

**Interreg  
Europe**



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# Interreg Europe In a nutshell

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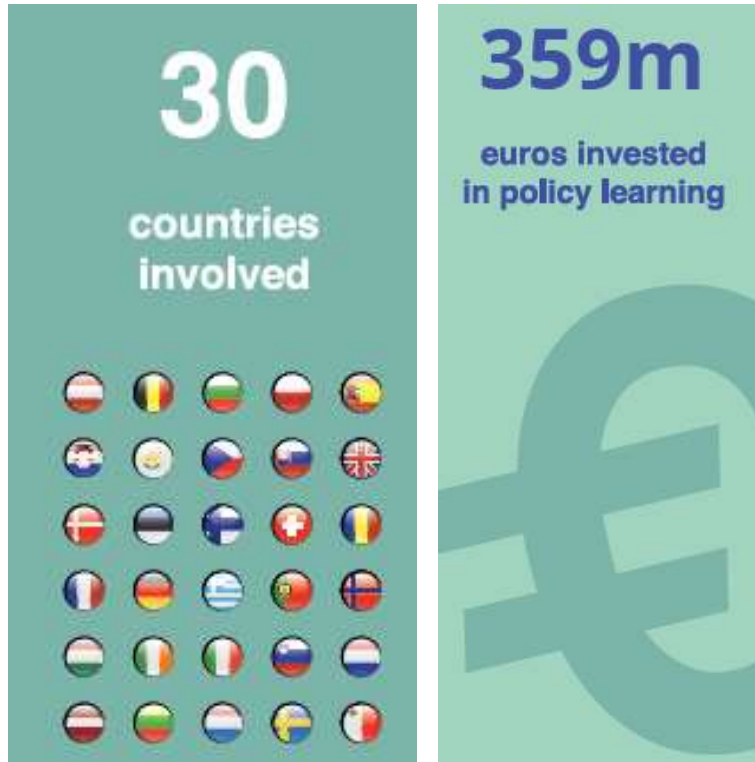
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# Sharing solutions for better regional policy



# An accelerator for regional development



## At the heart of EU cohesion policy:

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

## Based on local needs:

- Importance of stakeholders

## Focus on results



**90% of regions represented  
in projects**



Reunion



Arctic Circle

North Sea

Baltic Sea

Atlantic Ocean

Black Sea

Mediterranean Sea



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# Interreg Europe

## Key features

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# 1. Programme key features



# Unique character (stand C of ETC)



## Eligible area

All EU regions + Norway & Switzerland

## Rationale

- **Objective:** To improve regional development policies (including Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes)
- **Means:** Exchange of experience, identification and transfer of good practices

## Consequences

- Primarily dedicated to **policy makers**
- **Capacity building** programme



Different from cross border or transnational cooperation



# Supported actions



## Projects

- Involving limited number of regions
- Stakeholder groups
- Action Plans
- 2 phases

