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# Introduction to Interreg Europe

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# Interreg Europe **objective**

To improve **regional development policies** through the identification and transfer of good practices among EU regions

Helps policymakers to find new solutions to their challenges

- Primarily dedicated to **policymakers**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**

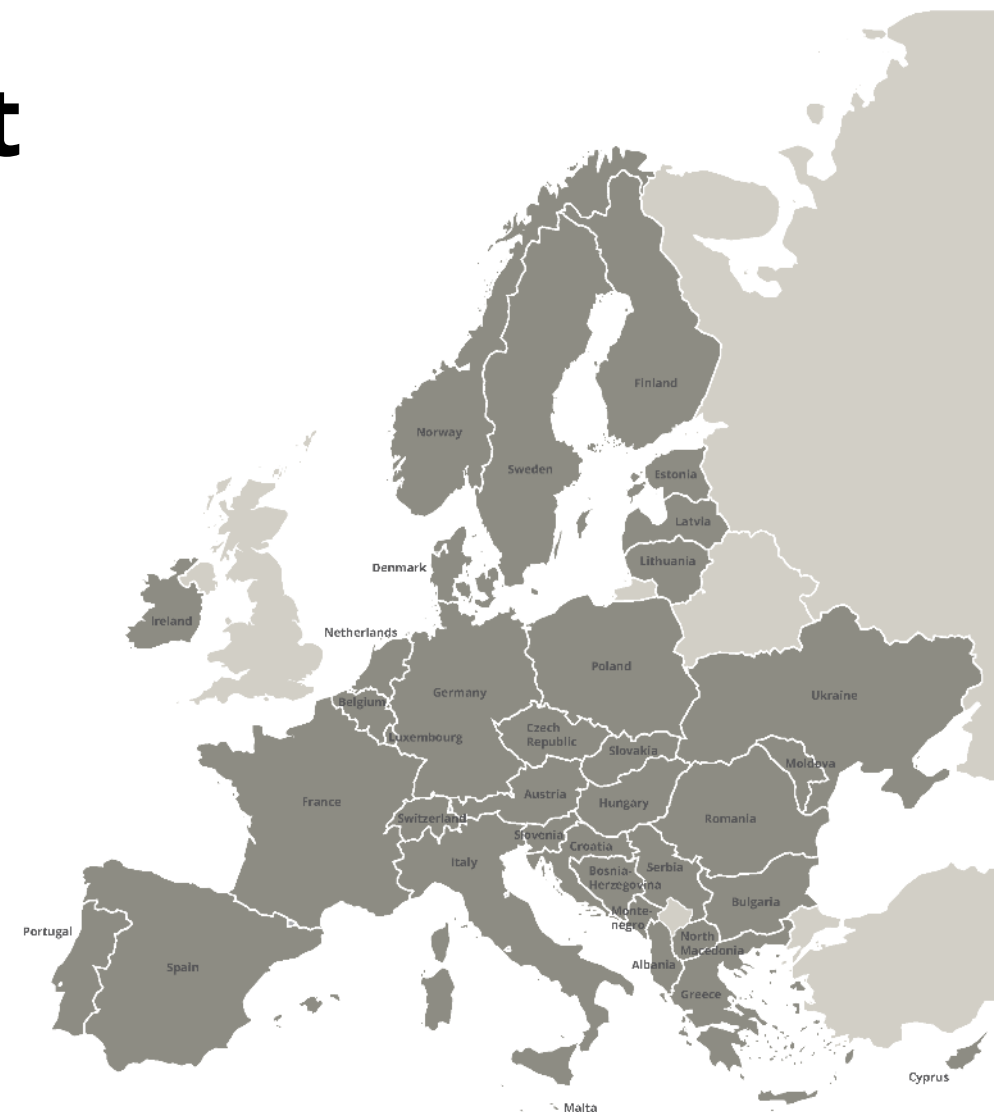


Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

# Programme area **enlargement**

Interreg Europe's area extended  
to **36 Partner States**

- **17,000+** community members  
(**700+** from **Ukraine**)



