

**Interreg
Europe**



Co-funded by
the European Union

Insight into **Interreg Europe**

Kristaps Ročāns

Policy Officer | Interreg Europe Secretariat

9 JUNE 2023 | 15 Minutes

DIALOG final conference
Trento - ITALY

Follow us on social media:



Content

1. **Interreg Europe** in a nutshell
2. 2014-2020 **achievements & CARPE DIGEM**
3. Interreg Europe **2021-2027**

**Interreg
Europe**



Co-funded by
the European Union

1.

Interreg Europe in a nutshell

Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

- 4 strands, each strand with its own scope and objectives
- 86 programmes, 10 billion euros ERDF

A	Cross-border*	64 programmes EUR 6.7 billion	
B	Transnational*	13 programmes EUR 2.3 billion	
C	Interregional	4 programmes EUR 560 million	Interreg Europe Urbact, Interact, Espon
D	Outermost regions*	5 areas EUR 330 million	

All EU eligible

* Restricted geographical area

Interreg Europe **objective**

Supports the identification and transfer of good practices among EU regions in order to **improve regional development policies**

Helps policy makers to find new solutions to their challenges

- Primarily dedicated to **public authorities**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

Two **actions**



Projects

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



Policy Learning Platform

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

Why a Policy Learning **Platform**?

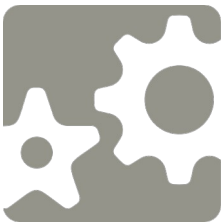


Starting points: the projects

- Thousands of practitioners & institutions involved
- Thousands of good practices identified



Invaluable source of learning for all European regions!



Platform objective

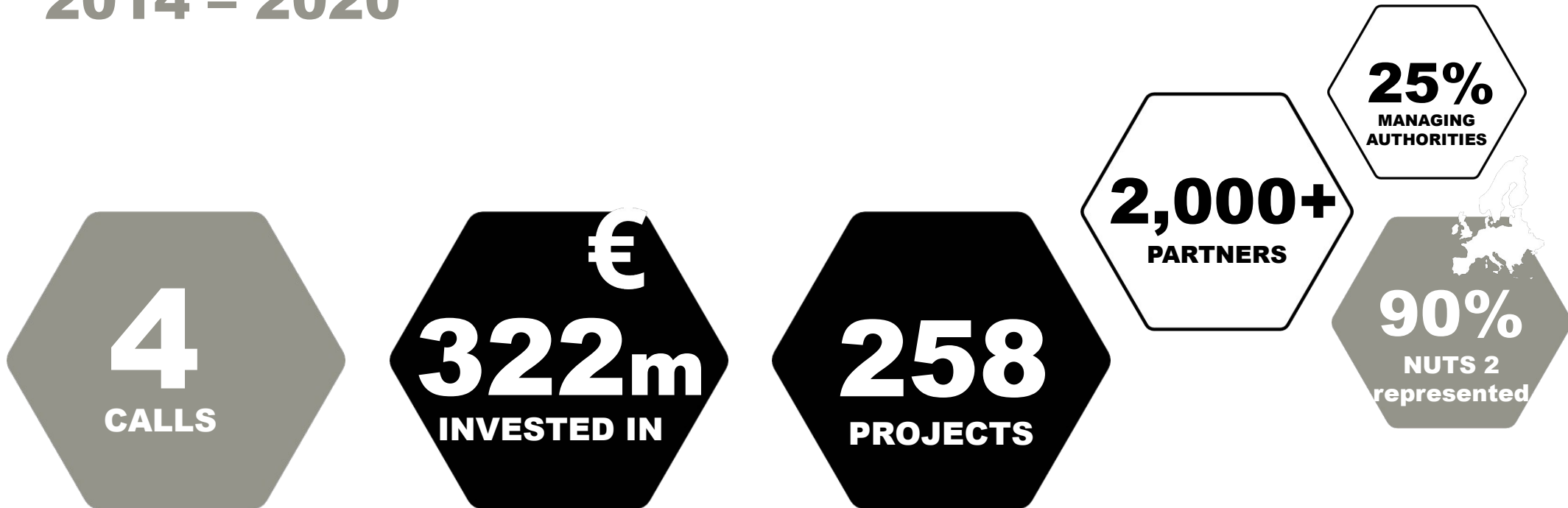
To exploit the projects knowledge and offer policy learning services to all

2.

