

# Citizen Science for Policy

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# Citizen Science for Policy

## Presentations

Latest trends in Citizen  
Science for Policy



**Muki Haklay**

the European Citizen Science  
Association (ECSA)

Citizen activation in  
South Savo region

**CASPER**



**Jatta Juhola**

the Regional Council of  
South Savo, Finland

Participatory approach  
Spoorzone

**LOCAL FLAVOURS**



**Hanneke Straver -  
van Asseldonk**

Municipality of 's-  
Hertogenbosch, the  
Netherlands

# Sharing solutions for better regional policy

€  
**384m**  
PROGRAMME  
BUDGET

**1**  
PRIORITY  
Capacity building

**7 new countries!**  
**36**  
COUNTRIES  
INVOLVED



# Interreg Europe **objective**

To improve **regional development policies** (including Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes)

## How?

Through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and **capacity building** (in relation to the identification & transfer of good practices)

- Primarily dedicated to policymakers
- Focus on exchange of experience

# Two actions



## **Projects**

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



## **Policy Learning Platform**

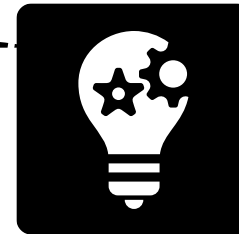
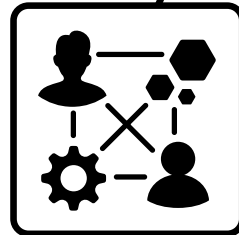
Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

# The platform in a **NUTSHELL**

Policy-learning opportunities through access to:

## **People**

Meet our community



## **Knowledge**

Find policy solutions



## **Expertise**

Get policy advice

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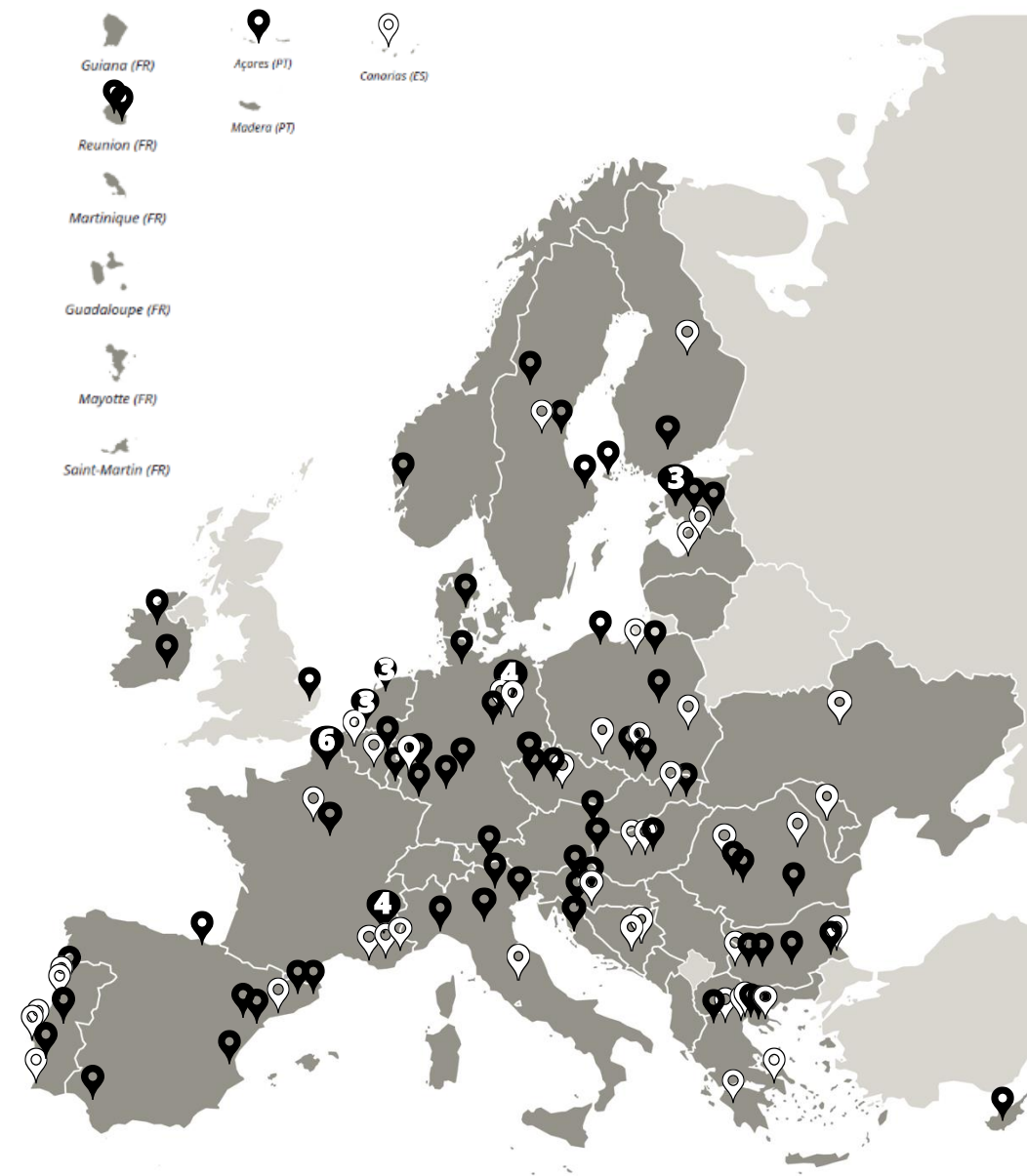
# Peer learning **IN PRACTICE**

