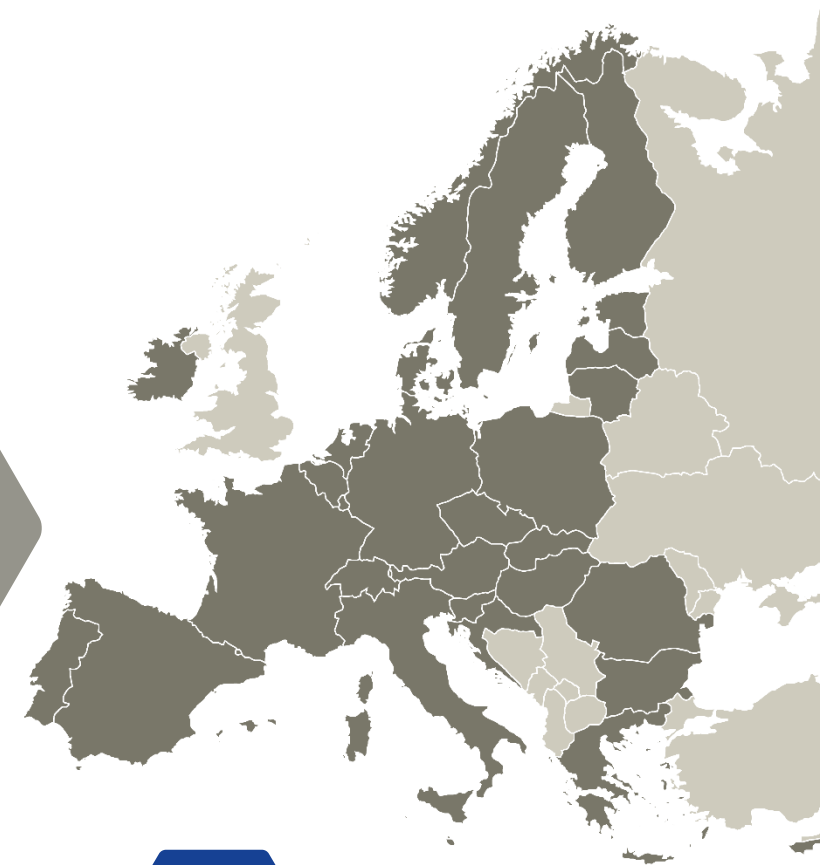
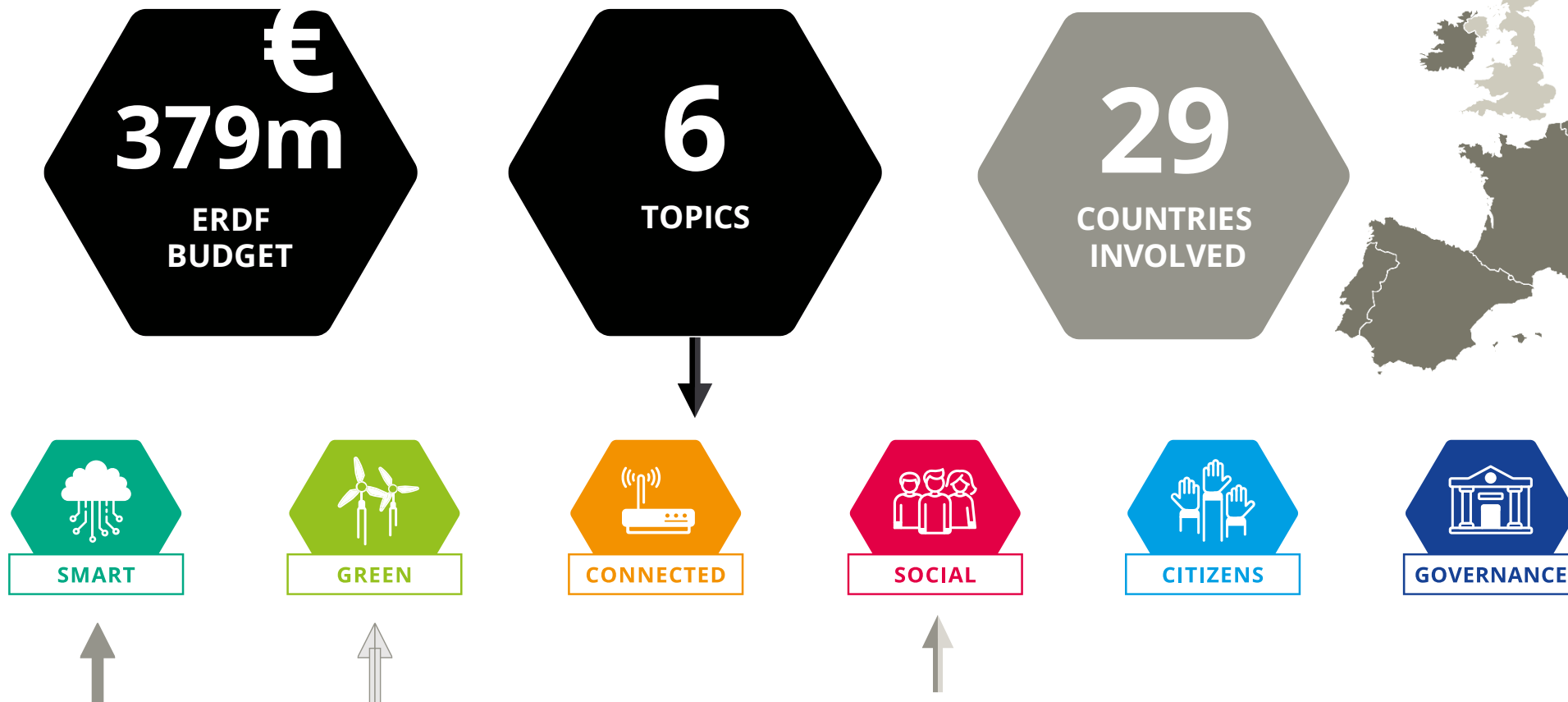