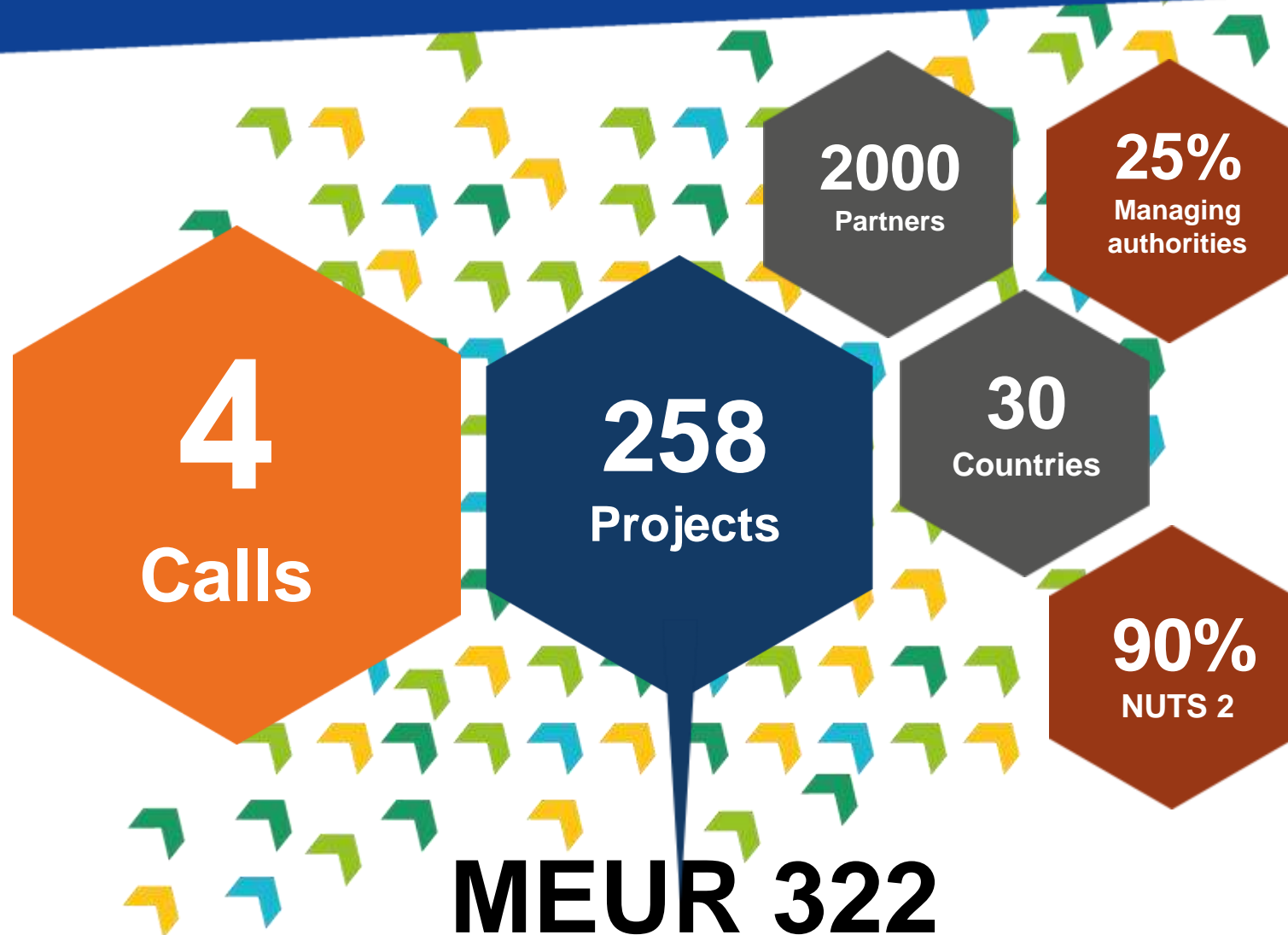


## Policy learning platform

- Open to all
- Closely related to projects



# Interregional cooperation projects



# Outputs achieved (validated as of mid-June 2021)

**3,835**

Good practices  
identified

**13,646**

Staff with  
increased capacity

**981**

Action plans

**114 %**

**107 %**

**% of target in the CP reached**

# Results achieved (validated as of mid-June 2021)

**614**  
Policy  
changes in  
166 projects

MEUR  
**1,150**  
Funds  
influenced



**5.1 x**  
Leverage effect  
(224 MEUR ERDF spent  
on projects so far)

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# Policy Learning Platform

the story so far...



- 22 peer reviews (5 upcoming)
- 13 matchmaking/ discussions upon demand
- 78 helpdesk advices

Expert  
support



- + 2000 members from MAs
- 19 thematic workshops mainly for projects
- 31 webinars for policymakers

Community



- 2100 good practices validated by experts
- 72 policy briefs on project results
- 95 stories on good practices
- 183 articles on policy trends
- 17 thematic newsletters