Insight into the 2014-
2020 **achievements**

Interregional cooperation **projects**

2014 – 2020

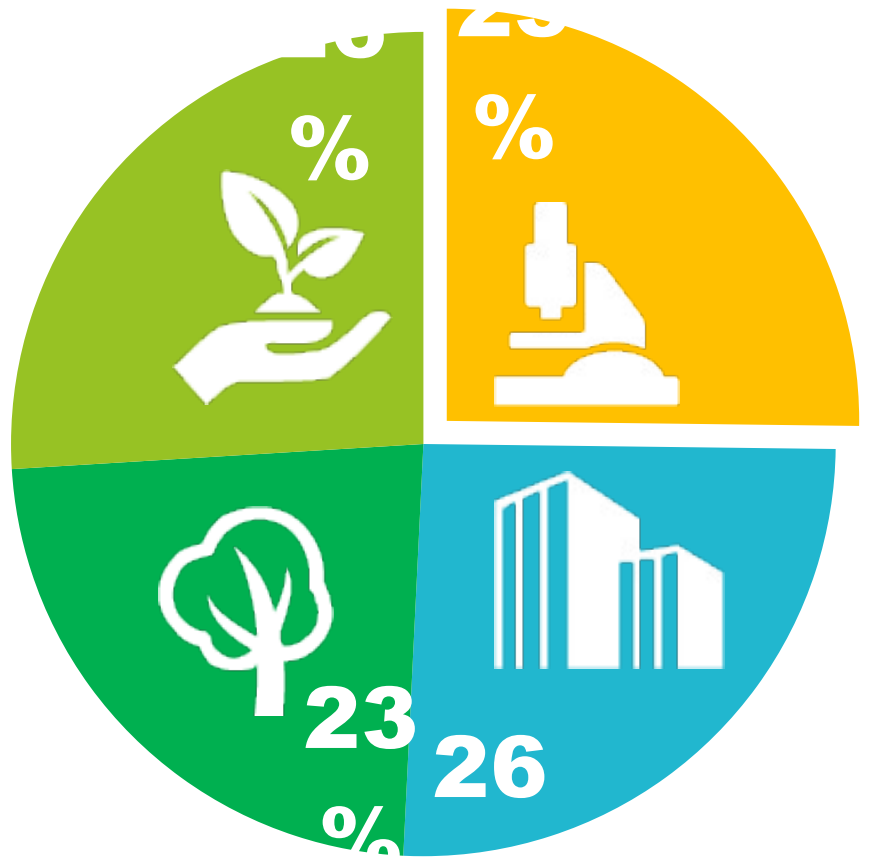


Projects per priority

2014 – 2020

Environment and resource efficiency
67

Low-carbon economy
60



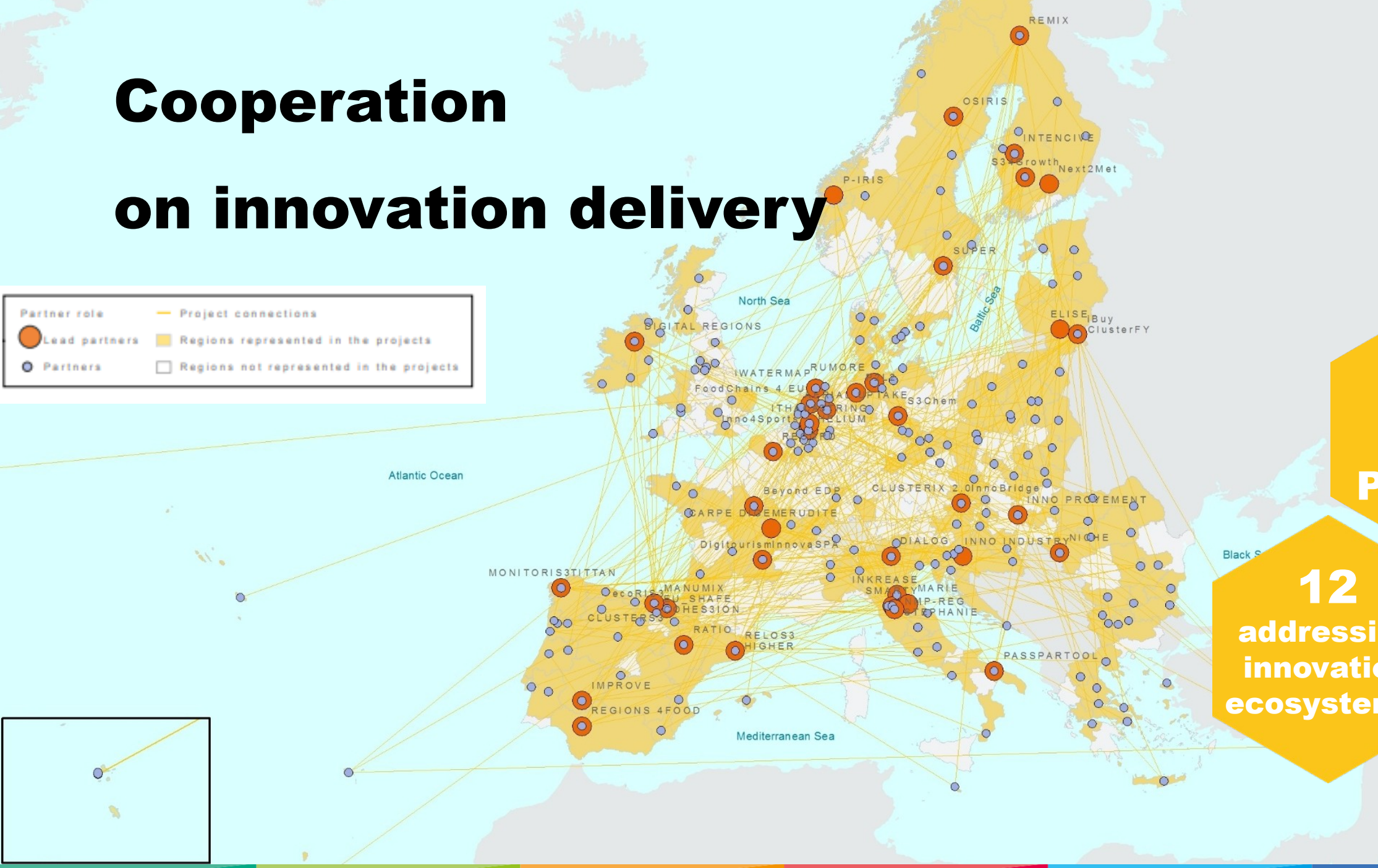
Research and innovation
65

SME competitiveness
66



Cooperation on innovation delivery

Partner role	— Project connections
● Lead partners	■ Regions represented in the projects
● Partners	□ Regions not represented in the projects



53
Projects

12
addressing
innovation
ecosystems



Innovation Ecosystems – 12 projects



An interregional cooperation project for improving innovation infrastructure policies.

Project Partners

Autonomous Province of Trento (IT)
ESF Flanders (BE)
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Wroslaw (BG)
Ticino Canton Education, culture and sport department-VET Division (CH)
Lower Saxon Ministry for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development (DE)
Junta de Comunidades de Castilla-La Mancha (ES)



- **CARPE DIGEM** (Digital innovation ecosystems)
- **ERUDITE** (Digital innovation ecosystems)
- **iBuy** (Innovation public procurement)
- **INNO INDUSTRY** (Industry 4.0)
- **InnoHEIs** (Infrastructures)
- **MARIE** (Responsible RII)
- **Next2Met** (Digital innovation ecosystems)
- **OSIRIS** (Open/social innovation)
- **PASSPARTOOL** (Open/social innovation)
- **SUPER** (Environmentally sustainable innovation)
- **TraCS3** (Infrastructures)

