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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

In 2022, the programme implementation continued successfully. 120 projects (out of 258 in total) were closed. This figure remains rather low at this stage of programme implementation because 51 projects from the 1st and 2nd calls were reopened due to the call for additional activities (organised in spring 2021).

As highlighted in previous reports, Interreg Europe will exceed most of its targets. By the end of 2022, the consolidated projects' achievements were the following:

- **Activities:** the projects organised 15,274 policy learning events and identified 5,611 good practices. Over 22,000 people declared that they increased their professional capacity thanks to the cooperation projects. 1,668 action plans were developed by the 258 projects. In 2022, the highest increase in outputs was achieved by the priority 4 projects. Particularly the number of action plans produced increased by 81.5% (from 233 in 2021 to 423 in 2022). This is due to the fact that a majority of these projects were approved in the last two calls (3rd and 4th) and their action plans were validated later than those of the other projects.
- **Results:** projects reported a total of 1,048 policy improvements, more than half of them (537) within Structural Funds programmes. The financial impact of this exceeds the ERDF budget allocated to Interreg Europe; it is currently estimated at MEUR 1,353 (including MEUR 1,100 of ERDF). This funding was mobilised to finance activities inspired by the projects' exchange of experience. These results show how Interreg Europe directly contributes to a more efficient implementation of the Cohesion Policy. The programme website presents further information and illustrations of the project results (www.interregeurope.eu/project-results).

As noted in the previous report, the possibility to request pilot actions ended in 2021. A final overview of these actions was prepared in 2022 and a report was presented at the 18th MC meeting in Lille in May 2022. Out of the 130 pilot actions approved, six withdrew after their approval; either due to internal organisation problems, or because of difficulties encountered during the COVID-19 pandemic. 124 pilot actions were implemented involving 236 partners from 27 countries and 114 NUTS2 regions. 138 partners were from more developed regions (58%) and 98 (42%) from less developed and in transition regions. In terms of specific objectives, for more developed regions, the highest number of partners were from projects under specific objective 1.2 Innovation delivery (37). For less developed and in transition regions, the highest number of partners were from projects under specific objective 3.1 Low carbon economy (32).

The pilot actions were financed either by the project's underspending accumulated at the end of phase 1 or, if the underspending was not sufficient, by additional funding granted to the project. 65 pilot actions were granted additional funding. Even for these, the ERDF increase was often minor since most pilot actions were financed by a mixture of underspending and additional funding. The total budget granted to pilot actions was MEUR 6 (ERDF). MEUR 1.2 (ERDF) represented the additional funding granted to the projects. The remaining MEUR 4.8 (ERDF) was financed through projects' underspending.

The implementation of the Policy Learning Platform (PLP) continued well in 2022. The main Platform activities were:

- 199 good practices validated for the database
- Expert support through 15 peer reviews (and 1 onsite visit as a peer review follow-up), 14 matchmaking

sessions, 48 policy helpdesk replies

- 14 policy briefs, 21 policy articles and 22 stories about good practices
- 33 thematic events
- 10 participations in other thematic networks/project events
- 7 promotional events/meetings

In terms of financial management, the programme exceeded the cumulative decommitment target for 2022 by 35% with MEUR 289 of ERDF requested from the Commission by December 2022.

In 2022, 22 second level audits were performed on 20 partners from 10 projects and on the PLP on priority 4, and on the technical assistance expenditure. This audit campaign resulted in EUR 186 of ineligible expenditure and an extrapolated error rate of 0.01%. The audit of accounts did not detect any issues in the annual accounts 2021/2022. The good functioning of the management and control system was again confirmed.

In terms of programme management, two hybrid monitoring committee (MC) meetings took place: MC18 in Lille on 5 October and MC19 in Prague on 13 December. In 2022, the main aim of these meetings was to keep the Partner States updated, to receive feed-back, to clarify and to exchange on operations' implementation, evaluation, communication activities, audit and finance matters. In 2022, 3 written procedures were launched for the MC to approve the 2021 annual implementation report, the 5th PLP workplan, and the technical assistance budget.

The 2021-2027 programme was finalised in the first semester of 2022. The 13th programming committee meeting was organised online on 8 March. The main agenda point was the approval of the revised programme following the EC observations. The committee also approved the draft version 3 of the new programme manual. The final version of the programme was submitted to the Commission on 25 April 2022. The Commission confirmed the approval of the 2021-2027 programme on 5 July 2022.

In parallel, the 1st call for project proposals under 2021-2027 programme was launched on 5 April and closed on 31 May 2022. 134 applications were submitted with the involvement of 780 organisations from all Partner States. The first two MC meetings (hybrid) for the 2021-2027 period were also organised in Lille on 6 October and in Prague on 13-14 December where 72 projects were approved.

Communication in 2022 focused mainly on the dissemination of the programme achievements and the promotion of the 2021- 2027 programme and its 1st call for project proposals.

- The achievements were shared at events organised by the programme or the Partner State's points of contact, and at thematic events (EU Regions Week, EU Green Week, EUSEW, etc.). The programme website, monthly and thematic newsletters, and social media channels presented the success stories about projects and their good practices.
- The programme celebrated the 20th anniversary of interregional cooperation with a social media campaign at the end of the year. The campaign presented key achievements of Interreg Europe and its predecessors.
- The 2021-2027 programme was approved in July 2022 and widely promoted among Interreg Europe's potential beneficiaries during the whole year. The new programme website was launched in March 2022. It became one of the key support tools for the 1st call for project proposals in the spring and for the 2nd call online partner search and networking in the fall.
- Points of contact in 20 Partner States held over 40 information events about the programme's

