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Presenting the additional activities of ENHANCE project

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AGENDA

- ENHANCE project in the framework of 2nd Call INTERREG Europe (2016-2020)
 - ✓ Approach and overview
 - ✓ Objectives
 - ✓ Additional activities
 - ✓ Expected results
- ENHANCE project in the framework of 5th Call INTERREG Europe (2021-2022)
 - ✓ Approach and overview
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ENHANCE project (2nd Call - 2017-2020)



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Project Partners

Ministry of Territory and Sustainability, Government of Catalonia (ES), Lead Partner
www.gencat.cat/mediamb

Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Regional Government of Andalusia (ES)
www.juntadeandalucia.es/medioambiente

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (IT)
<http://idm.santannapisa.it/en/>

Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre (EE)
www.seit.ee

CENIA - Czech Environmental Information Agency (CZ)
www.cenia.cz

Environment Agency Austria (AT)
www.umweltbundesamt.at/en/



EMAS as a Nest to Help And Nurture the Circular Economy

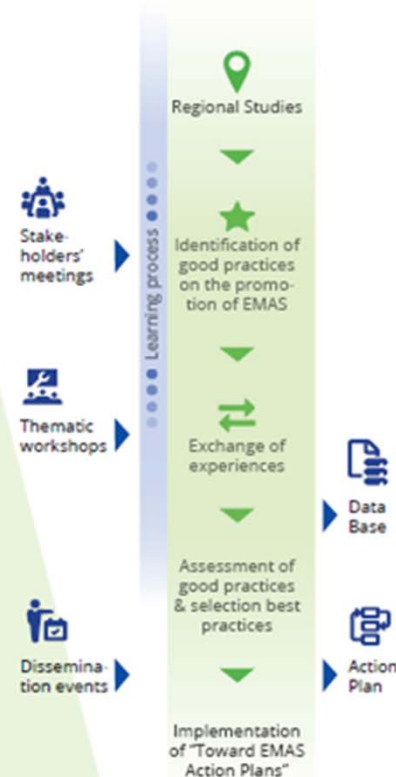
SMEs and large organisations are increasingly aware of the benefits of closing loops by improving resource efficiency. Circular Economy is not only a way to save costs, but also to create competitive advantages and new markets.

The Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas>) is a driver of the Circular Economy as it encourages organisations to systematically make better use of resources in the production phase and retain physical goods longer and more efficiently in productive use.

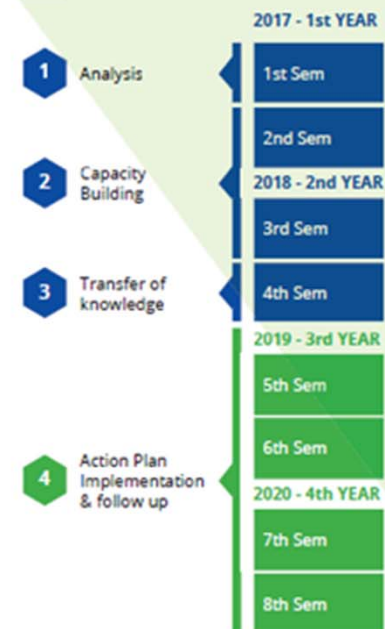


The main objective of ENHANCE is to improve the implementation of regional policy instruments oriented at increasing resource efficiency through EMAS. The project supports the exchange of experiences and practices among Public Authorities for the promotion of EMAS in their regions and countries as an opportunity to deploy circular economy.

Project activities



Project planning



The Action Plans are expected to improve current practices for the promotion of EMAS and to develop and adopt new practices based on the experience of other regions and countries. Incentives and promotion actions include regulatory relief, fast tracks, tax reductions, green public procurement, financial and technical support, among others.



