

**Interreg
Europe**



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Interreg Europe: state of play

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Sharing solutions for better regional policy

30
countries
involved

359m
euros invested
in policy learning





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

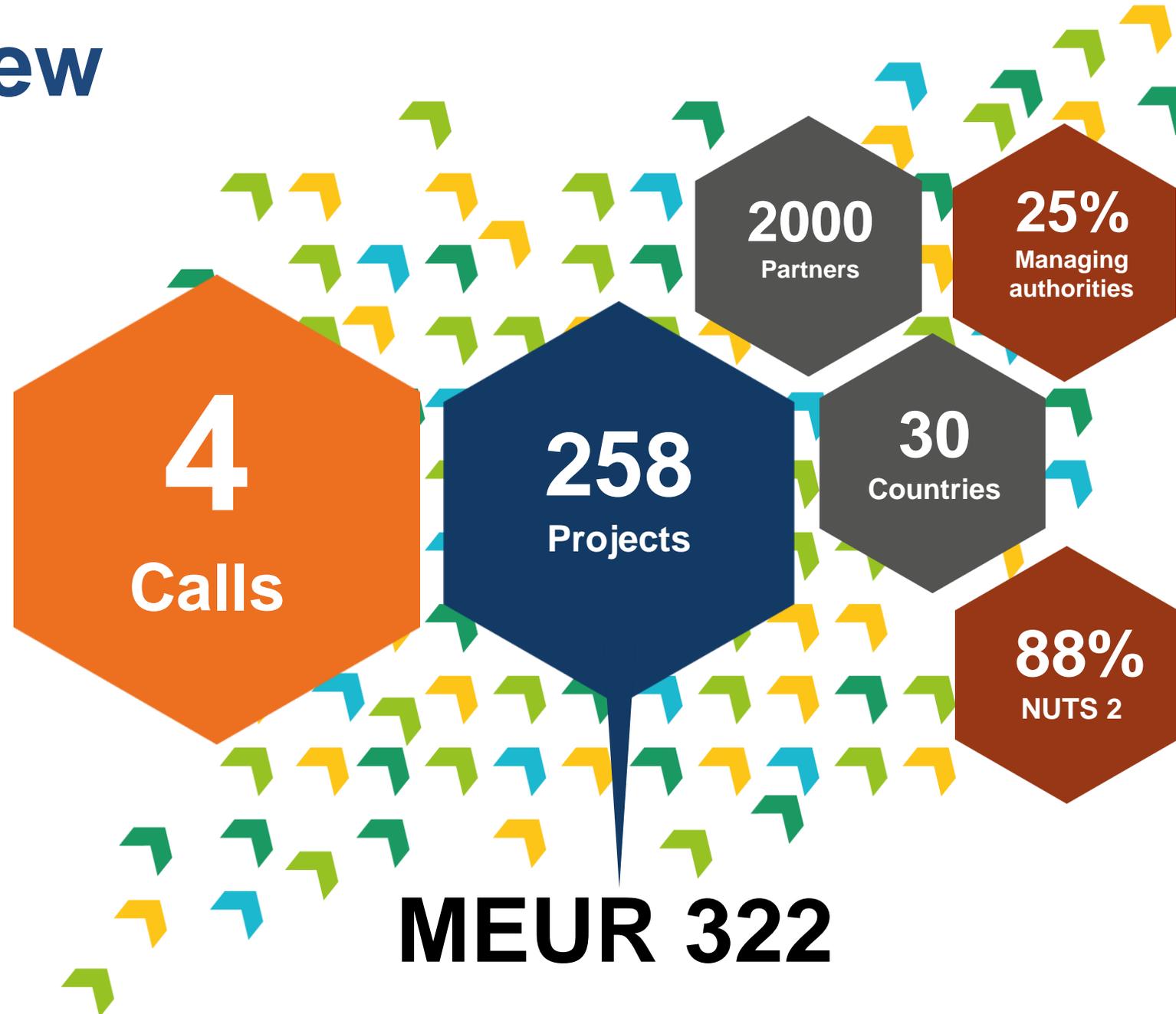
Focus on results: 2 phases of projects (Exchange of experience + implementation)

