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# Interreg Europe

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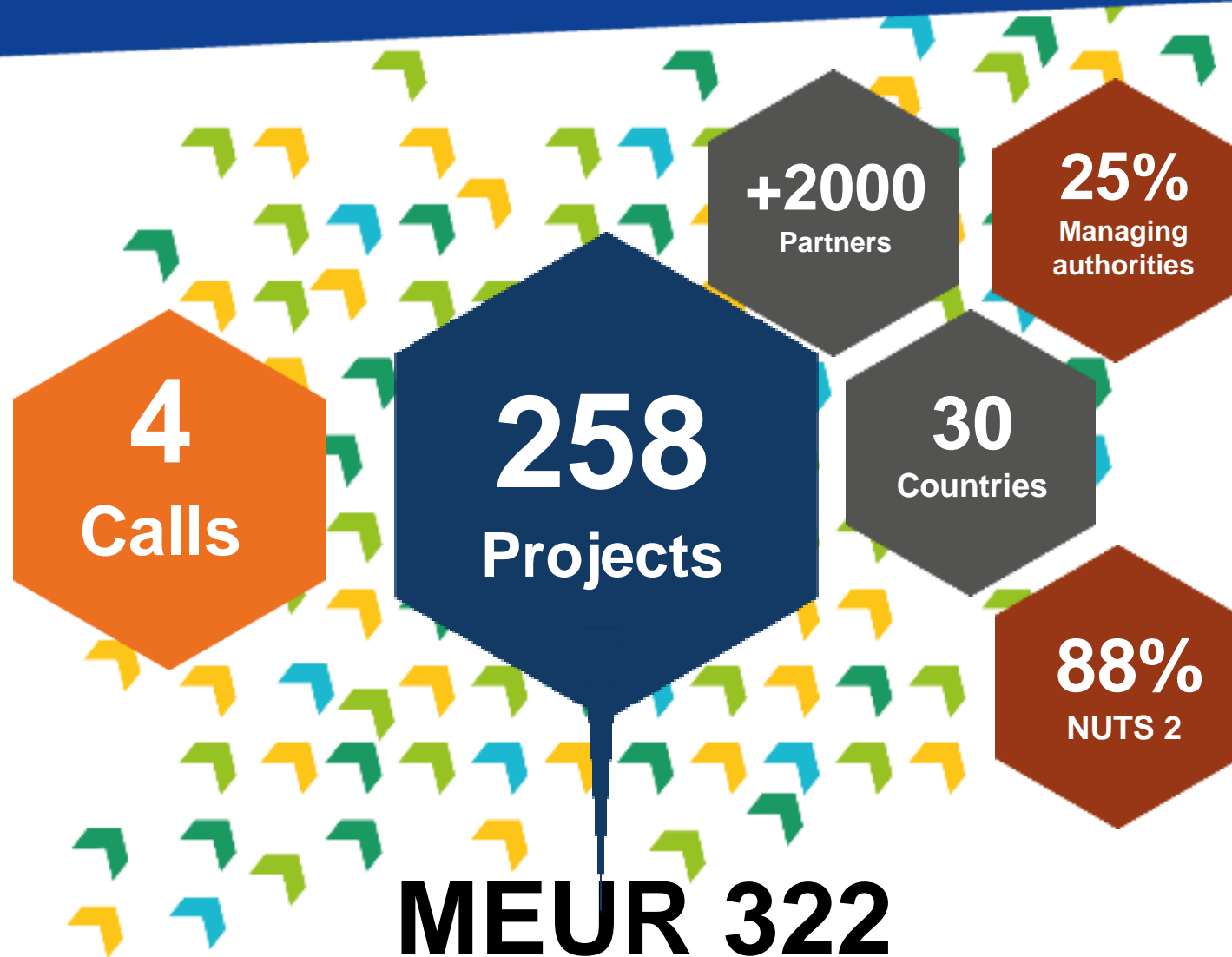


