

**Interreg
Europe**



European Union | European Regional Development Fund

*Sharing solutions
for better regional policies*



Interreg Europe – key features

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Summary

- Key programme features
- 2nd Call: Terms of reference



KEY PROGRAMME FEATURES

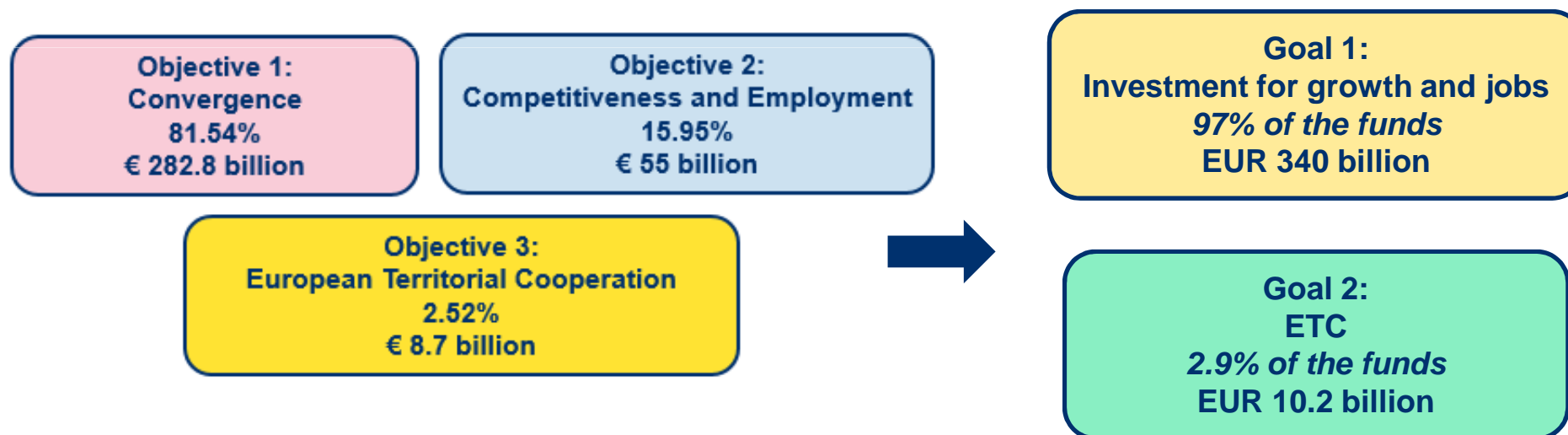


Setting the scene

EU regional policy: from 3 objectives to 2 goals

2007 – 2013

2014 – 2020



Interreg Europe rationale



Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation:

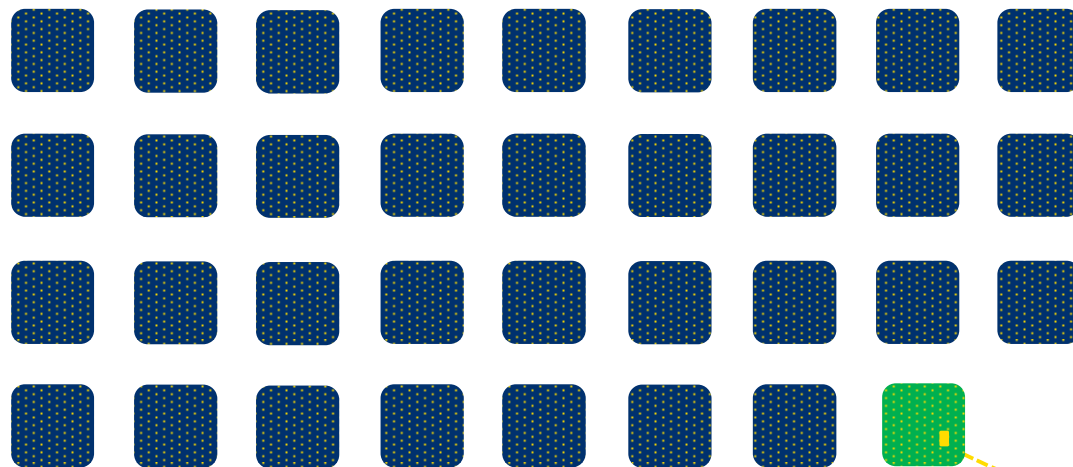
- “to reinforce the effectiveness of **cohesion policy**”
- “identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer principally to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs** goal but also, where relevant, to cooperation programmes”

Rationale of Interreg Europe



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

How can you improve a policy?