37

Good practises identified

12

Policy changes

4,1 MEUR influenced

DIALOG- **strengths**

- **Topic high on EU agenda** (Open social innovation –social dialog and participatory governance)
- **Strong resilience to covid-19 and capacity to restructure the project implementation and deliver activities despite the crisis**
- **Achievements** (so far)
 - **1 Policy change** achieved - **Operational Programme Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen) ERDF/ESF 2021-2027**
 - **21** good practices identified
 - **110** people with increased capacity
 - **Pilot action - Social dialogue for local development (BG + IT)**

CARPE DIGEM - **active involvement** in the Platform

Open, social, and responsible innovation

POLICY BRIEF



03 March 2022 | By Platform



Credit: EmuatoElements

This policy brief explores the importance of open, social, and responsible innovation to promote transformative changes.

Policy Learning Platform on Research and innovation



2. Social Innovation

Foreword - Luciano Galetti, the Autonomous Province of Trento, Italy

The active involvement of local stakeholders and citizens is key for sustainable policy development and for the transition towards the social innovation paradigm. In other words, innovation with social objectives activated by social operators. Public actors must apply guidelines, collaborate, and directly involve local stakeholders through bottom-up processes to design policies with great impact to respond to social challenges. Legitimacy of solutions must be achieved through bottom-up co-creation with all local stakeholders. To do that, decision-makers, who understand communities' needs, must be identified.

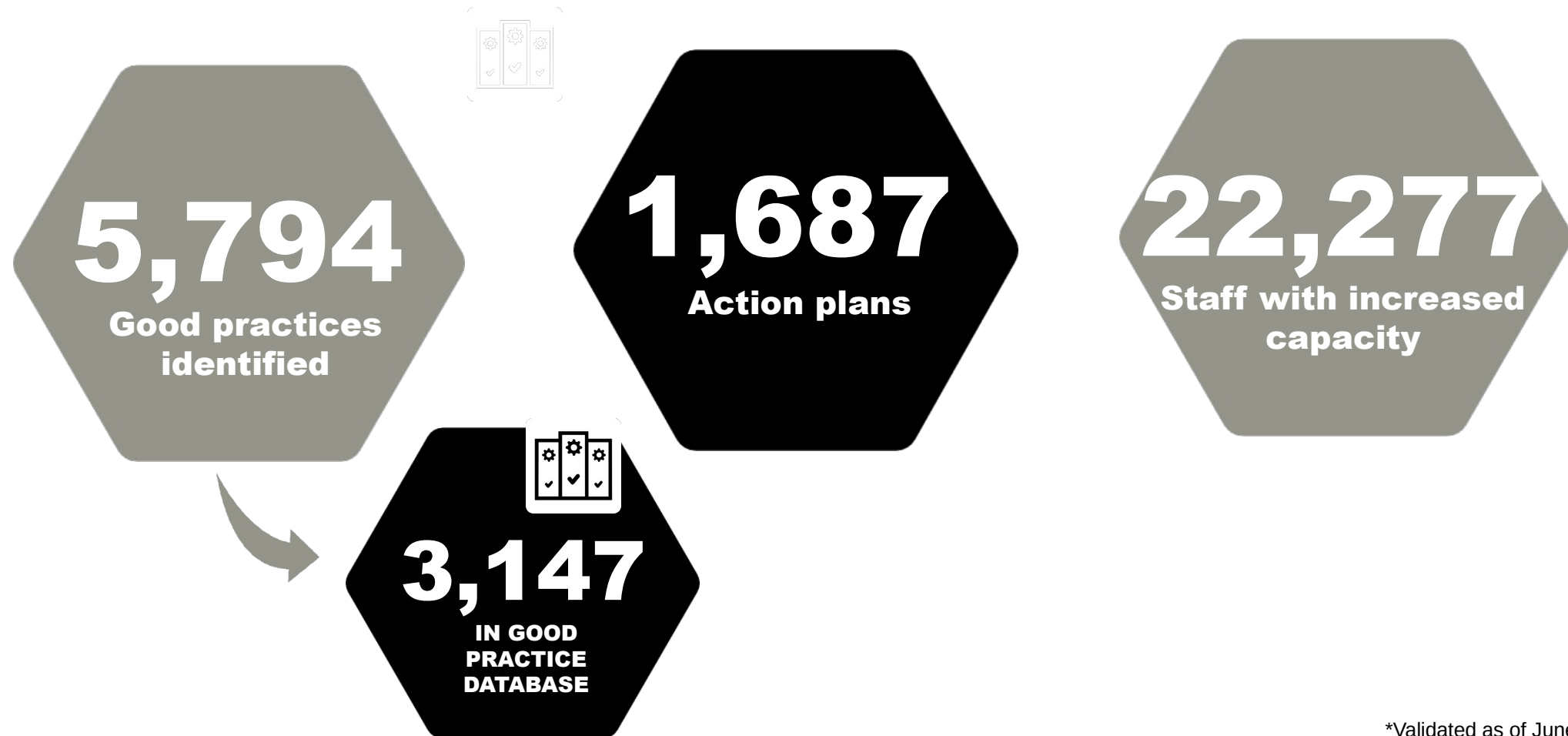
Within the **DIALOG** project a model of participatory processes and methods was drafted to ensure interaction, co-creation, and open social discussion among local stakeholders in the development of social innovation policies. The model follows five participation levels and methods, namely, to inform-participate-involve-collaborate-empower. The participatory model offers a strategic frame that can be adapted to the different contexts and situations.