# Interreg Europe?

- **Objective:** improve regional development policies through exchange of experience among European regions
- 4 thematic areas
- 2 actions:
  - Projects
  - Policy Learning Platform (PLP)



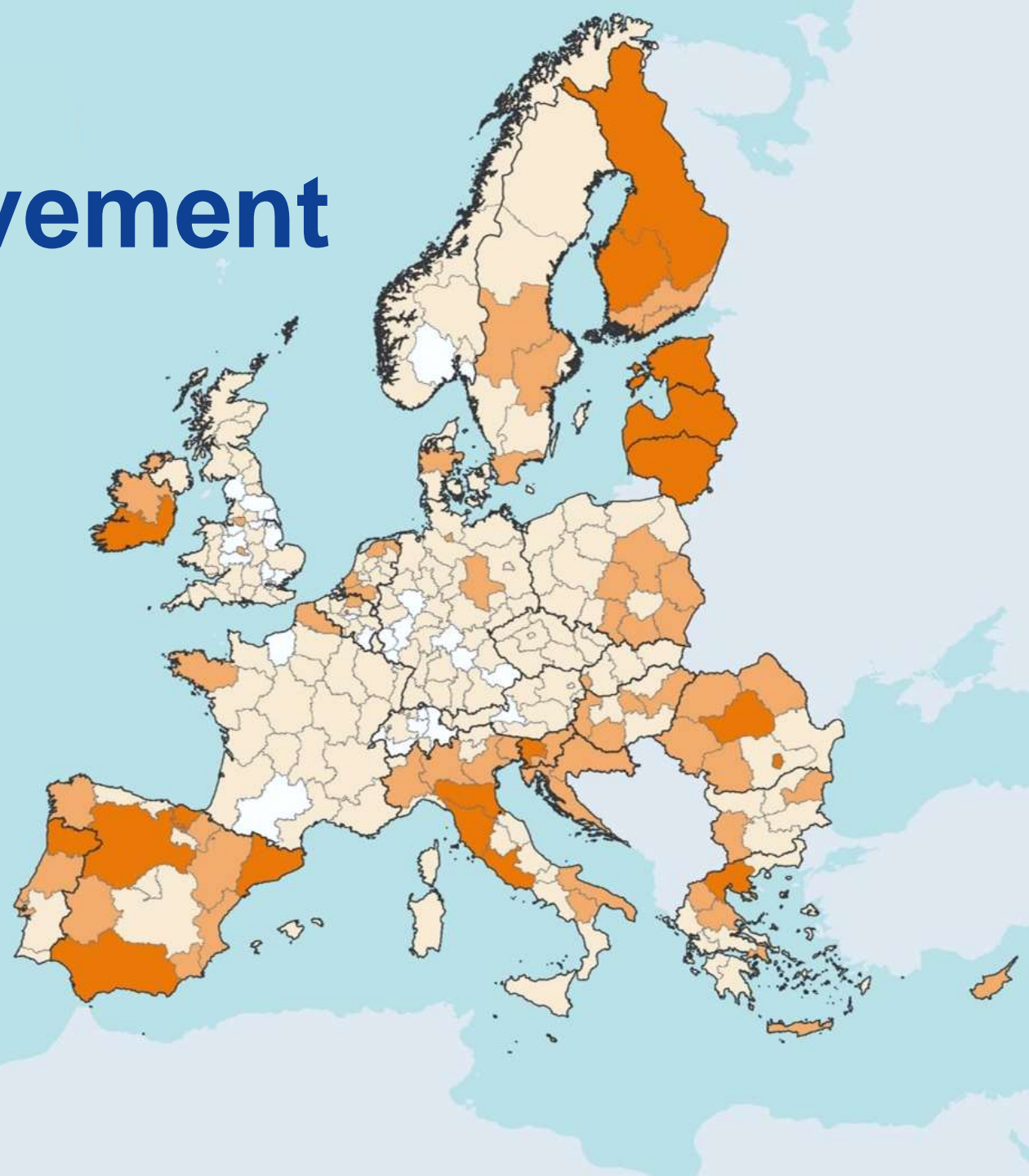
# Interregional cooperation projects



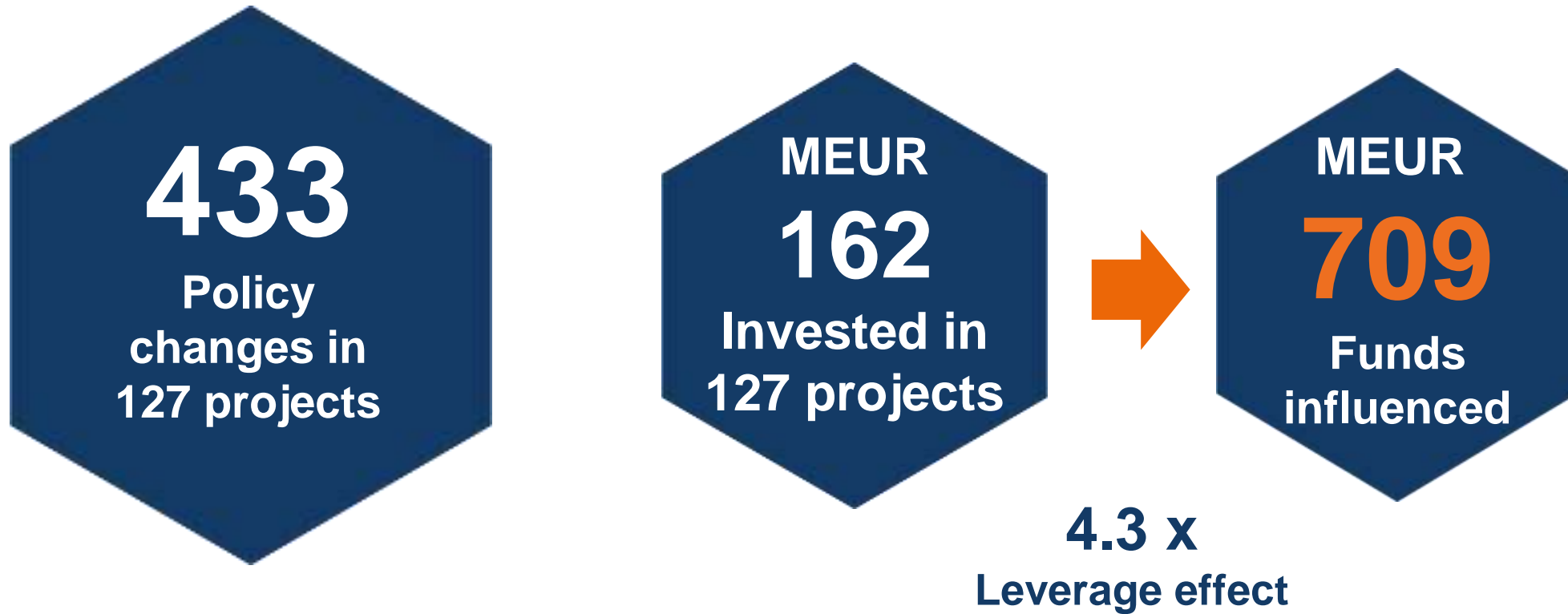
# Cooperation involvement

88

NUTS2  
regions



# Improving policies (validated as of 1 October 2020)



# Project results


Research and innovation | SME competitiveness | Low-carbon economy | Environment and resource efficiency

## Success stories about policy changes

Click through the topics and read a brief summary of the selected project results.

Research & Innovation | SME competitiveness | Low-carbon economy | Environment

### Research and innovation

  
Marshal Office of Lubelskie Voivodeship

**BRIDGES** identified a good practice from Greece, the [Autodiagnostic tool for agro-SMEs](#). The Poland's Lubelskie region used the tool to offer a special support to 63 companies to boost their innovation. You can read about the [actions planned](#) in all partner regions inspired by the project. [Jun 2020]

Browse the largest database of cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation programmes in the European Union.