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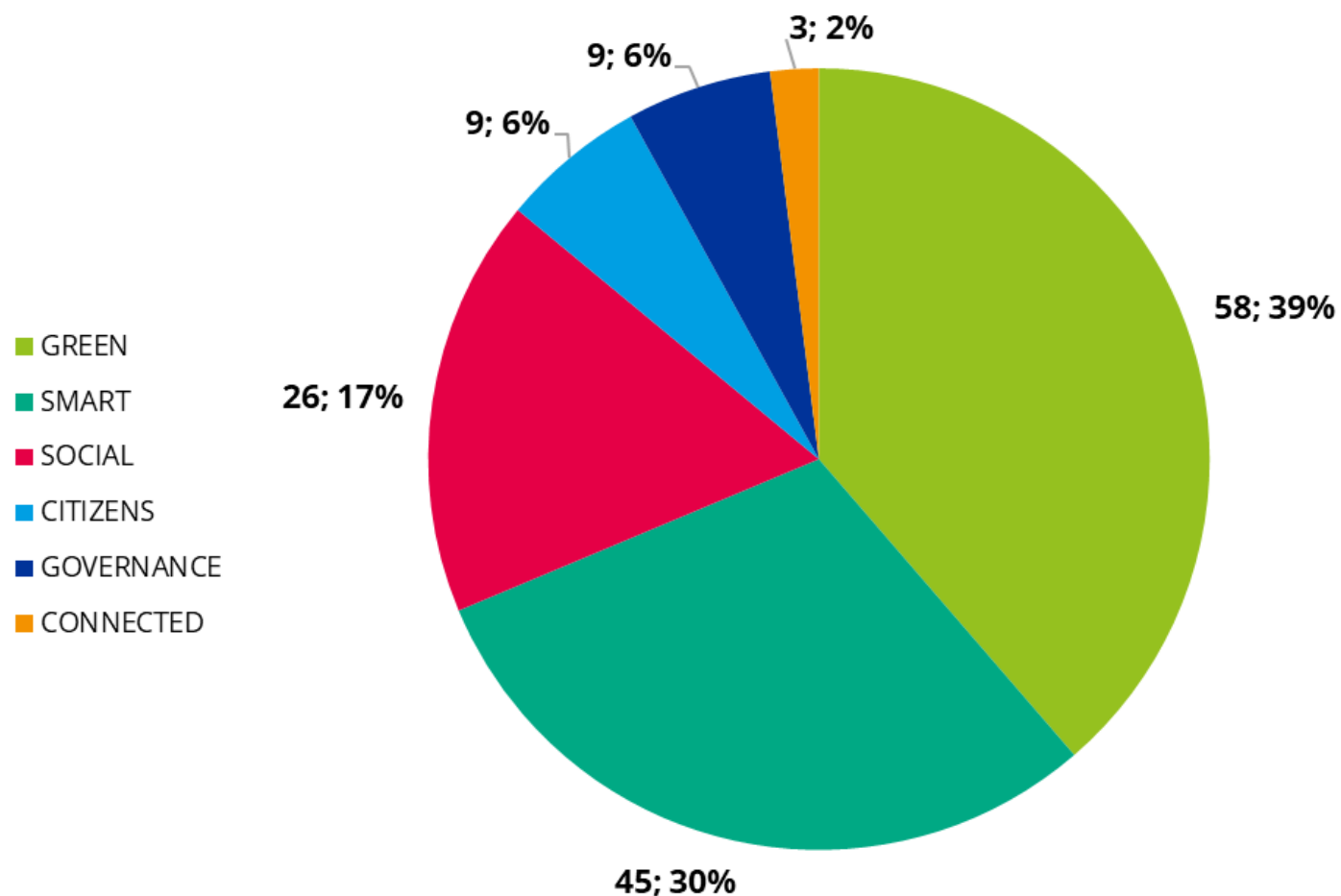
# Projects approved so far & Ukraine

