

**Interreg  
Europe**



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# Key programme features

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# 1. Interreg Europe **core features**

# European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)

**Interreg:** 4 strands, almost 100 programmes, more than 8 billions euros ERDF

|          |                   |   |   |
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| <b>A</b> | cross-border      | <b>73</b> programmes<br>EUR 5,800 million (72%) |   |
| <b>B</b> | transnational     | <b>14</b> programmes<br>EUR 1,467 million (18%) |   |
| <b>C</b> | interregional     | <b>4</b> programmes<br>EUR 500 million (6%)     | <b>Interreg Europe</b><br>Urbact, Interact, Espon |
| <b>D</b> | outermost regions | <b>4</b> areas<br>EUR 270 million (3%)          |   |

Each strand has its own objectives

# Sharing solutions for better regional policy

€  
**379m**  
PROGRAMME  
BUDGET

**1** priority  
Dedicated to capacity  
building

**29**  
COUNTRIES  
INVOLVED



# Interreg Europe **objective**

To improve **"regional" development policies** (including Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes)

## How?

Through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and **capacity building** (in relation to the **identification & transfer of good practices**)

- Primarily dedicated to **policymakers**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from cross-border and transnational cooperation

# Programme scope

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building



six topics



**Concentration** principle (80%)

# Insight into **topics**



Within 80%

- **Research and Innovation** capacities, uptake of advanced technologies
- **Digitisation** for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities
- Sustainable growth and **competitiveness of SMEs** and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments
- **Skills** for smart specialisation, industrial transition & entrepreneurship
- **Digital connectivity**



# Insight into **topics**



Within 80%

- **Energy efficiency** and reduction of greenhouse emissions
- **Renewable energy**
- **Smart energy systems**, grids and storage
- **Climate change** adaptation, disaster risk prevention, resilience
- **Access to water** and sustainable water management
- **Circular** and resource efficient **economy**
- Protection and preservation of **nature and biodiversity**, green infrastructures, pollution reduction
- **Sustainable urban mobility** for zero carbon economy

# Insight into **topics**



Within 80%

- Effectiveness and **inclusiveness of labour market**, access to quality employment, social economy
- Equal access to **health care**, health systems resilience, family-based and community-based care
- **Culture and tourism** for economic development, social inclusion and **social innovation**

# Insight into **topics**



- Accesses to **education, training** and lifelong learning, distance and on-line education and training
- Inclusion of **marginalised communities**, low-income households and disadvantaged groups
- Socio-economic **integration** of third country nationals, including **migrants**



- **Climate resilient**, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal **TEN-T**
- **Sustainable**, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal **national, regional and local mobility**



- Sustainable **integrated territorial development**, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security

# Insight into **topics**



**'Non-thematic' topics** related to implementation of regional development policies

For example:

- evaluating and monitoring public intervention
- management of public procurement
- management of state aid
- management of financial instruments

# Two actions



## Projects

Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring practices on a shared regional development issue

Partnership requirements:

- policy makers involvement
- broad coverage mixing less with well advanced regions



## Policy Learning Platform

Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

# 2. Interregional cooperation projects





# Projects main features

- **Objective** : Improve the policy instruments of the participating regions
- **Activitives** : exchange of experience & capacity building through identification and transfer of good practices
- **Project length** : 2 phases over 4-year implementation
- **Potential partners** :
  - Public authorities
  - Public law bodies (bodies governed by public law)
  - Private non-profit bodies