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# Publication on project results



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## When Europe cooperates, regions benefit

Stories about cooperation results

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### Independent ageing with telemedicine

Elderly people in Cyprus are benefiting from telemedicine. A good practice from Slovenia inspired Cypriot health providers to set up telecare services to enable their ageing population to preserve their independence and continue to live at home.

[www.interregeurope.eu/hocare](http://www.interregeurope.eu/hocare)



### Modernising a development centre for SMEs

New businesses in Koprivnica-Krizevci County are now accessing early development guidance; thanks to Norway, the County's Development Centre and Technology Park has expanded its service portfolio to include non-financial services.

[www.interregeurope.eu/atmforsmes](http://www.interregeurope.eu/atmforsmes)



### Protecting nature by darkening the skies

Birds and other animals can be disturbed by excessive light, but in Luxembourg's Natura 2000 nature parks action is being taken. Thanks to input from Hungary, Luxembourg's park management plans are now addressing light pollution.

[www.interregeurope.eu/nightlight](http://www.interregeurope.eu/nightlight)



### Cutting CO<sub>2</sub> through better data sharing

The inhabitants of German towns in Rhineland-Palatinate will soon be able to take part in monitoring their local greenhouse gas emissions using widely accessible data portals, thereby helping to protect the climate. The portals were inspired by a system developed in Romania.

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# Policy Learning Platform

**Community of peers**  
**+ 18,000 members**



**Good practice database**  
**+ 1900 good practices**



**Expert policy support**  
**peer reviews, helpdesk**



**Knowledge hub**  
**Policy briefs & news**





# Thank you!

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# Policy Learning Platform

Sharing solutions for better regional policy

# Overview

1. Why a Policy Learning Platform and for whom?
2. What is the Platform and how does it work?
3. How can you benefit?

# Why a Policy Learning Platform and for whom?

## Why?

1. Exploit the **knowledge** of the projects for the benefit of all EU regions
2. Offer a space for continuous **policy learning**
3. Help policymakers get more out of the **invested funds** in their regions

## For whom?

1. Interreg Europe **project partners**
2. Newcomers such as **managing** and **public authorities** not involved in projects
3. All **policymakers** in Europe working on **regional development!**



