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# Welcome to the **lead partner seminar!**



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Krakow, Poland

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# Welcome & introduction

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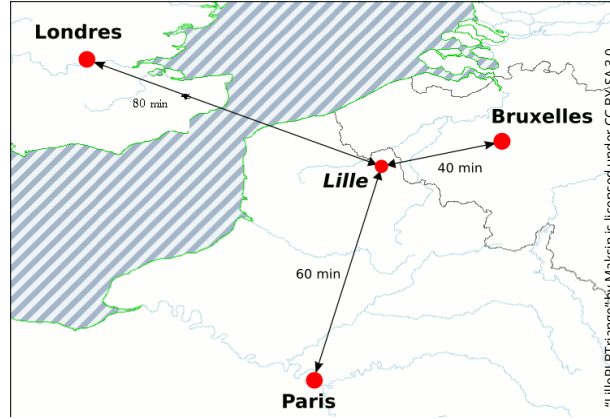


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# 1. Meet the **team**





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**Diane Bulon**

Policy Officer



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Policy Officer

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# The Policy Learning Platform



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Elena Ferrario



Karine Gevorgyan



Mario Vade pied



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Antoine  
Duquennoy

# 2. Programme's **state of play**



# Assessment results Call 3

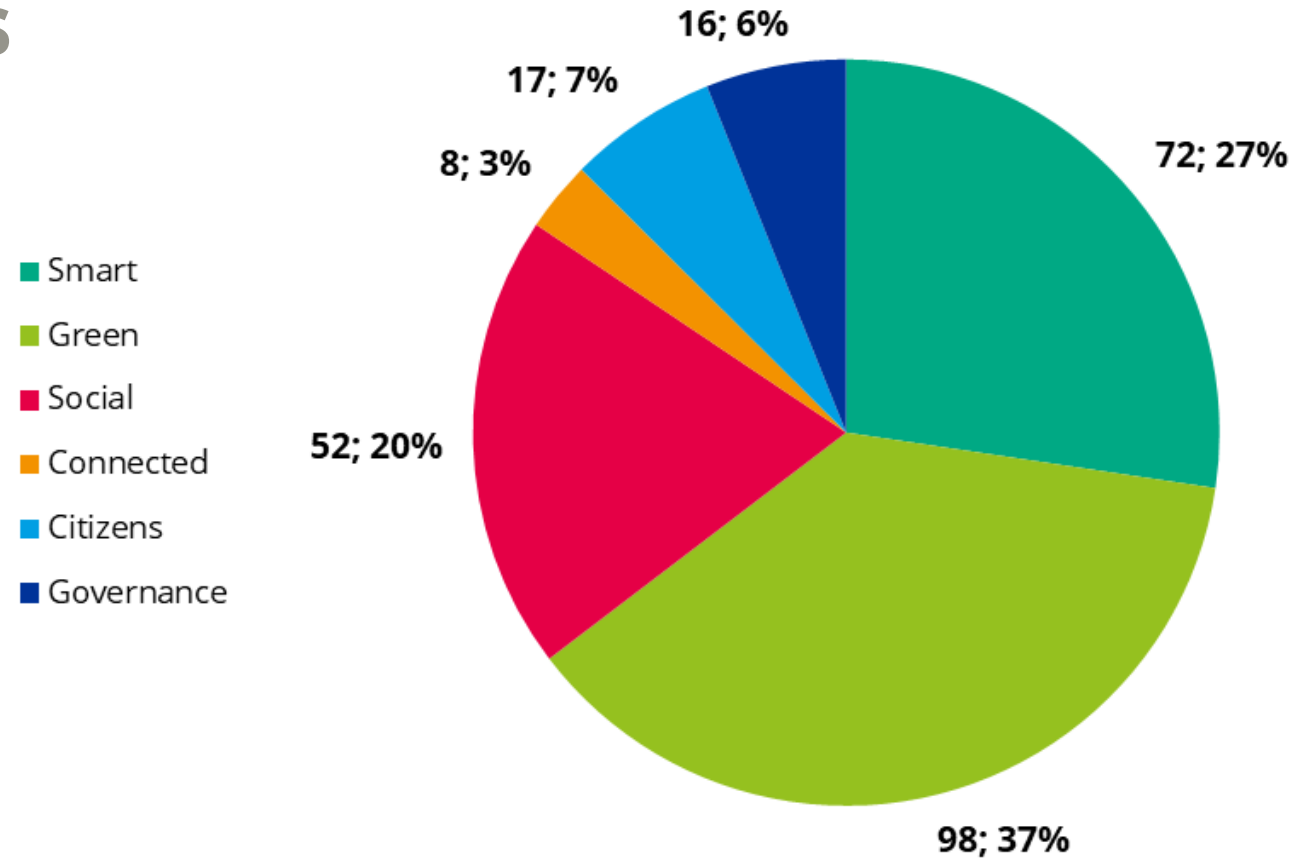


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Call 2	146	114 (78%)	78 (53.4%)