Different possibilities

- Implement **new projects**
 - Change programme **governance**
 - Change programme **content**
- } May not require funding!



Implement new projects



Practice:

Research & development Card: advisory & financial support to SMEs for the development of innovative products

From: Västra Götaland (SE) To: Lower Silesia (PL)



5.4 million zł (MEUR 1.35) financed from the ESF Operational Programme of Lower Silesia

Change programme governance



Modification of the monitoring system for the evaluation of the innovation measures in the regional operational programmes of:

- Bretagne (FR)
- PACA (FR)
- Puglia (IT)
- Wielkopolska (PL)



Change programme content



Partner

Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Improved policy

Bulgarian ESF development programme

ESF 'Development' programme tackling unemployment after mass redundancies in enterprises. Thanks to the project, the programme was modified to include preferential treatment to people age 50+.

Interreg Europe eligible area

EU28 + Norway & Switzerland





Interreg Europe thematic focus 4 priority axes

...S3

innovation
infrastructure
innovation
chains...

...creation,
development,
growth of
SMEs...



Research and
innovation



SME
competitiveness



Low-carbon
economy



Environment and
resource efficiency

...energy
efficiency
renewable
energies
sustainable
transport...

...natural
heritage
cultural heritage
resources
efficiency...



Target groups

**Managing
authorities**

**Regional / local
authorities**

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



Learn from each other
to improve policies



2 actions

A. Projects



322.4 MEUR equally shared
over 4 priority axis (84MEUR)

B. Policy Learning Platforms



15MEUR



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 OPs!



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

Project partnership requirements



- Min 3 countries represented (including 2 EU MS)
 - Recommendation: between **5 to 10 partners**
- Involvement of policy responsible organisations
 - Directly as partners
 - Indirectly through support letters (and through participation in stakeholder groups)
- Creation of stakeholder groups 
 - One per policy instrument addressed
 - Contribute to success of learning process by involving all relevant organisations
 - Reduce obstacles to action plan implementation



Letter of support

Required for a partner when the policy relevant organisation – e.g. MA – is not directly involved
(whatever the policy addressed)

Points of attention for SF programmes:

- Make sure that programme addressed is an SF programme
- Make sure that name of the programme is correctly filled in
- Make sure that name of the institution is correct
 - Check list for your country:
<http://www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/malta/>



Projects: simplifications

Online (OLF) system

- Application, report, request for changes

More budget flexibility

- 20% flexibility rules within approved budget
- No financial reporting per component

Fewer control steps

- No reconfirmation of partnership cost on lead partner level

Simpler administration

- Lump sum preparation costs (EUR 15,000)
- Flat rate administration costs (15% of staff costs)



Policy Learning Platforms: Origin

INTERREG IVC
capitalisation
exercise



S3 platform
Seville

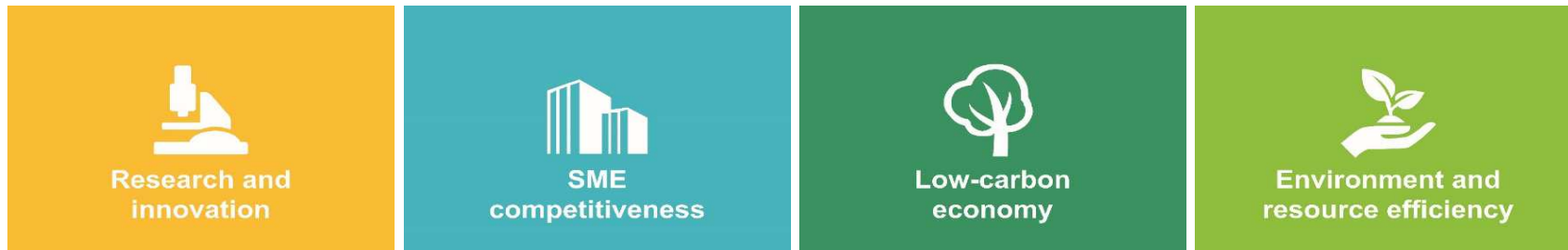


Objective

Objective: To contribute to policy learning across EU in particular on Structural Funds implementation