Sharing solutions for better regional policy



Calls for project proposals

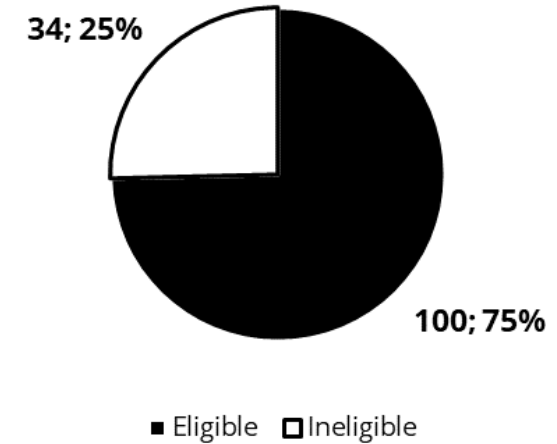
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- 134 applications submitted
- 780 organisations involved
- 1.4 MEUR average ERDF budget

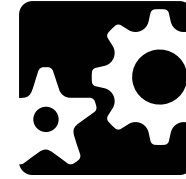
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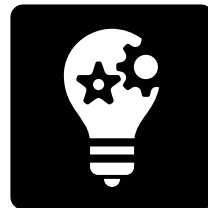


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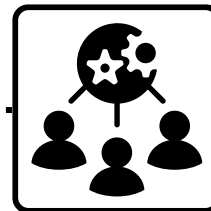


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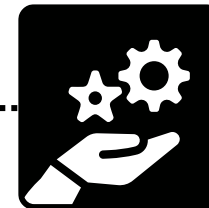
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People



