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*Sharing solutions
for better regional policies*

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Summary

- **Key programme features**
- **Programme state of play**



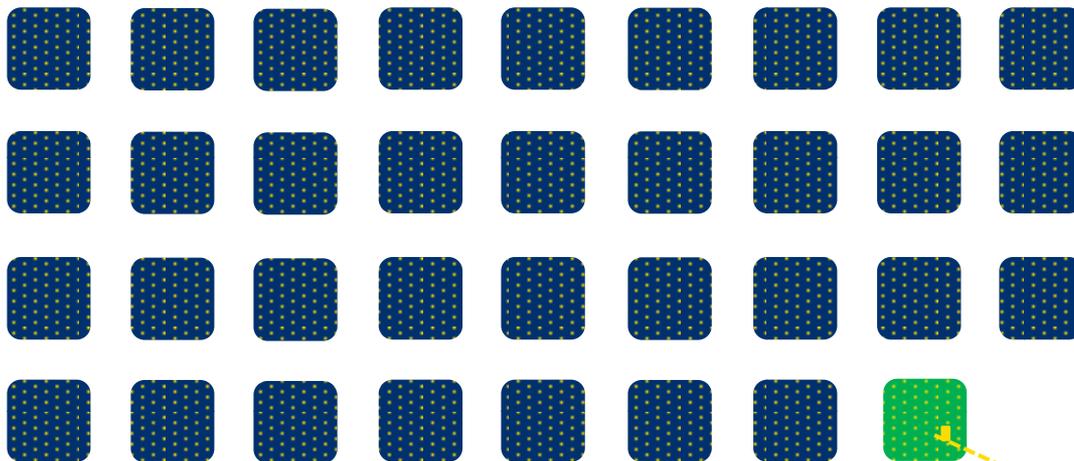
KEY PROGRAMME FEATURES



Interreg Europe: what is it?

Exchange of experience to improve performance of policies for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds (SF)** programmes

EU Cohesion Policy



Goal 1:
Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 340 billion

Goal 2:
European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 10.2 billion

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EUR 359 m



Improving performance of policies

What is a policy instrument?

- Means of public intervention (policy, strategy or law developed by public authorities) – e.g. a regional mobility plan

How to improve a policy instrument?

1. Implement **new projects**
2. Change policy **governance**
3. Change policy **content**

} May not require funding!



Target groups

**Managing
authorities**

**Regional/ local
authorities**

**Agencies, institutes,
private non-profits**



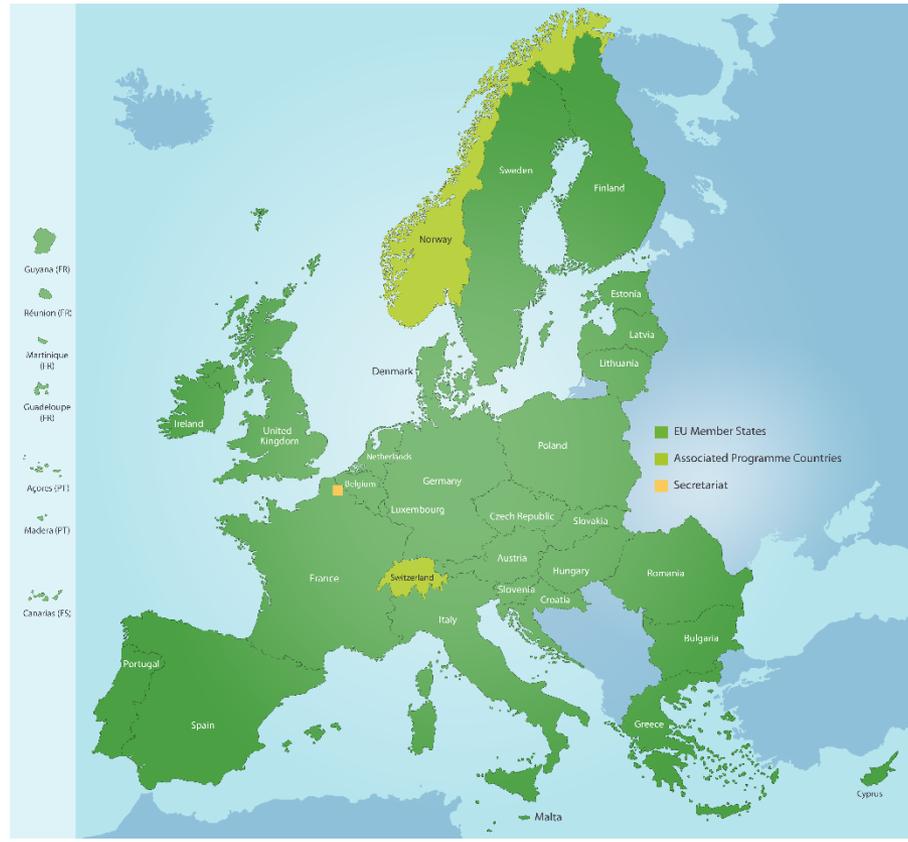
Learn from each other
to improve policies