**150** running projects

- **55** in restricted call

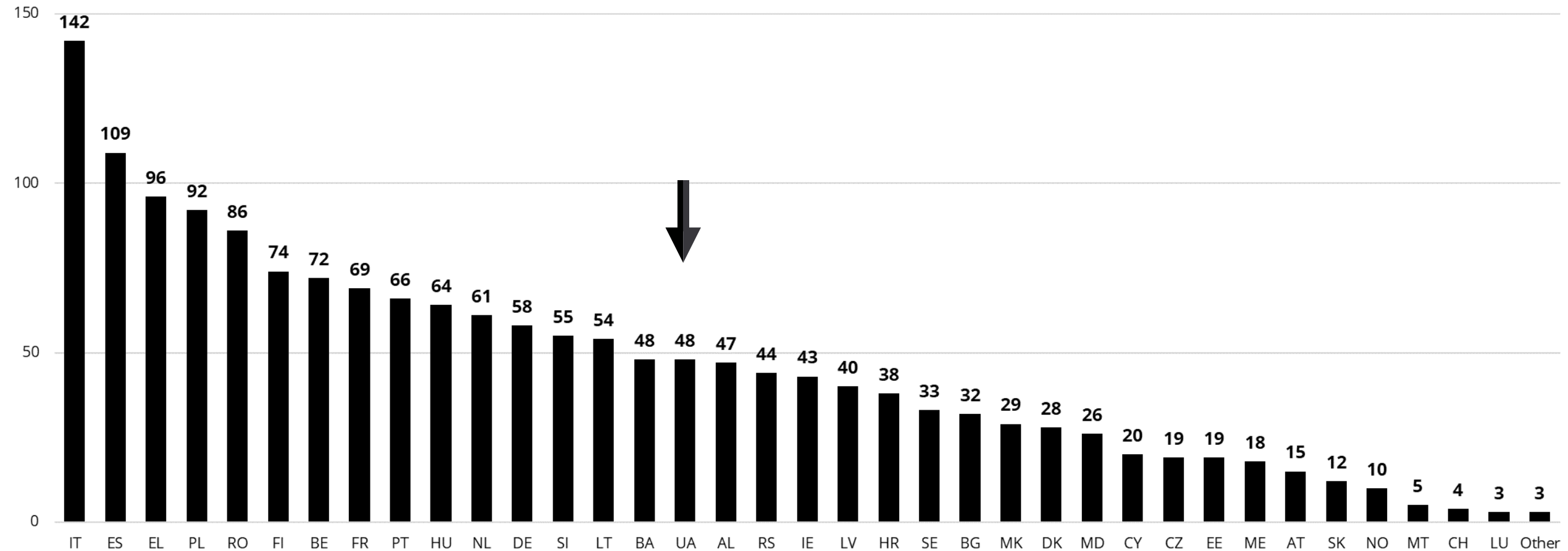
**23** partners from

**Ukraine** applied



# Third call & Ukraine

Number of applicants in the third call



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# Programme key features & projects

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# Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

- 4 strands, each strand with its own scope and objectives
- 86 programmes, 10 billion euros ERDF

<b>A</b>	Cross-border	<b>64</b> programmes EUR 6.7 billion	
<b>B</b>	Transnational	<b>13</b> programmes EUR 2.3 billion	
<b>C</b>	Interregional	<b>4</b> programmes EUR 560 million	Interreg Europe Urbact, Interact, Espon
<b>D</b>	Outermost regions	<b>5</b> areas EUR 330 million	

**MEUR 394**

PROGRAMME  
BUDGET\*

\* IPA funding to be approved

# Programme **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on **capacity building** → **six topics**





# Two **actions**



## **Projects**

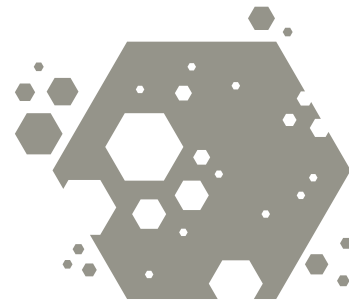
Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring experience on a shared regional development issue



## **Policy Learning Platform**

Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

# Project features



## WHY?

To find **inspiration** and new **policy solutions** to solve **regional development** challenges