Innovative: Lump sum for phase 2 (4th Call projects)

Interregional cooperation projects



Overview





Balanced

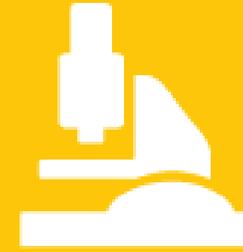
Environment and
resource efficiency

67

26%



25%



Research and
innovation

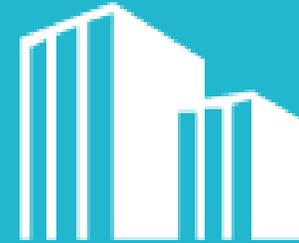
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Low-carbon
economy

60



23%



26%

SME
competitiveness

66

Outputs achieved (validated as of June 2019)



Outputs achieved



36 %

12 %

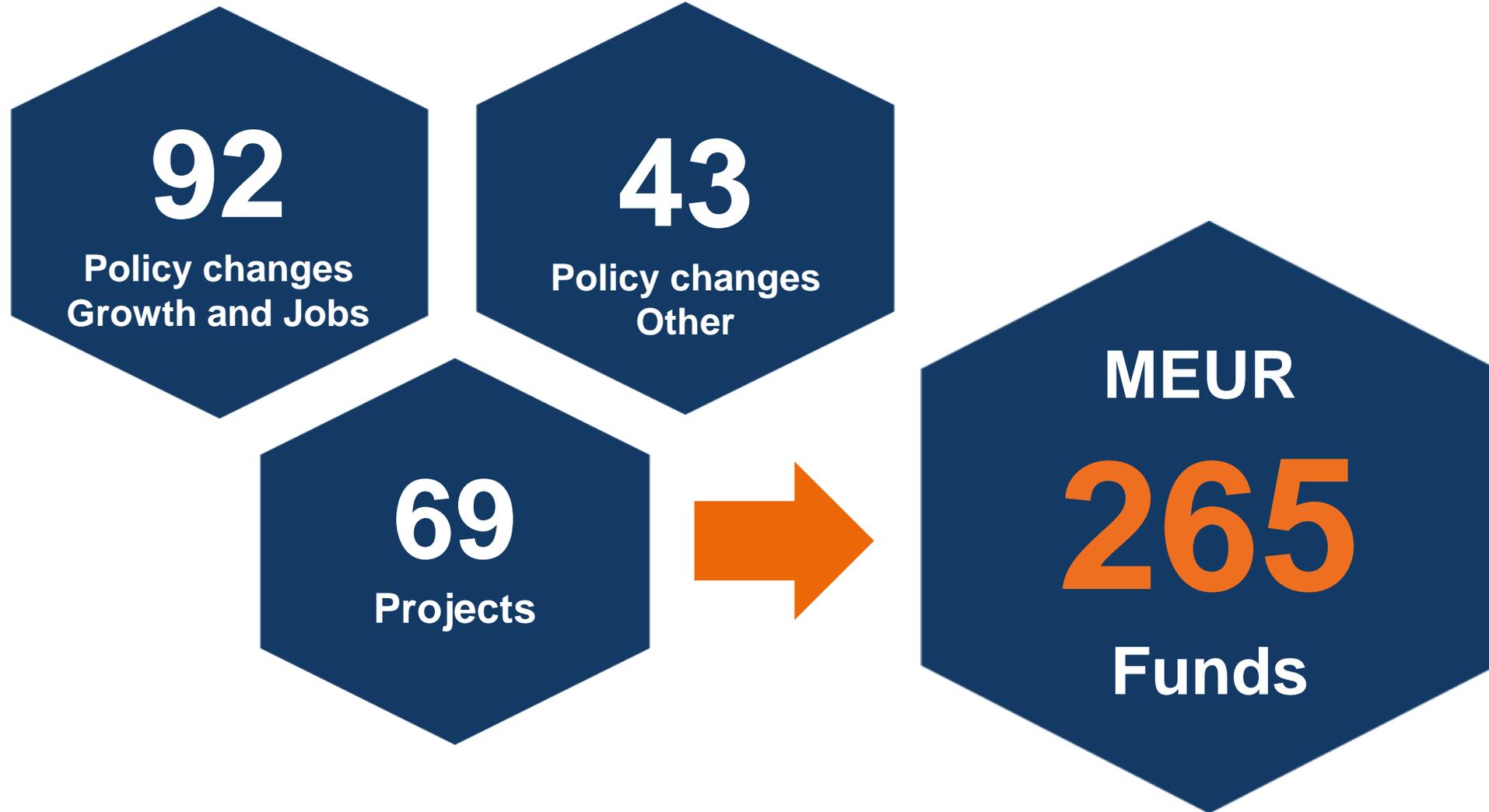
13 %

Targets set in application forms



76 projects have finished Phase 1

Improving policies (Validated as of June 2019)



Policy Learning Platform



Why a platform for interregional policy learning?



Strategic objective =

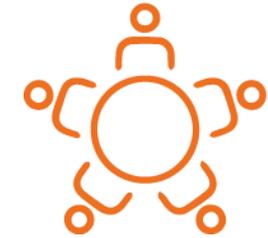
- Capitalisation of project achievements
- Support to public authorities for policy learning
- Link with the EU ecosystem

In simple words...

How to get more out of the invested funds for regions in Europe

How?

- by bringing projects together
- by getting newcomers on board (i.e. managing authorities and regions not involved in the Interreg Europe projects)
- by offering ad-hoc support for interregional learning (i.e. without requiring project participation)



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services

#policylearning

Good practice database

~ 1000 Good practices

Expert policy support

8 peer reviews

Community of practitioners

+ 17,000 members

Policy briefs & news

35 policy briefs



Next peer reviews...

- **Research & Innovation (TO1).**
 - Region Sud (FR) on Artificial Intelligence in health sector (Nov 2019).
- **SME competitiveness (TO3).**
 - Catalonia (ES) on support for exporting SMEs to overcome trade barriers (Oct 2019);
 - Austria (AT) on fostering the use of Artificial Intelligence in businesses (Dec 2019);