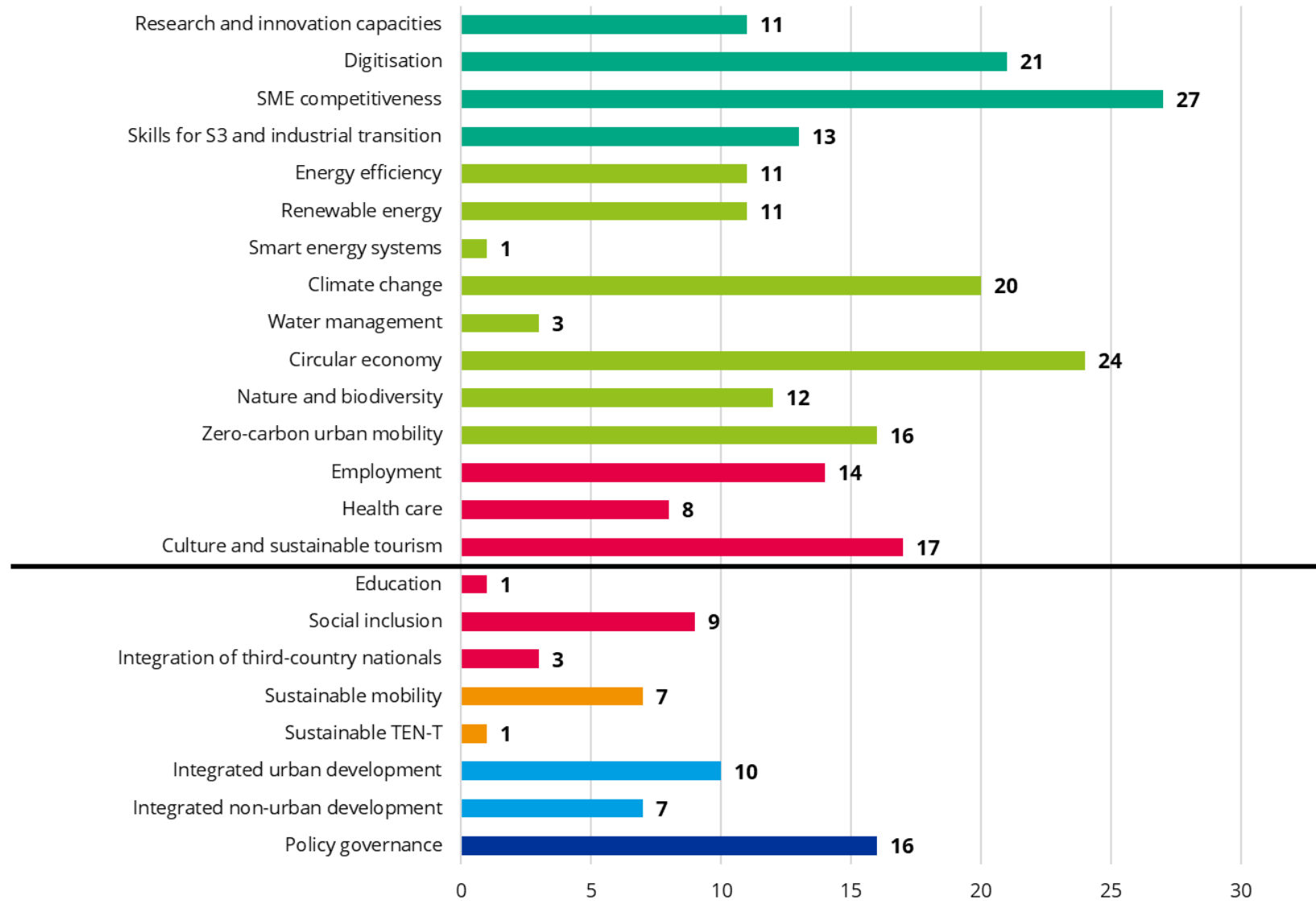
# Overview of projects approved so far

263 running projects

- 2,253 partners
- 36 countries represented



# 79.5% projects in priority areas



**Geographical coverage** 256 NUTS2 regions + 7\*

**In projects**



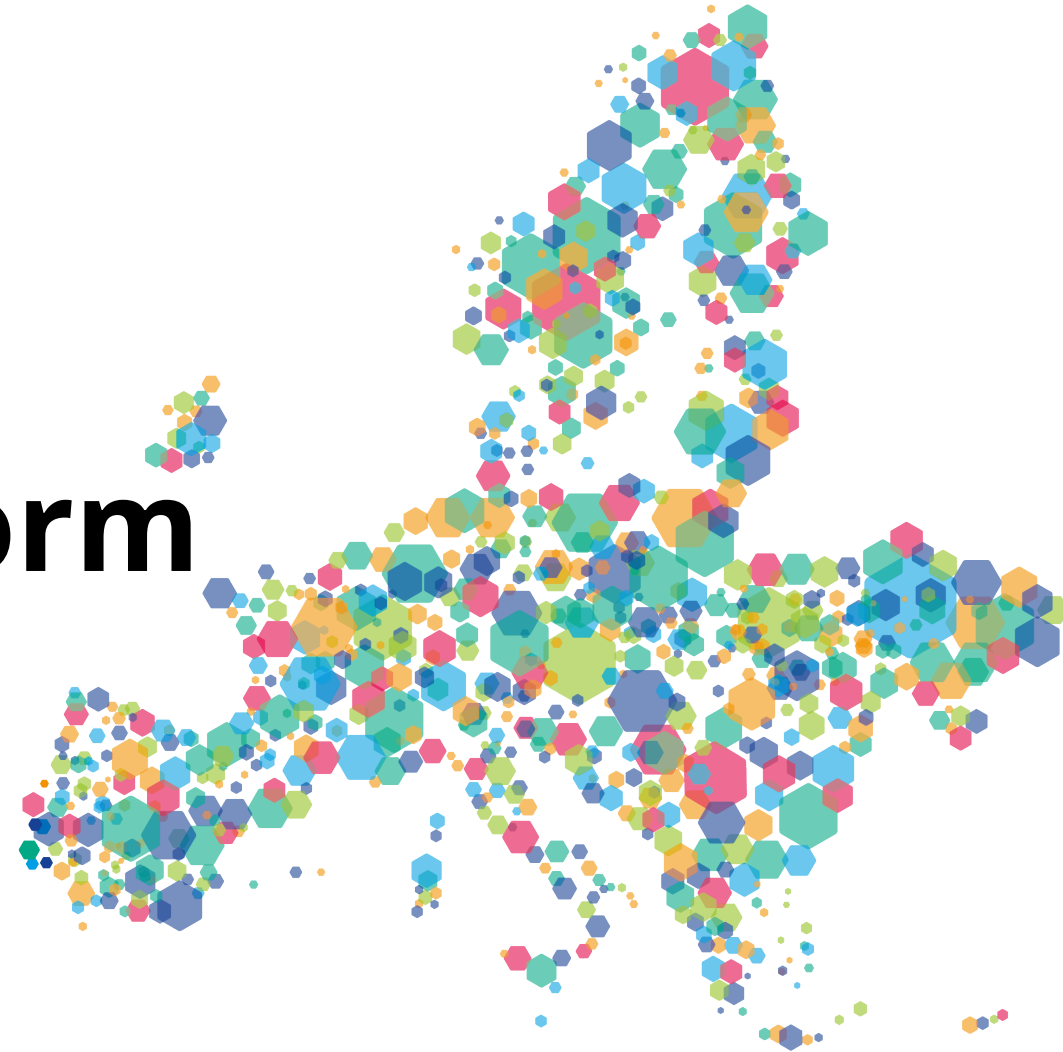
*\* EU candidate countries*

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# Insight into the **Policy Learning Platform**



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# 1 Policy Learning Platform ● **rationale & services**



