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Interreg Europe overview

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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	} All EU eligible
D	Outermost regions*	5 areas EUR 330 million		

* 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 point: the projects

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



Invaluable source of learning for all European regions!



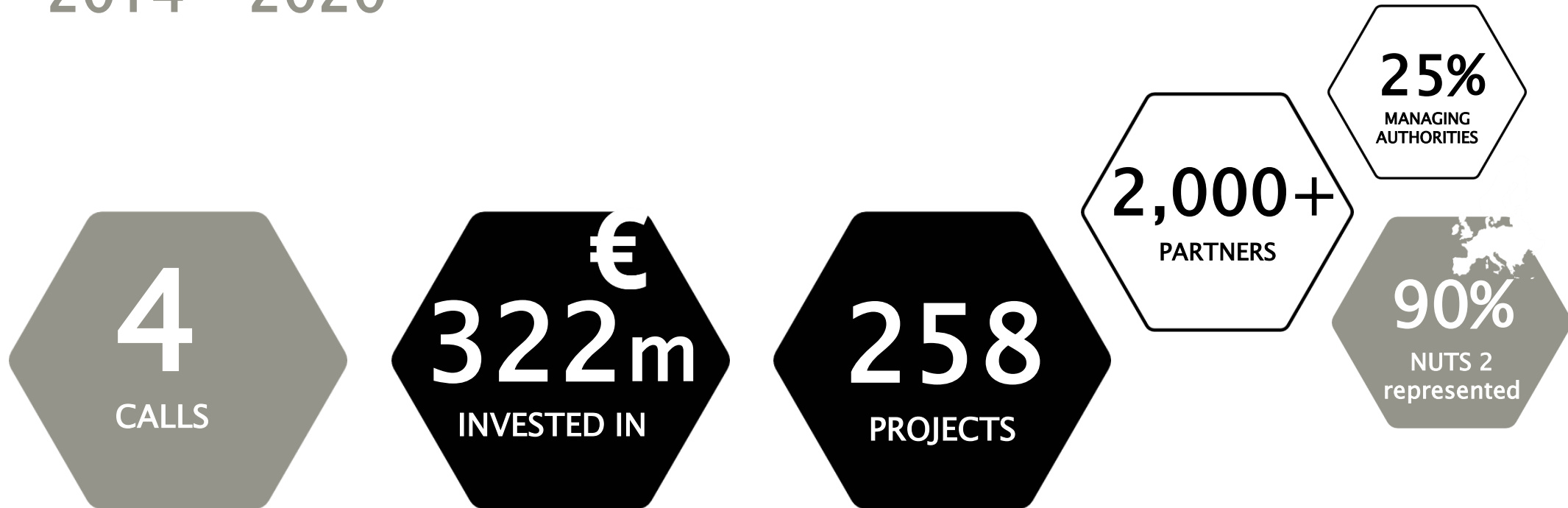
Platform's objective

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

