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*Sharing solutions
for better regional policies*

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Rationale

Objective set in the ETC Regulation

Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation:

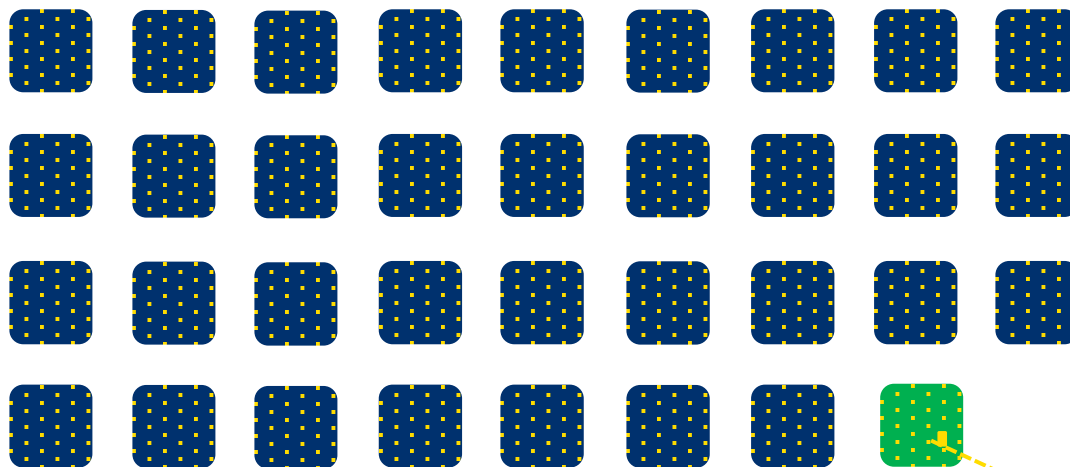
- “to reinforce the effectiveness of **cohesion policy**”
- Identification of good practices and exchange of experience to **improve performance of policies** for regional development, in particular Structural Funds (SF) programmes



Interreg Europe rationale

Exchange of experience to improve performance of policies for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds (SF)** programmes

EU Cohesion policy



Goal 1:
Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 340 billion

Goal 2:
European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 10.2 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m

Improving performance of policy?



Different possibilities

- Implement **new projects**
- Change programme **governance**
- Change programme **content**



Geographical & thematic focus

EU 28 + NO & CH

4 thematic Axis





Target groups

**Managing
Authorities**

**Regional / local
authorities**

**Agencies, institutes,
private non-profits**



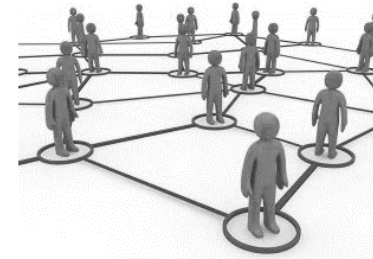
Learn from each other
to **improve policies**

Supported actions



Projects

- Involving limited number of regions
- 2 phases
- Stakeholder groups
- Action Plans



Policy learning platforms

- Open to all
- Closely related to projects





Projects: features

Implementation in 2 phases



Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years) ending with production of 1 **action plan** per region



Monitoring of action plan implementation (2 years) + possible pilot actions

Focus on Structural Funds

At least **half** of policy instruments addressed must be SF



Projects: features

- Min 3 countries represented (including 2 EU member states)

- Involvement of policy responsible organisations
 - Directly as partners
 - Indirectly through support letters (and through participation in stakeholder groups)

- Creation of stakeholder groups
 - Contribute to success of learning process by involving all relevant organisations
 - Reduce obstacles to action plan implementation



Projects: who is eligible?

- Public bodies (main target group)
(e.g. local, regional, national authorities)
- Bodies governed by public law (Directive 2004/18/EC)
- Private non profit bodies

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
85% ERDF	Public or public equivalent from EU
75% ERDF	Private non-profit from EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from NO
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from CH



Platforms: definition

A service provided to project partners and all other organizations to promote continuous policy learning and capitalization

Online collaborative tool



Expert teams (per Axis)





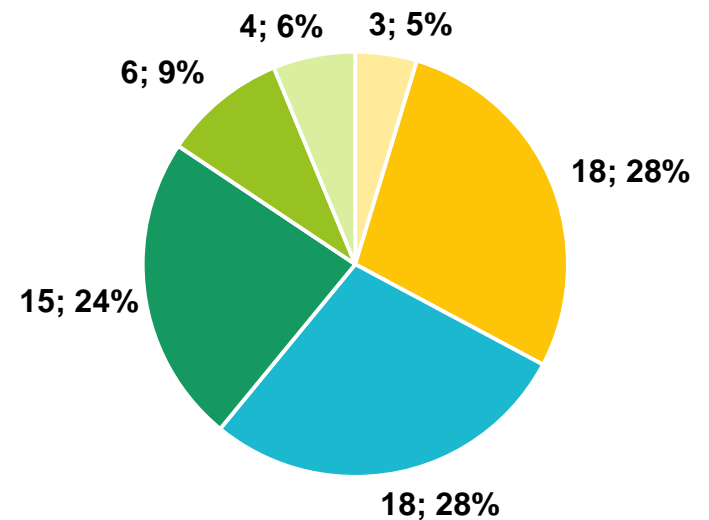
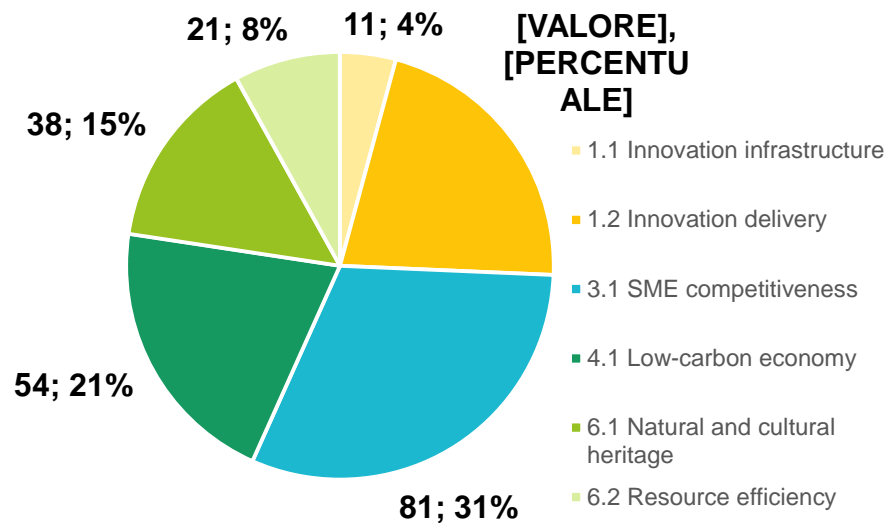
FIRST CALL RESULTS