achievements, its new features and the two calls for project proposals.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Research, Technological Development and Innovation	<p>A total of 65 projects are approved under PA1. As initially forecasted in the cooperation programme, majority of projects (53) were approved under specific objective 1(b) and only 12 under specific objective 1(a). By December 2022, 35 projects were closed. Projects under PA1 organised 4,108 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 1,271 good practices. They contributed to the increased capacity of 4,910 people and developed 428 action plans. In terms of results, they demonstrated 336 policy changes (including 212 related to Structural Funds programmes) with a financial impact estimated at MEUR 408 (including MEUR 343 of ERDF). Full details can be found in the monitoring system (iDB) and the programme website.</p> <p>In 2022, the main Platform activities were: publication of 3 policy briefs, 7 articles and 5 stories; assessment of 47 good practices and validation of 27 for the database; organisation of 3 online discussions, 3 webinars, 2 workshops, 3 peer reviews - for Province of Fryslân (NL) on how to boost community resilience by small scale funding, for Upper Silesia Development Agency (PL) on promoting university-industry collaboration, and for Marshal Office of the Pomorskie Voivodeship (PL) on building an integrated support system for the participation of local and regional entities in EU-funded innovation and research programmes, and 3 matchmaking sessions - for Tarragona County (ES) on multi-actor projects, for Kainuu region (FI) on fostering multi-actor projects, and for Central Transdanubia regional innovation agency (HU) on university-industry collaboration for the digital and green twin transitions.</p>
2	Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises	<p>A total of 66 projects are approved under PA2. By December 2022, 30 projects were closed. Projects under PA2 organised 3,987 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 1,446 good practices. They contributed to the increased capacity of 5,479 people and developed 441 action plans. In terms of results, the projects demonstrated 209 policy changes (including 117 related to Structural Funds programmes) with a financial impact estimated at MEUR 303 (including MEUR 271 of ERDF). Full details on these policy changes can be found in the monitoring system (iDB) and in the result section of the programme website.</p> <p>In 2022, the main PLP activities were: publication of 3 policy briefs, 2 articles and 5 stories; assessment of 31 good practices and validation of 30 in the database; organisation of 2 online discussion, 3 webinars, 3 workshops, 3 peer reviews - for Upper Silesia Development Agency (PL) on Voucher schemes for SMEs, for City of Tallinn (EE) on smart city policies, and for City of Korcula (HR) on developing Smart Island and Smart Tourism Strategies, and 3 matchmaking sessions - for North East development agency (RO) on Digital transformation of SMEs and Call for proposals in the new ROP, for the Czech Ministry for Industry and Trade (CZ) on Smart cities, and for Central Transdanubia regional innovation agency (HU) on how to integrate a new EDIH into the regional ecosystem.</p>
3	Low Carbon Economy	<p>A total of 60 projects are approved under PA3. By December 2022, 26 projects were closed. Projects under PA3 organised 3,298 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 1,288 good practices. They contributed to the increased capacity of 6,219 people and developed 376 action plans. In terms of results, the projects demonstrated 220 policy changes (including 103 related to Structural Funds programmes) with a financial impact estimated at MEUR 460</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<p>(including MEUR 339 of ERDF). The LOWCARBO project plays an important part in this with an amount of MEUR 165 influenced on a grant scheme of the Hungarian OP programme (EDIOP-4). Full details can be found in the monitoring system (iDB) and the programme website.</p> <p>In 2022, the main PLP activities were: publication of 4 policy briefs, 8 articles and 7 stories; assessment of 53 good practices and validation of 53 in the database; organisation of 5 webinars, 2 workshops, 3 peer reviews - for Province of Trento (IT) on green territorial transformative strategies to turn the Val di Fiemme into a “green community”, for City of Prague (CZ) on green bonds, for County of Barnim (DE) on green hydrogen, and 6 matchmaking sessions - for Azores Regional Council (PT) on project bundling to bring down costs and create critical mass to attract 3rd party investment, for Partnership of Latvian constructors (LV) on construction material LCA, for CERTH Thessaloniki (EL) on youth in mobility planning, for University of Aveiro (PT) on co-design of MaaS bundles, for Oeiras Municipality (PT) on Urban heat islands, and for County of Barnim (DE) on citizen participation in RESt.</p>
4	Environment and Resource Efficiency	<p>A total of 67 projects are approved under PA4. It is therefore the priority with the highest number of projects thanks to results of the 4th call. By December 2022, 29 projects were closed. Projects under PA4 organised 3,881 policy learning events (including stakeholder meetings) and identified 1,606 good practices. They contributed to the increased capacity of 5,622 people and developed 423 action plans. In terms of results, they demonstrated an influence on 283 policy changes (including 105 Structural Funds programmes) with a total financial impact estimated at MEUR 182 (including MEUR 152 of ERDF). Full details can be found in the monitoring system (iDB) and the programme website.</p> <p>In 2022, the main PLP activities were: publication of 4 policy briefs, 4 articles and 5 stories; assessment of 93 good practices and validation of 89 in the database; organisation of 6 webinars, 3 workshops, 6 peer reviews - for City of Maribor (SI) on circular economy citizen involvement, for Lipor - Greater Porto area (PT) on separate biowaste collection and PAYT, for Municipality of Rasinari (RO) on governance and finance for protected areas, for Swedish Environment Agency (SE) on antimicrobial resistance in water, for Quart de Poblet (ES) on river restoration and blue green infrastructure, for Regional Government of Andalusia (ES) on environmental permits, 1 peer-review follow-up meeting for the City of Greifswald (DE) on landfills with a site visit in Flanders (BE), and 2 matchmaking sessions - for Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia (EL) on Regeneration of the coastal area of Thessaloniki, and for City of Cagnes sur Mer (FR) on River-sea connection of the Cagnes-sur-Mer coastline.</p>
5	Technical Assistance	<p>The programme continued to monitor the running projects and to organise communication activities as well as the audit activities necessary for the closure of the annual accounts (see section 2 for more information on audits). The programme also organised back-to-back monitoring committees for this period and for the new period in a hybrid format.</p> <p>The programme annual event was held online and was the opportunity to showcase the results and achievements of the 2014-2020 programme and launch the 2021-2027 programme’s first call for project proposals.</p> <p>The joint secretariat also organised a webinar for the 4th call projects on the requirements of the lump sum for phase 2.</p> <p>As each year, the programme actively participated in the EU Regions Week, this time with a virtual stand and two online workshops.</p> <p>Finally, the new programme for 2021-2027 was submitted to the EC in April 2022 and approved in July 2022. The first call projects were assessed and 72 approved by the monitoring committee in December 2022. The preparation of the</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		second call for project proposals started. The joint secretariat continued working on the development of the new monitoring system and the programme website (launched in March 2022).

