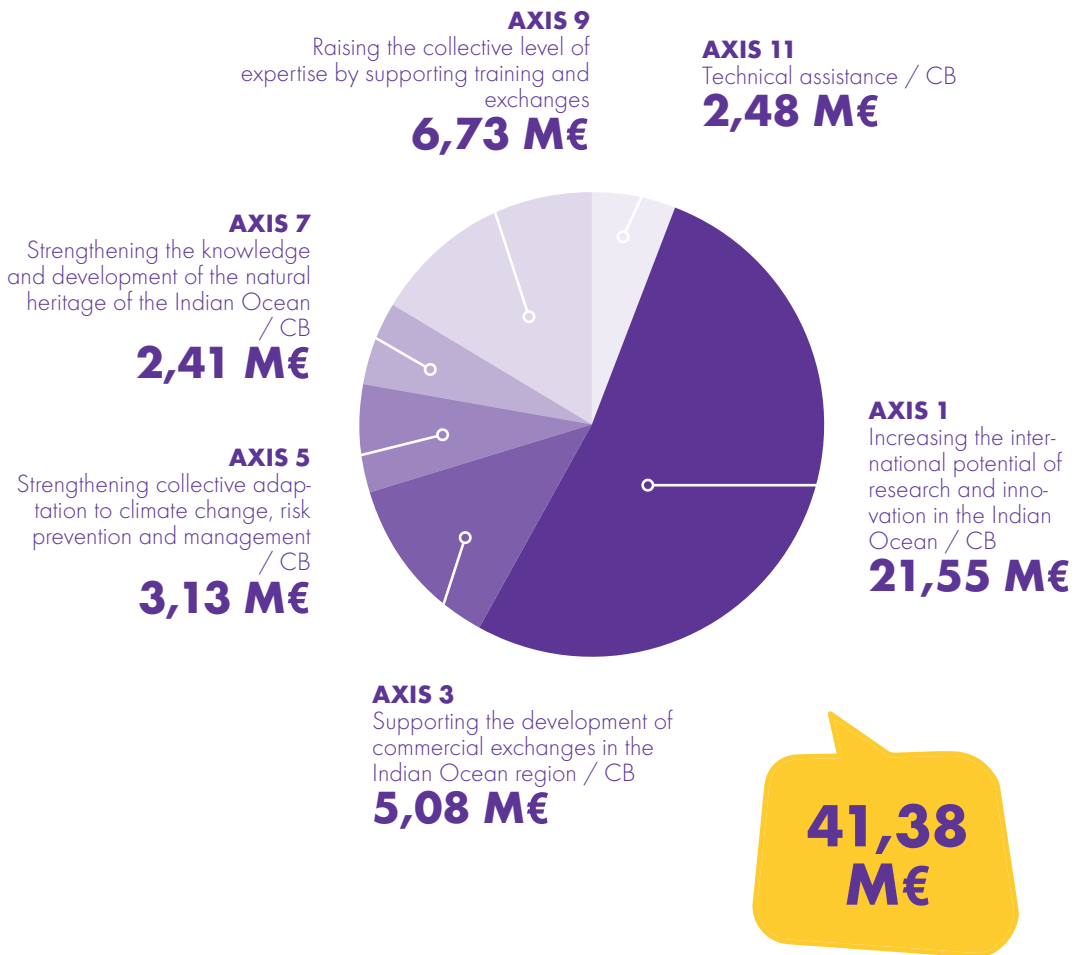
THE INTERREG V PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED **AROUND 5 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

- **Increasing the international potential of research and innovation in the Indian Ocean;**
- **Supporting the development of economic exchanges in the Indian Ocean region;**
- **Strengthening the collective capacity to adapt to climate change and risk prevention and management;**
- **Strengthening the knowledge and development capacities of the natural and cultural heritage of the Indian Ocean region;**
- **Raising the collective level of expertise by supporting training and exchanges (mobility).**