Submitted/ recommended projects



261 projects submitted

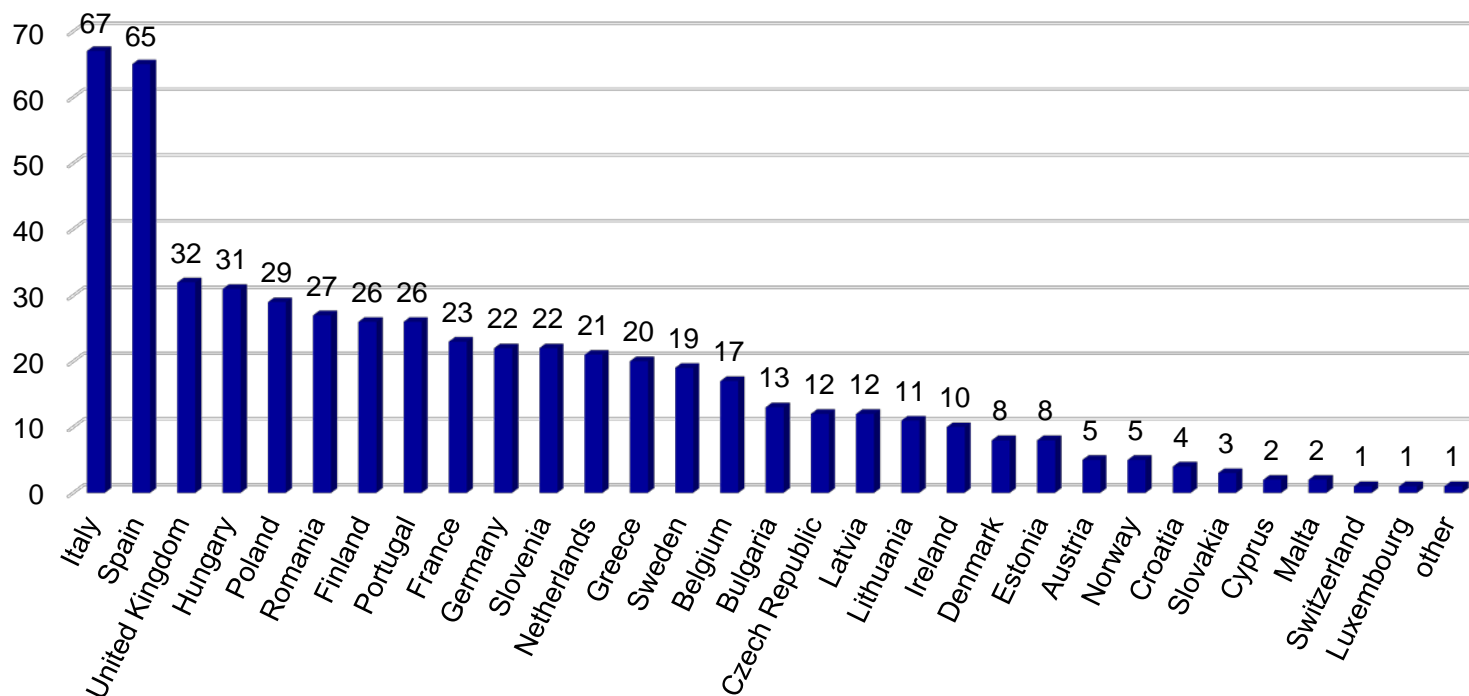
64 projects recommended



Partners in recommended projects



N° of partners per country



All partner states represented in the first call projects.



Second call for proposals

Timing:

- Opening: **5 April** (*iOlf available*)
- Closing: **13 May** (Midday CET)
- *22 February: assistance to applicants launched*
- *Early 2017 – expected start of projects*

No thematic restrictions:

- Call open to all investment priorities
- Projects under priority axes 3 and 4 welcome

Procedure:

- Fully on-line system (no electronic signature)

Recommendations for applicants



- Read the programme manual and check assessment criteria (application Form is the only basis for assessment)
- Start from your need: be specific, make sure the topic addressed is focused and reflected in the policy instruments
- Policy relevance = involvement of a partner in the policy making process and capacity to influence to policy instrument
- Be strategic: select only the most relevant project(s) for your region/area
- First activities, then budget planning



For more information

Programme website

- www.interregeurope.eu

Programme manual

- www.interregeurope.eu/help/programme-manual/

Interreg Europe community

- www.interregeurope.eu/account/dashboard/

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