Another important aspect is to find the right balance between the role of regional policymakers and the broader participatory process involving regional stakeholders to overcome possible resistance to changes. Provided effective institutional learning, **DIALOG** highlights that social innovation can successfully introduce policy changes. It requires mutual understanding, legitimacy, responsibility and specific methodologies and tools to support co-creation and participatory processes to properly respond to local social challenges.

- **10 good practices** in good practice database
- Active participation in the thematic events organised by the Policy Learning Platform
- Contribution to **Policy Brief** on Open, social and responsible innovation

Overview of projects' **achievements***

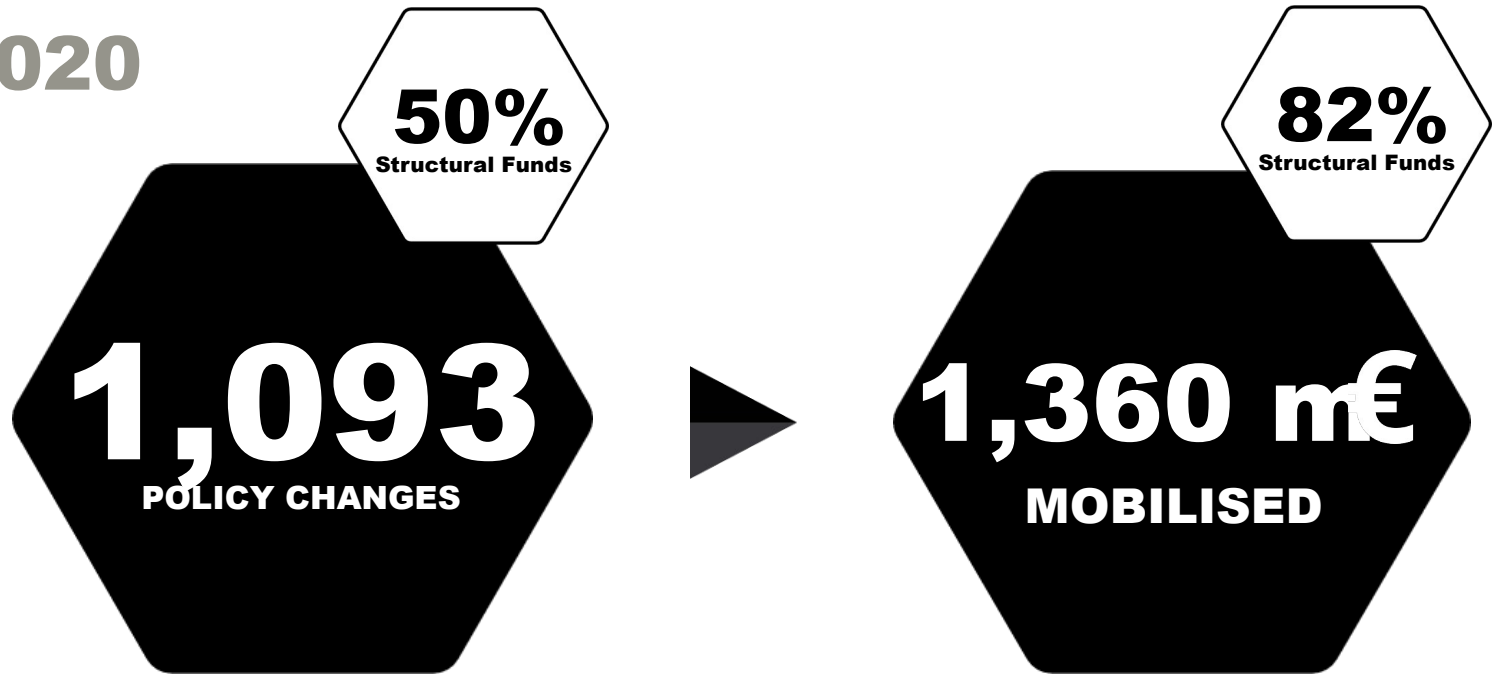
2014 – 2020



*Validated as of June 2023

Projects' results*

2014 – 2020



310m €
Interreg Europe ERDF
spent on projects so far

x
leverage effect
4.4

*Validated as of June 2023

3 .

Interreg Europe **2021-2027**

Sharing solutions for better regional policy

Same rationale

Improving regional development policies through exchange and transfer of good practices



Enlarged **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building  **six topics**



SMART



GREEN



CONNECTED



SOCIAL



CITIZENS



GOVERNANCE



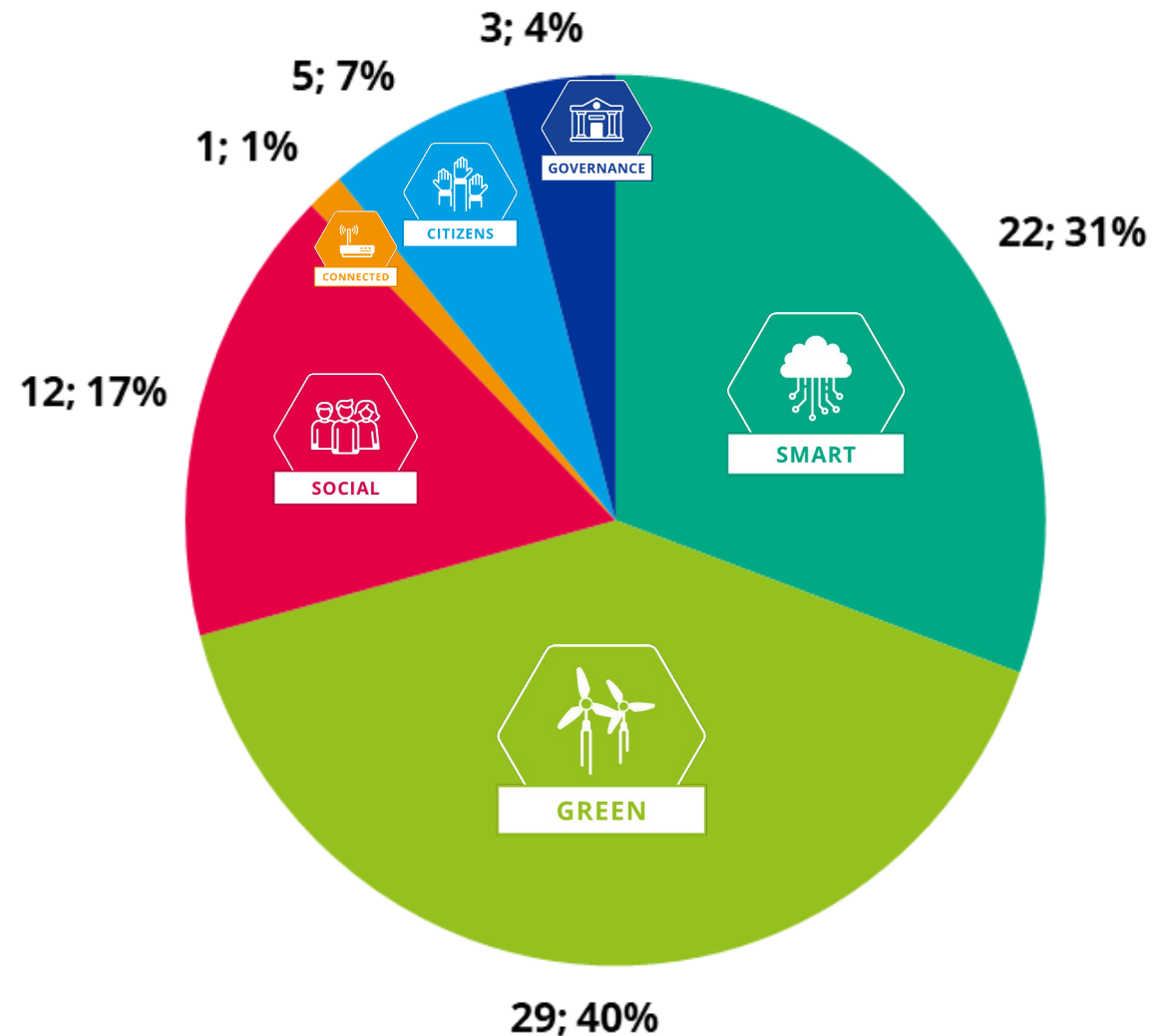
Concentration principle (80%)