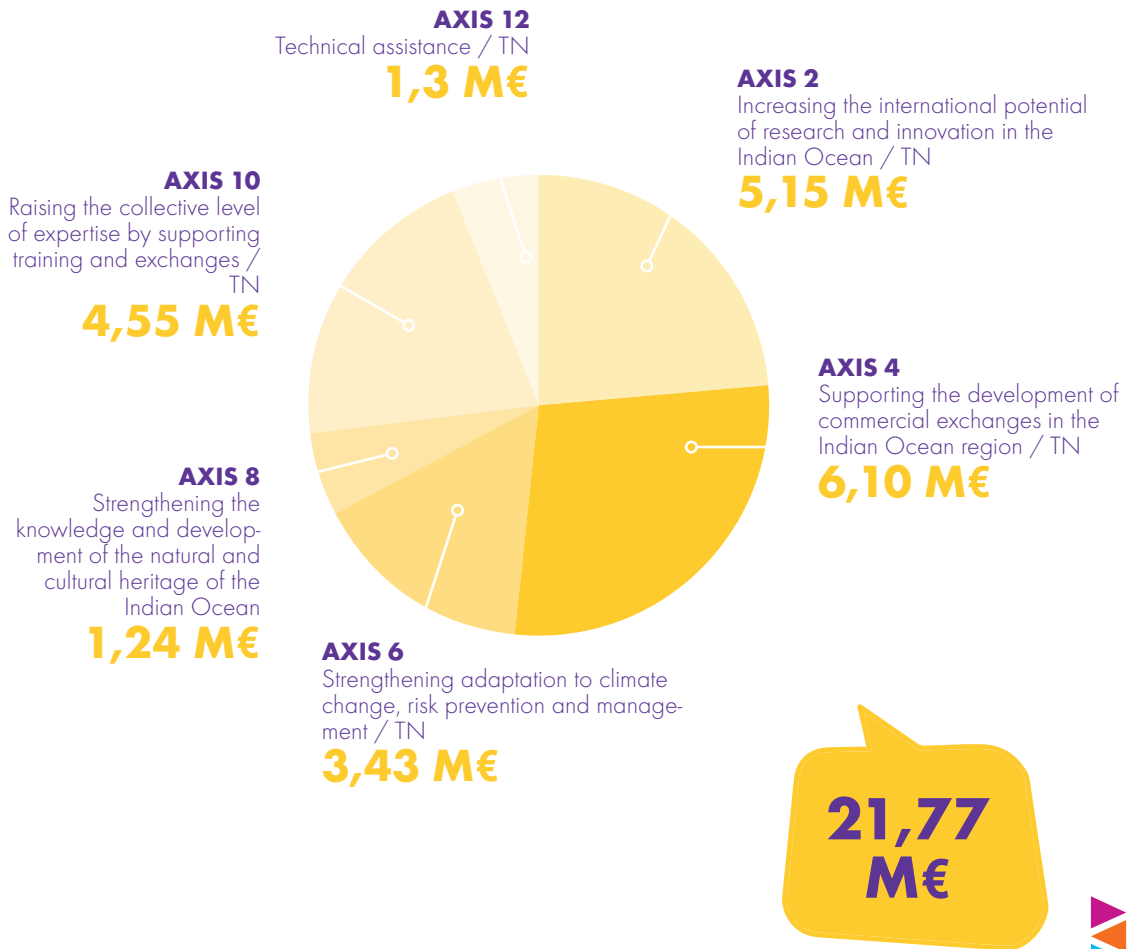


DETAILS OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BUDGET BY AXIS | CROSS-BORDER STRAND



DISTRIBUTION OF THE BUDGET BY AXIS | TRANSNATIONAL STRAND



AXES 1 AND 2

INCREASING THE INTERNATIONAL POTENTIAL OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN:

26,7 M€ EU

Actions within this axis aim at the development of a research and innovation ecosystem through collaborative research projects which contribute to:

- Increasing the number of exchanges between researchers or PhD students and the research structures of the area;
- Sharing PhD topics and supervision, developing recognised scientific productions and practical applications focusing on topics of interest for the Indian Ocean;
- Increasing the number of pilot projects and demonstration activities;
- Improving the application of results of research and innovation (R&I) for regional businesses with the aim of developing products, processes, marketing methods and innovative services;
- Diversifying the national / regional economy by developing new activities in high growth sectors.

AXES 3 AND 4

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC EXCHANGES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION:

11,18 M€ EU

- Increasing the number of companies integrated in internationalisation programmes, with the aim of finalising contracts and markets within the Indian Ocean zone;
- Improving support for businesses, especially for legal and regulatory concerns;
- Simplifying formalities for regional markets.

AXES 5 AND 6

STRENGTHENING COLLECTIVE CAPACITY TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND RISK PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT:

6,56 M€ EU

- Reducing exposure to natural disasters, pressure of pollution on resources and the marine environment and health risks that occur in the region, in particular through appropriate monitoring and prevention structures.

AXES 7 AND 8

BROADENING KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN:

3,65 M€ EU

- Improved preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the Indian Ocean countries;
- Sharing sustainable management of natural resources and environments of the Indian Ocean;
- Enhancing the natural and cultural heritage of the Indian Ocean, in particular through tourism & education.

