

**Interreg
Europe**



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Interreg Europe overview

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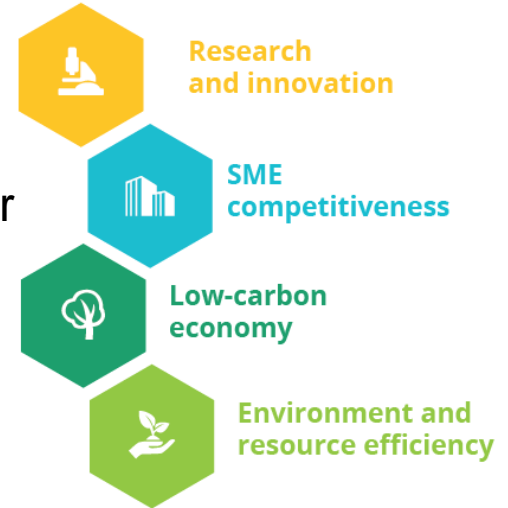
1. Interreg Europe state of play

Interreg Europe: an accelerator for regional development

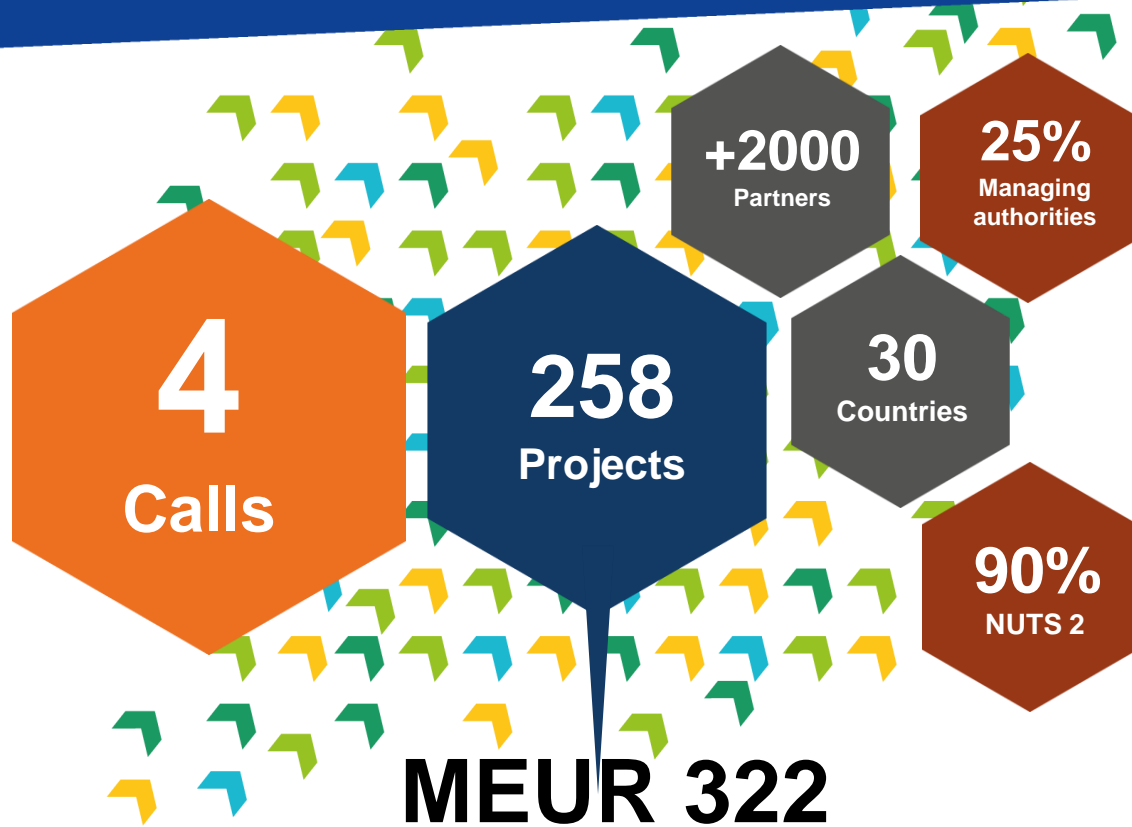


At the heart of EU cohesion policy:

- Improving regional development policies (in particular Structural Funds) through exchange and transfer of practices
- Mix of more and less advanced regions
- High participation of peripheral regions



Interregional cooperation projects



Outputs achieved (validated as of 01 February 2022)

