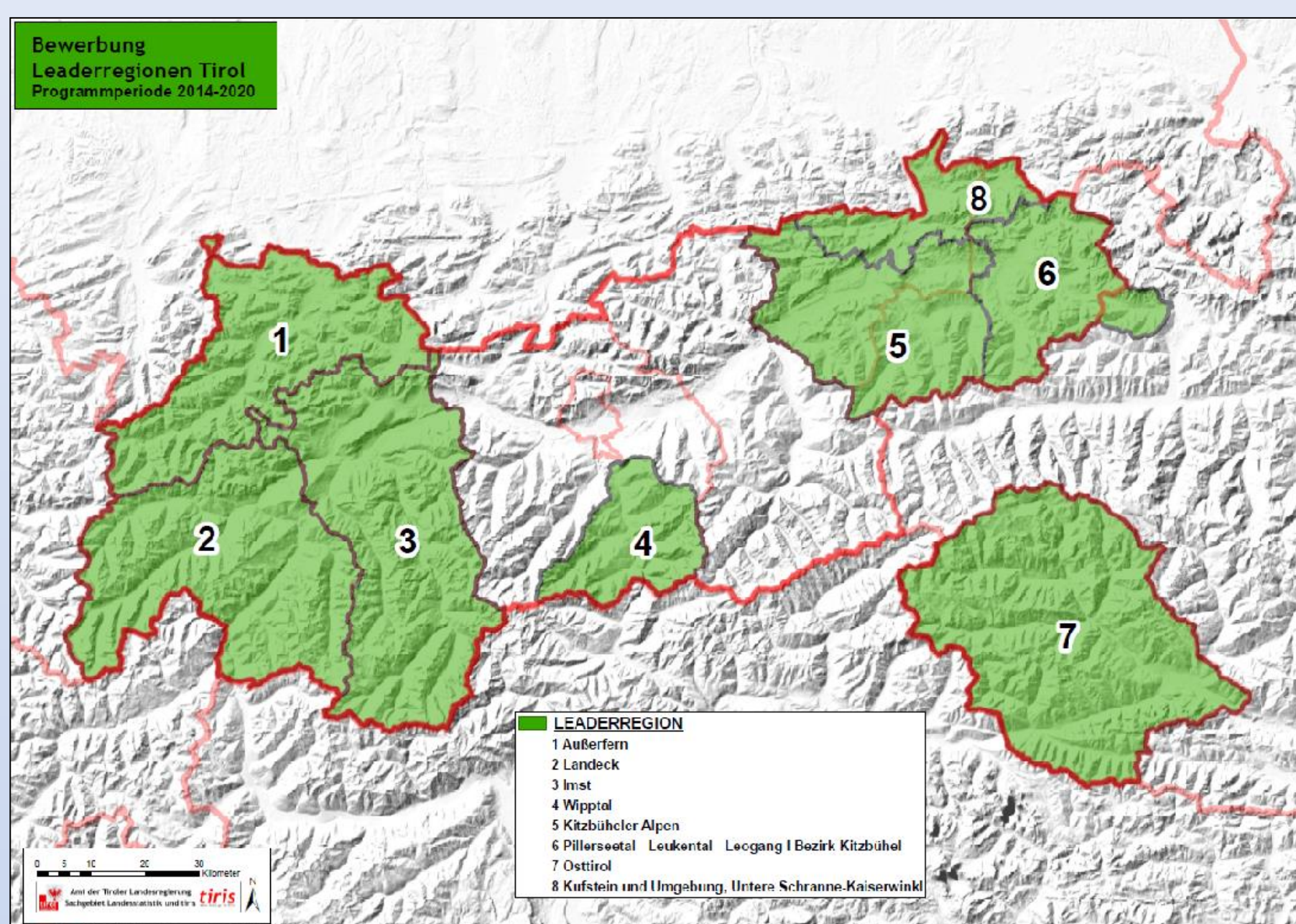


# Domestic and cross-border CLLD in Tirol, Austria

Tirol is the only federal state (*Land*) in Austria which will deliver territorial interventions using ERDF-funded CLLD in 2014-20. CLLD will be delivered by LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) in up to eight of Tirol's sub-regions; the LAG function will be carried out by established regional management offices (*Regionalmanagements*). In addition, CLLD will also be delivered on a cross-border basis as part of the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) INTERREG V programme 'Italy-Austria'.

In 2014-20, Austria has one ERDF OP (€536 million), one ESF OP (€442 million) and one EAFRD OP (€3,938 million). CLLD will make use of European funding from ERDF (mainstream and cross-border OPs) and EAFRD.