2 ■ Insight into the 2014–2020 **achievements**

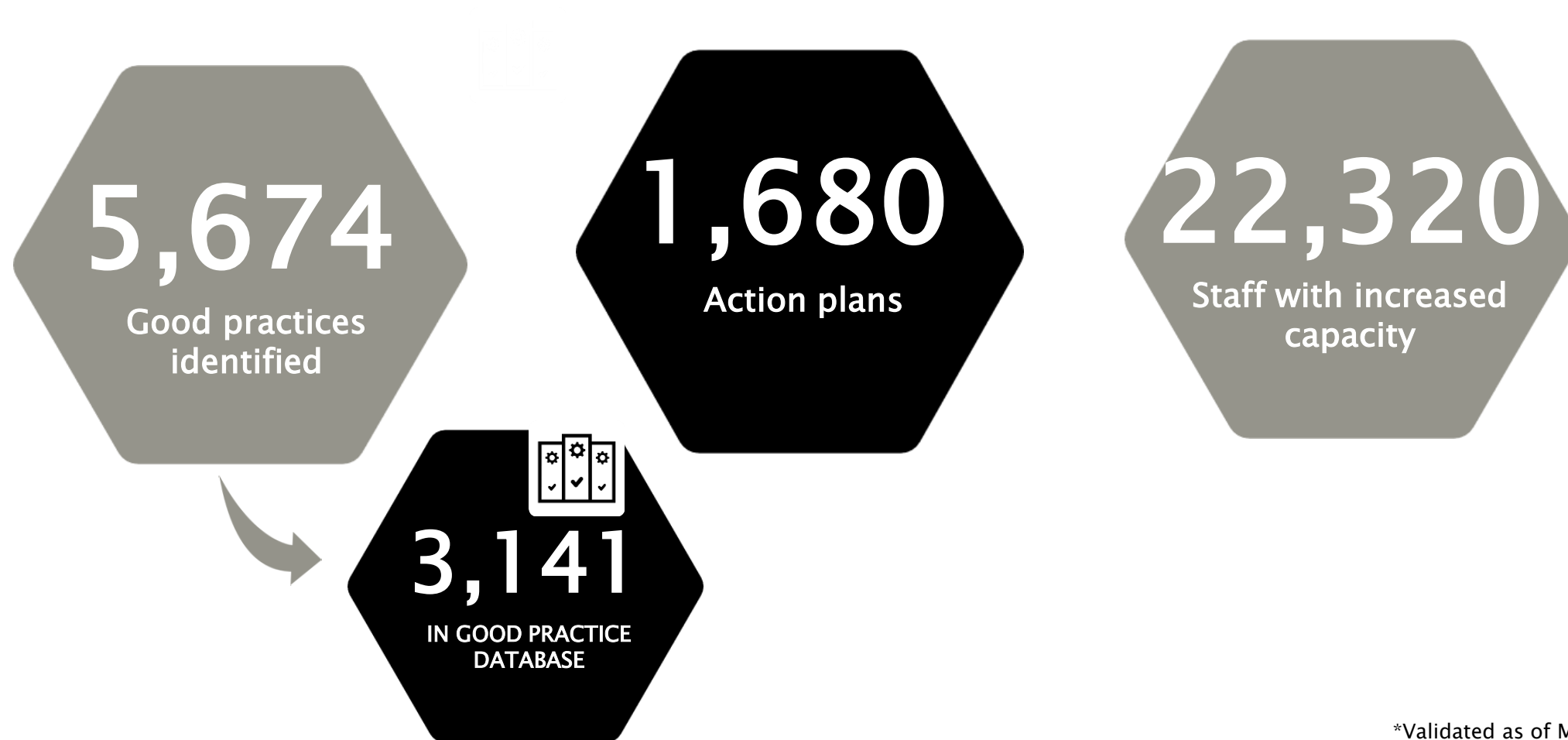
Interregional cooperation **projects**

2014 – 2020



Overview of projects' achievements*

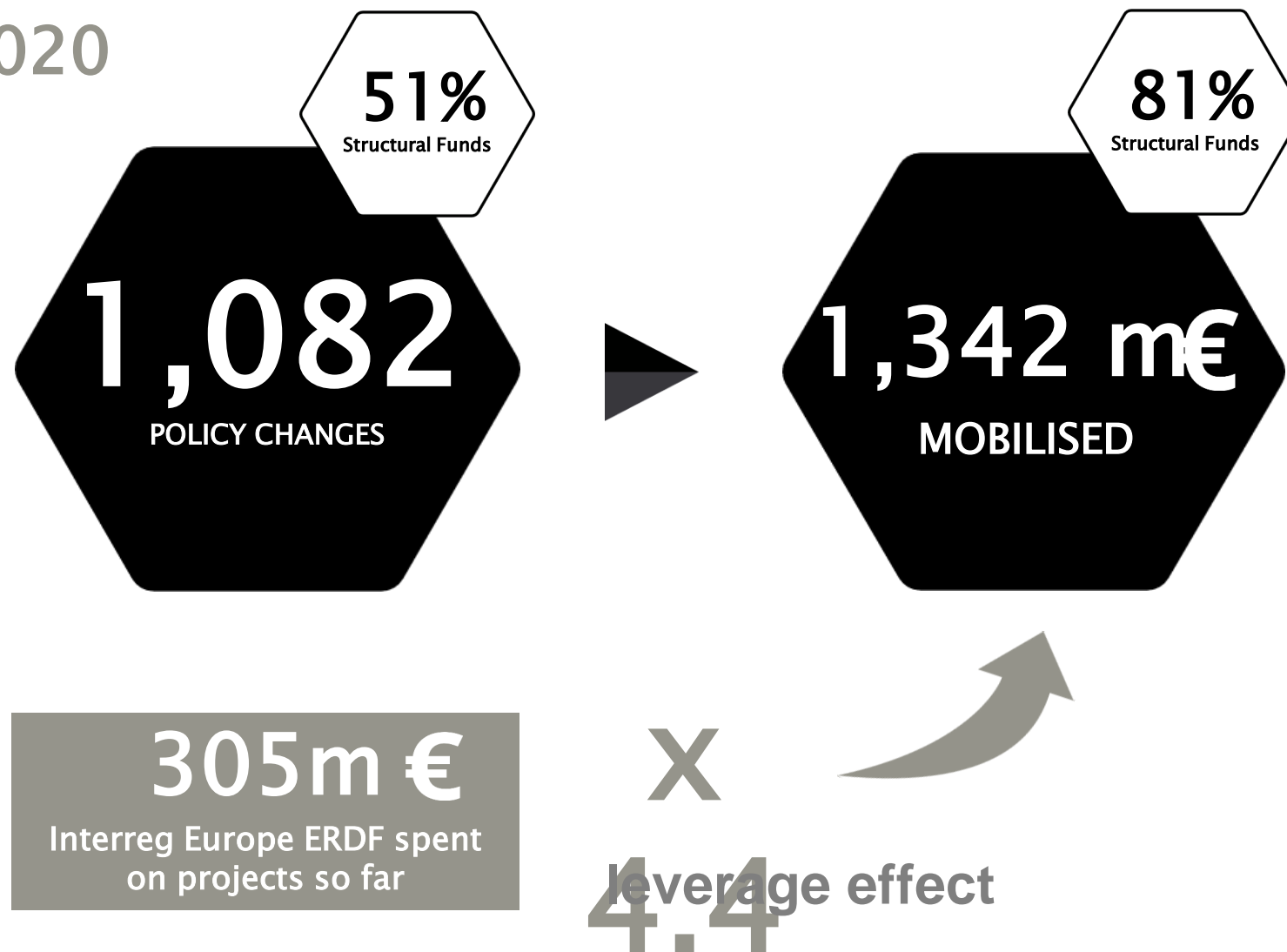
2014 – 2020



*Validated as of May 2023

Projects' results*

2014 – 2020