## **Policy responsible authorities must be involved in the project**

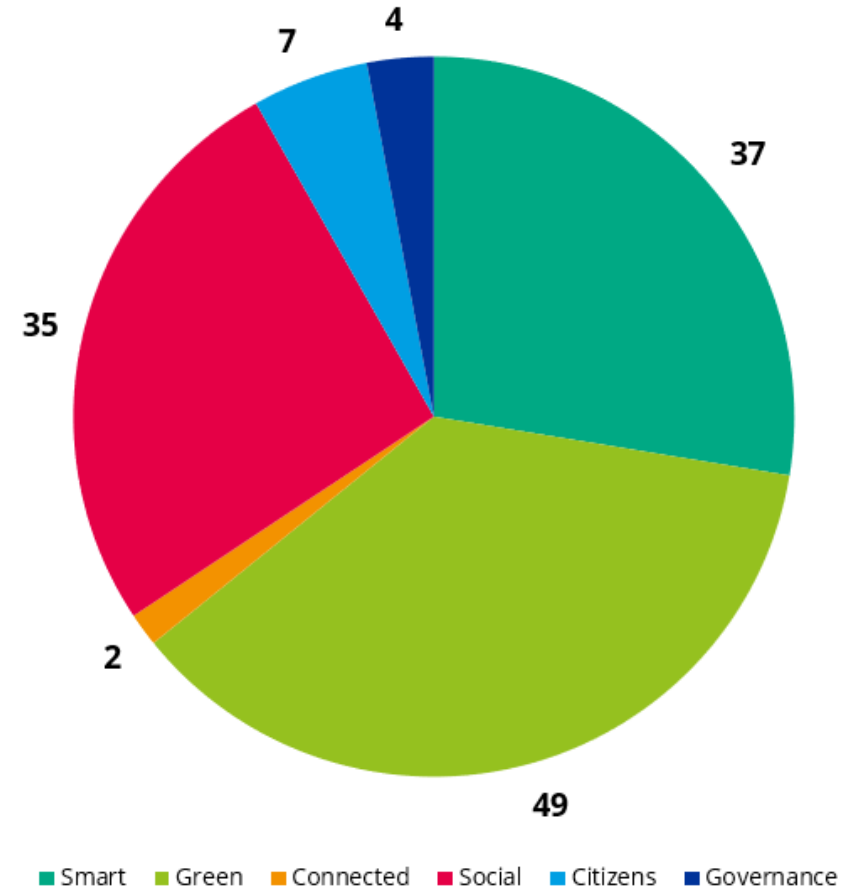
- **Geographical coverage**
- **Co-financing rate 70% or 80%**



# Get your **project funded**

**First call closed on 31May 2022**

|                        |   |
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| <b>134</b>             | project proposals                       |
| <b>1,073</b>           | partners coming from all partner states |
| <b>EUR 1,4 million</b> | average budget per project proposal     |
| <b>EUR 192 million</b> | total ERDF budget requested             |



**Second call expected during first semester 2023**



# 3. Policy Learning Platform **services**



# Meet the team



**Marc  
Pattinson**



**Arnault  
Morisson**



**Rene  
Tönnisson**



**Luc  
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Kohlisch**



**Elena  
Ferrario**

# Platform in a nutshell

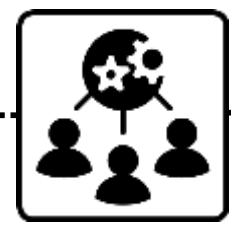


Provides **continuous policy-learning** opportunities  
through access to:

**Knowledge**

**People**

**Expert support**



#policylearning



# Access to knowledge



- Wealth of policy solutions available



**Database of good practices  
from all EU**



**Analytical policy briefs, news  
and publications**

# Online learning possibilities



## Relevant Policy Briefs

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# Access to **people**



- **Policy inspiration from practitioner to practitioner**



**Community of 25,000+  
practitioners**



**Networking and policy-  
learning events**

# Learning possibilities



## Upcoming events

### Webinar series “Cultural routes and itineraries”

- 18 October: ‘
- 25 October:
- 3 November:

### Workshop in Cagnes-sur-Mer

- 27 October:

# Peer learning in practice



- Expert support services for free

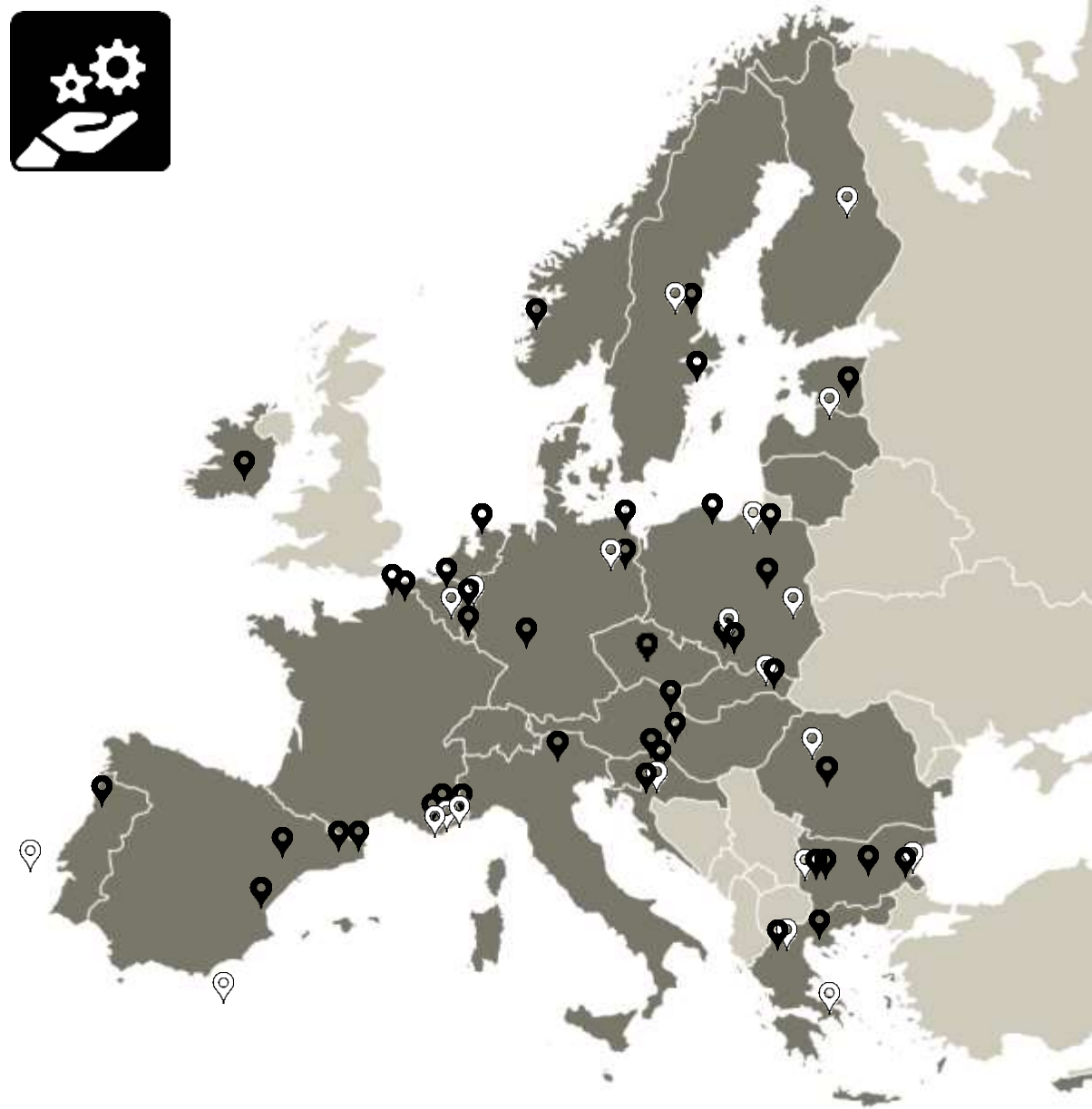
📍 40 peer reviews implemented  
3 peer reviews in the pipeline

📍 21 matchmaking sessions  
1 matchmaking in the pipeline

... and policy helpdesks

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# Example of a **peer review**



For **Greifswald, Germany**

## **Challenge**

Land use and rehabilitation options for the former landfill site

## **Team**

Peers from Malta, Belgium, Spain and France

## **Policy challenges addressed:**

- Transformation of the area into valuable functional parts of integrated urban land use
- Urban inner development to avoid further suburbanisation processes



# Example of a **peer review**



**For Quart de Poblet, Spain**

## **Challenge**

**Governance and collaboration for river restoration and blue-green infrastructure**

**Peers from France, Ireland, Italy and Spain**

## **Policy challenges addressed:**

- **Effective collaboration of river management and restoration**
- **Public-social-private partnerships**



# Example of a **peer review**



**For Rasinari, Romania**

## **Challenge**

Governance and finance for protected areas in Romania

**Peers from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Malta and the Netherlands**

## **Policy challenges addressed:**

- Governance structures of other NATURA 2000 areas
- Financial instruments used in the implementation of protection measures



# Example of a **peer review**



**For Porto, Portugal**

## **Challenge**

**Separate waste collection and PAYT**

**Peers from Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy and Spain**

## **Policy challenges addressed:**

- **Efficient methods for separate biowaste collection**
- **Approaches to increase quantity and purity of waste**
- **PAYT schemes and self-sustainable financing models for biowaste collection and management**



# What can **you** get?

- Interreg Europe's wealth of policy solutions at hand
- Hands-on advice and inspiration from practitioners to practitioners
- An active and committed team of experts at your disposal
- An active voice to co-shape the platform's agenda





# Time for questions



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