AXES 9 AND 10

RAISING THE COLLECTIVE LEVEL OF EXPERTISE BY SUPPORTING TRAINING AND EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES (MOBILITY):

11,28 M€ EU

- Increasing the number of persons benefiting from knowledge and/or skills transfers, in order to help their integration in the labour market, particularly that of the Indian Ocean zone.



PRESENTATION OF THE MECHANISMS

DESK : BUSINESSES AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (GUEDT)

Person in charge : **Jean-François GALDIN**

1 - OBJECTIVES

- An increase in the number of businesses integrated in internationalisation schemes and benefiting from contracts and markets within the Indian Ocean area;
- Improved support for businesses, especially for legal and regulatory concerns
- Simplified formalities for regional markets

2 - ACTION SHEETS FOR 'BUSINESSES AND TOURIST DEVELOPMENT' CB STRAND

CB STRAND	3.1 - Support for the development of IOC trade exchange areas	3.2 - Support for tourist development in the IOC islands	3.3 - Regional cooperation for the integrated development of rural economies	3.4 - Maritime cooperation - Support for the sustainable management of fishing resources in IOC countries
TN STRAND	4.1 - Support for the development of IO trade exchange areas	4.2 - Support for tourist development in the IO region	4.3 - Maritime cooperation - Support for the sustainable management of fishing resources in the IO region	

3 - APPLICANT'S STATUS

YOU ARE	ACTION SHEET
A company or a group of private companies A socio-professional organisation or a group of professionals A consular chamber	} 3.1 3.3 3.4 4.1 4.3
A public body	3.1 - 3.2 - 3.3 - 3.4 - 4.2 - 4.3 - 4.1
A territorial collective body	3.1 - 3.2 - 4.1 - 4.2
A local, regional or national public authority	3.3 - 3.4 - 4.3 - 3.1 - 4.1
An association	3.1 - 3.2 - 3.3 - 3.4 - 4.1 - 4.2 - 4.3

The financing rate can vary from 50 % up to 100 % depending on the nature of the beneficiaries and projects.

DESH: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURES (GUIDE)

Person in charge : **Gaëtan MAGRE**

1 - OBJECTIVES

→ Improving prevention and risk management capacities in the event of natural, health and environmental disasters in IOC countries / the IO region

- Reduced exposure to natural disasters, pressure of pollution on resources and the marine environment and health risks occurring in the region, notably through appropriate prevention and training structures

→ Increasing the promotion of natural and cultural heritage in IOC countries / the IO region

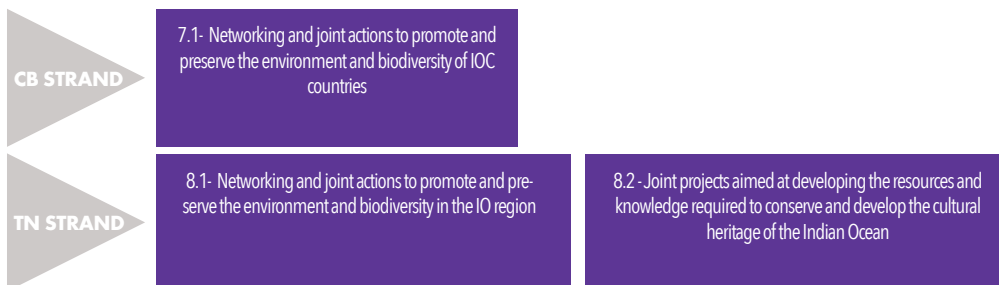
- Improved conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of Indian Ocean countries
- Shared sustainable management of natural resources and environments of the Indian Ocean
- Conservation and development of the natural and cultural heritage of the Indian Ocean, notably in the fields of tourism & education

2 – ACTION SHEETS FOR ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURES

→ Improving prevention and risk management capacities in the event of natural, health and environmental disaster in the IOC countries / IO zone



→ Increasing the promotion of natural and cultural heritage in the IOC countries / IO zone



3- APPLICANT'S STATUS

YOU ARE	ACTION SHEET
A public body	} 5.1 - 6.1 - 6.3 - 7.1 - 8.1 - 8.2 5.1 - 6.1 - 6.3 - 7.1 - 8.1 - 8.2
A local, regional or national public authority	
A private or public research body	
An association	
A structure managing open spaces	7.1 - 8.1 - 8.2
A public higher education establishment	7.1 - 8.1 - 8.2

The financing rate is 100 % for all actions.