*Validated as of May 2023

Balanced allocation of projects per priority

Environment and
resource efficiency

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Low-carbon
economy

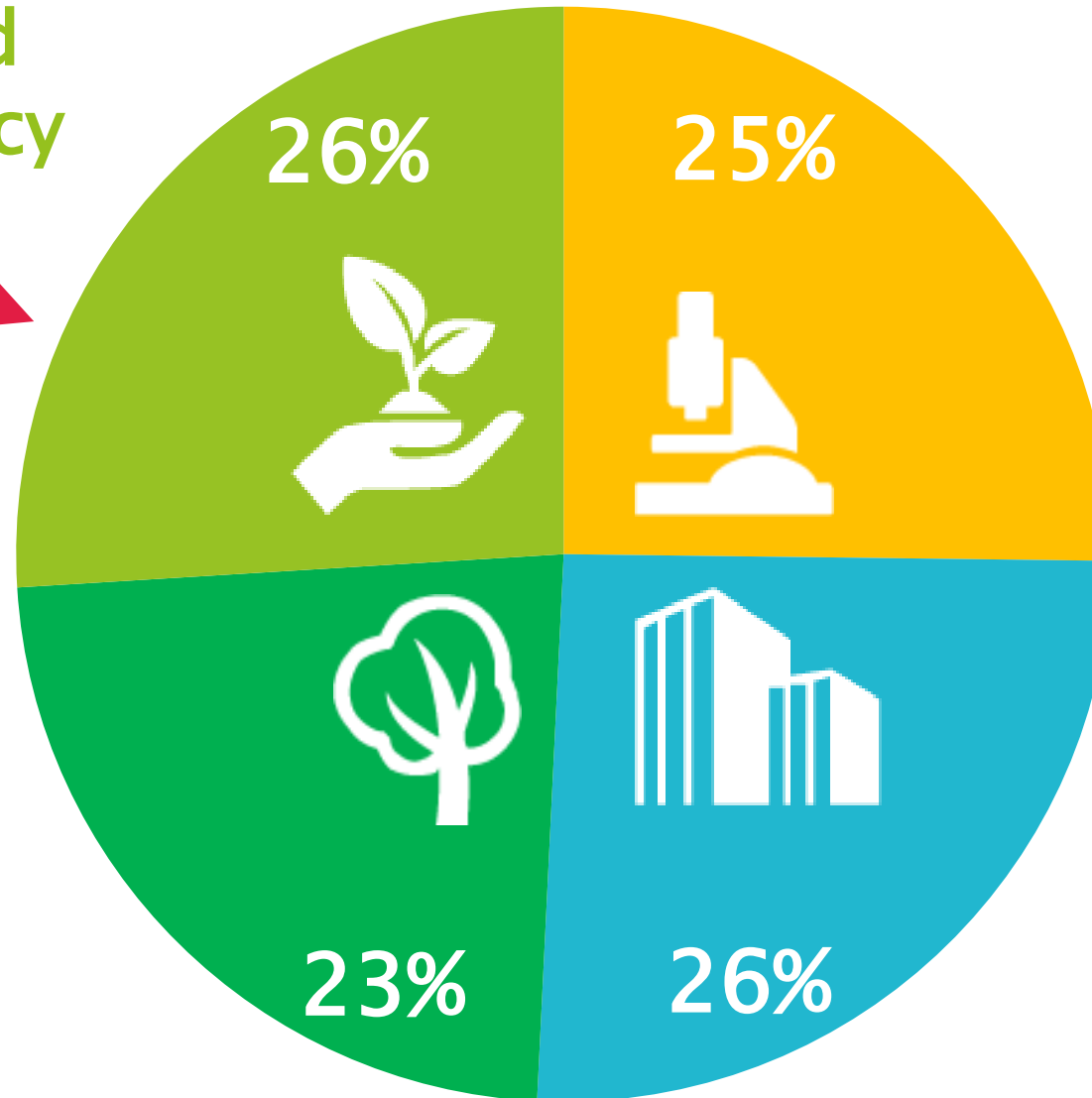
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Research and
innovation