# Policy Learning Platform: **why?**

## **Starting point: capitalising on projects**

1. All Interreg Europe projects are of European relevance

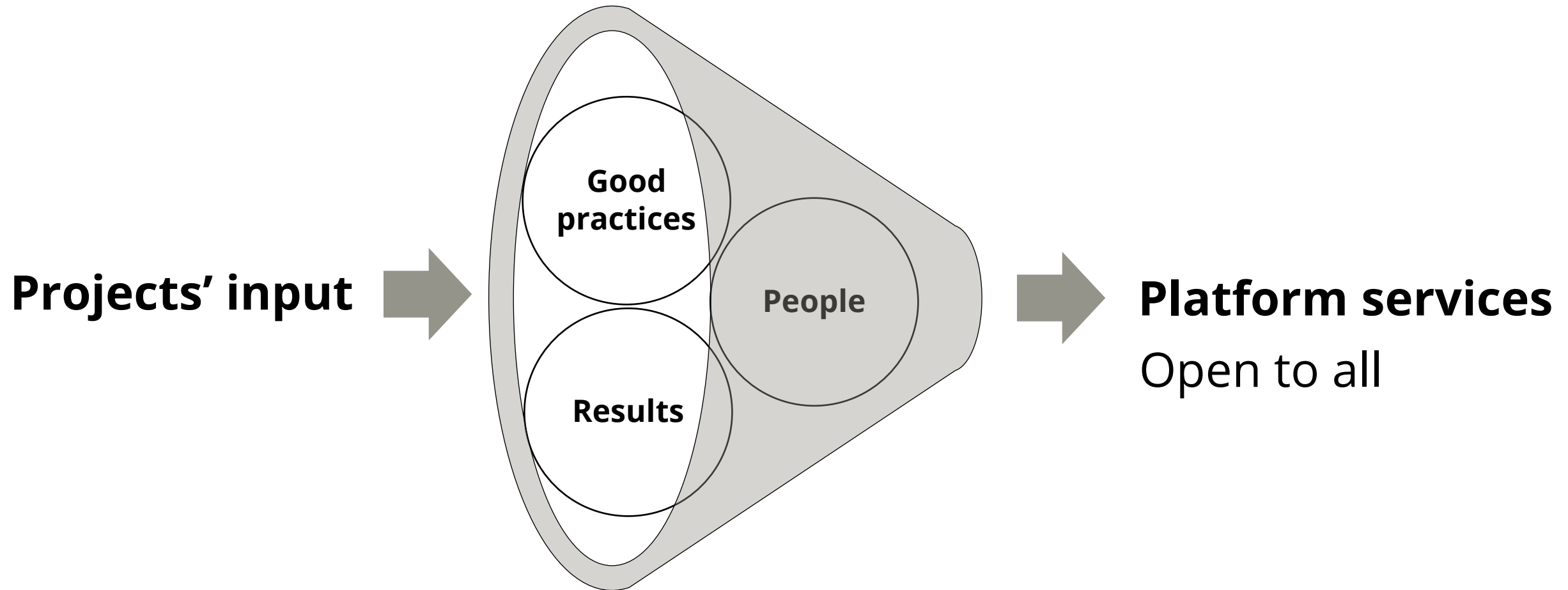
*Application form:*

**C.1 Issue addressed**

Why is this issue important for European regions?

2. Richness and variety of our projects

# Policy Learning Platform: **capitalising on projects**

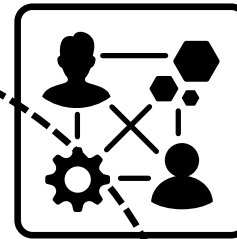


# Platform **in a nutshell**

Capacity building for all policymakers to improve regional policies through:

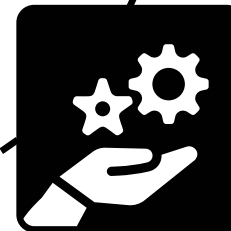
## Knowledge

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



## People

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



## Expertise

Get **expert support**  
(peer reviews, matchmakings,  
policy helpdesk)

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



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# Access to **policy solutions**