ENHANCE project (5th Call - 2021-2022)



Project planning:

1^{er} semester (Sept 2021 – February 2022)

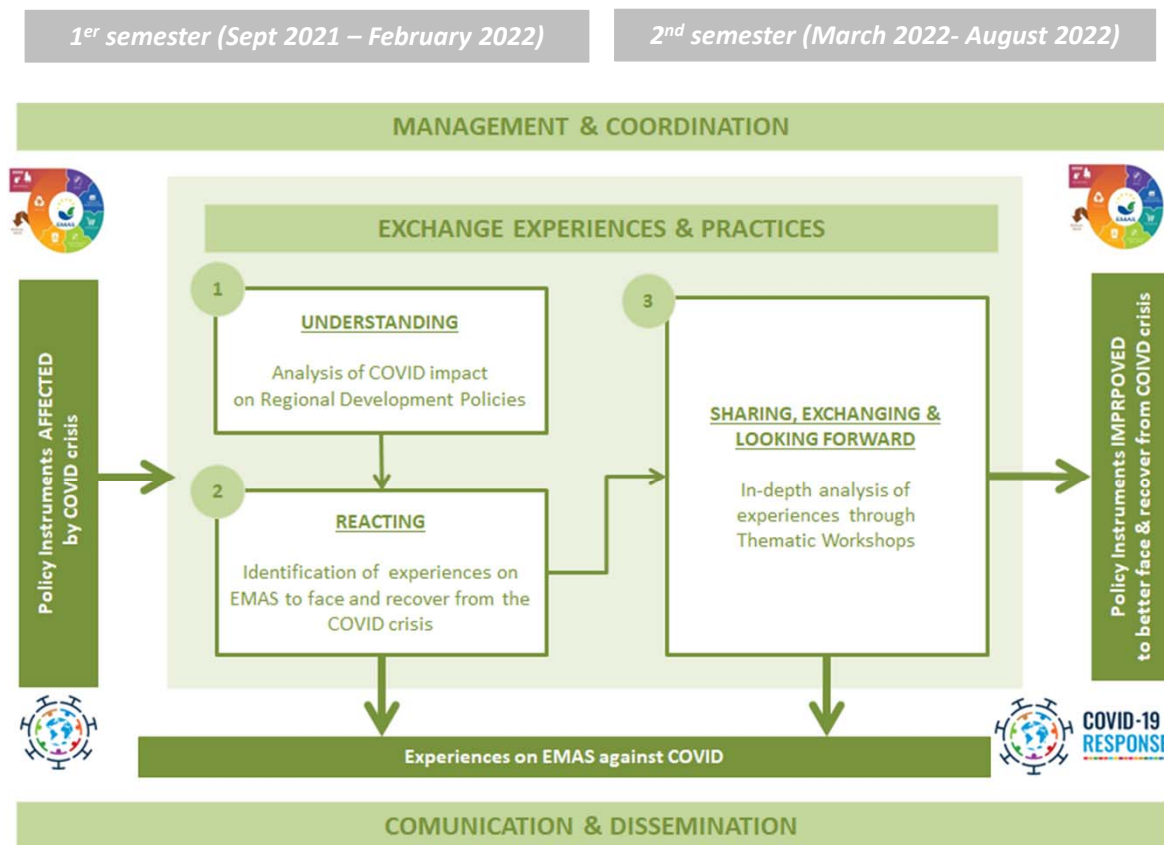
2nd semester (March 2022- August 2022)



Project activities:



Project partners:



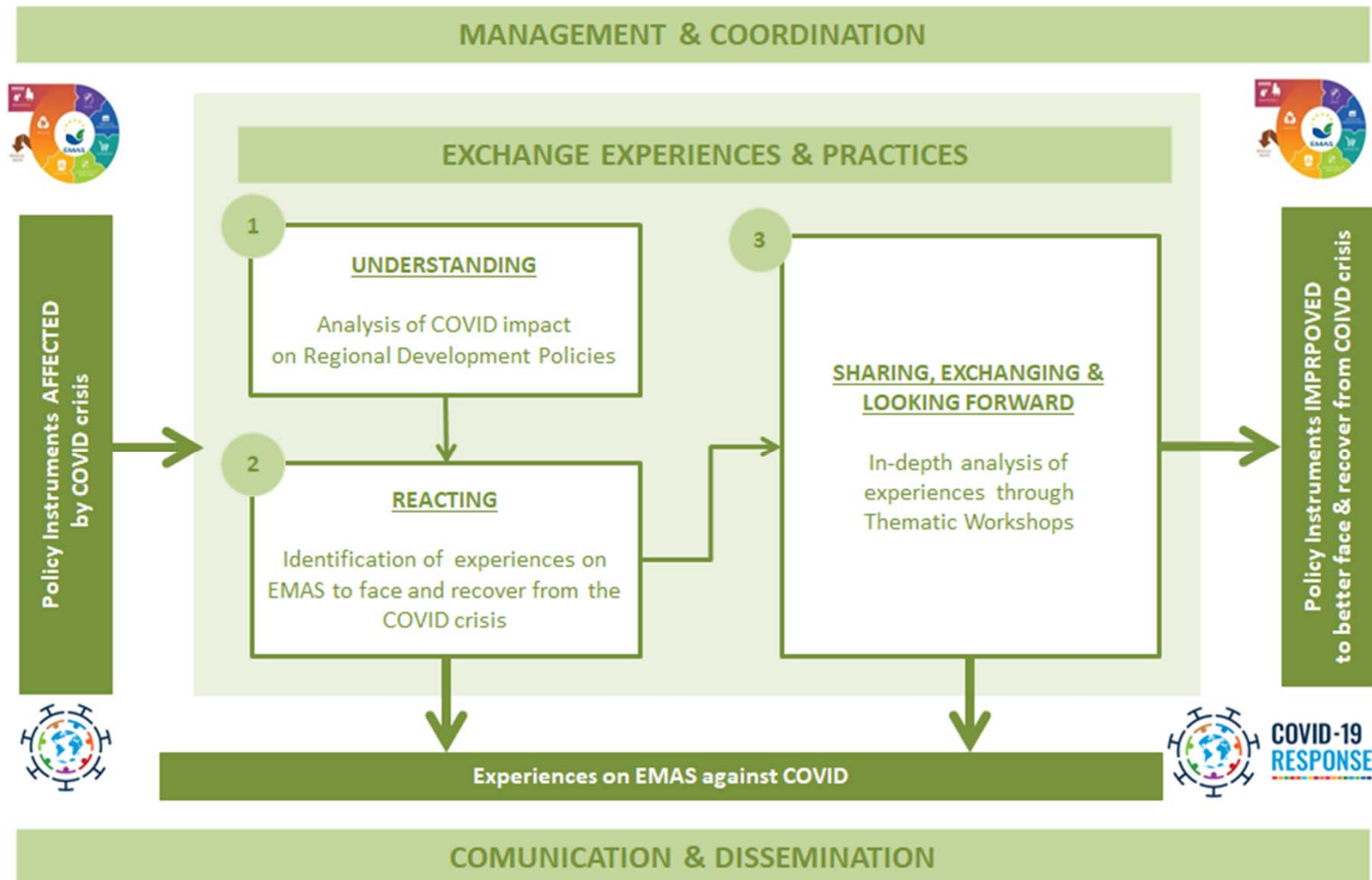
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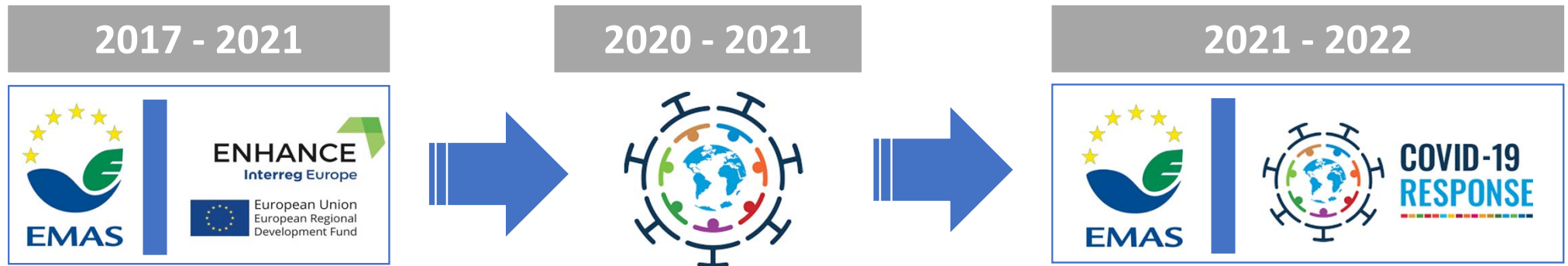
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APPROACH & OVERVIEW



OBJECTIVES



- ✓ To further **exchange experiences on EMAS** to face and recover from the COVID crisis; and
- ✓ To further **improve the Regional Development Policies** to better face and recover from this unprecedented situation.

