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Why interregional cooperation matters?

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Part of Interreg family



107 cooperation programmes with MEUR 10,100 of funding

Interreg A	Interreg B	Interreg C
Cross-border	Transnational	Interregional
60 internal borders (6,600 MEUR) 12 pre-accession instrument (242 MEUR) 16 neighbourhood instrument (634 MEUR)	15 programmes (2,100 MEUR)	 4 programmes (500 MEUR) Interact Interreg Europe URBACT ESPON

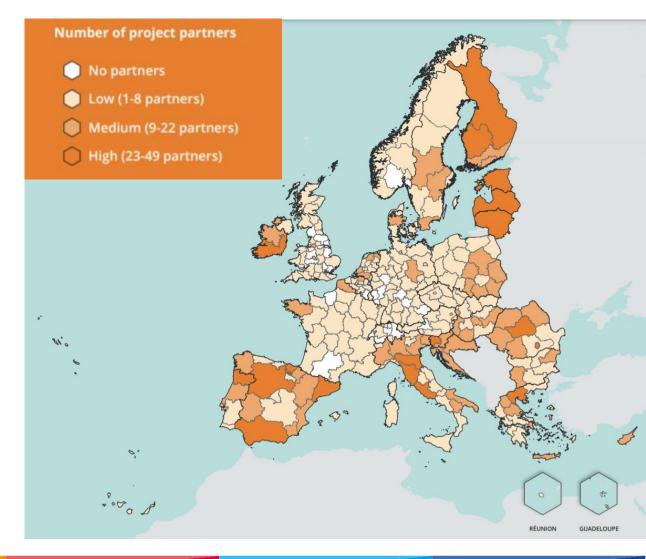
What makes Interreg Europe unique?

Geographical coverage

The only Interreg covering

EU 27 + NO & CH & UK

90% of NUTS2 regions involved in Interreg Europe actions



What makes Interreg Europe unique?

Its objective & means

The only Interreg

- With focus on **policy improvements**
- Exclusively dedicated to policy learning

As a result

- Core target groups = **public authorities**
- Focus on exchange of experience

Article 3 of ETC regulation (strand C)

'to reinforce the effectiveness of cohesion policy'

'exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building in relation to the identification, dissemination and transfer of good practices into regional development policies including Investment for jobs and growth programmes'

What makes Interreg Europe unique?

Its actions

The only Interreg programme with **permanent policy support** to all EU regions

Policy Learning Platform developed under 2014-2020

- New demand-driven approach
- Synergies with Peer 2 Peer TAIEX & DG Regio practitioners

An accelerator for regional development

At the heart of EU cohesion policy:

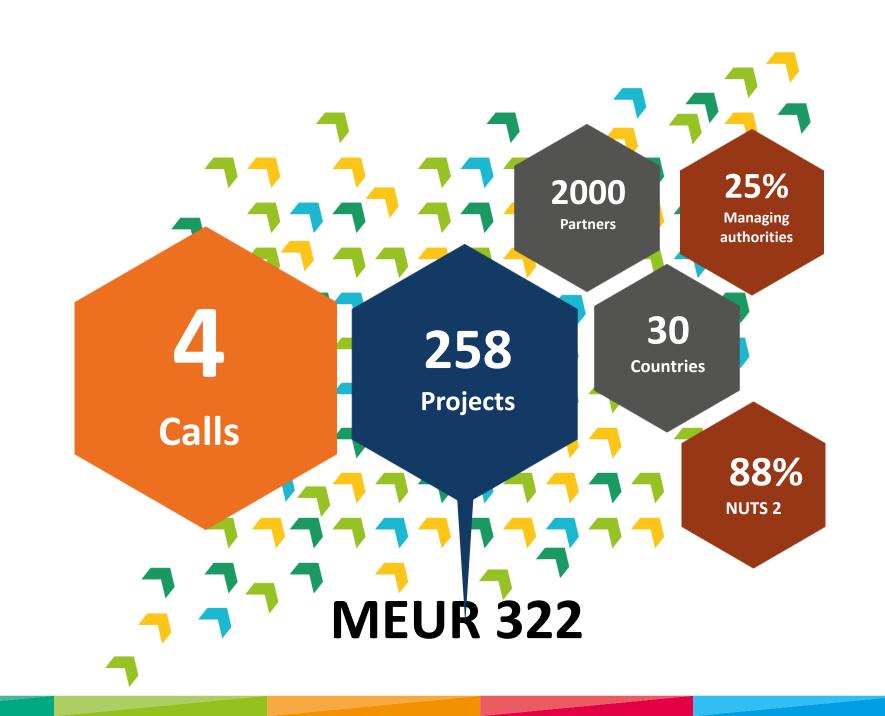
- Improving regional development policies (in particular Structural Funds)
- Mix of more and less advanced regions
- High participation of peripheral regions