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Look for funding

Approved projects

**Policy solutions**

Get expert support

Meet our community



+3,500  
**good practices**



+80  
**policy briefs**



+150  
**stories**

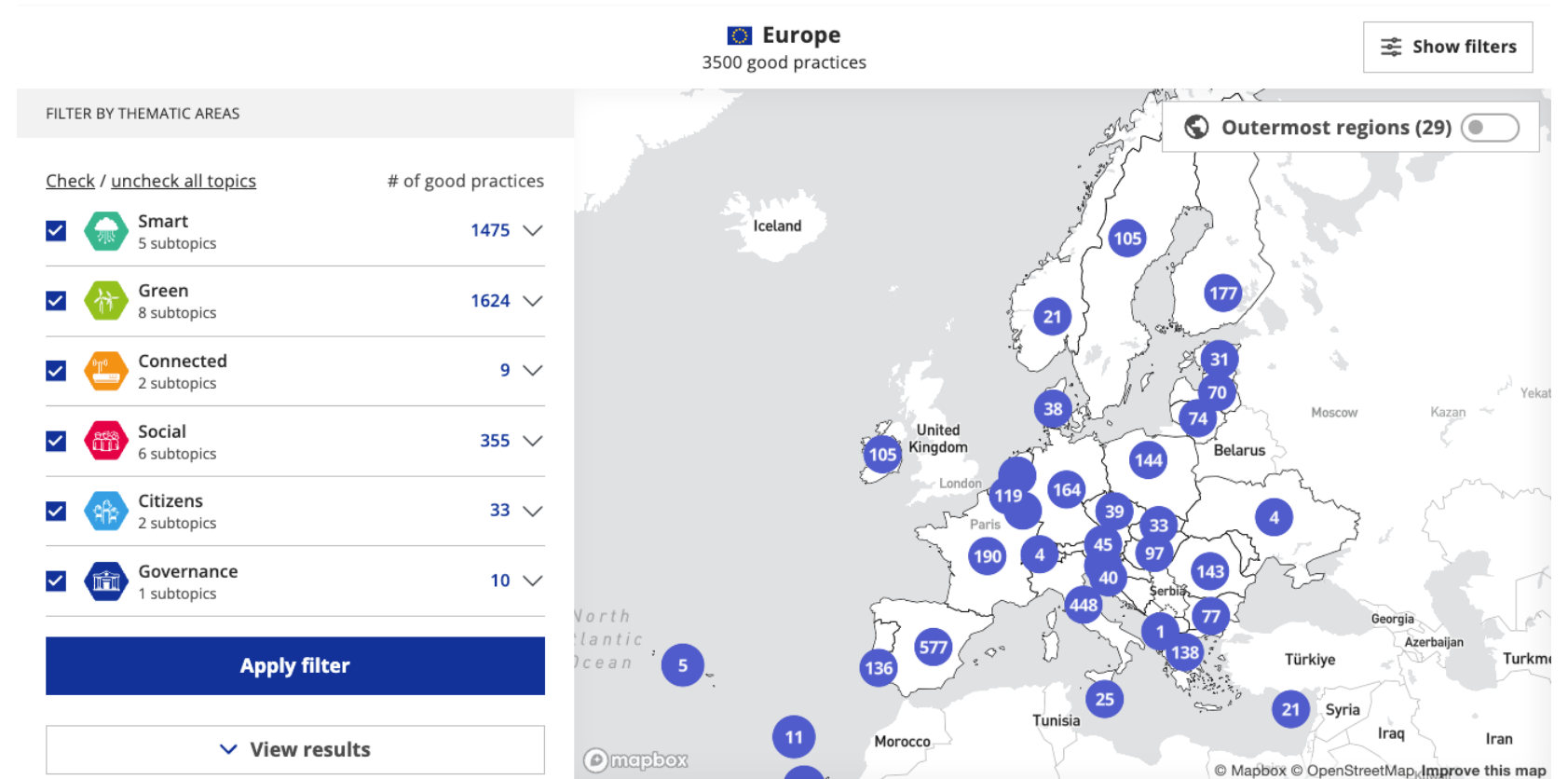


+100  
**webinar recordings**



# Policy solutions: **good practice database**

- Expert validated
- Tested by the regions
- Well evidenced
- A database of practitioners



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

# Policy solutions: **policy briefs, stories, webinars**

- Expert analyses
- Successful examples
- Actionable takeaways
- Latest EU trends



## Unlocking the benefits of active mobility

Active mobility such as walking and cycling, offers low-carbon, low-cost transport options with health and societal benefits.

22 January 2025 | By Platform



## Providing public transport for rural communities

Take a look at the lessons learned from the LAST MILE Interreg Europe project about connecting rural and touristic areas to transport hubs.

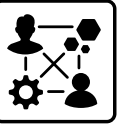
29 February 2024 | By Platform



## Improving labour market integration of young people: key learnings

Explore the webinar recording of 19 December 2024 focusing on the integration of young people in the labour market. Get inspired by good practices from across Europe.

23 December 2024 | By Platform



# Access to **community**

You are part of our  
**powerful network!**



**20,000+**  
community members

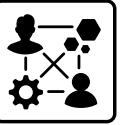
**15,000+**  
organisations



**180+**  
policy-learning events

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





# Community: **Events**

- Monthly thematic webinars
- In-person and online workshops  
(2x a year) **primarily for projects**
- Capacity building events in new countries
- Up on-demand online discussions

## +600 events online or in-person

Join one of our upcoming events to network and exchange experience from community members across Europe.

MARCH 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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### 4 event(s)



11 MAR 2025

Online

#### Citizen-oriented innovations

On 11 March 2025, the Policy Learning Platform will host a webinar on Citizen-oriented innovations to explore how innovation can be driven by and for citizens.

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27 MAR 2025

Online

#### Regional policies for early uptake of hydrogen mobility

The Policy Learning Platform will hold a webinar on regional policies for the early uptake of hydrogen mobility on 27 March 2025. Join us online!

