

# List of Projects

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### **The labour market and the distribution of employment and income in an international comparison**

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The process of globalisation and the deepening integration of Europe pose major challenges for the Austrian labour market. Increasing economic interdependencies (mainly via trade, direct investments, offshoring and migration) have a considerable impact on the conditions on the labour market, on wage and income developments and on employment structures. Evidence-based recommendations for economic policy in general and labour market policy in particular therefore require an analysis from an international and comparative perspective. For Austria this means analysing in detail the labour market-relevant developments in its neighbouring countries, especially its Central and Eastern European neighbours, the accession candidates and the EU's Neighbourhood regions, and of course also developing a global perspective. This research project, commissioned by the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs, deals with these topics. It is planned to run for three years and is divided into four sub-sections: (1) technology, globalisation and convergence in the EU; (2) labour mobility and migration trends; (3) economic activity, employment and unemployment; and (4) institutional frame conditions and their impact on growth, employment and inequality.

### **Analysis of the main territorial challenges, needs and transnational cooperation potentials and strategy building for the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE 2021-2027 Programme**

*Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE*

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Interreg is a transnational programme established in the framework of the EU Cohesion Policy and has been supporting transnational cooperation in Central Europe for more than 20 years. As an overarching goal, transnational cooperation aims at improving capacities and policies as well as at triggering innovative processes and investments at territorial level. The Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE (CE) Programme supports regional cooperation among the nine central European countries Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as parts of Germany and Italy. Against this background, the objectives of this assignment are: (i) To prepare a territorial analysis for the CE programme area in view of drafting the Interreg CE Programme for the period 2021-2027. The analysis shall identify the main joint challenges and needs of the area as well as strategic relevant fields of transnational cooperation with the potential to overcome territorial disparities; (ii) to develop a strategy building process for the future CE 2021-2027 Programme, in consultation with regional and national key stakeholders of the CE programme area and (iii) to provide recommendations for the future orientation and definition of the Interreg CE 2021-2027 programme strategy.