# What is the Platform?

## 4 services for interregional learning



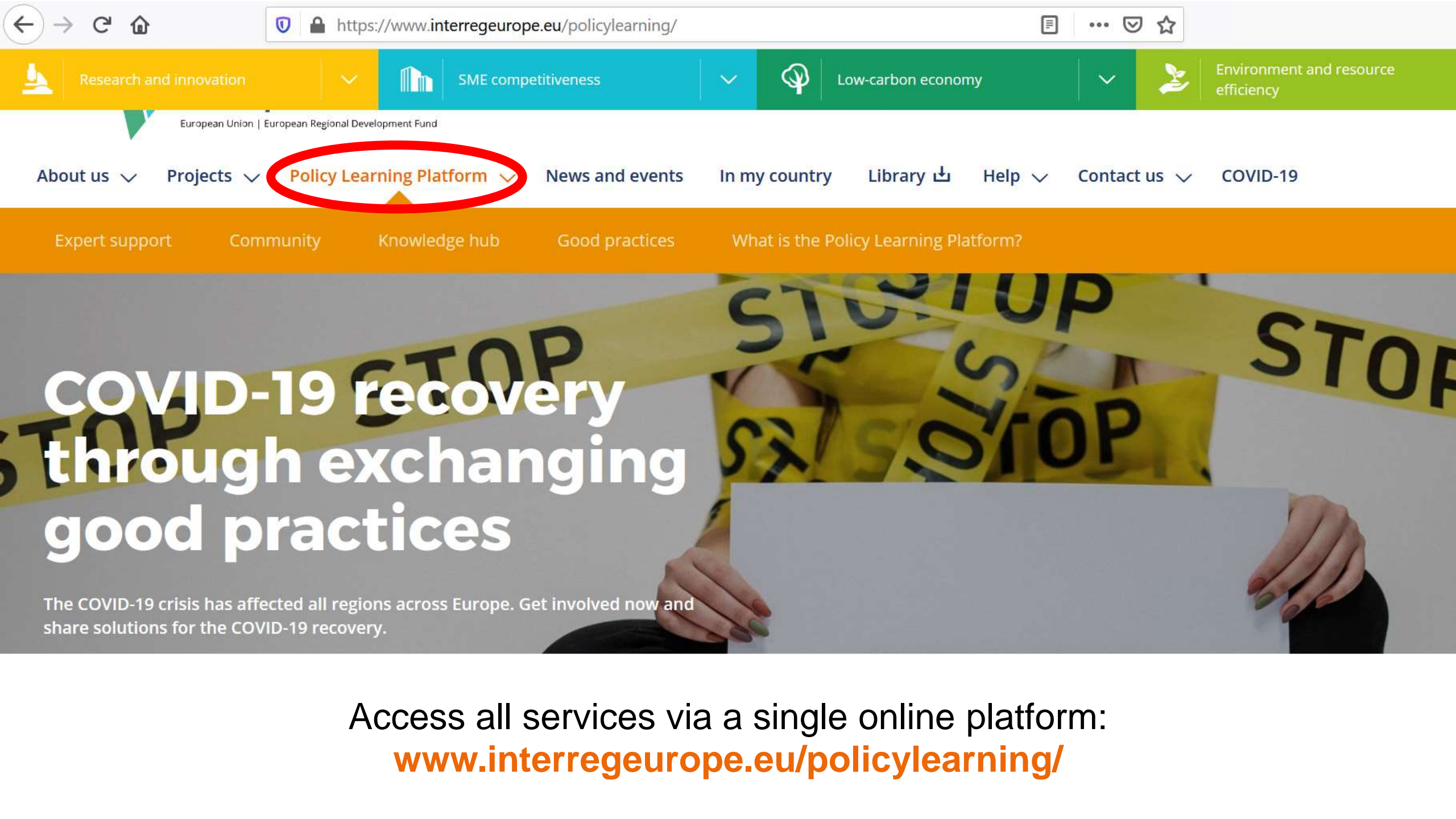
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Online portal



Team of experts





# COVID-19 recovery through exchanging good practices

The COVID-19 crisis has affected all regions across Europe. Get involved now and share solutions for the COVID-19 recovery.

Access all services via a single online platform:  
[www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/](https://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/)



# Meet the team of experts



**We change through  
exchange**



**How can you benefit from the Platform? 4 services**



**Join a community of peers**

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- What is the Policy Learning Platform?

# Online peer learning

Despite the uncertain situation related to the COVID-19 spread, our policy learning services remain open and are now also available online.

Read more

[www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/community/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/community/)

## Connect with peers

The Policy Learning Platform community is for peer learning, sharing and exchanging experiences. Join now, discover the EU-wide community and learn from other policymakers in your field.

Here you will also find upcoming online and in-person events and activities.