DESH: RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPEMENT AND INNOVATION (CURDTI)

Person in charge : **Shehnaz UMMER**

1 - OBJECTIVES

- An extended research and innovation ecosystem thanks to reinforcement of research infrastructures
- Increase in the number of exchanges of researchers and PhD students between research infrastrutures in the area
- Common topics and supervision of PhD dissertations, recognition of scientific productions and implementation of topics of interest for the Indian Ocean
- Increase in the number of pilot projects and demonstration activities
- Application of results of research and innovation activities (R&I) by companies in the region, in order to create products, procedures, marketing techniques and innovative services
- Diversification of national/regional economy through the development of new activities in high-growth sectors.

2 - ACTION SHEETS FOR 'RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION'

CB STRAND	1.1 - Development of spacial infrastructures, maintenance in operational condition and application	1.2 - 3P research infrastructure	1.3 - Common research projects on the vulnerability of territories	1.4 - Agronomic research projects	1.5 - Support for enhancement and dissemination of knowledge about competitiveness and sustainable development in IOC countries
	TN STRAND	2.1 - Regional research grant	2.2 - Common research projects on the vulnerability of territories	2.3 - Agronomic research projects	2.4 - Support for enhancement and dissemination of knowledge concerning competitiveness and sustainable development in IOC countries
					6.2 - Cooperative actions on epidemic and infectious risks



3- APPLICANT'S STATUS

YOU ARE	ACTION SHEET
A public higher education establishment	1.3 - 2.2
A professional and scientific group	1.3 - 1.4 - 2.2 - 2.3
A professional body	1.5 - 2.4
A company or a group of private companies	1.5 - 2.4
A local, regional or national public authority	1.3 - 1.5 - 2.1 - 2.2 - 2.4 - 6.2
A private or public research body	1.3 - 1.5 - 2.2 - 2.4 - 6.2
An association	1.3 - 1.5 - 2.2 - 2.4 - 6.2
A public research structure in the field of agronomy	1.2 - 1.4 - 2.3
A regional public authority	1.1
A public body	1.5 - 2.4 - 6.2

The financing rate can vary from 50 % up to 100 % and depending on the nature of the beneficiaries and projects.



DESH: INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION (GUEFPIS)

Person in charge : **Shehnaz UMMER**

1 - OBJECTIVES

→ Increasing the number of people benefiting from transfer of knowledge and/or skills aimed at contributing to their integration in the labour market, notably that of the Indian Ocean area.

2 - ACTION SHEETS FOR 'INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND INTEGRATION

CB STRAND	9.1 Support for development of outstanding basic & professional training and higher education in the Indian Ocean	9.2 Professional training in the health and medical-social sectors	9.3 Support for specific exchange programmes (Erasmus-plus type) and excellence-based grants	9.4 Regional networks in the water sector
				9.5 Regional networks in the health sector
	9.6 Mobility & professional integration programme	9.7 Support for economic actions through International Solidarity Volunteering	9.8 Non-economic International Solidarity Volunteering programme in the Indian Ocean zone	
TN STRAND	10.1 Support for development of outstanding basic & vocational training and higher education	10.2 Training in the health and medical-social sectors	10.3 Support for specific exchange programmes (Erasmus-plus type) and excellence-based scholarships	
	10.4 Mobility & professional integration programme	10.5 Support for economic actions through International Solidarity Volunteering	10.6 Non-economic International Solidarity Volunteering programme in the Indian Ocean	



3- APPLICANT'S STATUS

YOU ARE	ACTION SHEET
A secondary or higher educational establishment	9.1 - 9.2 - 9.3 - 9.5 - 10.1 - 10.2 - 10.3
A local, regional or national public authority	9.1 - 9.2 - 9.3 - 9.4 - 9.5 - 9.6 - 10.1 - 10.2 - 10.3 - 10.4
An association	9.1 - 9.2 - 9.3 - 9.5 - 9.6 - 9.7 - 9.8 - 10.1 - 10.2 - 10.4 - 10.5 - 10.6
A public institution	9.1 - 9.2 - 9.4 - 9.6 - 10.1 - 10.2 - 10.4

The financing rate is 100 % for all actions.