## Partnerships of European regions



## WHO?

**Policymakers** from different **European regions**



## HOW?

Through **exchange** of **experience** activities

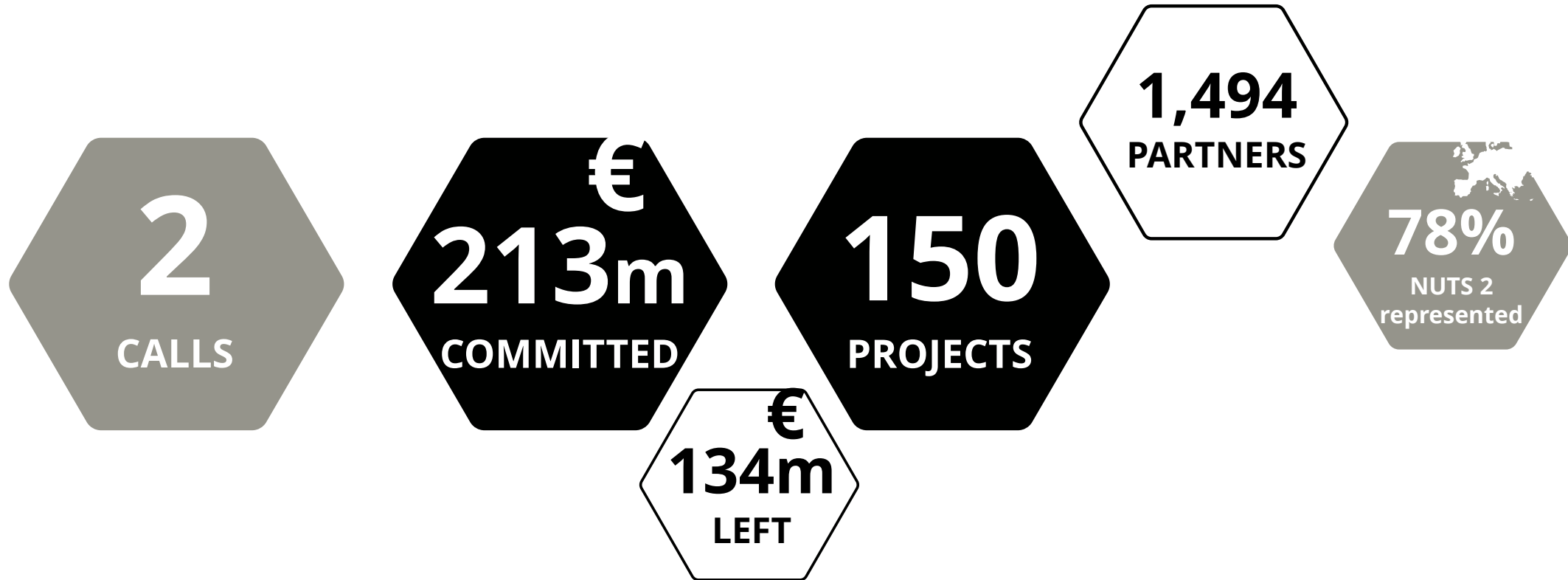
The partners work together for 4 years (3 years of core phase + 1 year of follow-up)

# Project implementation

In two phases over four years

<b>CORE</b>	<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
<b>3 years</b>	<b>1 year</b>
Exchange of experience to achieve policy improvements	Monitor policy improvements

# Approved **interregional cooperation projects**



- **Third called** closed on 7 June 2024 - **206 applications**

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# Policy Learning Platform services

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*Thematic Manager | Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform*

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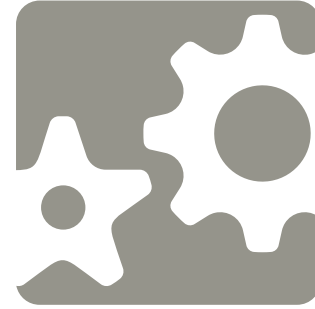
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# The Platform