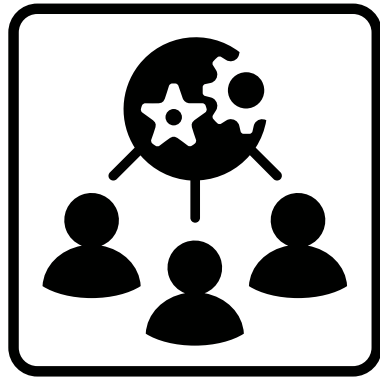
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<https://www.interregeurope.eu/news-and-events>



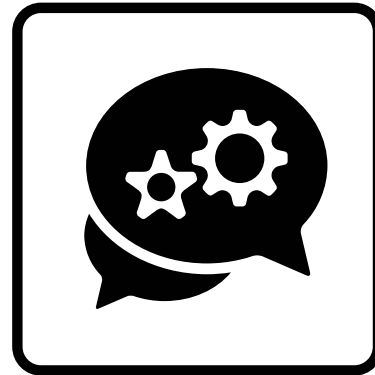
# Access to **expert support**

A fast track to policy solutions (priority to newcomers)



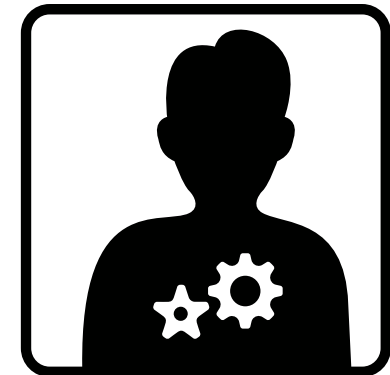
## **Peer reviews**

2-day meeting  
with peers & local  
stakeholders for  
tailored solutions



## **Matchmakings**

2-hours discussion  
with peers to discover  
good practices



## **Policy helpdesk**

Expert advice to any  
type of questions on  
regional policymaking

# 2 ● Projects' **contributions & benefits**



# How to contribute? Submit your **good practices**

## How to feature your good practice in this database?



### Submit your good practice

Share your good practice to inspire the Interreg Europe community. Explain the resources needed, the evidence of its success and its potential to help others.



### Wait for validation

Your project's web administrator and policy officer validate the good practice. Then, our thematic experts choose the most inspiring and transferable good practices for the database.



### Inspire others

If selected by the experts, your good practice is published in the database. Spread the word and inspire people across Europe!



### Climate Toolkit 4 Business

Climate Toolkit 4 Business helps SMEs get started on their zero-carbon journey by recommending the most impactful steps to address environmental impacts.

01 Dec 2023 | By project AccelerateGDT

Expert approved



### StartUp Time

StartUp Time was introduced in 2021 as a long-term collaborative initiative that aims to enable more people born outside Sweden to start viable businesses.



01 Dec 2023 | By project MILEstone

Expert approved



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



# How to contribute? **Share your results & experiences**

### Smart energy management

In this policy brief, you will discover how smart energy management can help you make informed decisions, optimise consumption, reduce waste and lower costs!



25 January 2024 | By Platform

### Empowering local communities for their river resources

Discover how the town of Trebnje educated youngsters on response water resource management through a Community-Led Local Development initiative.



27 November 2023 | By Platform

### Cultural and Creative Industries: Towards a more social Europe

On 7 February 2023, the Policy Learning Platform hosted the second episode of the Cultural and Creative Industries series: Towards a more social Europe. Watch the recording and explore the key learnings.



10 February 2023 | By Platform

### Boosting forest ecosystems: Key learnings

On 14 December 2023, the Policy Learning Platform organised an online workshop on boosting forest ecosystems. Access the recording, presentations and key learnings.

21 December 2023 | By Platform

### Challenge-driven innovation to promote university-industry collaboration

The Policy Learning Platform conducted a peer review for the Autonomous Region of the Azores, Portugal, held on 30-31 January 2024. The Azores government sought inspiration to promote challenge-driven innovation policies for university-industry collaboration.

07 February 2024 | By Platform

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

# How to contribute? Participate in platform events

## Webinars



### Blue-green infrastructure for resilient cities III: Citizens' participation: key learnings

On 29 October 2024, the Policy Learning Platform hosted the third episode of the webinar series 'Blue-green infrastructure for resilient cities'. This last session focused on citizen's participation. Discover the key learnings.

30 October 2024 | By Platform



### Blue-green infrastructure for resilient cities II: Greening the urban landscape: key learnings

On 24 October 2024, the Policy Learning Platform hosted the second episode of the webinar series 'Blue-green infrastructure for resilient cities'. This session focused on green infrastructures. Discover the key learnings.

28 October 2024 | By Platform

## Workshops



### Alternative tourism: key learnings

On 20 November 2024, the Policy Learning Platform organised a workshop in Vittorio Veneto, Italy, to discuss the concept of alternative tourism. Discover the key learnings.