- ➔ Better exploiting projects' results (internal capitalisation)
- ➔ Opening up programme results to anyone interested (external capitalisation / demand driven)

Policy Learning Platforms: definition



A service provided per priority axis via:

Online collaborative tool

- With relevant functionalities



Expert team

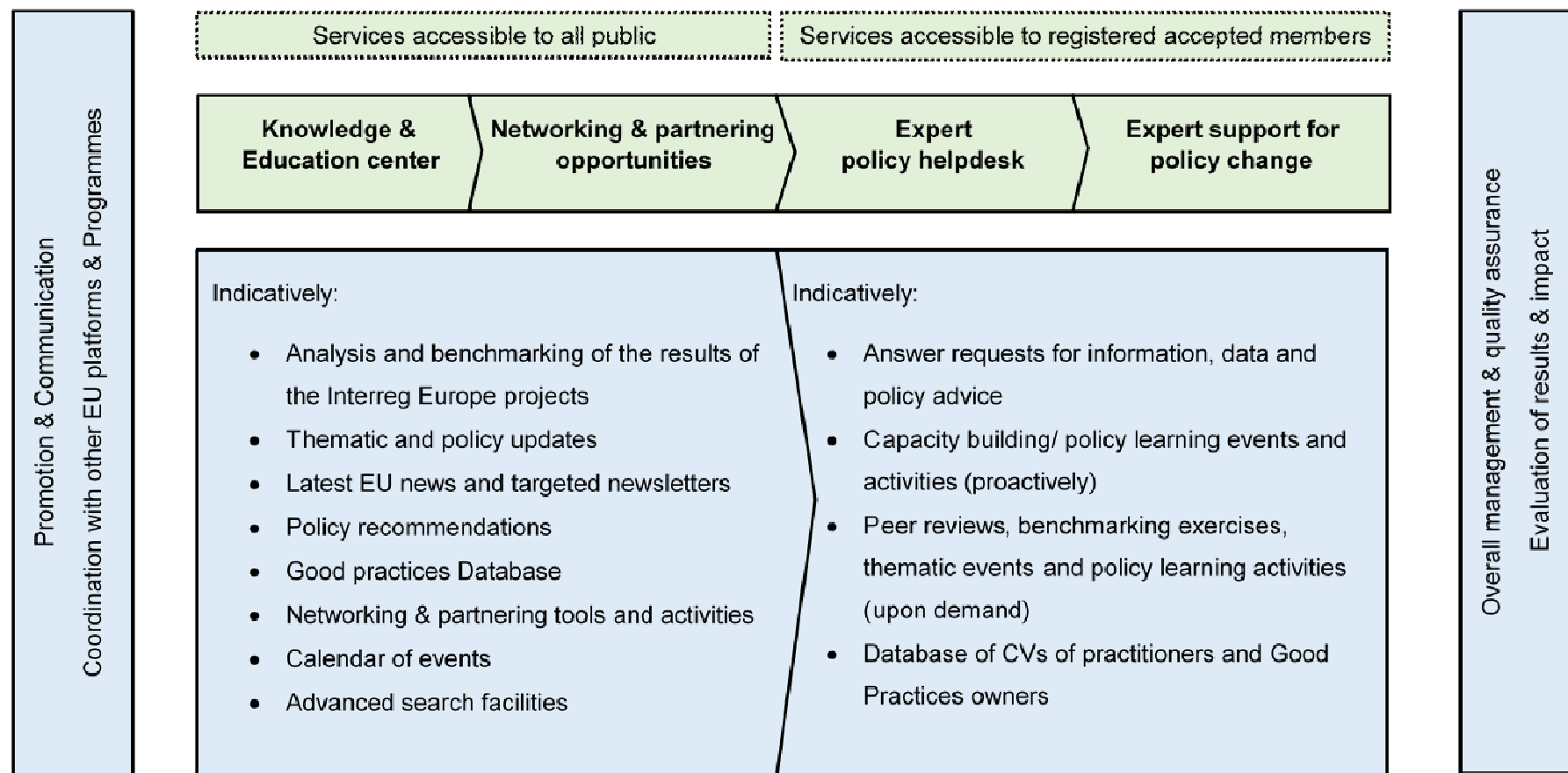
- Content & coordination





Platforms: services provided

Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platforms at www.interregeurope.eu