## WHY?

**open** the **programme benefits** to all regions

**optimize** the **results** of individual **projects**

→ **Policy learning and expertise for all European regions**



## WHO?

**Anyone interested** in regional development policies



## HOW?

**offer** policy **solutions** and **expert advice** to all regions

# What makes us unique: **our team of experts**



Marc Pattinson



Arnault Morisson



Luc Schmerber



Erik Gløersen



Katharina Krell



Simon Hunkin



Rene Tönnisson



Laura Varisco



Mart Veliste



Astrid Severin



Magda Michalíková



Thorsten Kohlisch



Elena Ferrario



Karine Gevorgyan



Mario Vadenied



Valentine Dufaye



Lotte Van Meijel



Vladimir Sestovic



Antoine  
Duquennoy



SMART



GREEN



CONNECTED



SOCIAL



CITIZENS



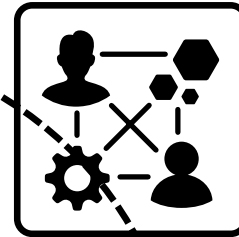
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# Platform **in a nutshell**

**Policy-learning** services through access to:

## **Knowledge**

Find **policy solutions**  
(good practice database,  
thematic publications)



## **People**

Meet our **community**  
(thematic events, webinars)

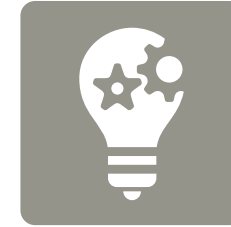


## **Expertise**

Get **policy advice**  
(peer reviews, matchmakings,  
policy helpdesk)



# Access to **KNOWLEDGE**



- Wealth of **policy solutions** available



**+3,000**  
**good practices from all EU**



**+500**  
**thematic publications**

<https://interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions>

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## Resources by topic

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Smart



Green



Connected



Social



Citizens



Governance



Search resources by :

Country

(France, Italy, Germany...)



## Resources by type

**Good practices** [Don't miss!](#)

Tested and transferable solutions from approved projects

**Policy briefs**

Expert analyses of the Interreg Europe projects and topics

**Expert support reports**

Reports from peer reviews and matchmaking sessions

**Stories**

Thematic articles about our good practices

**Event learnings**

Recordings and materials from our webinars and workshops

## Thematic news

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**Open Data: Spotlight on Veneto Region**



| 14 May 2024

**See also**

[Our policy advice](#)

[Project implementation guidance](#)

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# <https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions/good-practices>

- Expert validated
- Database of practitioners



All | **Good practices** | Expert support reports | Policy briefs | Stories | Event learnings

Topics 30 ▾ Countries ▾ Programme ▾ Projects ▾ Implementation level ▾ **Apply filters** [Reset filters](#)

### Good practice map

Find all good practices across Europe, at all levels: local, regional and national. [Show the list](#)

Smart × Green × Connected × Social × Citizens × Governance ×

**Europe**  
3312 good practices [Show filters](#)

**FILTER BY THEMATIC AREAS**

Check / uncheck all topics	# of good practices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Smart</b> 5 subtopics	1447 ▾
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Connected</b> 2 subtopics	8 ▾
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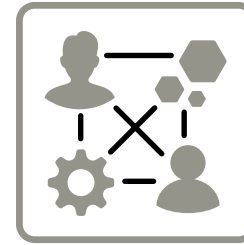
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**Outmost regions (26)**

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# Access to **PEOPLE**



- Policy inspiration **from practitioners to practitioners**



**16,000+**  
**community members**



**180+**  
**policy-learning events**

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/community>



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## Search organisations

By interests:

Smart > Green >

Connected > Social >

Citizens > Governance >

By country :

Choose a country >

## Connect with

Organisations

Members

Interreg Europe team

Platform experts

National points of  
contact

Our seven new countries

## Meet peers

Past events

Upcoming events

## The Interreg Europe Community

Be part of a European network of over 20,000 policymakers that meet and exchange regularly in events, webinars and more.