3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	76.00	79.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	76.00	79.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 1a is 79.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,000.00	825.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,000.00	1,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority 1a is 1,335.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	7.00	53.00	154 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority. This achievement exceeds by far the target value which was clearly underestimated. This level of achievement can be explained by the high number of partners (including regional public authorities) involved in projects of priority axis 1; most of them being also members of the platform. From 2022, this data cannot be updated as it is no longer recorded due to the launch of the new programme's website and complete reformulation of the programme's topics.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	7.00	7.00	No forecast available per year.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	10.00	21.00	Several events organised by the PLP in thematic objective 1 are open to projects from both investment priorities 1a and 1b. This is the reason why the same events can be reported under these investment priorities. So far the following events were organised: 1 event in 2016; 2 events in 2017; 3 events in 2018; 2 events in 2019, 2 events in 2020, 7 events in 2021 (details available in previous reports). In 2022: 1 online discussion on Technology foresight (25/2); 2 webinars on Smart villages (28/6), on Digitalisation of the public sector (23/11); 1 online promotional event "Next generation policymakers. Why skills, knowledge and a powerful network are vital" was also organised covering all topics (5/12)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	10.00	10.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	57.00	57.00	46.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	564.00	510.00	274.00	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	53.00	49.00	19.00	9.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	17.00	10.00	8.00	7.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest
Specific objective	1.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, in the field of research and innovation infrastructure and capacities, notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies.

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1a.1.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	2.62	2014	8.00	12.60		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, in compliance with the Cooperation Programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of 19 individual programmes: 10 as baseline and 9 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects' results validated by the programme under this priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated 40 policy changes on 28 Structural Funds programmes since a few of these changes are related to the same programmes (i.e. OPs of Czech Republic, Finland, Lithuania, Romania and UK, ROP of Emilia Romagna, OPs of South and North in the Netherlands, ROP of Śląskie Voivodeship). Details are available on iDB. In total, 47 programmes (out of 372) were influenced by Interreg Europe.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	3,500,000.00	2014	48,000,000.00	58,300,000.00		This indicator is based on two different sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of MEUR 10.5: 3.5 as baseline and 7 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme this investment priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 47.8 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 58.3 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	10.75		9.67		8.33		7.00	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	38,500,000.00		24,500,000.00		21,600,000.00		21,300,000.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	2.62		2.62		2.62		2.62	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00	

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1b

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	154.00	349.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	154.00	154.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 1b is 375.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	2,000.00	4,085.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	2,000.00	2,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 5,763.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	18.00	52.00	151 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority. This achievement exceeds by far the target value which was clearly under estimated. This level of achievement can be explained by the high number of partners (including regional public authorities) involved in projects of priority axis 1; most of them being also members of the platform. From 2022, this data cannot be updated as it is no longer recorded due to the launch of the new programme's website and complete reformulation of the programme's topics.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	18.00	18.00	No forecast available.
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	18.00	46.00	Several PLP events in TO1 are open to both 1a and 1b projects. The same events can be reported. The following took place: 1 event in 2016; 2 events in 2017; 4 events in 2018; 6 events in 2019, 6 events in 2020, 11 events in 2021 (details in previous reports). In 2022: 3 online discussions on spaces for innovation (4/2), on Technology foresight (25/2) and on anticipatory innovation governance (23/9); 3 webinars on agrifood local value chains (3/6), on Smart villages (28/6), on Digitalisation of the public sector (23/11); 2 workshops on S3 implementation (16/3), and on Innovation ecosystems (18/10); 3 peer reviews for Upper Silesia Region (PL) (2/3), for Fryslan Province (NL) (23/3), for Pomorskie Region (PL) (29/6); 3 matchmakings for Tarragona County (ES) (18/3), for Kainuu region (FI) (30/3), for Central Transdanubia (HU) (10/10); 1 promo event Next generation
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	18.00	18.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	273.00	259.00	234.00	74.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	154.00	154.00	154.00	154.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	3,365.00	3,026.00	1,808.00	788.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	52.00	48.00	24.00	28.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	30.00	19.00	13.00	8.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services
Specific objective	1.2 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, that support the delivery of innovation by actors in regional innovation chains in areas of "smart specialisation" and innovation opportunity.

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1b.1.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	3.66	2014	25.00	26.88		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, in compliance with the Cooperation Programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of 27 individual programmes: 14 as baseline and 13 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated 172 policy changes on 73 Structural Funds programmes since a significant number of changes are related to the same programmes (i.e. OP of AT, BG, CZ, FI, HU, LV, LT, RO, SE, SK, SI, UK and ROP in DE, EL, FR, IE, IT, NL, PL, PT, ES). Despite an increased number of policy changes, no new Structural Funds programmes were influenced in 2022. In total 100 programmes (out of 372) were influenced by Interreg Europe
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	3,500,000.00	2014	144,000,000.00	398,600,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of MEUR 103.5: 3.5 as baseline and 100 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this investment priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 295.1 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 398.6 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	26.88		21.78		19.08		12.56	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	386,100,000.00		278,500,000.00		146,300,000.00		119,224,000.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	3.66		3.66		3.66		3.66	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00		3,500,000.00	

Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
Investment priority	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.3d