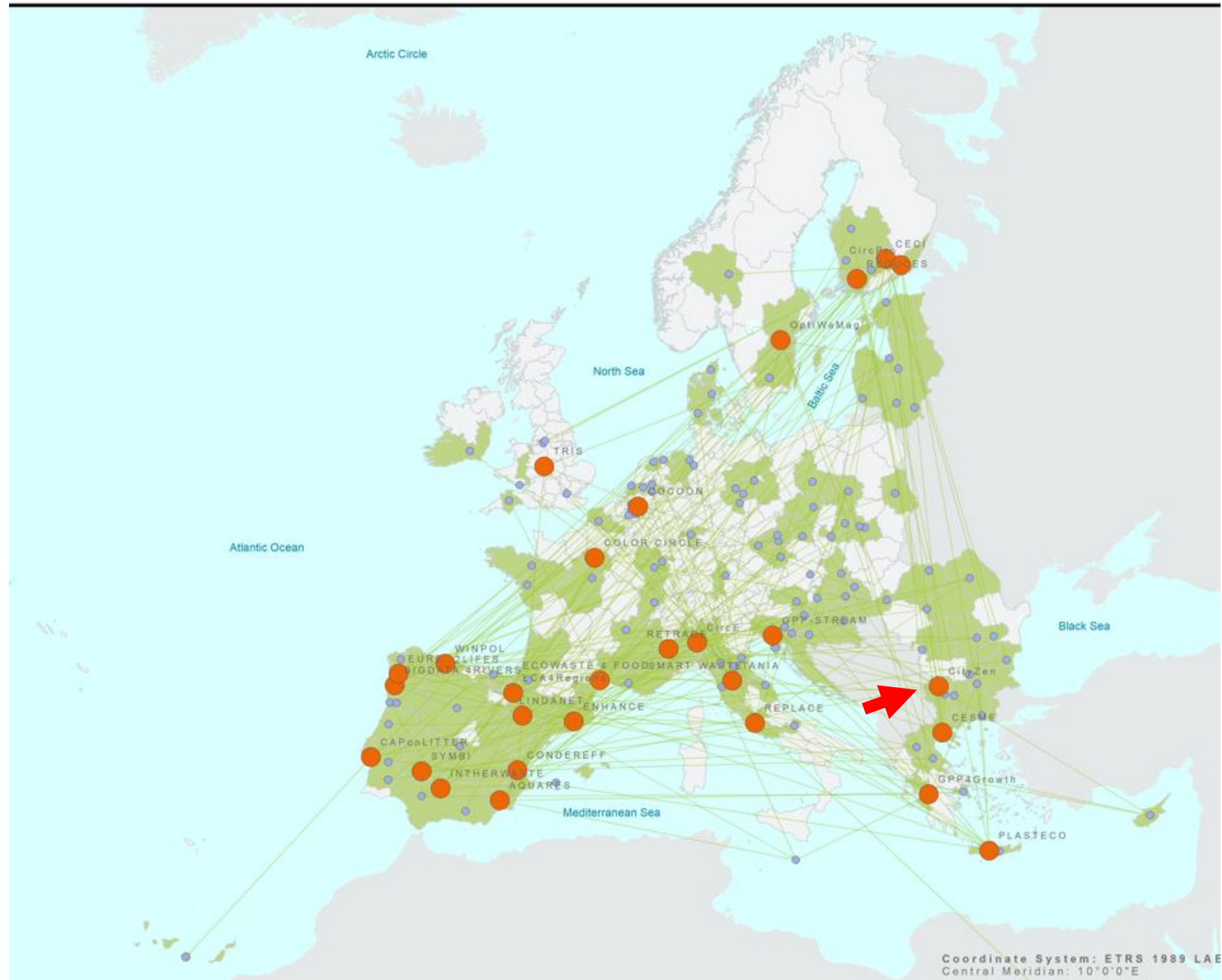
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SME
competitiveness

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33
projects



CityZen

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CityZen aims to create a knowledge pool of urban farming policies, initiatives and business processes in support of resource efficiency, business competitiveness and well-being in cities.

www.interregeurope.eu/cityzen

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

Project Partners

Applied Research and Communications Fund (BG)
 Institute for Rural Development Research at Goethe University Frankfurt/Main (IFLS) (DE)
 Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia on behalf of the Region of Central Macedonia (EL)
 Higher Technical School of Agrarian Engineering - University of Valladolid (ES)
 Natural Heritage Foundation of Castilla y León (ES)
 Municipality of Beja (PT)
 CIMBAL - Baião Alentejo Intermunicipal Community (PT)



Blue Green City

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Blue Green City aims to improve policies promoting green and blue infrastructures as an integral part of regional climate change mitigation and natural heritage preservation strategies.

www.interregeurope.eu/bluegreency

An interregional cooperation project for improving natural and cultural heritage policies.