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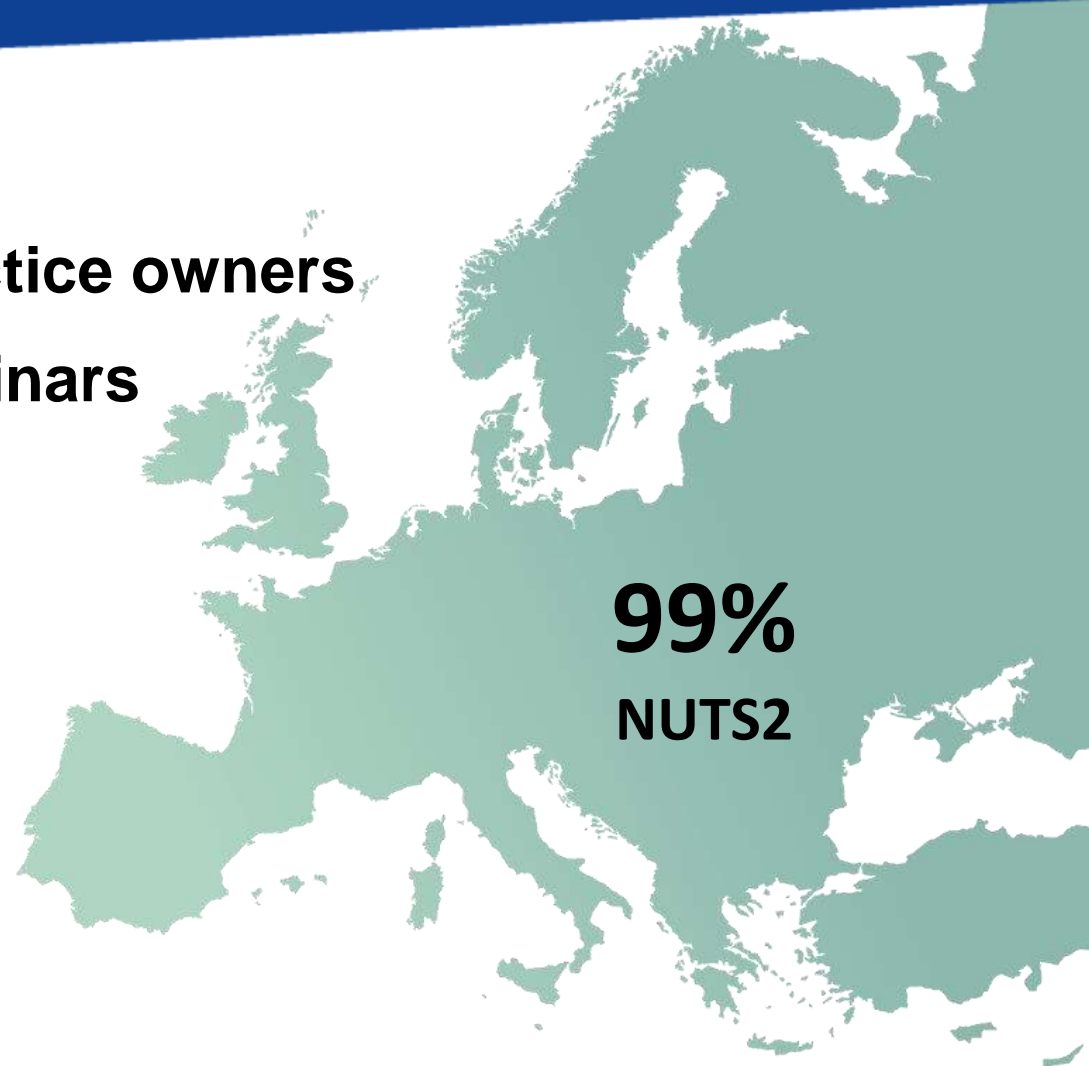
# A truly European community

- Contact **like-minded people** and **good practice owners**
- Participate in thematic **workshops** and **webinars**
- Access the **policy expert support** services
- See the **expert analysis** on **good practices**



**18,000+**  
Members

**99%**  
NUTS2



A photograph of a man and a woman smiling and looking at each other in a library. The man is on the left, wearing a checkered shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a red top. They are standing in front of bookshelves filled with books. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the subjects.

**Access knowledge**

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# Policy brief: Innovation networks

Innovation networks are central to the innovation process as they facilitate mutual learning and knowledge transfer. Explore the role of innovation networks within regional innovation ecosystems.