Expert support



Access to **expert support**

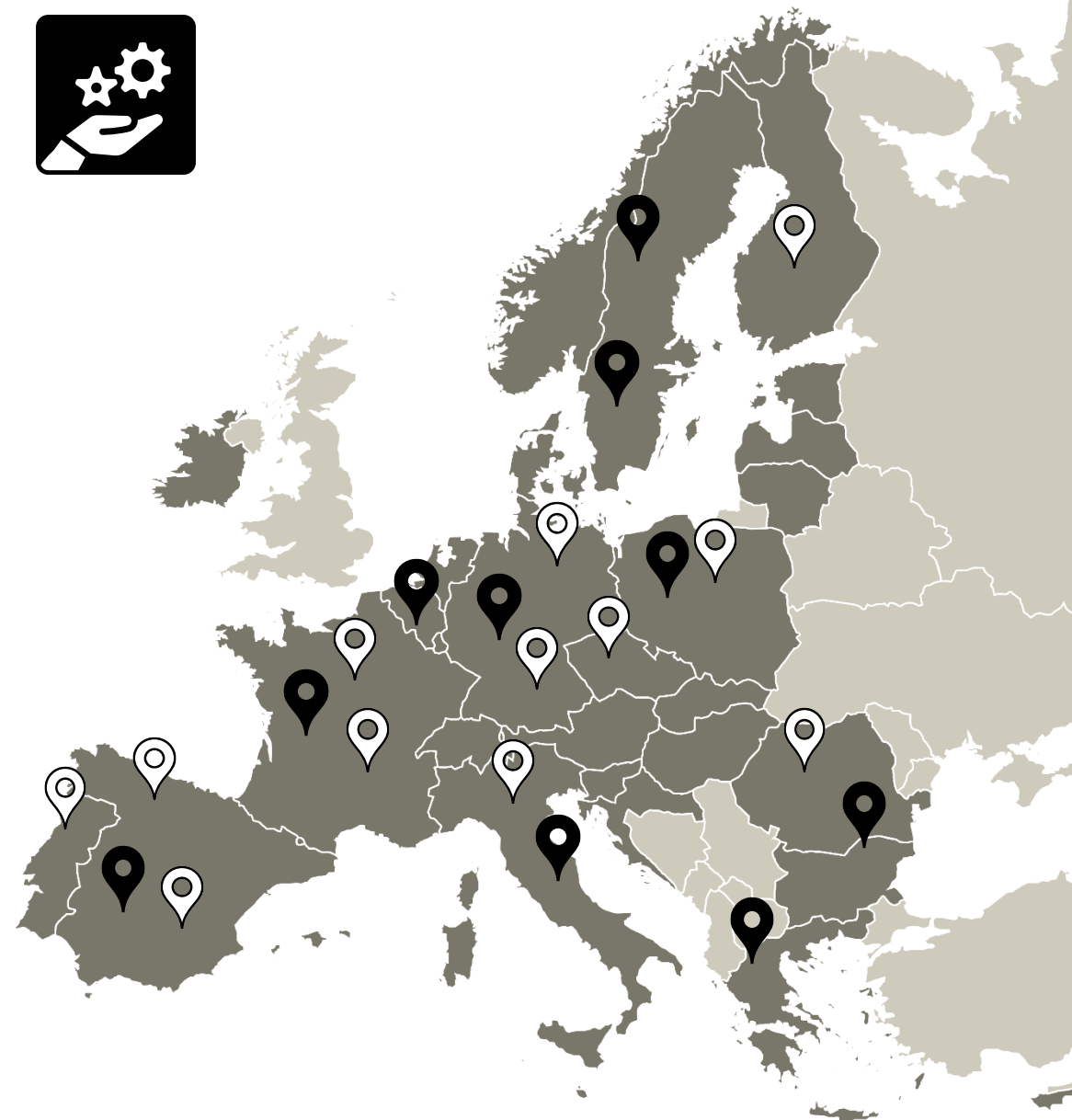


- Expert support services for free

📍 Peer reviews

📍 Matchmaking sessions

Policy help desk