Project Partners

Metropolis Nice Côte d'Azur (FR)
 City of Ingolstadt (DE)
 Rijeka Development Agency Ltd. (HR)
 Southern Regional Assembly (IE)
 Piedmont Region (IT)
 Bucharest-Ifov Regional Development Agency (RO)
 Municipality of Växjö (SE)
 University of Greenwich (UK)

PERFECT

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PERFECT integrates the many benefits of green infrastructure into planning for the future of urban and rural areas. It seeks to influence the policy-making process by raising awareness of the social, environmental and economic potential of green infrastructure.

www.interregeurope.eu/perfect

An interregional cooperation project for improving natural and cultural heritage policies.

Project Partners

Town & Country Planning Association (UK)
 Provincial Government of Styria, Department for environment and spatial planning (AT)
 SASD - Social Ascension of Somogy Development, Communication and Education Nonprofit Ltd. (HU)
 Municipality of Ferrara (IT)
 City of Amsterdam (NL)
 Regional Development Agency of the Ljubljana Urban Region (SI)
 Bratislava Karlava Ves Municipality (SK)
 Cornwall Council (UK)



CityZen – strengths

- **Topic high on EU agenda** (European Union's 2050 long-term climate strategy, European Green Deal)
- **Achievements (so far)**
 - 18 good practices identified
 - 41 people with increased capacity
 - 3 policies improved
 - Programme Sofia (BG)
 - ERDF OP Central Macedonia (EL)
 - ERDF OP Castilla y Leon (ES)
- 1 pilot action **DIY vertical urban gardens**



CityZen – active involvement in the Platform

Greener and better prepared: cities and regions in the new EU Climate Adaptation Strategy

STORY

26 March 2021 | By Platform



Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems

WORKSHOP

26 November 2019 | By Platform



Citizens involvement for sustainable food systems

STORY

09 July 2021 | By Platform



Urban ecosystems

The importance of green infrastructure and nature-based solutions for the development of sustainable cities



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

January 2020



- 3 good practices in good practice database
- Policy brief ‘Urban ecosystems’
- Story ‘Citizens involvement for sustainable food systems’
- Workshop ‘Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems’