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[Join the community](#)

## Community news

See all



European Sustainable  
Energy Week 2024

11 June 2024

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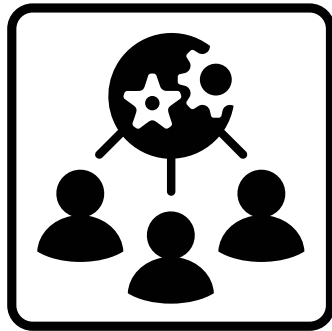
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# Access to **EXPERTISE**

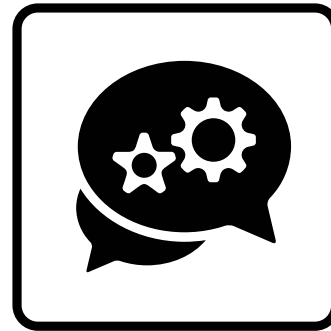


- **Policy advice services** from our thematic experts (for newcomers)



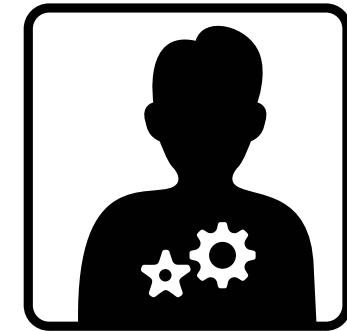
## **Peer reviews**

2-day meeting  
in-dept analysis &  
peer recommendations



## **Matchmakings**

2-hour discussion  
solutions on how to  
resolve a policy challenge



## **Policy helpdesk**

Expert feedback with  
ideas on how to resolve  
a policy challenge

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/get-policy-advice>

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## Our expert team

The **Policy Learning Platform** consists of a team of Thematic Experts supporting practitioners and policymakers across Europe.

**More about the experts**  
**Discover the Platform**

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## Our policy learning services



### Peer review

Receive feedback from relevant peers during a two-day in-depth analysis. (for public authorities)



### Matchmaking session

Be inspired from good practices across Europe during a two-hour exchange



### Policy helpdesk

We provide answers to any type of questions you might have in regional policy-making

## Platform news

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**Floods: Adapting to weather extremes in Europe**

| 14 May 2024

## See also

[People in our community](#)[Policy solutions](#)[Project funding](#)

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# What **benefits** can you expect from Platform?

- Find inspiration for your regional policies
- Get access to policy solutions and advice
- Connect with like-minded people from all over Europe
- Expand your network, knowledge and skills





# Ask for your **PEER REVIEW!**

- Contact the Platform expert
- Apply any time
- Assessment of your application within 1 month
- Expertise tailored to your needs!

## Costs covered:

- **Host:** catering & interpretation
- **Peers:** travel & accommodation
- **Peer organisations:** Flat Daily Allowance

## Peer review application

Start your application process by reading the [Terms of Reference, view here](#). Note that **only authorities that are responsible for the addressed policy may request a peer review.**

To submit your application please fill out the form below and provide us with a **description of your need**. Our experts review applications on a rolling basis and will contact you within a month.

1. About you

2. Policy addressed

3. Your need

4. Expected results

5. Requested expertise

6. Possible timeframe

Your name \*

# Peer learning in practice

📍 **78 peer reviews** implemented since 2019\*

📍 **44 matchmaking** sessions

 **1700+ members supported**



# Peer review step-by-step

**Beneficiary**

**1.**

## Application

Submit your **policy challenge** through the online form.



**2.**

## Preparation

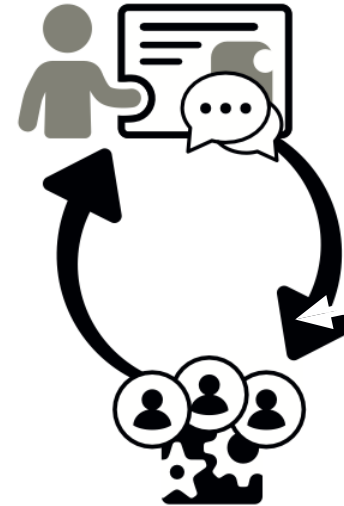
Draft a **background paper** to describe your context and background in **more detail**.



**3.**

## Peer review

**Two-day meeting** among the beneficiary, its stakeholders and the peers.



**4.**

## Follow-up

**Final report** with the conclusions, roadmap and timeline.



**Platform**

- ▶ **✘ Review** of the application by the expert team.
- ▶ **✔**

Targeted call to **community members** to select relevant peers.