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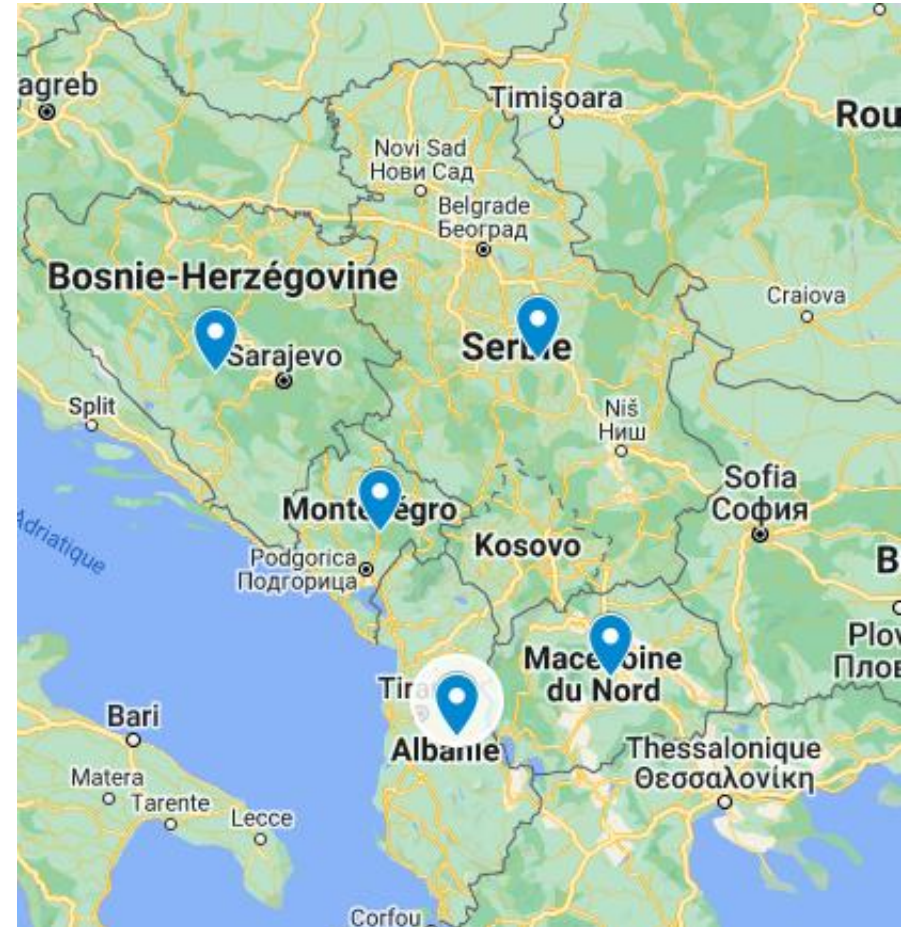
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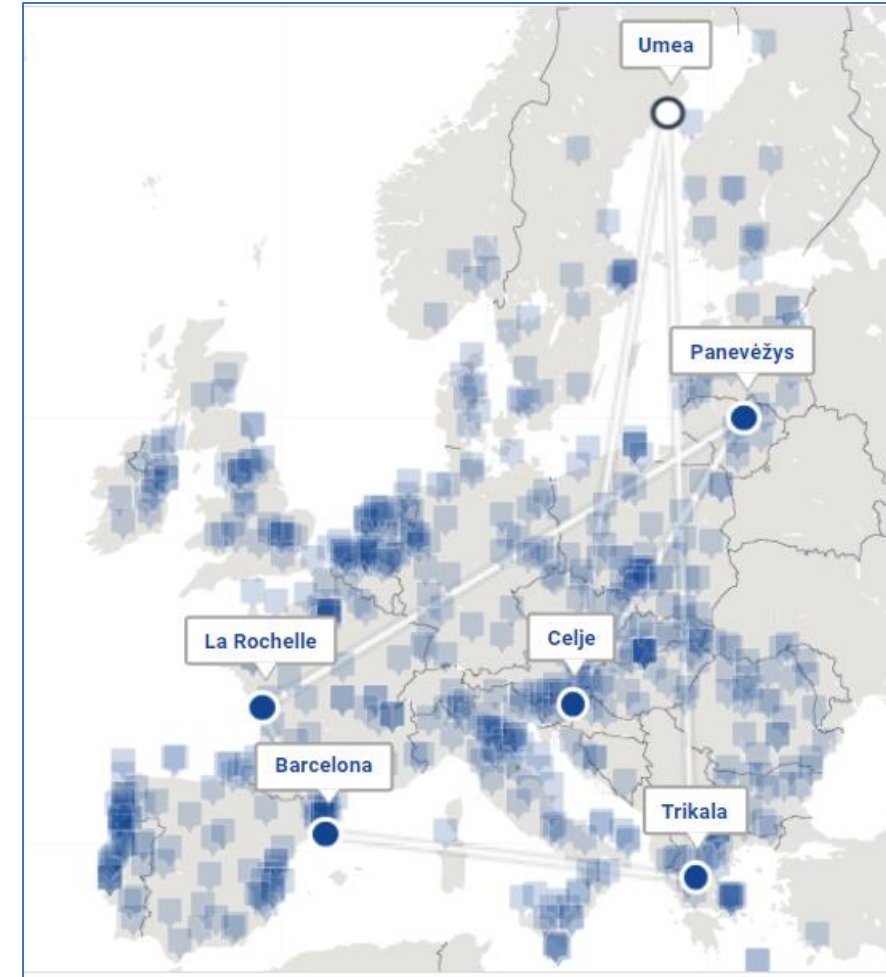