Knowledge  
hub



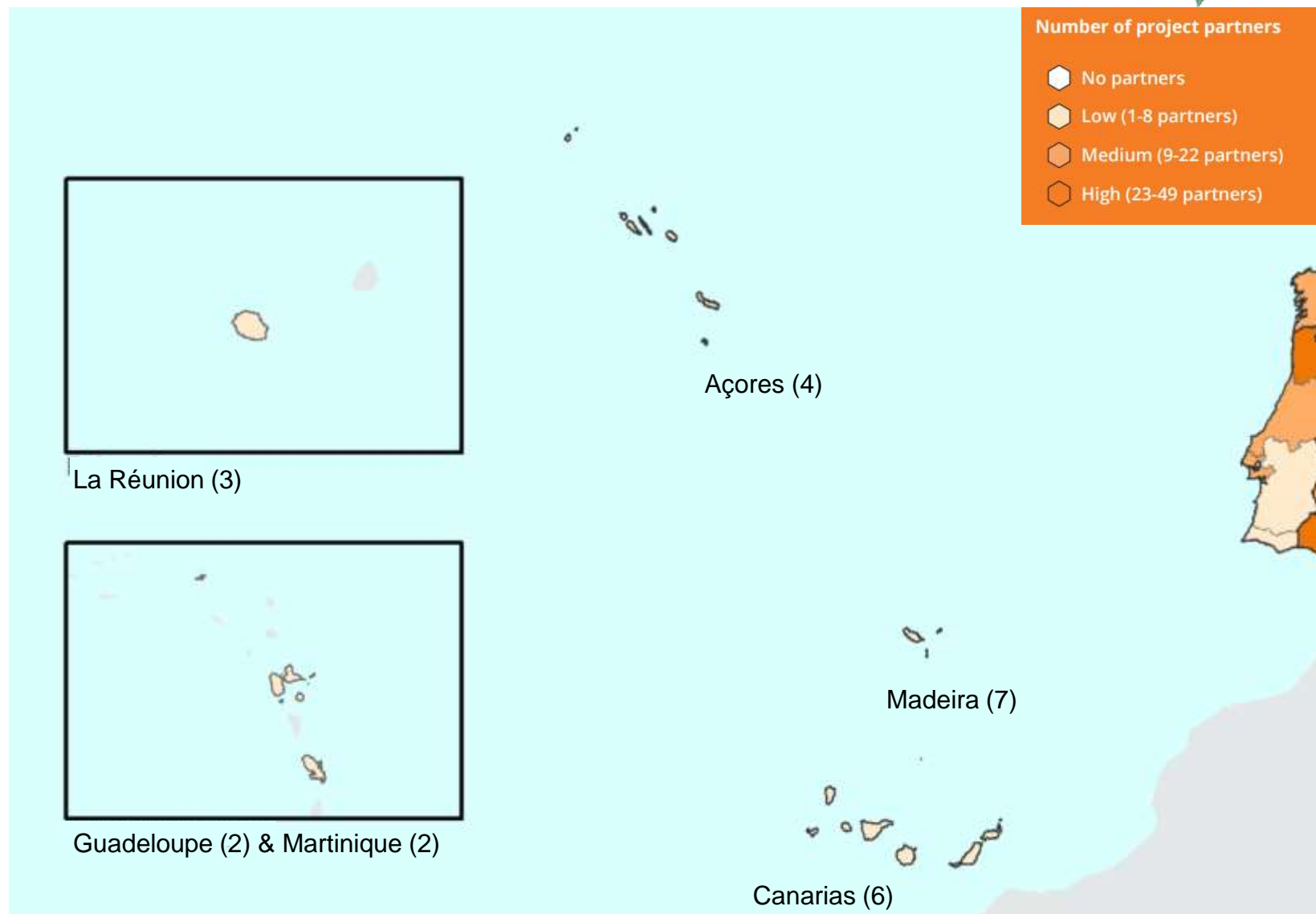
## **2. Outermost regions & Interreg Europe**

# Involvement of outermost regions



**6 out of 9 regions**  
involved in **13 projects**

(Madeira, Açores, Canarias, Martinique,  
La Réunion, *Guadeloupe*)





# OR participation: from applications to projects



**Higher success rate than average (33.8% vs. 30.8%)**

# Project examples



## GROW RUP

Support innovative companies in the field of green and blue economy



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## RESOR

Foster energy efficiency & renewable energy in businesses in European islands and other remote regions



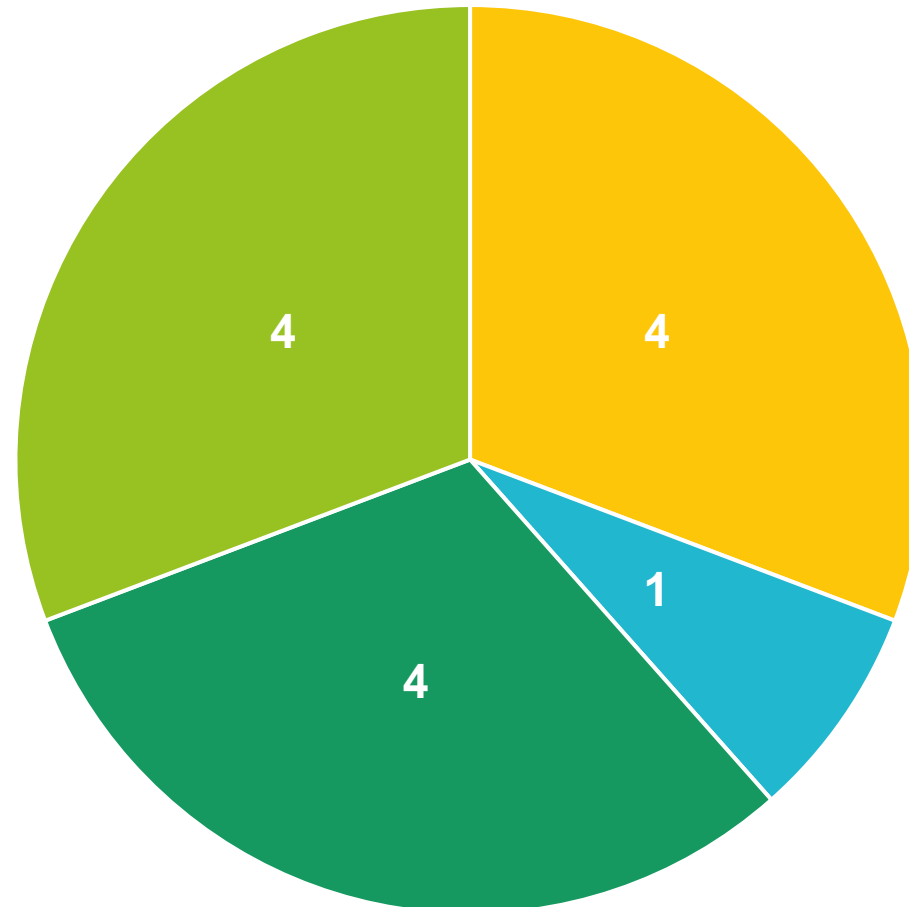
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# Thematic focus