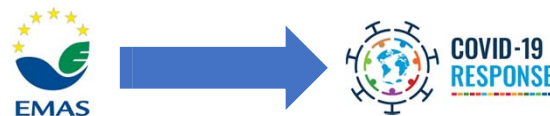
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

UNDERSTANDING



- Objective: analyse how the Policy Instruments (PI) addressed by ENHANCE project have been affected by the COVID crisis
- Actors: partners with STH collaboration (at regional level)
- Methodology: on-line survey addressed to the main STH of the PI and interviews with Public Officers in charge of the PI

REACTING



- Objective: identify experiences on EMAS to face and recover from the COVID crisis
- Actors: partners with STH collaboration (at regional level)
- Methodology: on-line survey & interviews & Interregional Meeting

SHARING, EXCHANGING & LOOKING FORWARD



- Objective: understand how the experiences on EMAS to face and recover from the COVID crisis can be implemented from a region to another (sharing & exchanging) and discuss how to face an another future unprecedented situation (looking forward).
- Actors: all (partners, STH, competent authorities, external experts, etc.)
- Methodology: Thematic Workshops (WS)

EXPECTED RESULTS

INTERREGIONAL MEETING



UNDERSTANDING

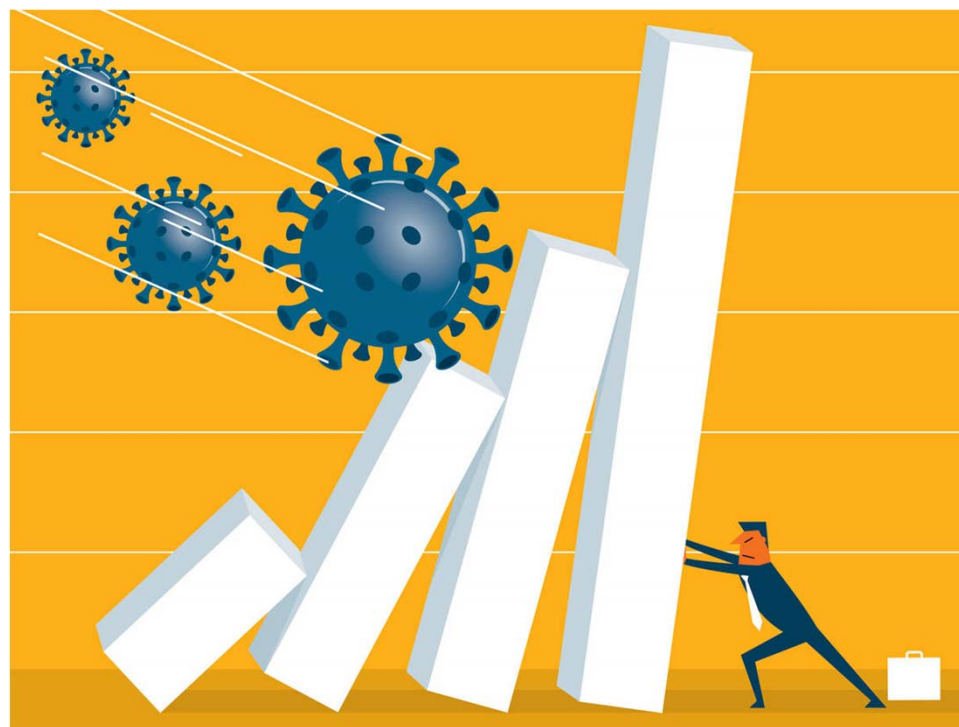
REACTING & LOOKING FORWARD

POLICY INSTRUMENT AFFECTED BY COVID

INTERVIEWS



SURVEYS



GOOD PRACTICES



WORKSHOPS

POLICY INSTRUMENT IMPROVED