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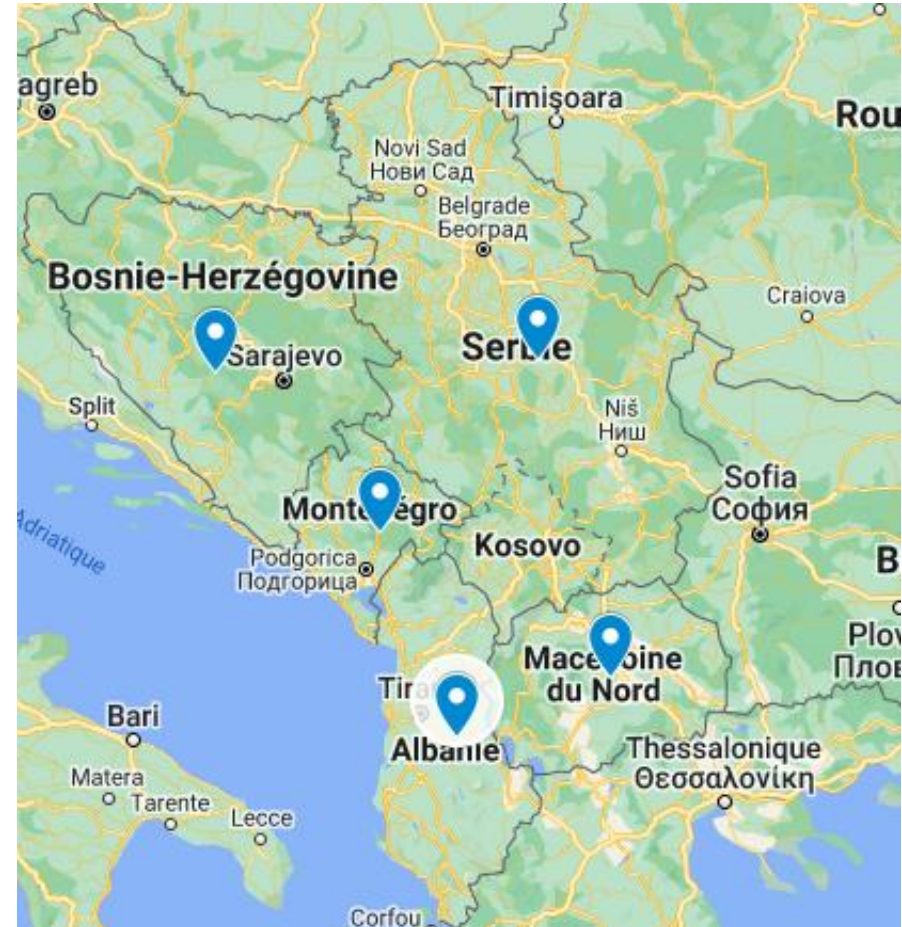
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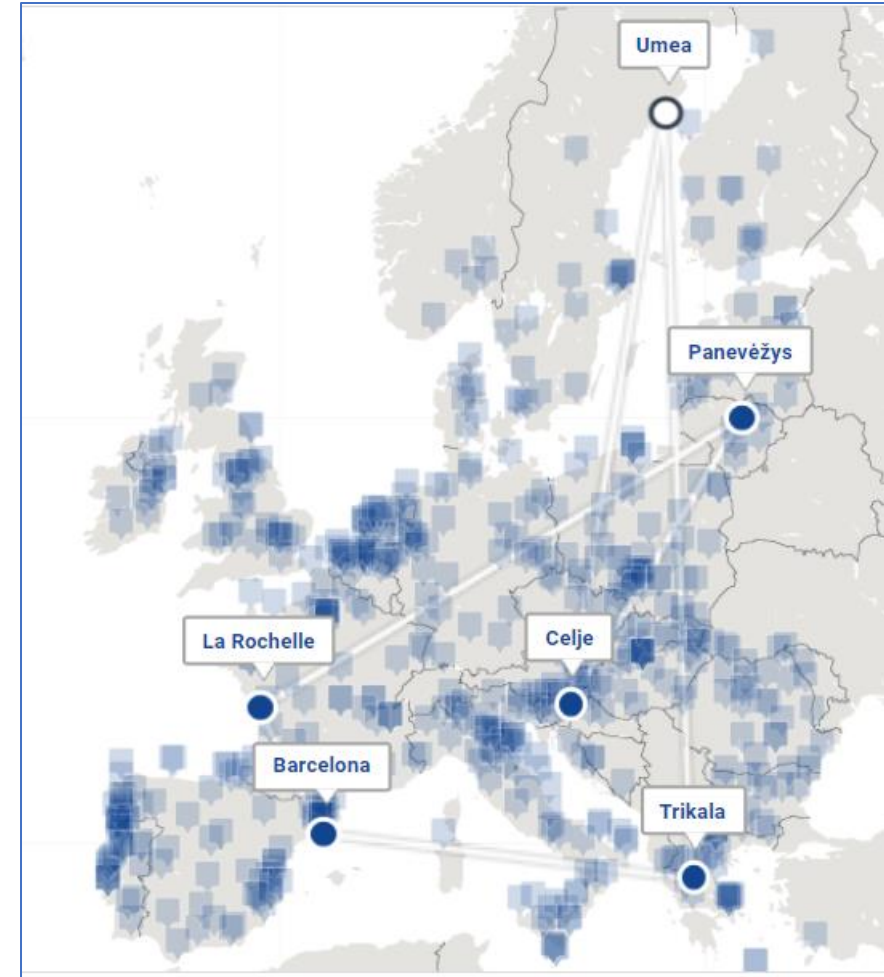
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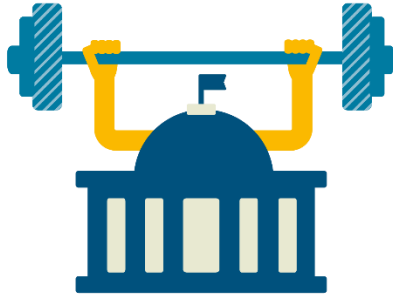
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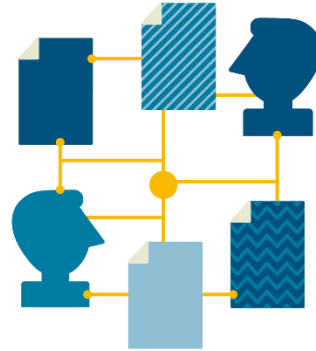




