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The co-financing rates in our programme reach up to 85 percent depending on the location of an institution.

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**INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT**

We fund projects that cooperate:
- To improve sustainable linkages among actors of the innovation systems for strengthening regional innovation capacity in central Europe.
- To improve skills and entrepreneurial competences for advancing economic and social innovation in central European regions.

**LOW CARBON CITIES AND REGIONS**

We fund projects that cooperate:
- To develop and implement solutions for increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy usage in public infrastructures.
- To improve territorially based low carbon energy planning strategies and policies supporting climate change mitigation.
- To improve capacities for mobility planning in functional urban areas to lower CO2 emissions.

**NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

We fund projects that cooperate:
- To improve integrated environmental management capacities for the protection and sustainable use of natural heritage and resources.
- To improve capacities for the sustainable use of cultural heritage and resources.
- To improve environmental management of functional urban areas to make them more liveable places.

**TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY**

We fund projects that cooperate:
- To improve planning and coordination of regional passenger transport systems for better connections to national and European transport networks.
- To improve coordination among freight transport stakeholders for increasing multimodal environmentally-friendly freight solutions.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

- Average number of partners in project: **11**
- Project partners involved in all projects: **386**
- EUR ERDF average project budget: **2.1 MILLION**

**MILLION EURO ERDF allocated**

- **69**
- **44**
- **89**
- **30**

**DISCOVER OUR PROJECTS**

We are currently supporting 35 projects in our four programme priorities.

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