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	441.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	230.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 3d is 447.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	5,479.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	3,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 6,993.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	52.00	151 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority. This achievement exceeds by far the target value which was clearly under estimated. This level of achievement can be explained by the high number of partners (including regional public authorities) involved in projects of priority axis 2; most of them being also members of the platform. From 2022, this data cannot be updated as it is no longer recorded due to the launch of the new programme's website and complete reformulation of the programme's topics.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	25.00	No forecast available per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	52.00	1 event in 2016; 2 events in 2017; 2 events in 2018; 7 events in 2019, 9 events in 2020, 16 events in 2021 (details available in previous reports). In 2022: 2 online discussions on support SME competitiveness in rural areas (21/1), on Resilience for SMEs (17/6); 3 webinars on Financial instruments for the circular economy (1/2), on Industry 5.0 (22/9), on Incubators (12/12); 3 workshops on Fostering innovation capacity of SMEs (24/2), on evolution of the agri-food sector (15/3), on Digital innovation hubs in Helsinki (FI) (24/11); 3 peer reviews for Upper Silesia Region (PL) (29/3), for City of Tallinn (EE) (13/10), for City of Korcula (HR) (10/11); 3 matchmakings for NorthEast development agency (RO) (18/3), for Czech Ministry for Industry and Trade (CZ) (24/8), for Central Transdanubia regional innovation agency (HU) (22/11); 1 promo event Next generation ...
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	28.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	351.00	267.00	226.00	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	4,405.00	3,090.00	2,267.00	433.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	52.00	47.00	25.00	26.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	37.00	21.00	12.00	7.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
Investment priority	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes
Specific objective	2.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, supporting SMEs in all stages of their life cycle to develop and achieve growth and engage in innovation.

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.3d.2.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.83	2014	33.00	20.96		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, in compliance with the Cooperation Programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of 15 individual programmes: 7 as baseline and 8 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated 117 policy changes on 63 Structural Funds programmes. A significant number of changes are related to the same programmes (e.g., OP of BG, FI, HU, LT, RO, SI, UK and ROP like Brandenburg (DE), or Emilia Romagna, Molise, Veneto (IT)). Despite an increased number of policy changes, no new Structural Funds programmes were influenced in 2022. In total, 78 programmes (out of 372) were influenced by Interreg Europe.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	0.00	2014	192,000,000.00	271,700,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of EUR 268,850: 0 as baseline and 268,500 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this investment priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 271.5 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 271.7 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	20.96		17.47		13.70		9.42	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	267,200,000.00		279,700,000.00		89,500,000.00		24,268,850.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	1.83		1.83		1.83		1.83	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Investment priority	4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.4e

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	376.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	230.00	230.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 4e is 387.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	6,219.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	3,000.00	3,000.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 7,153.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	51.00	147 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority. This achievement exceeds by far the target value which was clearly under estimated. The level of achievement can be explained by the high number of partners (including regional public authorities) involved in projects of priority axis 3; most of them being also members of the platform. From 2022, this data cannot be updated as it is no longer recorded due to the launch of the new programme's website and complete reformulation of the programme's topics.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	25.00	25.00	No forecast set per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	64.00	1 event in 2016; 2 events in 2017; 5 events in 2018; 8 events in 2019, 12 events in 2020, 19 events in 2021 (details in previous reports). In 2022: 5 webinars on hydrogen economy (8/2), on RES financing for public sector (28/4), on mobilising citizen financing for RES (5/5), on the rural green transitions (13/9), on Integrated ticketing and mobility (13/12); 2 workshops on energy poverty (17/3), on Participatory processes – mobility in Thessaloniki (EL) (28/6); 3 peer reviews for Trento Province (IT) (30/3), for City of Prague (CZ) (20/10), for County of Barnim (DE) (8/11) 6 matchmakings for Azores Regional Council (PL) (21/3), for Partnership of Latvian constructors (LV) (26/4), for CERTH Thessaloniki (EL) (29/6), for University of Aveiro (PT) (25/6), for Oeiras Municipality (PT) (31/10), for County of Barnim (DE) (10/11); 1 promo event Next generation ...
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	28.00	28.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	250.00	237.00	202.00	69.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	4,533.00	3,707.00	2,642.00	1,208.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	51.00	46.00	22.00	24.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	47.00	28.00	16.00	8.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Investment priority	4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures
Specific objective	3.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, addressing the transition to a low-carbon economy, notably in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies.

Table 1: Result indicators - 3.4e.3.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.31	2014	33.00	17.20		Indicator is based on 2 sources. First, in compliance with the Cooperation Programme, it includes the survey results sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of 8 individual programmes: 5 as baseline and 3 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the MC in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated 103 policy changes on 56 Structural Funds programmes. A significant number of changes are related to the same programmes (e.g., OP of BG, CZ, FI, HR, HU, LT, MT, RO, SI, SK, and ROPs like Andalusia and Extremadura (ES), Southern and Eastern (IE), or North, Centro and Azores (PT)). Despite higher number of policy changes, no new SF programmes were influenced in 2022. In total, 64 programmes (out of 372) were influenced by Interreg Europe.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	13,000,000.00	2014	192,000,000.00	354,000,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of MEUR 14.6: 13 as baseline and 1.6 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this investment priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 339.4 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 354 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	17.20		13.98		12.09		7.59	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	352,000,000.00		299,500,000.00		229,100,000.00		202,667,000.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	1.31		1.31		1.31		1.31	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	13,000,000.00		13,000,000.00		13,000,000.00		13,000,000.00	

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.6c

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	219.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	115.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 6c is 221.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	2,950.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	1,500.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 3,464.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	50.00	144 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority. This achievement exceeds by far the target value which was clearly under estimated. This level of achievement can be explained by the high number of partners (including regional public authorities) involved in projects of priority axis 4; most of them being also members of the platform. From 2022, this data cannot be updated as it is no longer recorded due to the launch of the new programme's website and complete reformulation of the programme's topics.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	12.00	No forecast available per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	29.00	1 event in 2016; 1 events in 2017; 3 events in 2018; 4 events in 2019, 5 events in 2020, 7 events in 2021 (details available in previous reports). In 2022: 3 webinars on cultural routes (18/10, 25/10, 3/11); 1 workshop on coastal regions in Cagnes sur Mer (FR) (27/10); 3 peer reviews for Rasinari municipality, online (RO) (11/5), for Quart de Poblet (ES) (21/6), for Regional Government of Andalusia (ES) (5/10); 1 online promotional event "Next generation policymakers. Why skills, knowledge and a powerful network are vital" was covering all topics (5/12)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	14.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	140.00	124.00	86.00	37.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	115.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	2,264.00	1,508.00	822.00	272.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	50.00	45.00	27.00	18.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	21.00	14.00	9.00	6.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	4.1 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, in the field of the protection and development of natural and cultural heritage.