 - Aragon (ES) on entrepreneurship and innovation support in rural areas (Jan 2020);
 - Karlovac-Zupanje (HR) on improved competitiveness for regional SMEs (Feb 2020);
 - Hessen (DE) on digital transformation in SMEs (March 2020).
- **Low-carbon economy (TO4).**
 - Stara Zagora (BG) on cleaner coal (2019-2020).
- **Environement & ressource efficiency (TO6).**
 - Warminsko-Mazurskie (PL) on circular economy (2019-2020).

Meet the thematic experts



Meet the management team



**Thorsten
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Project
Manager



**Elena
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Thematic
Manager



**Raluca
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Communication
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expert



**Magda
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Events
Expert



**Karine
Gevorgyan**
Office
Manager





Collaboration with the Joint Research Centre

JS at Smart Specialisation Platform steering committees:

- S3P for Industrial Modernisation: Valencia 2017, Lapland and Bilbao 2018, Warsaw 2019.
- S3P on Agri-Food: Florence 2016 and Seinajoki 2018.

Joint event S3P-Industry and IR-E projects (Lapland 2018)

JRC speakers in different PLP thematic workshops:

- Enhancing Rural Innovation Capacity and Performance, Hamburg 2018.
- Energy Efficiency in Buildings, Florence 2018.

PLP participation at the Peer eXchange and Learning workshop (Perugia 2019)



What about the future?

May 2018: Interreg Europe not present in the EC draft proposal for 2021-2027

Since then: negotiation with EP and Council who asked for Interreg Europe to be back

To be continued.... (finalisation of regulation, budget decision)



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