

An aerial photograph of Carmelo Grasso, Italy. The image shows a coastal town with a sandy beach, surrounded by dense green forest. A large mountain rises on the right side of the frame. The sea is a deep blue, and the sky is clear. The text 'CARMELO GRASSO' is overlaid in large yellow letters at the top center. Below it, 'C.I.N.F.A.I.' and 'Italy' are also overlaid in yellow text.

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INTERREG PROJECTS MANAGEMENT

Objectives

1. To reinforce both economic and social EU cohesion promoting interregional and trans national cooperation and the balanced development of the territory;
2. To harmonise and optimise knowledge, experience, resources, instruments, best practices.

An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely Dubrovnik, Croatia. The town is built on a hillside overlooking a bay with a sandy beach and a small harbor. A prominent stone tower sits atop a hill in the background. The sea is a deep blue, and the sky is clear. The text is overlaid on the image in a yellow, bold font.

First INTERREG experiences: criticalities

- Scarce politic support to technical offices responsible for the management of the projects;
- Different administrative and institutional national structures involved in INTERREG cause management difficulties;
- Fair coordination among operatives and institutional actors;
- Complex financial flow;
- Difficult and long procedures cause long implementing processes and the diminishing of multiplier effects and actions.

An aerial photograph of a coastal town nestled in a bay. The water is a deep blue, transitioning to a lighter turquoise near the shore. A small white lighthouse sits atop a green hill overlooking the water. The town below is surrounded by dense green trees and some buildings with red roofs. The foreground shows a grassy slope leading down to the beach.

Effects

- Scarce commitment of partners to plan new projects;
- Projects are isolated moments of excellence but suffer from their episodic character: connections are relatively low;
- Insufficient development of the concept of EU Regions.

An aerial photograph of a coastal town nestled in a bay. The town features a mix of buildings, a sandy beach, and a marina. The water is clear and blue, transitioning to a lighter green near the shore. In the background, there are steep, forested mountains under a clear sky.

CINFAI distinctiveness

Strengthens which have produced tangible effects:

- **International coordination**
- **Project managing capacities**
- **Specific technical competencies**
- **Dynamic and competent staff**
- **Solidity and availability of institutional and financial partners**

An aerial photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a grassy hillside slopes down towards a white sandy beach. The beach is bordered by a row of buildings, including a large, prominent structure with a red roof. To the left, the water is a clear, light green color, while further out, it turns a deep blue. In the background, a small tower or lighthouse sits atop a hill. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

Futures Challenges

- **Could CINFAI become a key actor in coordinating relations between Regions and EU?**
- **This can be done through a stronger assistance to project partners, the increasing of financial support, the diffusion and the sharing of EU principles and regulations leading to the reinforcement of European Regional space.**

An aerial photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a grassy hillside slopes down towards a sandy beach. The beach is lined with buildings and a few boats. In the background, a small tower sits atop a hill overlooking the sea. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is clear. The text 'Conclusions and open problems' is overlaid in yellow on the upper part of the image.

Conclusions and open problems

- **INTERREG projects must be considered not only as a financial possibility but also as an useful instrument to obtain concrete long lasting results;**
- **Operative cooperation phases must be increased with stronger partners commitment both on institutional and financial sides;**
- **News partners belonging to the private sector such as enterprises, services centres, cooperatives must be involved in project cycle and partnership.**