Table 1: Result indicators - 4.6c.4.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	1.57	2014	16.00	13.70		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, in compliance with the Cooperation Programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of 11 individual programmes: 6 as baseline and 5 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated 50 policy changes on 40 Structural Funds programmes since few changes are related to the same programmes (i.e. OP of HU and LV, ROP of Central Macedonia in EL, Molise, Veneto, Lombardy, Umbria in IT, Castile and Leon and Basque Country in ES). In total, 51 programmes (out of 372 SF programmes) were therefore influenced.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	19,000,000.00	2014	96,000,000.00	111,100,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of MEUR 61.3: 19 as baseline and 42.3 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this investment priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 49.8 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 111.1 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	11.00		8.00		6.45		3.66	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	108,700,000.00		94,100,000.00		84,300,000.00		62,582,000.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	1.57		1.57		1.57		1.57	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00	

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6g - Supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the public and private sectors

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.6g

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	204.00	
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	115.00	115.00	No forecast is available per year but the total number forecast by all projects approved under investment priority 6g is 206.
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	2,672.00	
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	Number	1,500.00	1,500.00	No forecast available per year but the total number forecast for all projects approved under investment priority is 3,358.
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	53.00	153 out of the 290 NUTS 2 regions registered on the Policy Learning Platform have expressed interest in this investment priority. This achievement exceeds by far the target value which was clearly under estimated. This level of achievement can be explained by the high number of partners (including regional public authorities) involved in projects of priority axis 4; most of them being also members of the platform. From 2022, this data cannot be updated as it is no longer recorded due to the launch of the new programme's website and complete reformulation of the programme's topics.
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	%	12.00	12.00	No forecast available per year
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	35.00	1 event in 2016; 2 events in 2017; 1 event in 2018; 4 events in 2019; 9 events in 2020; 6 events in 2021 (details available in previous reports). In 2022: 3 webinars on waste series (plastic 3/2, waste series 10/2, WEEE 17/2); 2 e-workshops on biowaste (27/1) and on biodiversity (14/3); 3 peer reviews for City of Maribor (SI) (12/1), for Greater Porto/ Lipor (PT) (23/2) and for Swedish Environmental Agency (SE) (27/4); 1 follow-up meeting for the peer review for City of Greifswald (DE) on landfills with a site visit in Flanders (BE) (5-6/9); 2 matchmaking sessions for Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia (EL) (28/10) and for City of Cagnes sur Mer (FR) (28/10); 1 online promotional event "Next generation policymakers. Why skills, knowledge and a powerful network are vital" was also organised covering all topics (5/12)
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	Number	14.00	14.00	No forecast is available per year per investment priority.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	1	Number of Action Plans developed	93.00	82.00	74.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1	Number of Action Plans developed	115.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,550.00	1,180.00	645.00	132.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2	Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	53.00	49.00	25.00	11.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3	Share of all European regions' (NUTS 2) registered to the Policy Learning Platform	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	23.00	17.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	4	Number of policy learning events organised by the Policy Learning Platform	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Investment priority	6g - Supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the public and private sectors
Specific objective	4.2 - Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, aimed at increasing resource-efficiency, green growth and eco-innovation and environmental performance management.

Table 1: Result indicators - 4.6g.4.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	% of all Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes	0.52	2014	16.00	10.22		This indicator is based on 2 sources. First, in compliance with the Cooperation Programme, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of 4 individual programmes: 2 as baseline and 2 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated 55 policy changes on 34 Structural Funds programmes since several changes are related to the same programmes (i.e. OP of BG, FI, HU, LT, RO, SI and ROP of Central Macedonia and Crete in EL, Andalucia in ES, Lombardia in IT). In total, 38 programmes (out of 372 SF programmes) were therefore influenced.
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	EUR	19,000,000.00	2014	96,000,000.00	121,800,000.00		This indicator is based on 2 sources of information. First, it includes the results of the surveys sent to all managing authorities in 2014, 2018 and 2020 (total of MEUR 19: 19 as baseline and 0 influenced by Interreg Europe). As agreed by the monitoring committee in 2018, this indicator also includes the projects results validated by the programme under this investment priority. By December 2022, the projects demonstrated an additional amount influenced estimated at MEUR 102.8 (details of this amount are available in iDB under the 'Policy Instruments Results' table). In total for this investment priority, an amount of MEUR 121.8 was therefore influenced by the programme.

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	8.60		5.91		4.83		2.87	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	111,600,000.00		81,300,000.00		44,800,000.00		20,500,000.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1	Share of Growth & Jobs and ETC programmes where measures inspired by INTERREG EUROPE were implemented	0.52		0.52		0.52		0.52	
2	Amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and ETC) influenced by INTERREG EUROPE	19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00		19,000,000.00	

Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 5.Technical Assistance

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2022	Observations
F	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	Number	200.00	258.00	In total, 258 interregional projects were approved during the four calls for proposals.
S	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	Number	200.00	200.00	The initial forecast was 200 approved projects in four calls (50 projects per call on average)
F	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Number	200.00	468.00	In addition to the participation in 359 kick-off meetings, project events and final conferences reported in previous reports, in 2022, the JS participated in 52 additional project final conferences (mostly onsite or in a hybrid format and some fully online) and organised 57 online mid-term reviews for projects approaching the end of phase 1.
S	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Number	200.00	200.00	Initially, it was not envisaged that the JS would participate in other project events than the final conferences (of 200 projects). Mid-term reviews were introduced later on in the programme implementation. This new feature appeared important considering the longer duration of projects and the need to discuss phase 2 before its start. By the end of 2022, the JS participated in 182 project final conferences.
F	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	Number/month	15,000.00	38,198.00	The programme website hosts websites of all projects after their approval. Visits (Sessions in Google Analytics terms) at the project pages generate traffic at the programme website too, which helps the programme reach well beyond the initial target. Transition to a new website and closure of some projects led to decrease in traffic compared to previous peak years of the programme performance.
S	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	Number/month	15,000.00	15,000.00	The initial forecast for the programme website traffic (number of visits/sessions) was 15,000.
F	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number	14.00	19.00	2 monitoring committee meetings were held in 2015, 3 in 2016, 2 in 2017, 2 in 2018, 2 in 2019, 3 in 2020, 3 in 2021, and 2 in 2022.
S	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	Number	14.00	14.00	The initial forecast was counting with two monitoring committee meetings per year.
F	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		29.00	One additional policy officer and one additional finance officer positions were created in 2019 to allow the JS to monitor 258 projects (instead of 200 initially expected).
S	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		27.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	258.00	258.00	258.00	184.00	130.00	130.00	0.00	0.00
S	5	No of Interregional Cooperation Projects approved	200.00	200.00	200.00	150.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
F	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	359.00	258.00	180.00	82.00	4.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
S	6	No of project visits and participations in project events by JS	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
F	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	73,290.00	58,983.00	51,395.00	51,131.00	43,984.50	28,539.00	10,221.00	0.00
S	7	Average no. of visits to programme website	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
F	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	17.00	14.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00	2.00	0.00
S	8	No of Monitoring Committee meetings	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00	0.00
F	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	29.00	29.00	29.00	27.00	26.00	26.50	0.00	0.00
S	9	No of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.00	26.50	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	5.1 - To maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of the management and implementation of the INTERREG EUROPE Programme.

Table 1: Result indicators - 5.5.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2022 Total	2022 Qualitative	Observations
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully, demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.	%	0.00	2013	90.00	99.00		The successful implementation of the programme was further confirmed in 2022. Therefore, as it was already the case in previous years, the achievement of the planned outputs by projects is almost 100% when considering the core deliverables (i.e., action plans developed). By December 2022, 1,668 action plans were developed, which represent more than 99% of the expected action plans to be produced by projects at this stage of programme implementation. As far as the Platform is concerned, the delivery of the core outputs was fully on track. As reflected under each investment priority, the core outputs related to policy learning events organised were delivered. Since projects represent 96% of the operations' budget, the percentage reported under TA1 reflects the overall performance of the programme.
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	%	0.00	2013	0.00	0.00		The programme met its decommitment target in 2022. The target was again exceeded (by 35%).

ID	Indicator	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully, demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.	99.00		99.00		99.00		95.80	
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
TA1	Share (%) of all supported operations (projects and platforms) that is implemented successfully, demonstrated by the achievement of planned outputs.	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
TA2	Share (%) of total programme ERDF budget decommitted	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	

3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2022	Observations
1	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,686.00	75,021,393.67	
1	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	428.00	
2	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,685.00	67,654,369.25	
2	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	441.00	
3	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,685.00	63,298,333.43	
3	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	376.00	
4	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	11,000,000	84,441,685.00	65,707,886.43	
4	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	70	230.00	423.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
1	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	63,496,952.71	52,026,440.00	37,060,130.33	21,697,135.22	0.00
1	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	330.00	316.00	280.00	86.00	0.00
2	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	55,637,166.45	42,230,071.00	28,322,810.16	15,868,428.36	0.00
2	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	351.00	267.00	226.00	58.00	0.00
3	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	51,210,605.73	38,817,930.00	27,153,179.22	15,649,393.39	0.00
3	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	250.00	237.00	202.00	69.00	0.00
4	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	52,374,866.69	37,125,469.72	23,490,209.54	11,715,689.00	0.00
4	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	233.00	206.00	160.00	61.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
1	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	F	1	Amount of financial resources spent	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	O	1	Number of Action Plans developed	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.4. Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	Total	99,344,632.00	85.00	109,688,349.72	110.41%	106,980,519.10	90,521,156.33	91.12%	66
2	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	98,568,920.29	99.22%	96,167,543.80	81,982,002.20	82.52%	67
3	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	96,638,056.14	97.28%	95,294,293.74	76,828,954.18	77.34%	61
4	ERDF	Total	99,344,629.00	85.00	101,672,789.37	102.34%	99,780,059.05	80,552,788.61	81.08%	68
5	ERDF	Public	28,931,099.00	74.52	28,931,099.00	100.00%	28,931,099.00	23,711,076.84	81.96%	1
Total	ERDF		426,309,618.00	84.29	435,499,214.52	102.16%	427,153,514.69	353,595,978.16	82.94%	263
Grand total			426,309,618.00	84.29	435,499,214.52	102.16%	427,153,514.69	353,595,978.16	82.94%	263

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

Since no new projects were approved in 2022 under the 2014-2020 programme, the overall situation related to the third-country participation remains the same.

20 partners from Norway (5 being lead partners) are involved in 18 projects. A total amount of EUR 2,067,413.50 of Norwegian funding is committed to these projects. The Norwegian funding for the projects is directly managed by the programme authorities. It is paid by the certifying authority to the lead partners of the concerned projects together with the ERDF contribution. By the end of 2022, EUR 1,656,374.75 of Norwegian funding was paid by the certifying authority to those projects.

Regarding Switzerland, there are still 3 projects involving 3 Swiss partners with a total budget of EUR 1,000,872. The contribution from Switzerland is allocated and paid directly by the Swiss authorities to Swiss partners.

