

## How to boost the Lisbon and Gothenburg objectives at regional level.

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The ambitious objectives set out at the Lisbon and Gothenburg European Councils of 2000 and 2001 now call **for better implementation of commitments already made.**

**A redoubled effort is required to reach the Lisbon and Gothenburg objectives** and the involvement of regions towards these achievements is essential.

Regional Cooperation Programmes can play an important role in pursuit of these Community priorities. Nonetheless, there is a strong need to understand how and to what extent the INTERREG Programmes have been able to achieve the desired results.

**“...Lisbon needs the Regions as much as the Regions need Lisbon”**

**José Manuel Barroso**

Aiming at increasing the inter-regional cooperation within the European Community in order to achieve the Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategy Objectives, the **ALSO manual is composed of a set of TOOLS: the assessment model, the good practice manual and the check-list.**

*A copy of the ALSO Manual will be distributed at the Conferences*



The *ALSO Assessment Model* highlights the contribution of INTERREG funded projects to the achievement of the Lisbon Strategy objectives. A list of project performance indicators is provided.

The *ALSO Good Practice Manual* consists of the selection of 3 INTERREG projects – one for each strand - which came out from the ALSO Assessment Model testing process to be relevant for the Lisbon Strategy objectives.

Finally, the *ALSO Checklist* which aims to be a sort of term of reference for future European projects promoters in drafting projects in line with the new European Territorial Objective 2007-2013.

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## ALSO Project

ALSO Project (Achievements of the Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategy Objectives by INTERREG) was conceived by Marche Region (Italy) under the INTERACT Programme for addressing the urgent need of orienting the future European Territorial Cooperation Objectives towards the achievement of the Lisbon Strategy Objectives at regional level.

ALSO Project totally involves 15 partners from 11 States of European Community.

**ALSO tools help regional planners and decision makers in the process towards European Territorial Cooperation whilst assessing INTERREG projects impacts and on the achievement of the Lisbon Strategy**

## The Strand Conferences

The Conferences are dedicated to Interreg Managing Authorities, regional planners, project developers, EU Commission representatives etc. and will present the ALSO Manual providing training on the evaluation instruments.

The seminars will be for a maximum of 30 people to allow an effective management of the training and the project idea development phase.



Furthermore, Interreg IV Managing Authorities and JTS per Conference will present the priorities of the new Operative Programmes during the workshop, the organisation working groups sessions will be aimed at developing project ideas, with the support of facilitators (ALSO partners) using the ALSO tools (Assessment Model and checklist), in order to start elaborating drafts on future cooperation objectives within the framework of the Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategy.

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