Platform experts and peers work together to propose tailored **policy recommendations**.

**Interview** with the beneficiary on the results of the peer review.

⌚ 3 to 6 months

⌚ 2 days

⌚ 3 to 6 months

# Peer review example

## Fast tracking Renewable Energy Communities

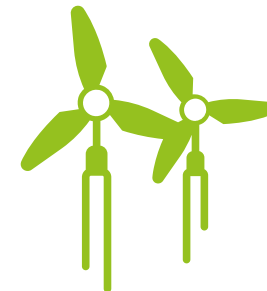
### ► Cyprus Energy Agency

Peers from: **Austria, Belgium, Germany**

#### Recommendations:

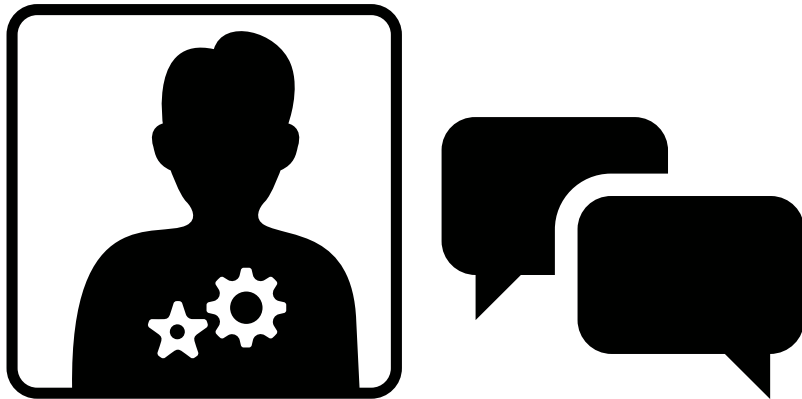
- Local authorities are natural allies for local RECs: they can express political support, and use power of tendering
- As the project initiator the Energy Agency can identify pilot village
- RECs can help keep electricity generation and consumption at local level

More information available [here](#)



# If you don't know where to start..

Use our  
**Policy helpdesk!**



## Submit your request

Your name \*

Your email \*

Your organisation \*

Topic of your request \*

Detailed description of your request \*

# Expert support to beneficiaries from Ukraine



## Policy Helpdesk

- **City of Berezan** - Energy efficiency of buildings
- **City of Lviv** - Sustainable urban mobility



## Matchmaking

**Boiarka Urban territorial community** - Designing an integrated digital strategy - Peers from Croatia, Romania, Slovenia



## Peer review

- **City of Lviv** - Private-public partnership & governance to build public infrastructure

# What's next ?



## Autumn 2024 - 4 thematic workshops

- Industrial transformation towards the triple transition
- University-industry collaboration for stronger innovation ecosystems
- Sustainable Tourism
- Energy Communities

# What's next online ?

## Next webinars



Sustainability governance **05 Sept 2024**  
**Registrations open!**



Supporting health-tech SMEs



Urban mobility - logistics



Labour market integration of third-country nationals

## Next e-workshops



Rural linkages



Economic development on islands  
and outermost regions



# Planned peer reviews - 2024

**Calls for peers will be open!**



SMART

- **Public procurement for innovation** - Regione Veneto (Italy)
- **Interregional co-investment fund** – Basque country (Spain)
- **S3** - Västernorrland (Sweden)
- **CCIs** - Amiens metropole (France)
- **Open Innovation** - Vidzeme Planning Region (Latvia)
- **Business internationalisation** - Berlin State (Germany)
- **Public-private partnerships** - Lviv City Council (**Ukraine**)



GREEN

- **Cycling policy** - Rheinland-Pfalz (Germany)
- **Flooding** - Hauts de France Region and Communauté urbaine de Dunkerque (France)
- **Dark skies** – natural heritage - Rasinari municipality (Romania)
- **Water supply** - province of Noord-Holland (Netherlands)



SOCIAL

- **NEETs** - Schleswig-Holstein (Germany)



GOVERNANCE

- **Governance models for giga-factories investments**- Region Heide (Germany)

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