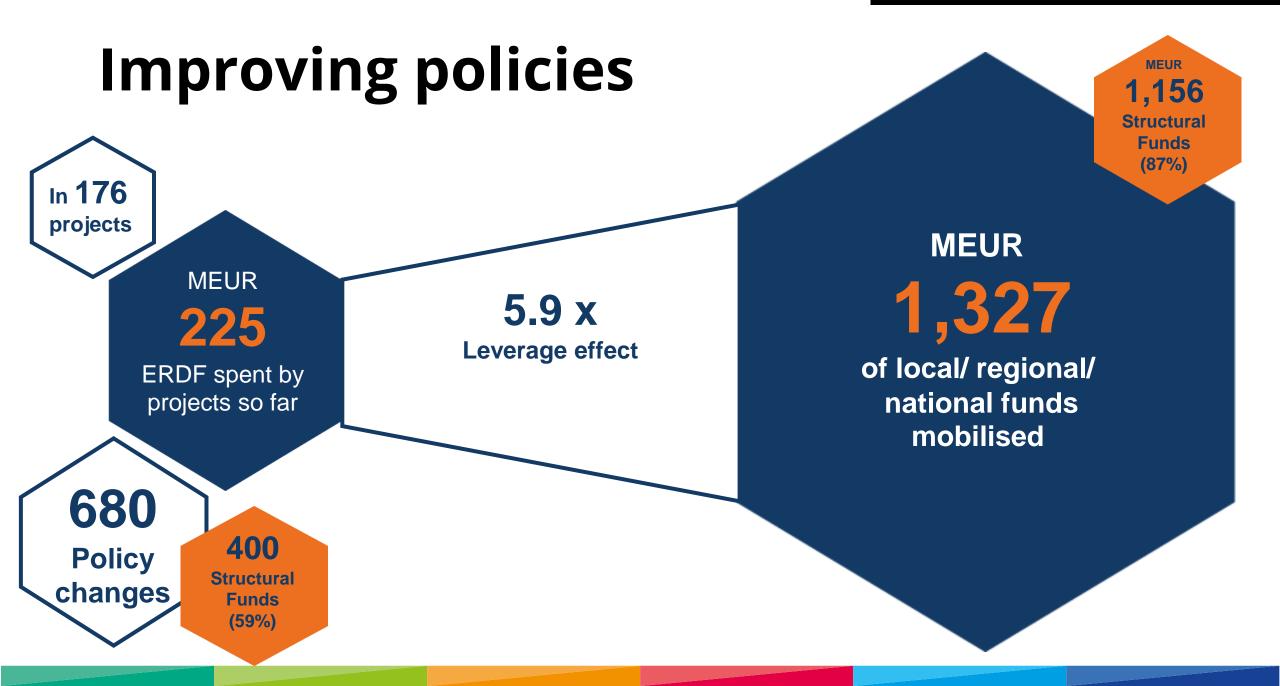
Based on local needs:

• Importance of stakeholders

Focus on results







Interreg Europe 2021-2027

POLICY LEARNING PLATFORM

PROJECTS



Interregional cooperation projects



WHY?

They look for **good practices** and **tested solutions**, which can help them solve their regional policy challenges.

Partnerships of European regions



WHO?

Partners from different European countries



HOW?

Workshops, study visits, staff exchanges, or peer reviews.

The partners work together for 4 years.

Policy Learning Platform





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