

**Interreg
Europe**



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Public consultation: Interreg Europe 2021-2027



24 March 2021 | Webinar for public consultation

Agenda

10:00	Welcome Miia Itänen, Interreg Europe
10:05	Interreg Europe within the Cohesion policy Giannantonio Ballette, European Commission
10:20	Interreg Europe 2021-2027 main features Amparo Montan, Pascal Chazaud, Tako Popma, Programming experts
10:40	Questions and exchange with participants Amparo Montan, Pascal Chazaud, Tako Popma, Programming experts Nicolas Singer, Interreg Europe
11:15	Wrap up and next steps Erwin Siweris, Interreg Europe
11:30	End of the webinar

Opening: Interreg Europe within the Cohesion policy

Giannantonio Ballette
European Commission

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Main features

Tako Popma, Amparo Montan, Pascal Chazaud
Programming experts

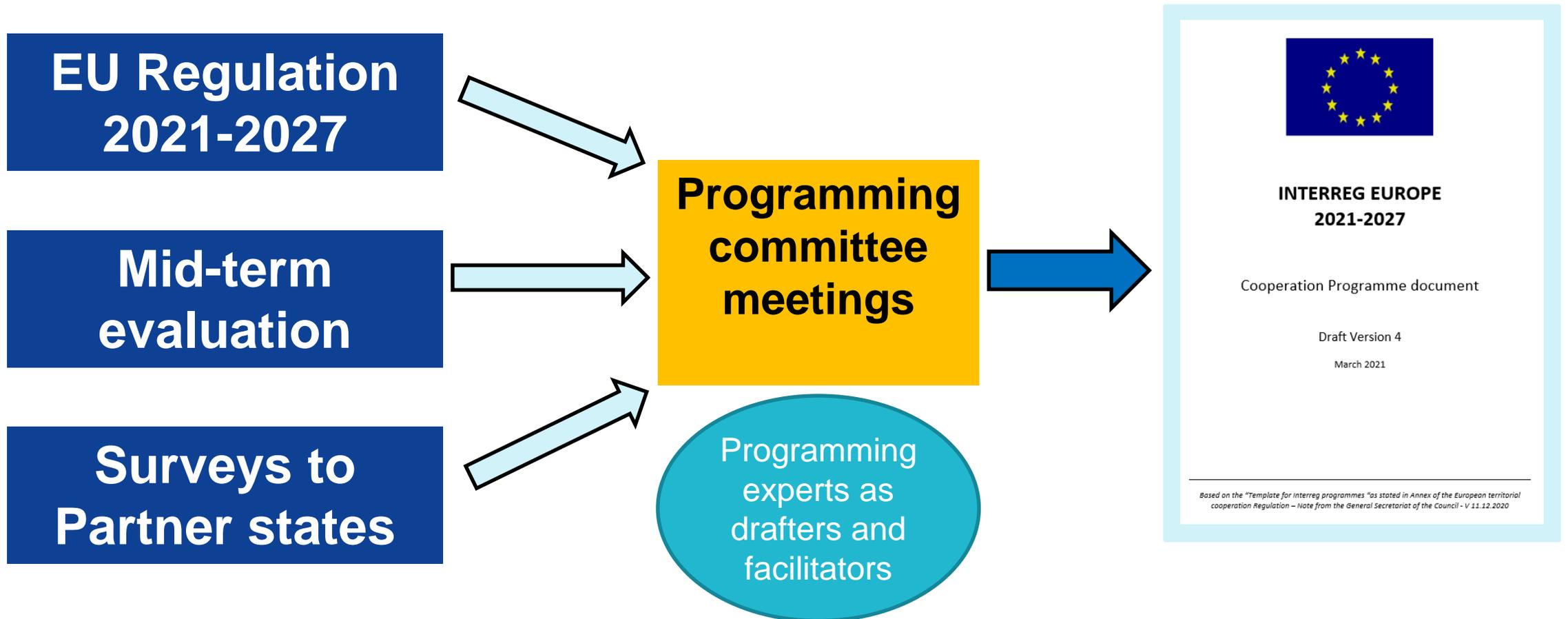
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Programming process

Drafting the new cooperation programme

Process over an 18-month period (late 2019-mid 2021)



Programme Strategy & Priorities

Overall rationale

“Improving regional development policies (including Investment for Jobs and Growth programmes), 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

Focus

2014-2020

4 thematic priorities



2021-2027

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building



Structure of the programme

Priority: Interreg Specific Objective1: a better cooperation governance

Specific objective: enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities and relevant stakeholders

**80% of funding
(indicative)**

Smarter Europe

Greener Europe

More social Europe:

labour markets, health care,
culture and sustainable tourism

**20% of funding
(indicative)**

More connected Europe

Europe closer to citizens

More social Europe:

education, social inclusion,
integration of third country nationals

Target groups

Core target groups: policy responsible organisations

- National authorities
- Regional authorities
- Local authorities
- Other bodies responsible for regional development policies

Other target groups: actors relevant to regional development policies

Examples:

- Business support organisations
- Environmental organisations
- Education and research institutes

These target groups and any other relevant actors (SMEs, for example) can also be involved in projects through **regional stakeholder groups**.