Three perspectives underpin our future activities:



Strengthening institutions and building institutional capacity.



Supporting individuals who work in a cooperation context.



Interreg visibility – communication and capitalisation

Intervention approaches continue, new ideas under development

**HIT
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**Online courses and trainings
Online and in person events
Tools and publications**

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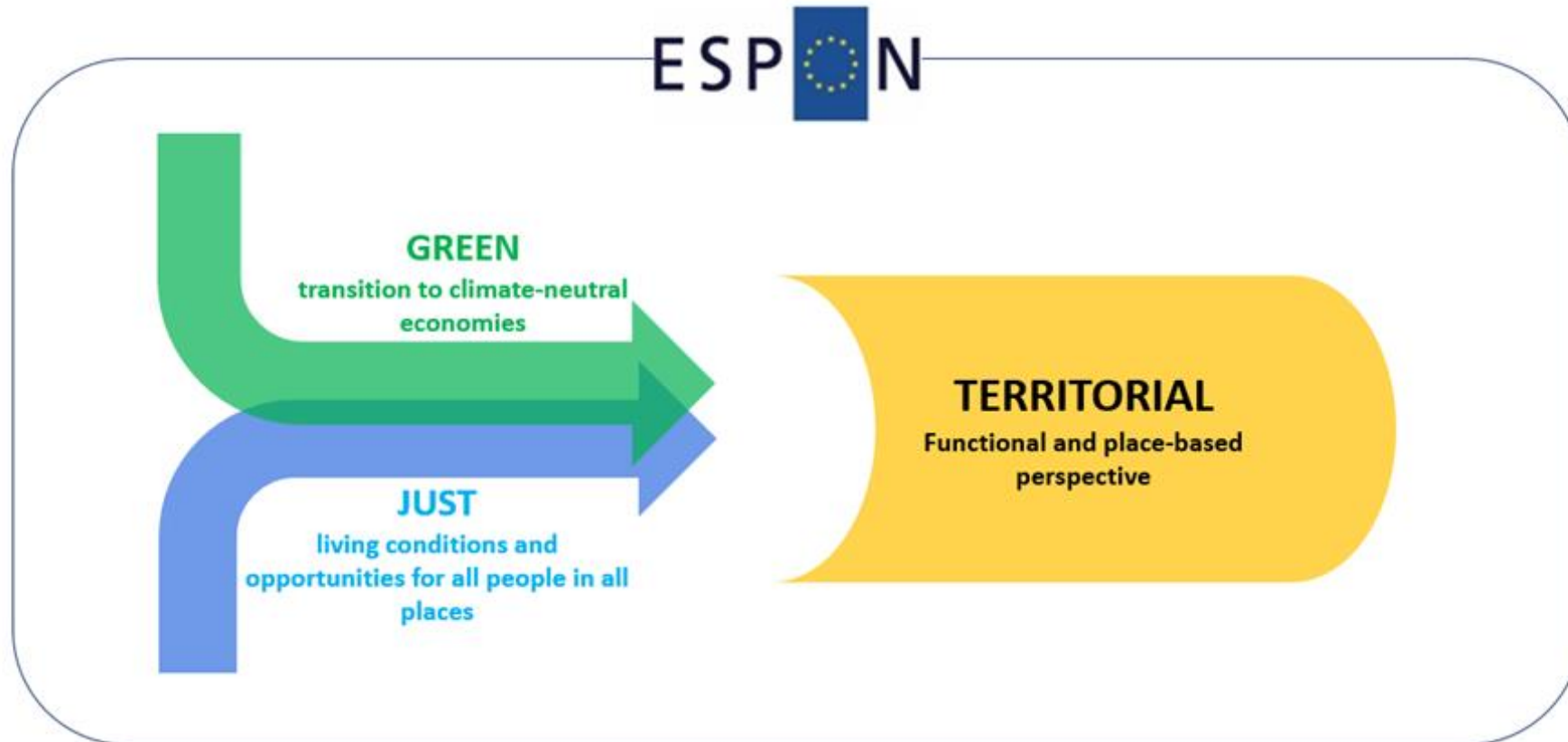
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// Presenting ESPON 2030

Thiemo Eser (ESPON MA) and Wiktor Szydarowski (ESPON EGTC)
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The ESPON 2030 Programme

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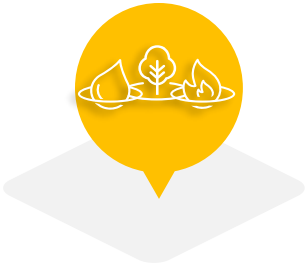
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- **ESPON** aims to reinforce the **quality** and **effectiveness** of policies at all levels – EU, macroregional, cross-border and national (regional/local) - in the member countries and partner states of the ESPON 2030 Programme.
- To accomplish that, **ESPON** will produce **new territorial evidence** and transfer the **resulting knowledge** to stakeholders at all levels.
- To make the knowledge '**actionable**', **ESPON** needs to ensure that stakeholders **understand** the territorial evidence and can **use** it in their policy processes.