Geographic & thematic focus

The only Interreg covering
EU 28 + Norway & Switzerland

A thematic programme



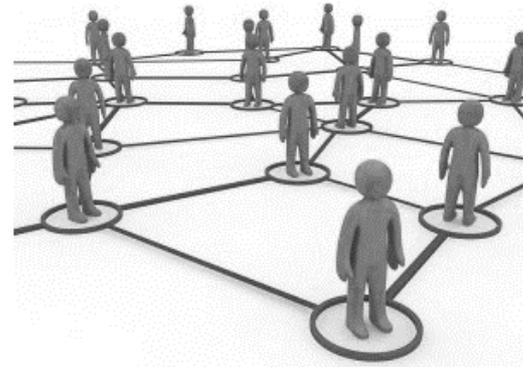


Supported actions

A/ Policy learning platforms



B/ Projects





A/ PLATFORMS



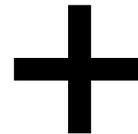
Policy Learning Platforms



A service-portfolio provided per priority axis via:

Online collaborative tool

With relevant functionalities



Expert team

Content and coordination role



Policy Learning Platforms



facilitate continuous **policy learning** across EU by creating a community of **policy makers & practitioners** to improve regional policies

- Better exploit projects' results
- Open up the programme results to anyone interested

Internal capitalisation

External capitalisation



First thematic content **online!** articles, news, events



Research and innovation



SME competitiveness



Low-carbon economy



Environment and resource efficiency



12/12/2016

Innovation Union spurs Europe's innovation capacities and...

The rise of new technologies is challenging Europe and its readiness for embracing the revolutionary technologies.

Type: [Platform](#)



30/11/2016

How to turn Europe's large research infrastructures into...

Europe has the opportunity to enhance its innovation capacity by strengthening cooperation between analytical research institutes and companies.

Type: [Platform](#)



30/11/2016

New actions to help close the gap in research excellence...

Ten new centres of excellence were selected for funding from Horizon 2020.

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16/11/2016

Innovation ecosystems and role of frontrunners in mutual...

Europe needs pioneering cities and regions to test ground breaking ideas and validate innovative products, services and policies.

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B/ PROJECTS



Projects' features

Implementation in 2 phases

Phase 1



Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years) ending with production of 1 **action plan** per policy instrument addressed

Phase 2

Monitoring of action plan implementation (2 years) + (possible pilot actions)

Focus on Structural Funds programmes

At least half of EU policy instruments addressed must be SF



Partnership requirements

- Min: 3 countries to be represented
Recommendation: between 5 and 10 partners
- **Involvement of policy responsible organisations**
 - Directly as partners
 - Indirectly through **letter of support** (and through participation in stakeholder groups)
- **Creation of stakeholder groups**
 - Contribute to success of learning process by involving all relevant organisations
 - Reduce obstacles to action plan implementation



Who is eligible?

- Public bodies
e.g. MAs/IBs, local/ regional/ national authorities
- Bodies governed by public law (Directive 2004/18/EC)
- Private non profit bodies

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
85% ERDF	Public or public equivalent from EU
75% ERDF	Private non-profit from EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from NO
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from CH



What do we finance?

Exchange of experience activities

- Seminars, study visits, peer reviews, staff exchanges...

How?

Budget line	
Staff	the core of the budget (usually 50%)
Administration	15% flat rate of staff costs
Travel and accommodation	only for the staff members of the partner organisation
External expertise and services	any services needed outside the partner organisation +travel and accommodation for stakeholder groups/external experts (usually below 50%)
Equipment	office equipment (not exceeding EUR 5000-7000)

