

## Cutting Red Tape

# Simpler EU Funding Rules

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New rules for EU regional development funds pave the way for a simpler implementation of projects. They are expected to lead to higher added value, efficiency and impact of outputs and results.

The so-called Omnibus regulation entered into force this month and will reduce red tape for both beneficiaries and authorities. Partners will be able to focus more on policy achievements.





# New Implementation Manual

## We Simplified Our Rules

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At Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE we have already taken important measures to simplify our procedures - in line with the new regulatory framework and even beyond.

Simplification is needed in each and every step of the programme lifecycle. Many small changes can lead to big savings of time and resources and, ultimately, to a better implementation of projects.

# Simplified Reporting (1)

## Lighter Reports

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We have simplified our project progress reports by removing details to ultimately shed more light on what is really important.

Projects will have to provide information on selected indicators only in their final reports. On top, every second reporting period our projects have to submit even slimmer reports only. Both measures will save up to 40% of administrative burden for project partners.





## Simplified Reporting (2)

# Hardcopies Are History

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Another important novelty which we recently introduced was completely paper-free reporting.

To put it straight: Hardcopies are history in Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE! Project reporting and cost certification are now exclusively handled online and digitally through our electronic Monitoring System (eMS).