First call for proposals

- Open from 5 April to 31 May 2022
- 134 proposals submitted
- 72 projects approved

52%
Success rate



Second call for proposals

- Open from **15 March** to **9 June 2023**
- **All topics open**



Assistance during call

Discover the programme

Look for funding

Approved projects

Get policy advice

Next call for projects

Discover our terms of reference



1. Check project relevance

Use our self-assessment tool



2. Get inspired

See approved projects and project ideas



3. Share your project idea

Explain what you want to do with your project



4. Find partners

Look for relevant organisations



5. Ask for feedback

Get guidance before applying



6. Apply for the call

Submit your project proposal

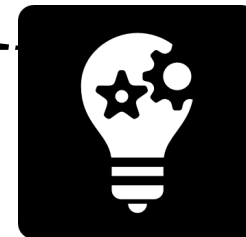
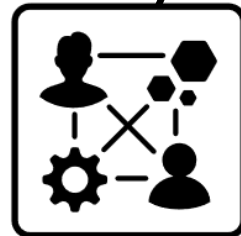
Available during calls

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call>

Platform's services available for you!

Continuous policy-learning opportunities through access to:

People
Meet our **community**



Knowledge
Find **policy solutions**

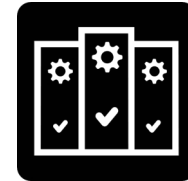
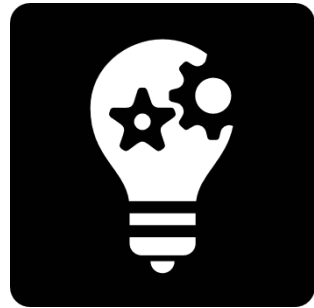