It is also possible for partners from other third countries to participate in the projects. However, this participation is possible only at their own cost. There is only one approved project (PASSAGE) which involves one partner from a third country (Albania) with a total budget of EUR 5,965.

In 2022, the Platform (PLP) activities also benefited from a contribution from Norway (EUR 15,450) and Switzerland (EUR 16,118) to its total annual expenditure (EUR 1,921,533).

In 2022, Norway and Switzerland also participated in the technical assistance expenditure of the Interreg Europe programme (EUR 4,490,779) with a contribution of EUR 36,694 and EUR 18,347 respectively.

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
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(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

Since no new evaluation took place in 2022, the situation remains the same in this regard.

The Interreg Europe evaluation plan, approved in February 2016 by the programme's monitoring committee, includes a main mid-term evaluation in 2018 and a lighter update evaluation in 2020. This plan was updated twice in December 2017 and in December 2019 to better reflect the exact timing and content of the evaluations to be carried out.

The 2018 evaluation conclusions were positive. As far as the impact evaluation was concerned, the report concluded that project achievement of outputs and results was "*considerable and also largely on track*". *The evaluation of the Policy Learning Platform (PLP) shows that the implementation of this second pillar of Interreg Europe is gradually reaching the expected "cruising speed"*. The operational evaluation showed that "*the management and operational level of the current Interreg Europe programme works fine and is evolving and growing with its tasks*".

Considering that the 2018 operational evaluation did not lead to any significant findings, the 2020 exercise was mainly relevant for updating the impact evaluation while the operational aspect was limited to the production of recommendations for the next programming period. The terms of reference for the 2020 update evaluation were approved in December 2019 during the 11th MC meeting in Helsinki. The nature of the services procured for the 2020 evaluation was not different from the services procured in 2018. For this reason and in compliance with the French legal requirements, the same experts responsible for the 2018 evaluation were contracted in February 2020.

The objectives of the 2020 update evaluation can be summarised as follows:

1/ Concerning the impact evaluation

The updated analysis focused on the projects' results and the Platform performance. Taking into consideration the recommendations of the mid-term impact evaluation, the first and main objective of the 2020 evaluation is to 'reassess' the impact of the programme and in particular:

- the effectiveness of projects and their contribution to achieving the six specific objectives of Interreg Europe,
- the effectiveness of the Policy Learning Platform and its possible contribution to reaching the objectives of Interreg Europe (in particular through its more elaborated services like peer reviews).

Based on the outcomes of this analysis, the second objective was to provide recommendations in relation to the current programme but also to the post 2020 period. For the current programme, the evaluators investigated whether any measures could still be envisaged for increasing the impact of the running operations. For the 2021-2027 period, the evaluators provided a series of recommendations in relation to the strategy of a future programme.

2/ Concerning the operational evaluation

The objective of the 2020 operational evaluation is to produce recommendations for a possible future

programme (2021-2027). Taking into consideration the results of the mid-term operational evaluation, the experts investigated whether the way the programme is currently organised should be adapted in the future in particular in the following areas:

- management and steering,
- support to operations,
- programme communication strategy

The evaluation was carried out between February and June 2020. It used different tools such as surveys, desk research and analysis of programme statistics and data mainly coming from the electronic monitoring system (iDB).

An interim report was presented in June while the final report was shared early August with Partner States who had the possibility to indicate their comments. In September 2020, the evaluators presented their findings to the Interreg Europe monitoring committee, who approved the final evaluation report (available on the programme website).

This second external evaluation confirmed the excellent performance of the programme both in operational terms and in terms of impact. When it comes to the impact, the evaluators concluded that the programme would meet and even exceed most of its initial objectives.

As a result of the impact evaluation, the experts provided a list of recommendations, mainly for the future programme. These recommendations were discussed first by the Monitoring Committee during the approval of the final report. Some of these recommendations fed in the work of the programming experts and were integrated in the preparation of the 2021-2027 Interreg Europe programme discussed within the Programming Committee as reflected below:

- The approach for project-level cooperation in the period 2021-2027 foresees the possibility to continue the policy learning process during phase 2 of projects (now called follow-up phase). Indicators for capturing the resulting capacity increase of people and organisations are also present in the new performance framework.
- The requirement to focus on Structural Funds programmes in the period 2021-2027 will be continued although less restrictive (at least one policy instrument addressed in a project should be an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme).
- For future cooperation projects, the requirement to involve the policy-responsible authorities as partners is reinforced. In addition, future projects will be able to continue the activities with their stakeholders in the follow-up phase.
- The Interreg Europe programme for 2021-2027 will primarily use programme-specific output and result indicators, building on the experience gained from the period 2014-2020. However, whenever possible, indicators defined by the Commission were also adopted.
- For 2021-2027, the Interreg Europe programme carried out a revision of its indicators used for monitoring outputs and results of the Policy Learning Platform. Aside from reducing the overall number of indicators to be used, the content and nature of the indicators was also adapted.

The results of the operational update evaluation were also positive.

- The programme management was considered by the experts as ‘highly professional and rather

exhaustive in the way the programme steers and manages its tasks’.

- Concerning the programme support to operations, the experts concluded that it works effectively and efficiently’ and that ‘projects highly appreciate’ this support.
- The final report also highlighted the positive aim of developing an agile approach for the Platform implementation even if this is challenging in the current legal framework.
- When it comes to the communication, the experts stated that the programme ‘communicates actively and widely’.

The programme carries out regular internal evaluations and monitoring of tasks, especially regarding the communication activities linked to the project assistance, overall programme information dissemination, and the Policy Learning Platform events.

The programme continued supporting the remaining running projects. A webinar provided guidance to the fourth call projects on the lump sum. 96 project partners joined the event and, according to the evaluation survey, the webinar met expectations of 99% of respondents. They scored the webinar 4.6 (out of 5) on its usefulness.

The programme continued communicating on the results. The programme joined thematic and other partner events organised by the European Commission, Committee of the Regions and other Interreg programmes.