4,715

Good practices
identified

126

Pilot Actions
approved

1,112

Action plans

16,595

Staff with
increased capacity

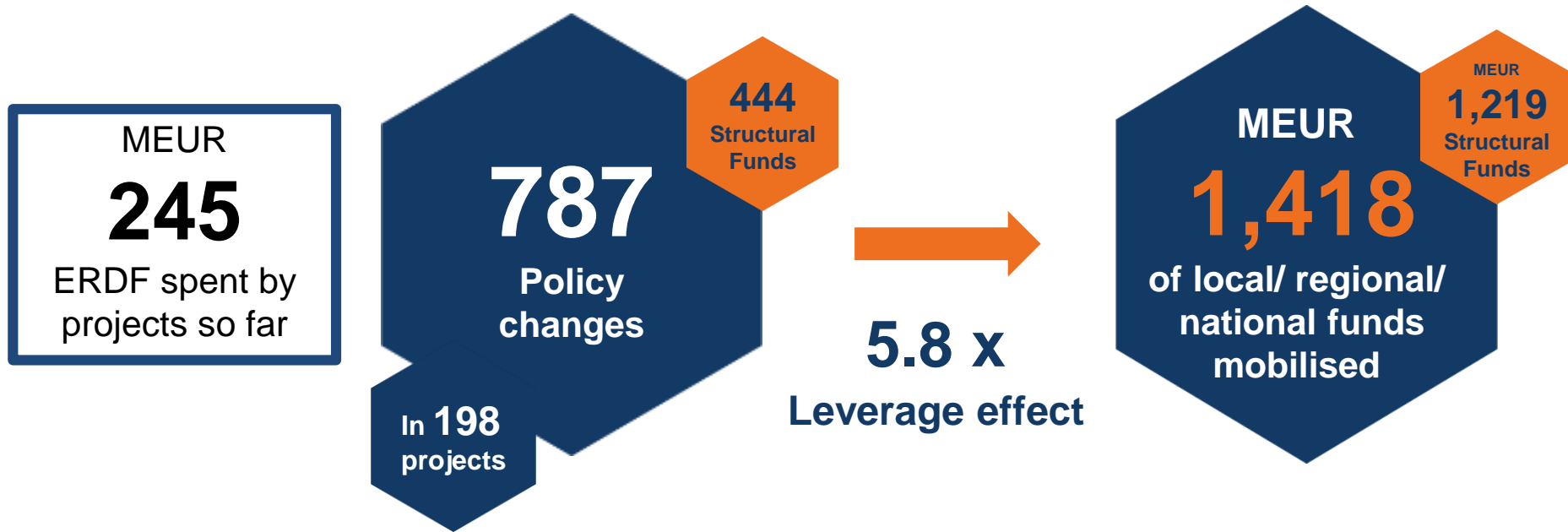
201 projects closed phase 1

121%

138%

% of target in the CP reached

Improving policies (validated as of 01 February 2022)



www.interregeurope.eu/projectresults

Policy Learning Platform

Knowledge hub

Good practices database
Various publications



Community of peers

Networking opportunities



Expert policy support

Peer reviews
Helpdesk



Policy Learning Platform

the story so far...



- 2,500 good practices
- 77 policy briefs
- 192 articles on policy trends
- 21 thematic newsletters



- + 2,000 members from MAs
- 21 thematic workshops
- 40 webinars for policymakers



- 26 peer reviews (8 upcoming)
- 25 matchmaking sessions
- 111 helpdesk advices

Knowledge
hub

Community

Expert
support

Demand-driven
'capitalisation'

COVID challenges – Interreg Europe solutions

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/covid-19/>

Check the **COVID- 19** section on our website in order to:

- Discover **good practices** from all across Europe to mitigate the pandemic's effects;
- Join **online event** to find inspiration and new solutions;
- Request **tailored support** from our Policy Learning Platform experts;
- Find out the **measures** put in place to help projects including the **call for additional activities** in 2021 (78 projects approved)

2. Environment and resource efficiency & GPP-STREAM

Balanced allocation of projects per priority

Environment and
resource efficiency

67

Low-carbon
economy

60

26%



25%



Research and
innovation

65



23%



26%

SME
competitiveness

66

Green public procurement

2 projects



Smart circular procurement

1 project

GPP4Growth Interreg Europe

GPP4Growth improves the capacity of public authorities and regional bodies to implement resource efficiency policies that promote eco-innovation and green growth through Green Public Procurement.

www.interreurope.eu/gpp4growth

An interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economy policies.