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**

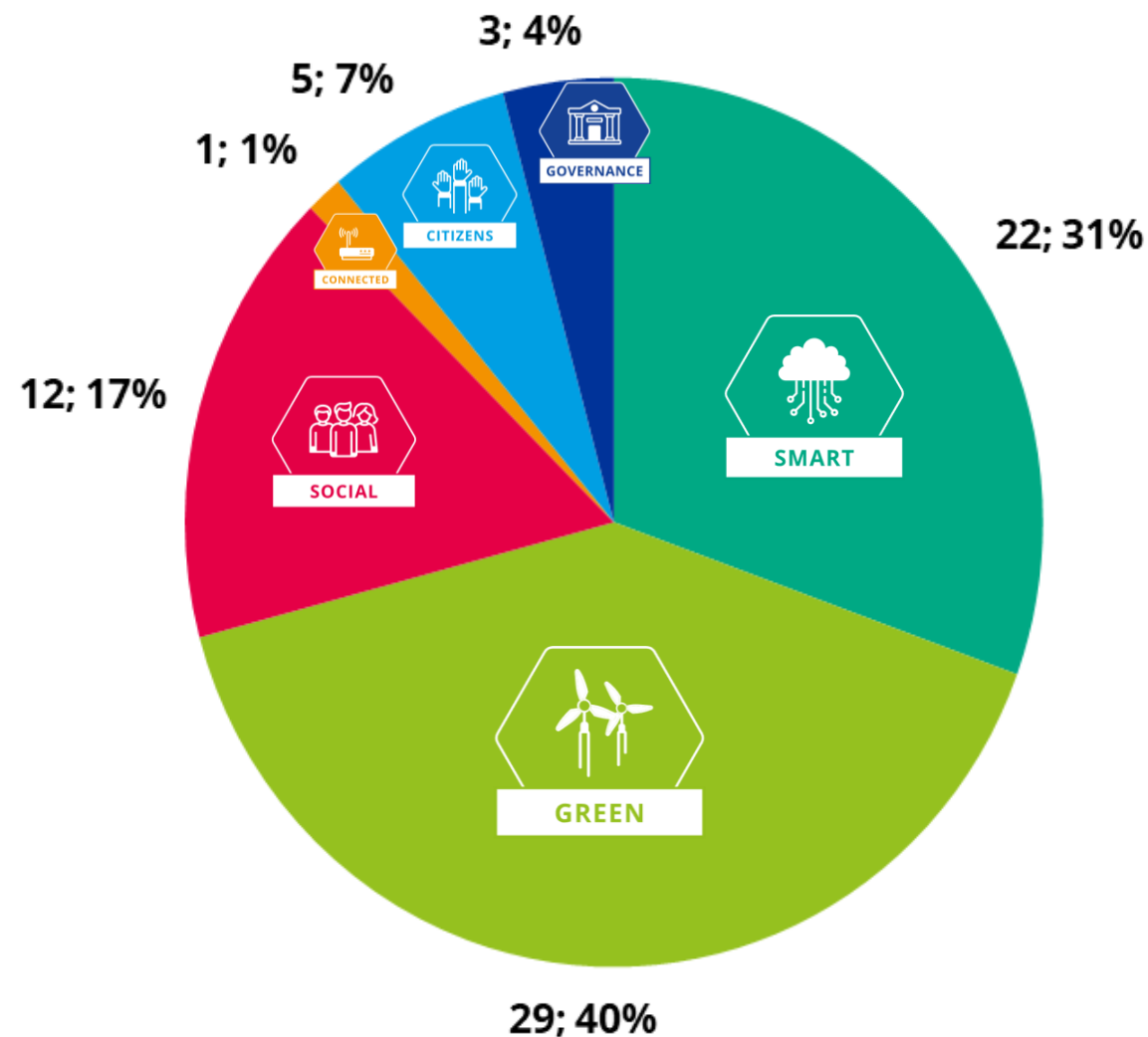


Concentration principle (80%)

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

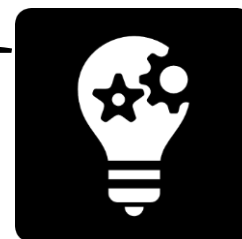
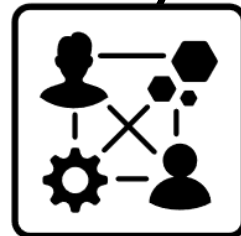
Available during calls

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

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Meet our community



Knowledge
Find policy solutions



Expertise
Get policy advice

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A wealth of tested **policy solutions**



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from our project and beyond



400+ policy publications
80+ thematic webinars

Access to **people**


Inspiration from practitioner to practitioner



Programme community
of 8,000+ practitioners



100+ policy learning and
networking events



EVENT


17 MAY 2023

Online

Hackathons and challenge prizes

On 17 May 2023, the Policy Learning Platform is hosting a webinar on hackathons and challenge prizes. Join our session from 14:00 to 15:30 CEST to learn how to apply these policy tools in your region.

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EVENT


23 - 24 MAY 2023

In person

Peer review: Fast-tracking of Renewable Energy Communities in the Cypriot Context

On 23 and 24 May 2023, the Policy Learning Platform is organising a peer review for the benefit of the Cyprus Energy Agency, on fast-tracking renewable energy communities.

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EVENT


31 MAY - 01 JUN 2023

In person Ghent

Rethinking local policies

On 31 May and 1 June, the Policy Learning Platform is excited to invite you to 'Rethinking local policies' event in Ghent, Belgium!

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EVENT

15 JUN 2023

Online

Climate adaptation I: Coastal restoration

On 15 June 2023, the Policy Learning Platform is hosting the first episode of the climate adaptation webinar series. Join us for the first session on coastal restoration from 14:00 to 15:30 CEST.