Read more





[www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/knowledge-hub/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/knowledge-hub/)

The knowledge hub regroups **valuable resources** in the forms of documents, webinar replays and the latest European news. Our [thematic experts](#) put these items together in **collaboration with Interreg Europe projects and European experts in the field.**

# Read, learn, benefit



## Policy briefs: in depth expert analysis of projects and their topics

 <p>22/09/2020</p> <p><b>Energy self-consumption</b></p> <p>Self-consumption of renewable energy can provide financial, environmental and security benefits for households,...</p> <p>Tags: <a href="#">Economy</a>, ...</p>	 <p>25/09/2020</p> <p><b>Innovation networks</b></p> <p>Innovation networks are central to the innovation process as they facilitate mutual learning and knowledge transfer....</p> <p>Tags: <a href="#">Policy-brief</a></p>	 <p>24/09/2020</p> <p><b>Separate waste collection</b></p> <p>The European Union (EU) is aiming to reduce the environmental impact of waste and its dependency on raw material imports...</p> <p>Tags: <a href="#">Policy-brief</a></p>	 <p>11/08/2020</p> <p><b>Efficient business support ecosystems</b></p> <p>This policy brief explores various models for implementing and managing multiple-stakeholder collaborative practices for...</p> <p>Tags: <a href="#">Policy-brief</a>, ...</p>
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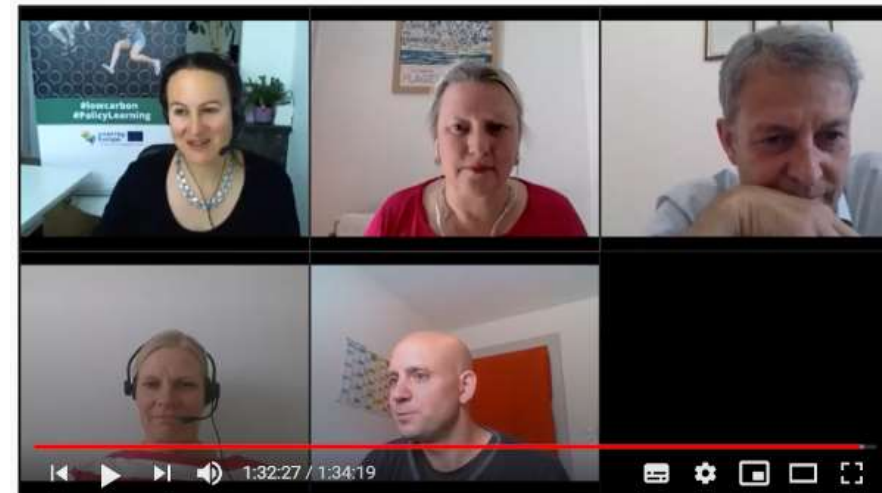
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## Webinars: online learning at your own rhythm



Boosting exports through collective support



Biogas from organic waste


Recordings available online:

[www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/knowledge-hub/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/knowledge-hub/)

# Read, learn, benefit



## What's new in EU: updates on policy trends




12/10/2020

**Even more from less**

Discover an overview of the policies, approaches and targets European countries in the field of resource efficiency and circular economy.

Type: [Platform](#)




02/10/2020

**Integrating environment into European Structural and...**

Better integrating environment into European Structural and Investment Funds: new project selection criteria

Type: [Platform](#)




12/10/2020

**European Commission aims to increase climate ambition**

Read about the intention to raise the EU's 2030 climate target with a 40% reduction of CO2 emissions by 2030.

Type: [Platform](#)



12/10/2020

**Final National Energy and Climate Plans submitted**


All European Union member states have now completed their National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)

Type: [Platform](#)

# Read, learn, benefit



## Peer reviews: main outcomes and policy recommendations




12/10/2020

**Governance and management of Natura2000 park**

In March 2020, the Policy Learning Platform organised a peer review to assist the Naturpark Our (Luxembourg) in their policy challenge.

Type: [Platform](#)




24/09/2020

**Talent attraction, retention and startup monitoring in...**

EU peers help to improve talent attraction, retention and startup monitoring practices in Catalonia in the first ever online peer review

Type: [Platform](#)




21/04/2020

**Economic diversification and cleaning power production**

Discover the outcomes of the Peer Review in Stara Zagora on the topic of economic diversification and cleaning power production in a coal region.

