Dear Colleague.

My name is George Papadopoulos and I am the Director of the SEIT (Software Engineering and Internet Technologies) Lab, an integral part of the Department of Computer Science, University of Cyprus. I contact you because of your past participation in Interreg related activities and in order to explore the possibility of cooperating with you in the upcoming second call of INTERREG EUROPE for proposals.

As you may be aware of, in the INTERREG EUROPE programme ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) still play an important role, but this time as a cross-cutting theme that links in with the other thematic objectives. Therefore, proposals are expected to make good use of ICT, according to the thematic objective they address, as well as their individual aims and scope.

The SEIT Lab has extensive expertise in the practical use of ICT in a number of areas, such as e-Health, e-Business, e-Government, e-Learning, environmetal and energy related matters, as well as issues of entrepreneurship and innovation. It has participated in many EU funded projects, including several Framework and H2020 Programmes and two Interreg IVC ones. Furthermore, as the University of Cyprus is the primary state university in the country, it has close links with local, regional and national authorities and policy makers, whom we can invite to participate in an Interreg proposal. You may find more information about SEIT's activities and areas of expertise at the lab web site, <u>http://www.cs.ucy.ac.cy/seit</u>.

Consequently, if you plan to submit a proposal for INTERREG EUROPE that involves ICT, I would be very interested in cooperating with you in the preparation of the proposal and contributing to it as a partner, along with any needed policy makers and government organizations in Cyprus.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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