Thematic Action Plans as ESPON priorities

To be launched in autumn 2022

Climate
neutral
territories



Governance
of new
geographies



Places
resilient
to crises



Perspective
for all people
and places



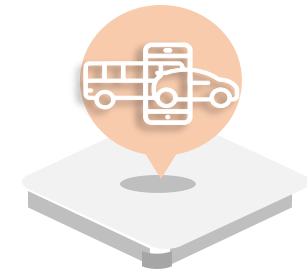
Indicative list of the potential TAPs



Living, working
and travelling
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European
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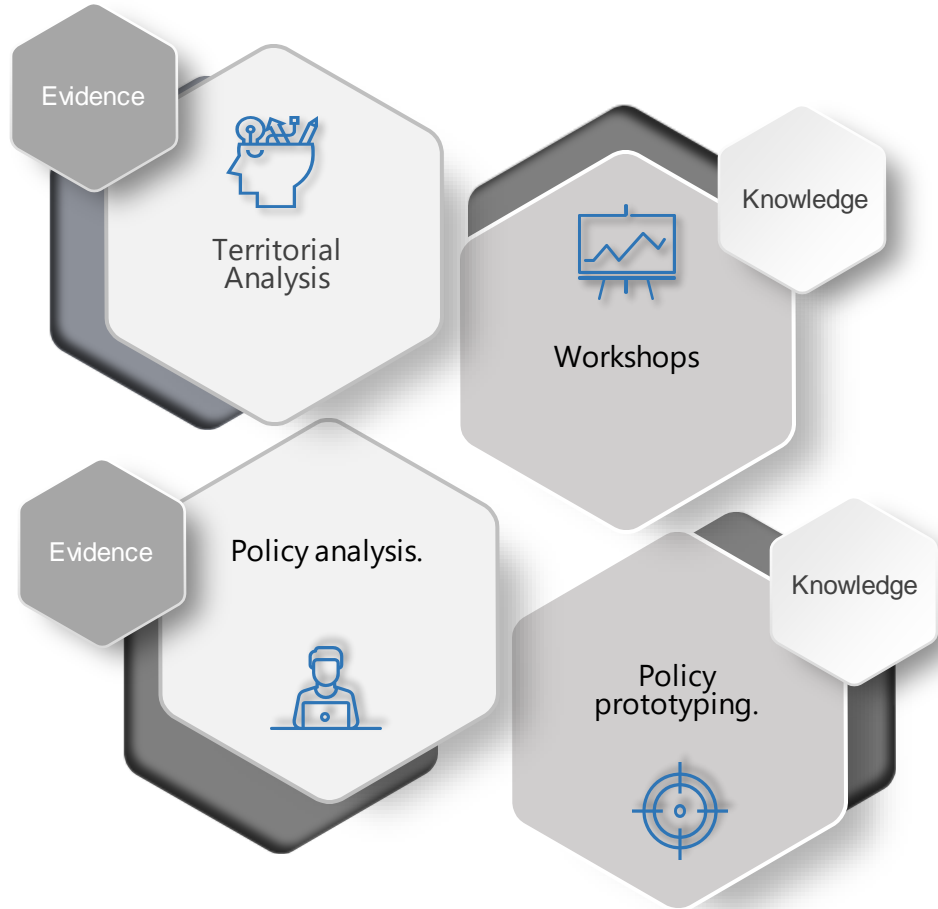


Smart
connectivity



Adapting to the
impacts of climate
change

Activities planned in Thematic Action Plans



Related to the production of **territorial evidence**:

- European research projects,
- targeted analyses,
- territorial studies,
- new datasets and indicators

Related to the **knowledge development** (transferring territorial evidence to stakeholders):

- policy events,
- networking events,
- training or learning events,
- translations,
- publications

Participation opportunities

- Information pack for stakeholders soon available
- Description of the launched Thematic Action Plans soon available on www.espon.eu
- Collection of policy support proposals that ESPON would be fit to meet - to be opened in November 2022
- This includes call for expression of interest in targeted analyses
- Possible to include case studies in the first European research activities
- New Thematic Action Plans in consideration!

// Thank you

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Principles to be mainstreamed



Green



Gender



Digital

Focus on green principles



First ever carbon-neutral URBACT City Festival, June 2022

Green strategy for URBACT activities and beneficiaries under development

Almost 100% paperless

Green

Places resilient to crises

- Environmental changes
- Social diversities
- Economic transition
- Technological transformation
- Multi-level governance



Potential research areas and topics

- Territorial vulnerability to different types of crises
- Concept of territorial resilience and its integration in policy processes
- Governance and capacity building to increase resilience of territories (anticipation, mitigation measures, etc.)
- The added value of culture for territorial resilience
- Cyber resilience practice for municipalities to safeguard local democratic processes/guarantee availability of (crucial) public services
- Disaster resilience, crisis management