Type: [Platform](#)



24/04/2020

**EU peers help improve regional competence centre in Karlovac**

Explore the recommendations given during the Peer Review in Karlovac to improve their regional competence centre for SME development.

Type: [Platform](#)

**Exchange good practices**

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# Good practice database

Inspire and  
get inspired



**1 900**

**Good practices**  
well evidenced  
expert validated



[www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/good-practices/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/good-practices/)

A person in a white shirt is writing in a notebook with a red pencil. The notebook is open on a desk, and the person is holding the pencil over the page. In the background, there is a laptop and another person's hands are visible, suggesting a collaborative work environment. The text "Get personalised expert support" is overlaid on the image in a blue font.

**Get personalised expert support**

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[www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/expert-support/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/expert-support/)

## 1. Peer reviews

Regions all over Europe are tackling similar challenges. There is no one-size-fits-all solution for these issues, which is why we offer you a chance to benefit from a **tailor-made peer review**. Selected peers from all over Europe are invited to the host region to examine the specific territorial context, and make recommendations based on their experience and expertise. Further information about this service and some success stories are available [here](#).

## 2. Policy helpdesk

Are you looking for **guidance and advice** on how to improve management and implementation of public policies? Fill out the form below and our experts from the Policy Learning Platform will reply and advise you on the best course of action to meet your needs.

### Ask for policy advice

Fill out the form below to request policy advice from our thematic experts. Please provide us with a detailed description. Our experts will provide you with answers including their professional expertise as well as sources such as policy briefs, good practices, webinars and more.

Topic\*

Please choose a topic



Detailed description of your request\*

Describe your need

Send request

# Expert support



## Take the shortcut to smart regional solutions

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### Policy Helpdesk

Receive expert tailored policy advice with relevant contacts, GPs, readings, events

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### Matchmaking and online discussions

Get together with relevant people to share your challenges and good practices

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### Peer Reviews

(2-day onsite meetings or online sessions)

Team up with other European regions to get their feedback and recommendations on your policy challenge

Get free of charge expert support for:

- *Identification of suitable peers*
- *Guidance and moderation*



# Expertise tailored to your needs

## Peer review service launched in 2018

- 18 peer reviews implemented
- 6 online successfully tested
- Ambition to work closely with DG Regio - TAIEX



**Open call – online submission**

[www.interregeurope.eu/peer-review/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/peer-review/)



# COVID-19 challenges & solutions

Check the **COVID-19** section on our website to:

- Discover **good practices** from all across Europe to help you mitigate the pandemic's effects
- Join our **online thematic activities** for inspiration and solutions to common challenges
- Request **tailored support** from our Policy Learning Platform experts
- Find out related **news and events** published by us, our projects and other institutions

COVID-19  
keyword!



# #policylearning activities: stay tuned!

## Upcoming community events

Events for the Policy Learning Platform community



Košice, Slovakia

### Online peer review: Sustainable Waste Management

Košice Self-governing Region is hosting a peer review on setting up an effective regional framework for Sustainable Waste Management and the Circular Economy.



### E-buses: from procurement to deployment

Join this #EURegionsWeek Q&A session and learn more about greening of public transport with e-buses!



### #EUGreenWeek2020: Webinar on Better regional policies to...

Join this #EUGreenWeek webinar and learn more about successful regional policies for the preservation of European natural heritage



### Online peer review: Energy efficiency skills and SME...

The region of Western Macedonia is hosting an online peer review on Energy Efficiency and Skills SME programmes.



Thank you!

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# Feedback on #policylearning services

Two days peer review in Bulgaria on Structuring Centres of Excellence and Competence

“ *It is nice that we can use quick and efficient instrument [peer review] and get practical solutions to what one is looking for.*

*Selected peers were interested and provided advice relevant to the Bulgarian environment. It is very important because we can't accept any solutions - they have to be adapted to our regional/national context.* ”



Video interview: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQvU9orpXAQ&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQvU9orpXAQ&feature=emb_logo)

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