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Access to **expertise**

📍 52 Peer reviews

📍 39 Matchmaking sessions

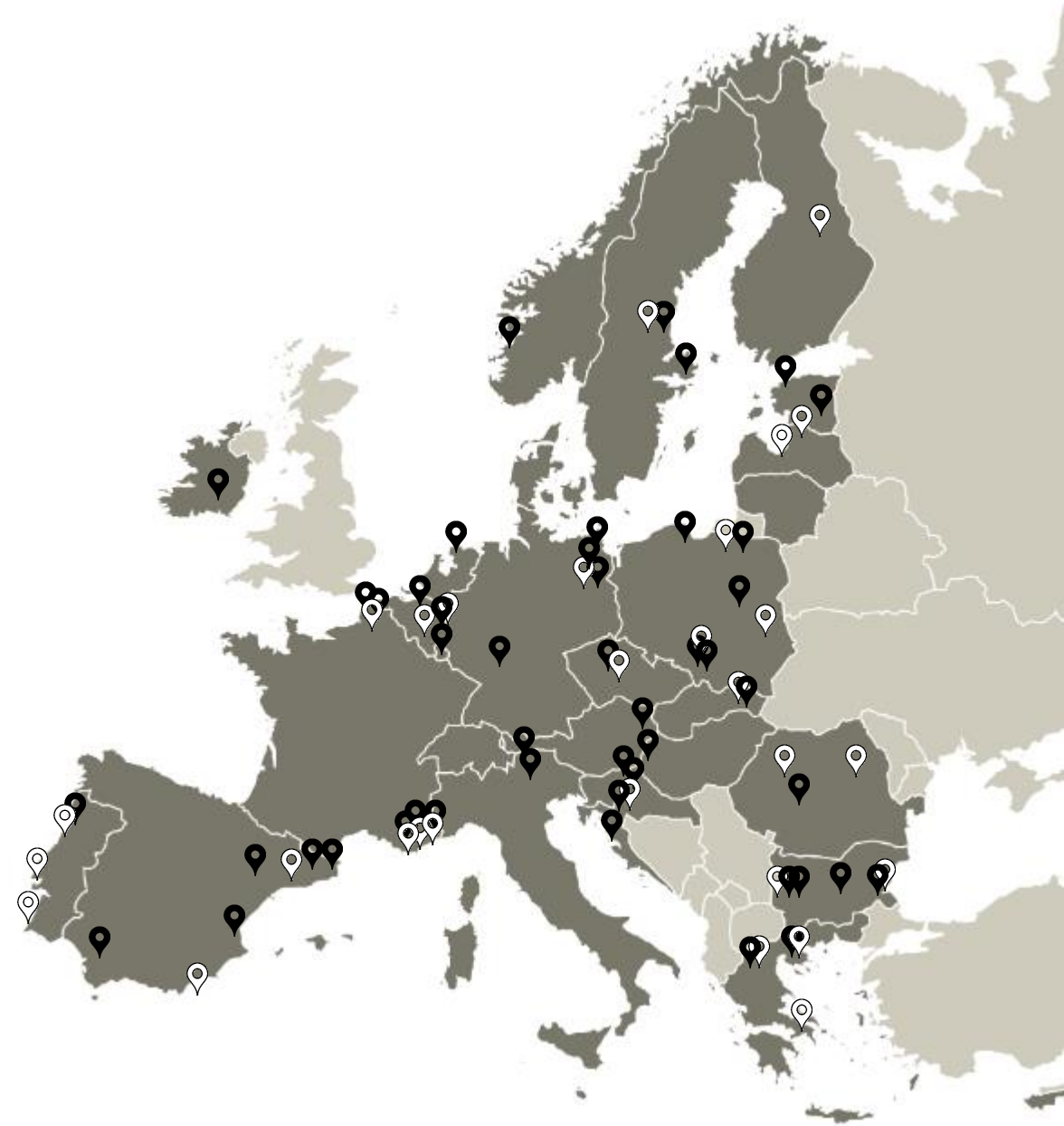


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