PROCESSING OF FILES

4 TOPIC-CENTRED DESKS FOR PROCESSING YOUR FILES

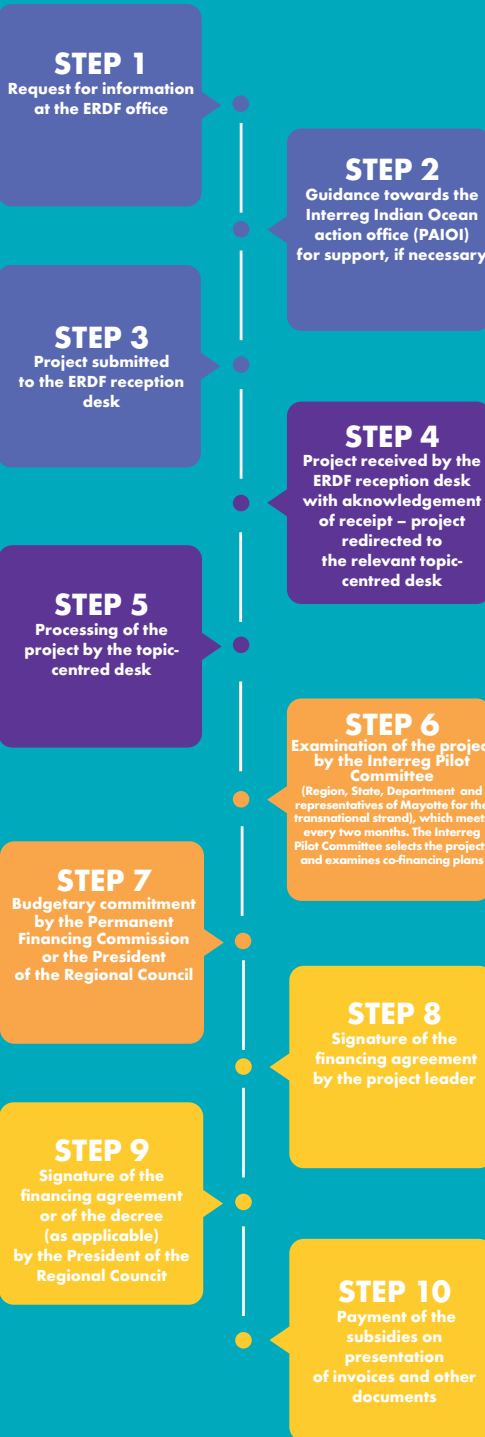
More efficient, more accessible and clearer. After submitting their project files, project leaders have a unique interlocutor for a complete follow-up of their projects.

4 topic-centred desks are at the disposal of project leaders and offer help and advice for direct follow-up of projects.



AT A GLANCE

THE STAGES OF MY PROJECT



The subsidies will only be paid to the project leader after presentation of justification of expenditure.
It is therefore necessary to have available funds to initially cover partial implementation of the project.

A STRUCTURE AIMED AT BETTER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR PROJECT LEADERS

RECEPTION AND DIRECTION OF PROJECT LEADERS

THE ERDF RECEPTION DESK (GAF)

In order to simplify procedures, project leaders are now directed to a single office for the complete treatment of their project : the ERDF reception desk (GAF)

As the first interlocutor, the ERDF office (GAF):

- Provides initial information for potential beneficiaries,
- Is in charge of referring files,
- Directs the project leader towards the Interreg V Indian Ocean action office (PAIOI) and/or one out of the 4 topic-centred structures, according to the type of application and funding for the project,
- Delivers an acknowledgement of receipt, once files are completed and submitted.

THE INTERREG V INDIAN OCEAN ACTION OFFICE (PAIOI)

The action office for the Interreg V programme assists project leaders when needed. Submitting the project file is the entire responsibility of the project leader. Project leaders are directed towards **the Interreg V Indian Ocean action office** by the ERDF reception desk or the topic-centred desks.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

SUPPORT TOOLS FOR PROJECT LEADERS

- The website www.regionreunion.com - section Fonds Européens INTERREG V OI 2014-2020
- The INTERREG V IO 2014-2020 handbook
- The INTERREG V IO 2014-2020 handbook for project leaders
- The ERDF reception desk

CAN MY PROJECT BENEFIT FROM THE INTERREG PROGRAMME AND AM I ELIGIBLE?

My project is eligible if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The project corresponds to one of the objectives of the programme,
- Co-funding will be necessary,
- The project must not be set up before the complete file is submitted (if the project receives State support),
- Project leaders from Reunion and/or Mayotte are to associate with actors from third countries,
- Actions need to have significant impact for the populations of Reunion and/or Mayotte and third countries,
- The project must fulfil two of the following criteria: common planning of the project, common implementation of the project, provision of staff, common financing of the project,
- No direct commercial aim (example: development of export activities),
- Contribution to the selection criteria defined in the action sheets.



ERDF SUPPORT CENTER:
ERDF RECEPTION DESK

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