**Map 1: *Regionalmanagement*/LAG sub-regions in Tirol**



## Funding for CLLD

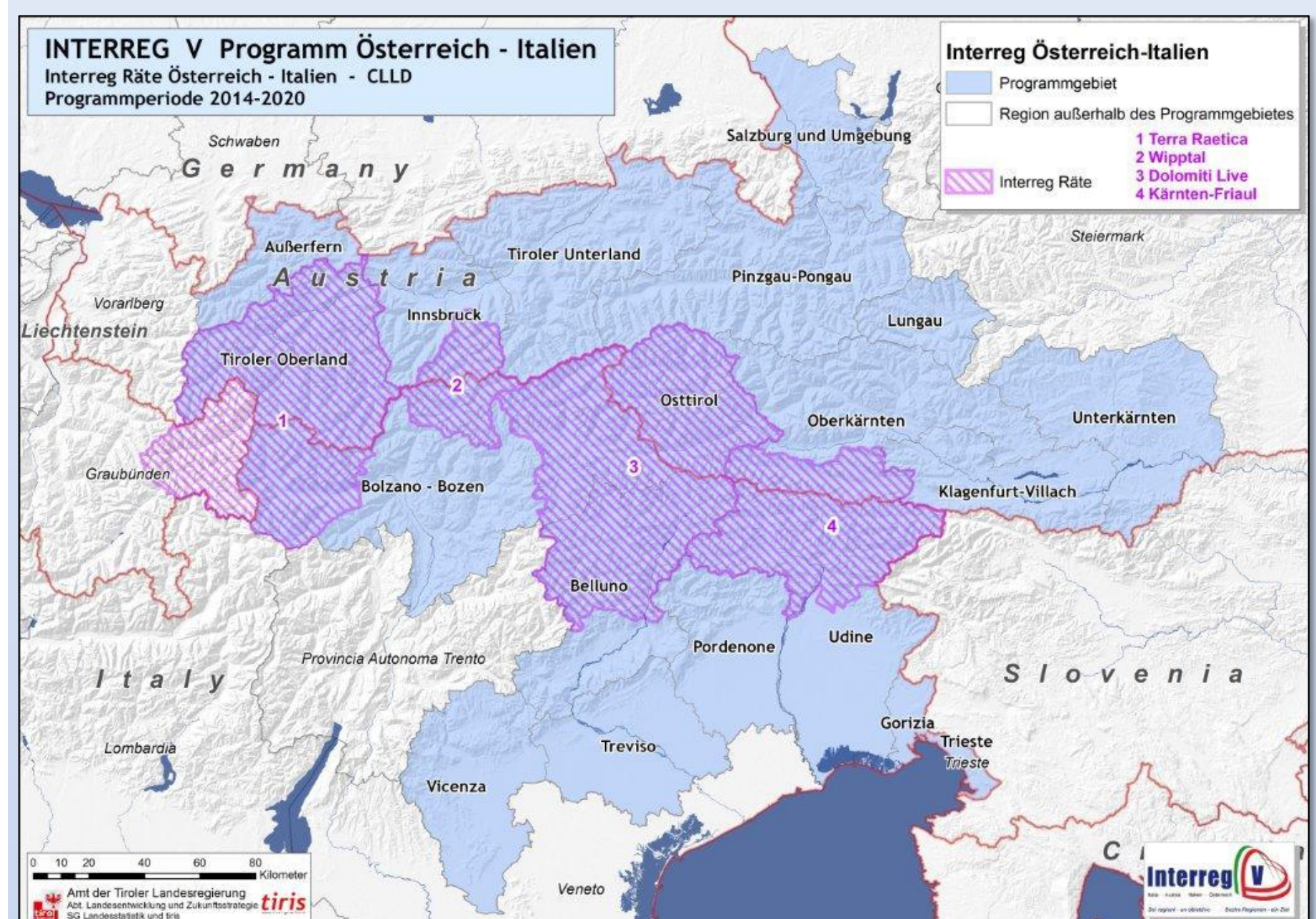
ERDF –  
c.€7.8 million

ETC ERDF –  
€4.5 million  
(share for Tirol)

EAFRD –  
c.€26 million

## ‘Domestic’ CLLD (no cross-border element)

**Map 2: Cross-border regions in the ‘Italy-Austria’ OP**



## Cross-border CLLD

## How many CLLDs?

Up to seven CLLDs, one each per sub-region in Tirol (see Map 1).

Up to four CLLDs – one each per cross-border region as designated for the Interreg V ‘Italy-Austria’ OP (see Map 2). One of the cross-border regions (Carinthia-Friuli) does not involve Tirol.

## The role of LAGS in setting up CLLD

Each LAG can submit one domestic Community-led Local Development Strategy. These strategies may be the same as the compulsory sub-regional strategies for LEADER. In this way, unnecessary duplication of strategies is avoided.

In Tirol, only the four LAGs (Landeck, Imst, Wipptal and Osttirol) which are in defined cross-border regions can submit cross-border CLLD strategies. These CLLD strategies must be developed in collaboration with the Italian LAGs and other regions.

## CLLD selection

CLLD strategy selection is carried out by a joint nationwide committee chaired by the MA of the EAFRD program (Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management). The committee includes the other MAs (ÖROK for the mainstream ERDF OP and the Autonomous Province of Bolzano as the MA for the Italy-Austria OP) as well as all Austrian *Länder*.

## CLLD management

The MA for domestic CLLD in Tirol is the Austrian Conference on Spatial Planning (*Österreichische Raumordnungskonferenz*, ÖROK). ÖROK is the MA for Austria’s national ERDF programme.

The MA for cross-border CLLD in Tirol is the MA for the ETC ‘Italy-Austria’ OP, based in Bolzano, Italy.

## Programming

CLLD in Tirol will be supported by ERDF funding allocated through Priority Axis 4 – ‘Urban and territorial dimension for the development of endogenous potential’ of Austria’s national ERDF OP. CLLD is described as a pilot approach which will enable policy learning.

CLLD will be implemented through a dedicated ‘CLLD Approach’ Priority Axis (#5) in the ‘Italy-Austria’ OP. There will be three measures: implementation of small (pilot) projects; creation and networking of thematic working groups; and projects to diversify the regional economy.

Though domestic and cross-border CLLD are outlined separately above, they will have common features and coordination mechanisms:

- As ERDF-funded CLLD, both are programmed under Thematic Objective 9 (social inclusion) as per the regulations.
- The same LAGs in Tirol will be responsible for implementing both domestic and cross-border CLLD – there will be no duplication of LAGs.
- The (draft) ‘Italy-Austria’ OP also notes that the existing Tirol-Südtirol/Alto Adige-Trentino European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) may have an ‘observer’ role in the management of cross-border CLLD.

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