## Projects under **all** programme's priorities

- Research and innovation
- SME competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Environment and resource efficiency



# Outputs achieved (outermost regions)

41

Good practices  
identified

185

Staff with  
increased capacity

13

Action plans



# Results achieved (outermost regions)

## Results in outermost regions

**3**

**Policy  
changes in 3  
projects**

- **Azores Operational Programme 2014-2020**
  - EMOBICITY (project on acquisition of electric buses)
  - RESOR (call on energy efficiency in companies)
- **Madeira Operational programme 2014-2020**
  - HoCare (project on technology supporting active ageing)

**MEUR**

**10.4**

**Funds  
influenced**

(validated as of **mid-June 2021**)



# **3. Insight into the future**

# Programme rationale

## Key objective stays the same:

*improving regional development policies through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building*

## Slight evolution in eligible area & budget

**2014-2020**

**30**

**countries  
involved**

**MEUR 359**

**2021-2027**

**29**

**countries  
involved**

**MEUR 379**



# Evolution in focus

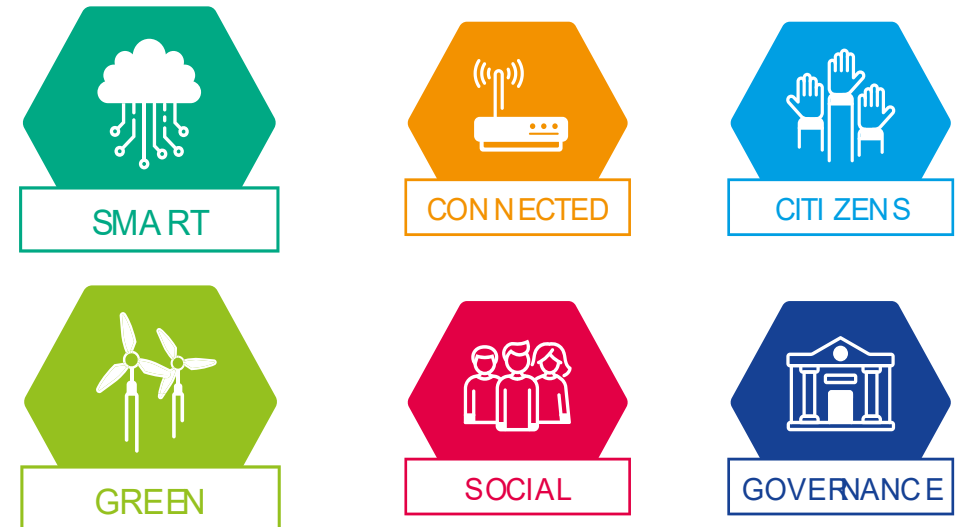
**2014-2020**

**4 thematic priorities**



**2021-2027**

**1 cross cutting priority on capacity building**



**Concentration Principle (80%)**

# Future projects

## Evolution of the main features (more flexibility)

- ‘Lighter’ focus on **Structural Funds** programmes  
(only 1 policy instrument per project must be a SF programmes)
- More flexibility in the **phases**  
1 core phase & 1 follow-up phase
- **Action plans** depending on core phase results
- **Pilot actions** possible from the start

# Future platform

**Builds on the current services**

## Knowledge hub

Good practices database  
Policy briefs & publication



## Expert policy support

peer reviews  
policy help desk



## Community of peers

Networking opportunities



# Provisional timeline



**June 2021**

Programme finalised

**Early 2022**

**Approval** by the Commission

**First semester 2022**

Launch of the **first call**

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