Project Partners

University of Patras (EL)
Province of Anvers (BE)
Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency (BG)

GPP-STREAM Interreg Europe

GPP-STREAM aims at improving the management, implementation and monitoring of policy instruments that integrate the green public procurement approaches to ensure that resource efficiency gains maximise and resource efficiency objectives institutionalise

www.interreurope.eu/gpp-stream

An interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economy policies.

Project Partners

Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT)
Municipality of Galorovo (BG)
Centre for Sustainability and Economic Growth (BG)
Association of Municipalities of Ribera Alta Region (ES)
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energy Environment (FR)
Lazio region (IT)
Ecosystems Foundation (IT)
Ministry of Environment (RO)
North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)

CircPro Interreg Europe

CircPro aims at promoting the transition to a more circular economy related national and regional decision making by increasing the implementation of the circular procurement

Some achievements of GPP-STREAM

- 2 policy improved in BG
 - Sustainable Energy Action Plan of Peshtera Municipality 2019-2028
 - Energy Programme of Pazardzhik Municipality 2018-2028
- BG – Municipality of Gabrovo won the European Commission's European Green Leaf Award for 2021
- FR – AURA-EE takes part in the revision of the National Action Plan on GPP
- ES – Association of Municipalities of Ribera Alta Region inspires other municipalities: green criteria in tender for waste door to door collection system

Active contribution at programme level



Policy briefs

Webinar

3 urban electric buses for Gabrovo
Purchase of 3 electric buses and charging stations/infrastructure. The innovation of current tender is contained in the following competition between different locations...
Location: Catepoh центронове, Bulgaria (България)
Project: GPP-STREAM
29/10/2019

Renovation of St. St. Cyril and Methodius school
The tender used a Performance/Output Based Specification approach for minimum energy efficiency, decrease water consumption and healthy...
Location: Catepoh центронове, Bulgaria (България)
Project: GPP-STREAM
29/10/2019

Good Practices in Green Public Procurement in...
The Consortium of Waste CREA uses criteria of green public procurement to establish a rational management of waste and the acquisition of ecological...
Location: Comunidad Valenciana, Spain (España)
Project: GPP-STREAM
24/10/2019

Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)...
Evaluation of the achievement of the SPP targets established for 11 product groups for which the minimum environmental criteria have been defined...
Location: Région de Bruxelles-Capitale / Brussels...
Project: GPP-STREAM
23/10/2019

Project monitoring system of the Metropolitan...
Disseminating the practice of GPP within the two institutions and in the territory...
Location: Piemonte, Italy (Italia)
Project: GPP-STREAM
23/10/2019

Green Public Procurement (GPP) monitoring...
Quantifying the implementation of green public procurement in the Metropolitan City of Rome (Capital) to assess the achievement of the objectives set by the ACT...
Location: Lazio, Italy (Italia)
Project: GPP-STREAM
18/10/2019

Role of Green Public Procurement in improving resource efficiency

A Policy Brief from the Policy Learning Platform on Environment and resource efficiency
May 2018

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Practice: Circular Economy in the EU

Policy Learning Platform
March 2019

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webinar recording on new approaches to green public procurement

On June 25th, 2020, the Policy Learning Platform hosted a webinar on innovative approaches to Green Public Procurement (GPP).

The new **Circular Economy Action Plan** (CEAP) recognises Green Public Procurement (GPP) as an excellent opportunity for national, regional and local governments to drive a shift towards more sustainable products and services. To make this happen to a bigger extent, the European Commission envisages a change from a voluntary to a mandatory implementation of GPP. However, there are still a number of obstacles to GPP uptake.

The webinar brought together about 65 participants from around Europe to exchange concrete, hands-on experiences on **unlocking GPP on different governance levels - national, regional and city**. The webinar focused on innovative institutional and structural solutions to GPP and also addressed the topic of circular procurement. You can watch the recording below as well as access the presentations.

Webinar recording

20 GPs in the database

3. Interreg Europe 2021-2027

Key features remain...



Key features remain...

- **Same overall objective**

To improve regional development policies

- **Similar means**

“Exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building”

Two actions: **Projects + Policy Learning Platform**

With more opportunities...

- Enlarged scope through one single priority (6 topics)



- Pilot actions from the start of the project

And new partnership requirements

- **Policy relevance**

Involvement of the policy responsible authorities!

- **Broad geographical coverage** required

First call launch event #europecooperates

5 April 2022, 10:00 – 16:00

- Online event presenting the features of the first call
- Networking opportunities to complete project partnerships
- Inspiration from running projects

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