Eligible beneficiaries

No changes compared to 2014-2020

- Public authorities
 - Bodies governed by public law
 - Private non-profit bodies
- Co-financing*
- 80%
- 70%
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- | Beneficiary Type | Co-financing Percentage |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Public authorities | 80% |
| Bodies governed by public law | |
| Private non-profit bodies | 70% |



Types of Action

Continuity with the two types of action

- **Interregional cooperation projects**

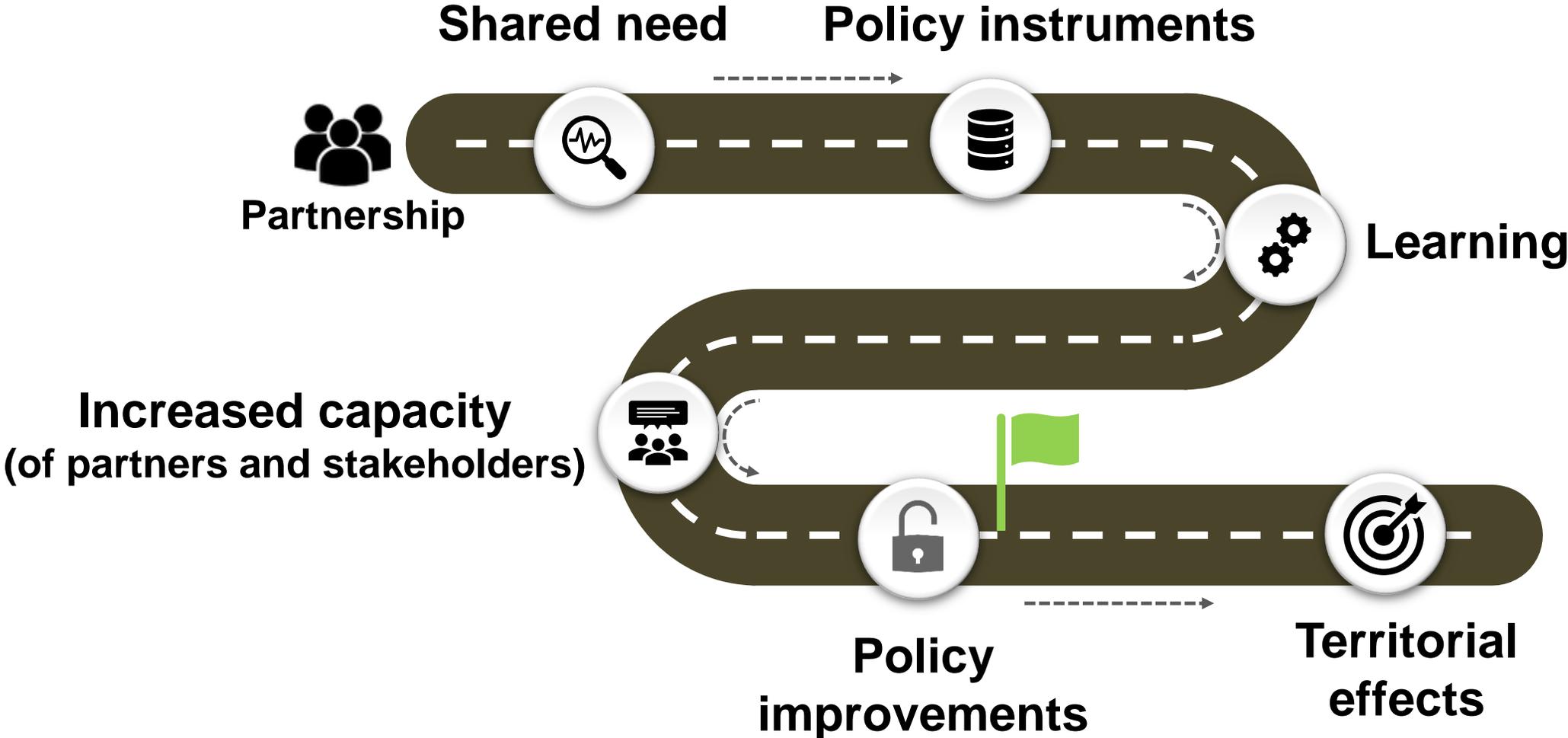
“To improve through exchange of experience the implementation of the regional development policies of the participating regions”

- **Policy Learning Platform**

“To facilitate policy learning and capitalisation of the regional policy good practices on an on-going basis”

Ensure that any interested regions can benefit from the programme

Interreg Europe project intervention logic



Interregional cooperation projects

2014-2020

- Particular focus on improving Structural Funds programmes
- Two phases
- Mandatory action plans
- Pilot actions only in phase 2
- Stakeholder groups



2021-2027

- ‘Lighter’ focus on Structural Funds programmes
- **Core** phase + **follow-up** phase
- Action plans only when needed
- Pilot actions possible from the start (*learning by doing*)
- Stakeholder groups

Platform

2014-2020



(no major changes)

2021-2027



**Four
main
services**

Good practice database



Community of peers
meetings & networking



Expert policy support
peer reviews, help desk



Knowledge hub
policy briefs & news



Cooperation programme open in terms of type of services to be developed

Conclusion: no revolution...

Key features remain

- Pan-European
- Overall objective
 - ✓ Improving regional development policies
 - ✓ Policy responsible organisations as core target group
- Means to achieve the objective
 - ✓ Focus on capacity building

.... but evolution

1. One single priority in the programme
 - Better reflect the core nature of the programme (capacity building)
 - Scope of the programme enlarged
2. Lighter focus on Structural Funds
3. Learning by doing facilitated (pilot actions)
4. Platform services open to further development



Increased opportunities for EU regions!

Concluding remarks

Erwin Siweris
Interreg Europe

Public consultation

The public consultation survey is open **until 16 April**

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Provisional timeline



Early 2022

Approval of the programme by the Commission

First semester 2022

Launch of the **first call for project proposals**

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Peer reviews and matchmaking sessions

Implemented:

- 21 peer reviews 
(+5 in the pipeline)
- 10 matchmaking sessions 
(+1 in the pipeline)

You can apply to **benefit from peer expertise** any time.

Improve your regional policies!



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Have your say and keep up with the programming updates:

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Thank you!

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