📍 **93 peer reviews** implemented since 2019  
14 peer reviews in the pipeline

📍 **51 matchmaking** sessions

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# Peer reviews



## Governance and digitalisation of fortress heritage in the City of Magdeburg

On 13 and 14 September 2023, the Policy Learning Platform hosted a peer review together with the City of Magdeburg on the topic of governance and digitalisation of fortress heritage. Discover the recommendations.



## Promoting gender inclusive urban planning policies in Valenciennes Métropole

The Policy Learning Platform conducted a peer review for Valenciennes Métropole, France, held on 17-18 April 2024. Valenciennes Métropole sought inspiration to promote gender inclusive urban policies, namely regarding the process to involve stakeholders in a gender mainstreaming approach.



## Creating a star-gazing destination in Rasinari

On 10-11 October 2024, the Policy Learning Platform held an onsite reverse peer review for the Municipality of Rasinari, Romania, which requested advice regarding their policy challenge on creating a star-gazing destination in the vicinity of their Natura 2000 site.

# Citizen Science **for Policy**

**Citizen science** initiatives connect citizens and scientists to collaboratively engage in research across various stages and levels of involvement, from co-designing research agendas and policies to co-creating and co-assessing scientific knowledge (European Commission).

**This method serves as a valuable tool for citizen engagement**, enabling participants to learn more about specific fields or issues, provide evidence, inform policy or decision-making, and address gaps in research.

The benefits of citizen science in policy formulation and implementation are significant, ranging from generating evidence for assessments and supporting regulatory compliance to fostering community empowerment and raising awareness.

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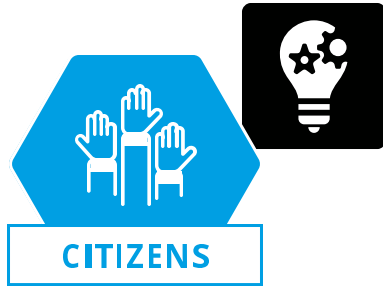
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**Have you ever integrated citizen science into policy development or decision-making?**

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# The Policy Learning Platform can help

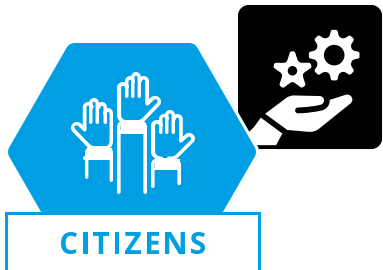


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Empowering local communities  
for their river resources  
**AQUARES**



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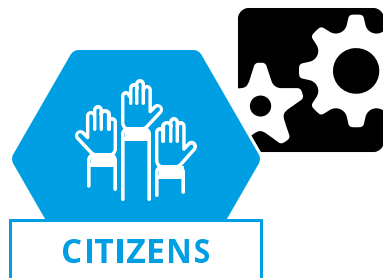


Peer Review

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Policy Brief

Urban-rural linkages



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