18 December 2024 | By Platform

## e-Workshops



### Enhancing the benefits of urban-rural linkages: key learnings

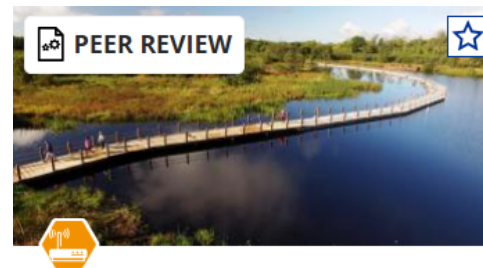
The Policy Learning Platform held an online workshop on November 14 from 14:00 to 17:00 CET, focusing on the essential connections between urban and rural areas. Discover the key learnings.

22 November 2024 | By Platform

# How to contribute? **Become a peer!**

- Through targeted **calls for peers**
- Share your expertise and your project good practices/ solutions

## Peer reviews

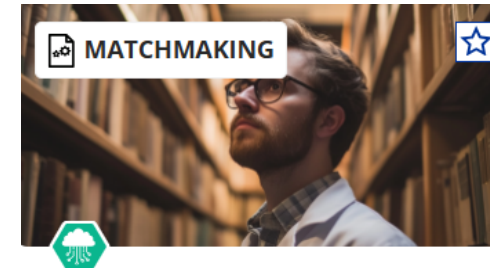


### How to get rural communities to embrace new sustainable forms of mobility?

On 6-7 February 2025, the Policy Learning Platform held an online peer review for the Leitrim County Council in Ireland, which has requested insight from other very thinly populated areas in Europe on sustainable mobility and community acceptance.

18 February 2025 | By Platform

## Matchmakings



### Aligning North Macedonia's Higher Education with European Research & Innovation Trends

On 6 March 2025, the Policy Learning Platform organised a matchmaking at the request of National Council for Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Republic of North Macedonia. Discover the key learnings.

12 March 2025 | By Platform

# How to contribute? Report on your involvement

## Policy Reports ▶ Tab 3 - Policy Learning Platform

AccelerateGDT / Progress report / Semester 1

Policy instrument
  Learning process
  Involvement in the Platform

During the reporting period, did you contribute to any of the Policy Learning Platform activities (for example contribution to policy briefs/ stories, speaker in an event, peer in a matchmaking/ peer review)?

No

During the reporting period, did you use any services of the Policy Learning Platform?

Yes

Please indicate which services you used

Find policy solutions (for example use of the good practices database, policy briefs, stories, learnings from events):  
Please specify which tool / publication you used

Utilised the PLP good practice database to look for inspiration for the type GPs to present in Duisburg at our first project workshop, and how best to report the GP through the templates.

187/1000

Meet the community (for example participation in thematic workshops/ webinars/online discussions, finding contacts through the community)  
Please specify

At the PLP webinar "Supporting the social economy in 2023; 15/06/23, was interested to hear ACCELERATE GDT partner ACCIO the Catalan Agency for Business Competitiveness, Paula Santarén Rodríguez, RaiSE coordinator who showcased their provision of internationalization support "Aracoop Internacional" to Catalan social enterprises. Their service 'international social economy' is carried out through 40 ACCIO's Trade and Investment offices covering 110 countries.

463/1000

Get policy advice (through hosting a peer review/matchmaking session or using the policy helpdesk)

If relevant, please indicate what benefits you gained from using these services:

Increased professional capacity  
 Cooperation with new organisations / projects  
 Other

Do you have any suggestions on the Platform activities (e.g., topics to be covered, services to be offered)

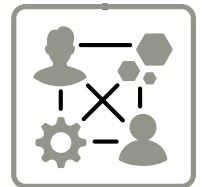
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Policy solutions



Community



Policy advice





# What **benefits** can you expect?

- **Find** inspiration for your region and project
- **Promote** your projects' achievements
- **Connect** with like-minded people
- **Expand** your network, knowledge and skills



# The Platform **can**

- **Invite projects** to join the Platform activities (e.g. speakers, peers)
- **Initiate synergies** between projects (e.g., during thematic workshop)
- **Advise projects** on thematic questions (e.g., helpdesk)
- **Shape its services** taking into consideration your needs!