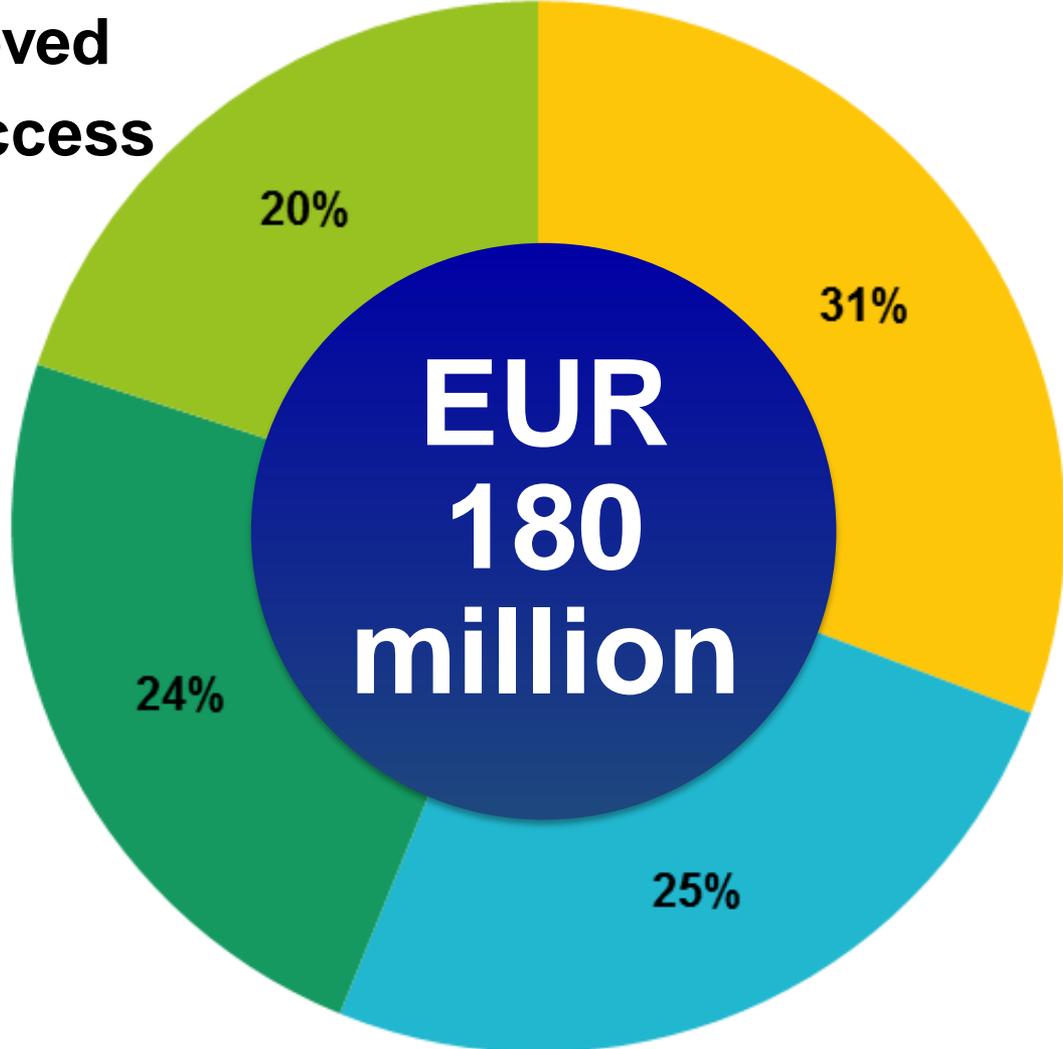


CALL 1 & 2 RESULTS



Call results

472 submitted
130 approved
27.5% success



- Innovation
- SMEs
- Low carbon
- Environment

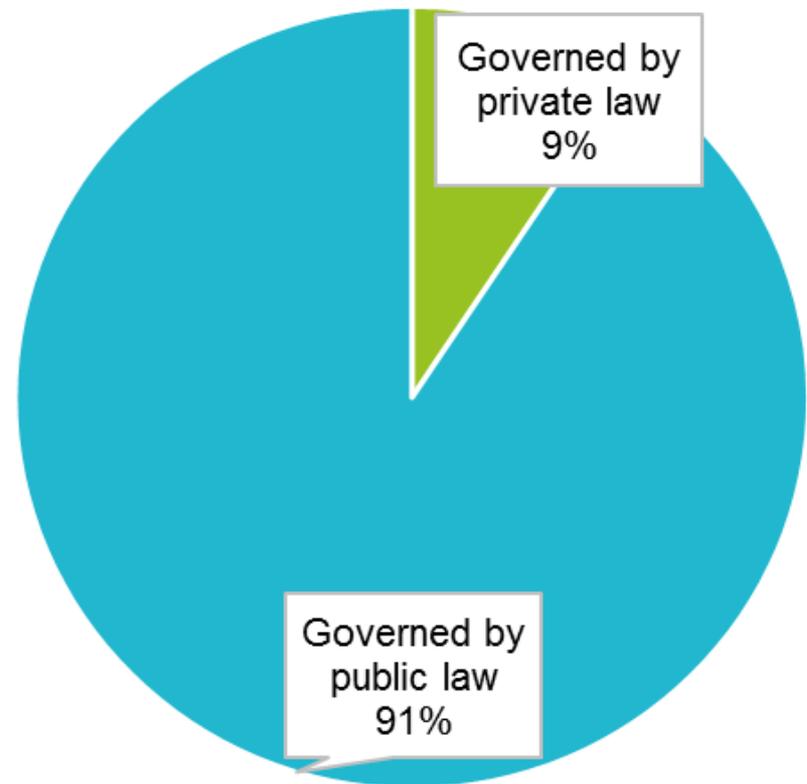


Programme state of play

Geographical coverage



Partners by legal status



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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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