An online annual event on 5 April 2022 launched the new 2021-2027 programme. Over 2,500 people took part in the event (59% participation rate) with an average satisfaction score of 9.1 (out of 10). Over 1,500 participants joined the event’s online exhibition and other networking activities.

As a support to applicants for the first call for project proposals under 2021-2027, four online Q&A sessions and a project development webinar week were organised. 215 unique participants joined the Q&A sessions and asked 179 questions in total. Their satisfaction with the sessions was 97% on average. The webinar week welcomed 554 unique participants and the expectations were met for 99% of post-event survey respondents on average.

Between October and November 2022, the programme held four online thematic networking events for the second call for projects proposals. Speakers from the relevant Commission’s DGs took part and presented the new topics and EC expectations to the participants. These four events welcomed 844 unique participants, some taking part multiple times. The events met expectations 95% of respondents to the evaluation survey on average.

All applicant support events welcomed potential beneficiaries from all key programme target groups. They attracted many newcomers to the programme. The newcomers often represented around 50% of the overall audience.

The interest in the programme and its Policy Learning Platform was tested in 2022 with the launch of the new website and a new signup system for the programme’s online community. The number of Interreg Europe online community reached 5,889 members by the end of 2022, after less than a year of the new website’s existence. The number of Interreg Europe’s newsletter subscribers reached 19,675 by the end of 2022. With 30% average opening rate, the monthly newsletter reaches around 6,000 people with news and updates about the programme activities and achievements.

The Policy Learning Platform team organised 23 thematic events in 2022 (six workshops and 17 webinars) with 90 participants per event on average. The satisfaction rate with these events was 79% on average. The Platform team focused on the targeted and personalised services – peer reviews, matchmaking sessions and online discussions. There were 35 in total with 16 participants per service on average and satisfaction rate of 95%. These targeted services offered more added value to the beneficiaries, when compared to more traditional forms of capitalisation presented in the form of thematic news and publications.

Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings
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5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Compared to previous years, the programme did not face major issues. Following the COVID-19 crisis, the programme and its operations have adapted their way of working. When it comes to meetings, it has even led to positive effects in terms of sustainability with more meetings organised online or in hybrid formats.

Financial challenges

In the first semester of 2022, the programme continued to face negative interest charged on the programme accounts by the Certifying Authority (CA) bank. The negative interest charged for 2022 amounts to EUR 33,826. However, following the decision of the European Central Bank to stop its negative interest policy in the summer 2022, the CA bank also stopped charging negative interest from September 2022.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

As highlighted in section 2 of the present report, the implementation of the programme is very successful. As confirmed by the update evaluation, most of the programme targets will be exceeded at the end of 2023.

Project outputs

In terms of outputs, the progress towards the final targets set for 2023 in the programme performance framework is excellent. In fact, most of the target values are already exceeded. It can be explained mainly by the fact that the programme supports a higher number of projects (258) than set as a programme target (200).

With all priorities combined, the number of action plans developed (1,668) exceeds the programme target set at 920. Based on the exchange of good practices and knowledge, 22,230 people declared that they had increased their professional capacity in the field of the project's work. This also exceeds the programme target (12,000). All running projects have also organised a total number of 15,274 policy learning events so far (including both interregional events and local stakeholder group meetings) and identified 5,611 good practices.

Project results

By the end of 2022, the projects achieved 1,048 policy improvements in total, 537 of which were in Structural Funds programmes.

The amount of local, regional and national funding influenced directly by the projects reached MEUR 1,353, including MEUR 1,100 of Structural Funds. This exceeds the programme target of MEUR 768.

Full details about the policy improvements can be found in the programme monitoring system (iDB) in particular in the 'Policy Instruments Results' table. They are also published on the programme website under the 'results' section. The results are collected through regular progress reports submitted by projects. It should be highlighted that all results (policy improvements and funds influenced) reported by a project are very carefully checked by the joint secretariat's policy officer in charge of the project according to an internal checklist. Only the results complying with a set of conditions (i.e., Is the improvement clear? Did it occur already? Can it be attributed to the project activities?) are validated. In many cases, this is not the case, and the lead partner is asked to remove the information from the progress report.

Policy Learning Platform outputs

By 2022, the Platform organised a total of 189 thematic policy-learning events. The programme target by 2023 (112) is already exceeded.

The aggregate share of NUTS2 regions represented in the online community of the programme, which makes the project knowledge and services of the Policy Learning Platform accessible, is over 99%.

Technical assistance targets

The programme approved and committed funds to 258 projects, which exceeds the programme target of 200.

By the end of 2022, the programme staff participated in 411 project events/ mid-term reviews, online or in-person, which largely exceeds the programme target of 200. The target was based on the total expected number of projects.

6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

8.1. Major projects

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

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Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

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8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

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9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	1 - Research, Technological Development and Innovation
Priority axis	2 - Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
Priority axis	3 - Low Carbon Economy
Priority axis	4 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance

9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority axis	Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)	Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)
3	32,856,452.85	38.91%
Total	32,856,452.85	9.14%

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9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

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10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

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Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

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11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme

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11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

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11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

Interreg Europe is potentially related to the development of macro-regional strategy or sea basin strategies in two ways. First, macro-regional strategies are often funded by local, regional or national programmes (including mainstream programmes) which are at the heart of the exchange of experience supported by Interreg Europe. Second, Interreg Europe can capitalise on ETC programmes including transnational cooperation programmes. Despite this potential, the programme's contribution to MRS remained very limited. On the project side, there was no demand for such cooperation. Concerning the Policy Learning Platform (PLP), experts participated in January 2019 in the Interact event called "New directions for macro-regions: unlocking innovation capacity and performance". This was an opportunity for the PLP to promote its services and explain how Interreg Europe can help public authorities to increase their capacity in the field of innovation policies. In the second semester of 2022, the EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino requested a peer review in order to improve their cross-border transport strategy. This activity took place in January 2023 and contributes indirectly to the EUSALP.

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

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13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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