Expertise
Get **policy advice**

www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning

Access to **policy solutions**

**Stories,
news,
reports
& more**



**Tested &
expert-
validated
good practices**

**Webinar
recordings**



**Policy
briefs**

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions>

Access to **people**

Policy inspiration from practitioner to practitioner



Link to community
of **practitioners**



Networking & policylearning
events

Access to **policy advice**

 **Peer reviews**

 **Matchmaking sessions**

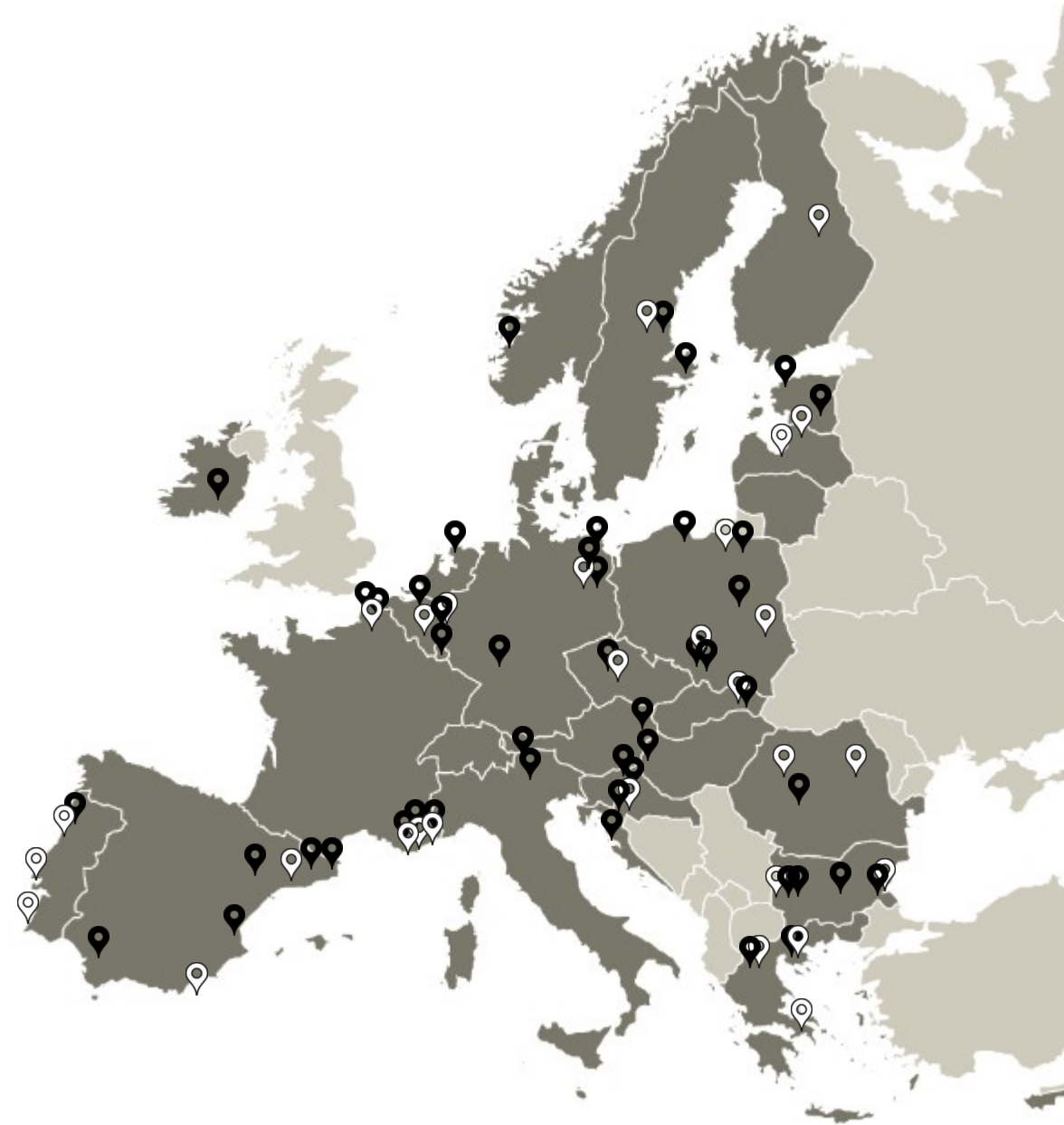


the “search engine” for policymakers...

Policy Helpdesk

Apply to benefit from expert support **any time**

www.interregeurope.eu/get-policy-advice



Keep up with **the programme**

- Join our **online community**

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/user/register>

- Sign up to our **newsletter**

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/#block-newsletterblock>

**Interreg
Europe**



Co-funded by
the European Union



**Thank
you!**

Follow us on social media:



www.interregeurope.eu