# The Platform **cannot**

- **Assist** applicants
- **Assess** applications
- **Monitor** project implementation
- Organise events on **project implementation**  
(e.g., LP seminars, webinars on reporting)
- Organise **exchange of experience** activities  
on behalf of the project



**Joint  
secretariat's  
role!**

In case you can't find your way...**ask**

**Joint  
secretariat**



Assisting on project development & implementation

**Platform**



Capitalising on projects' achievements

# Start your policy-learning journey **now!**



<https://youtu.be/w70tfFBgntY?feature=shared>

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# General reporting principles

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# Main **terminology** & abbreviations

JS	joint secretariat
MA	managing authority
AB	accounting body (former CA = Certifying Authority)
MC	monitoring committee
LP	lead partner
PP	project partner
AP	advisory partner
APA	associated policy authority
PR	progress report
Portal	- programme's monitoring system



# Relation **with the joint secretariat (JS)**

- Lead partner (LP) principle
- Each project monitored by **two people** in the JS

**Policy** officer

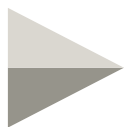
**Finance** officer

- **Communication** officer for questions related to project communication and website (hosted by the programme)



# Ready?

1. Project approved on 10 December 2024  
(eligibility of expenditure)
2. Conditions fulfilled by 14 March 2025
3. Project starts on **1 May 2025**
4. Subsidy contracts signed quickly
5. Partnership agreement signed quickly  
(partners need to sign to report costs)



**Let's start cooperating!**



# Monitoring tools

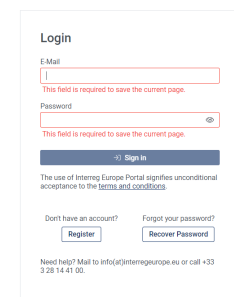
- Progress report (PR)
- Project's website  
(including good practices section)
- Exchange with LP upon need  
(email, video calls)
- Mid-term review meeting  
(beginning of 2027)
- JS participation in the project's final conference



# Online **monitoring system**

## Reporting and monitoring in the **Portal**

- Progress report
- Formal changes of application form (request for changes)
  - Partnership change
  - Budget change above 20% flexibility rule
  - Integration of pilot action after midterm review



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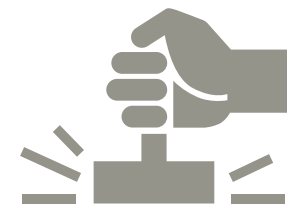
- Header:** "Login"
- E-Mail:** A text input field with a red border and a red error message below it: "This field is required to save the current page."
- Password:** A password input field with a red border, a red error message below it: "This field is required to save the current page.", and a toggle icon on the right.
- Sign In:** A blue button with a right-pointing arrow and the text "Sign In".
- Terms and Conditions:** A small line of text: "The use of Interreg Europe Portal signifies unconditional acceptance to the [terms and conditions](#)."
- Registration and Recovery:** Two links: "Don't have an account? [Register](#)" and "Forgot your password? [Recover Password](#)".
- Footer:** "Need help? Mail to [info@interreg.eu](mailto:info@interreg.eu) or call +33 3 28 14 41 00."

# Reporting periods and deadlines

Progress report	Reporting period	Deadline for submission
First (= PR1)	<b>10/12/2024</b> – 31/10/2025	01/02/2026 (= 3 months after the end of the reporting period)
PR2	01/11/2025 – 30/04/2026 (six months)	01/08/2026
PR3	01/05/2026 – 31/10/2026 (six months)	01/02/2027
PR4	01/11/2026 – 30/04/2027 (six months) <b>Midterm review</b>	01/08/2027
PR5	01/05/2027 – 31/10/2027 (six months)	01/02/2028
PR6	01/11/2027 – 30/04/2028 (six months)	01/08/2028
PR7	01/05/2028 – 31/10/2028 (six months)	01/02/2029
Last (= PR8)	01/11/2028 – <b>31/07/2029</b> (nine months)	31/07/2029 (= end of the project = end date of eligibility)

# Reporting **procedure**

1. LP coordinates the preparation of the PR with the partners
2. LP submits PR to JS
3. JS checks and sends back clarification requests
4. LP submits revised PR and replies to the clarifications
5. JS approves PR when all requests clarified
6. Accounting body transfers funds to LP (1 month)
7. LP transfers funds to partners quickly



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# Recommended **reading**

- Subsidy contract
- Programme manual (latest version)
- Regulation (EU) No 1059/2021 (*Interreg regulation*)
- Regulation (EU) No 1060/2021 (*Common provision regulation*)



# Recommended reading



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Get policy advice

Find policy solutions

Meet our community

## Approved projects

[See all](#)

Projects by topic:



Smart



Green



Connected



Social



Citizens



Governance

Search approved projects by :

Country

(France, Italy, Germany...)



## Implement project

**Programme manual 2021-2027**

Programme manual 2014-2020

**Guidance and templates 2021-2027**

Guidance and templates 2014-2020

Country specific info

## Project results

### Overview

Latest programme achievements

### 30 stories about policy changes

A publication about results in 30 countries

### Web documentary

A set of video stories about project results

## Project news

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**The results of our first call are out**

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