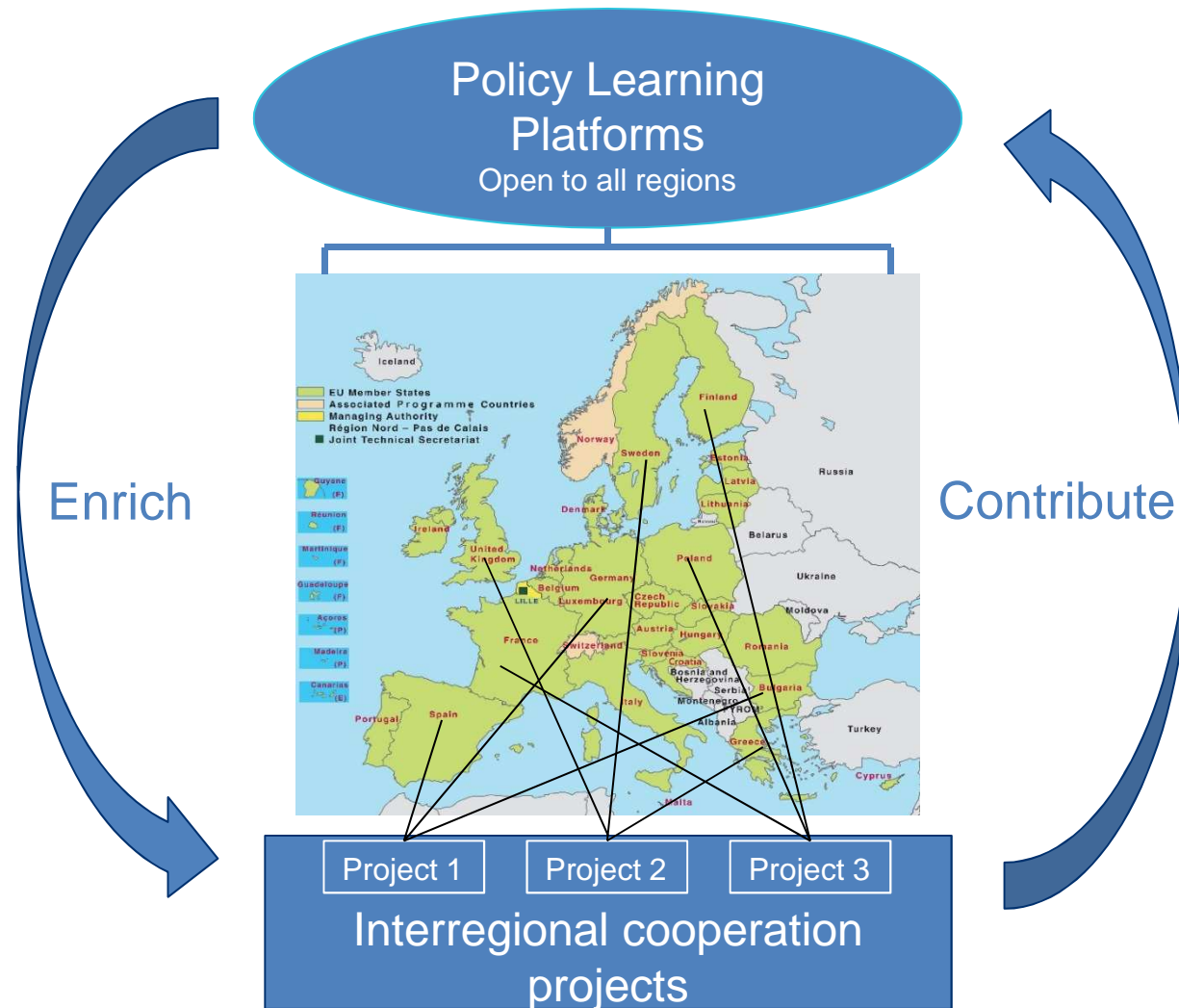


What

How



Two interrelated actions





Conclusions

	INTERREG IVC	Interreg Europe
Rationale	Regional development policies	Regional development policies, principally SF programmes
Area	EU-27, NO+CH	EU-28, NO+CH
Eligibility	Public & public law bodies No private	Public & public law bodies Private non-profit bodies
Co-financing	75%-85% (country)	85% public or equivalent 75% private non-profit
Actions	1-phase project + CAP	2-phase project + PLP



TERMS OF REFERENCE



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:

- on-line system



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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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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