An accelerator for regional development

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Interreg Europe helps **regional and local governments** across Europe to **develop and deliver better policy**. We create a unique environment for sharing solutions by and for regions, to make sure that government investment, innovation and implementation efforts lead to a more sustainable impact on the ground.

**€359m**

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Emphasis on improving regional policies & programmes

Interreg Europe improves the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular Investment for Growth and Jobs and European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes.

Four topics were selected in order to make the best use of limited funds. The more focused the actions, the higher the chances they deliver effective results.
Partners in this topic work on:

1. Strengthening research and innovation infrastructure and capacity.
2. Delivering innovation through regional innovation chains in the chosen ‘smart specialisation’ field.

**e.g.**

- improving innovation in the health or food sectors
- making RIS3 governance or clusters better
In this topic, regions improve policies supporting SMEs in different stages of their life cycle.

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  - improving their access to finance
  - fostering entrepreneurial spirit
  - helping their internationalisation
  - boosting their innovation capacity
Partners work on policies facilitating the transition to a low-carbon economy in all sectors.

*e.g.*

- increasing energy efficiency in buildings
  - making mobility, urban or rural, more sustainable
- promoting the use of renewable energy sources
Regions work together in two distinct fields:
1. Protection & development of natural and cultural heritage.
2. Transition to a resource-efficient economy.

**e.g.**
- better preserving biodiversity
- making the use of cultural heritage sustainable
- promoting circular economy
- improving waste management
2 actions
1. POLICY LEARNING PLATFORM

The Policy Learning Platform opens up the programme’s knowledge for the benefit of all project partners and other regional policymakers from all over Europe.

The Platform is a space for continuous learning, to improve regional development policies in Europe without engaging in a project.

The Platform is a community of peers inspiring each other with good practices, facilitated by an expert team.
The Platform offers four services to policymakers from all over Europe.

- Knowledge hub
- Good practices
- Expert support
- Community
2. PROJECTS

Public organisations from different regions in Europe work together for 3 to 5 years on a shared policy issue.

An action plan, specific for each region, makes sure that the lessons learnt from the cooperation are put into action. Regional partners monitor how far the action plans are implemented.
258 projects work on the four topics and provide inspiration to all regions in Europe.
Who takes part and how?

Organisations responsible for Structural Funds programmes:
find tried and tested measures to implement the programme.

National, regional and local authorities:
share and implement good practices coming from across Europe.

Agencies, research institutes, thematic and non-profit organisations:
get involved with their policymakers and contribute to better policy implementation.
~2000 Project partners
16000+ Community members
500+ Policies and programmes

88% of NUTS2 regions
Get involved!

Follow our projects
Check out their good practices

Join a stakeholder group

Join the Platform
Ask experts for policy advice

Share good practices and ideas, and learn from others. Find solutions to improve your regional development strategies.