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*Sharing solutions  
for better regional policies*

# Interreg Europe

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# Summary

- **Key programme features**
- **First call: results & lessons learnt**
- **Second call: terms of reference and assistance to applicants**



# KEY PROGRAMME FEATURES



# Interreg Europe rationale (1)

**Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation:**

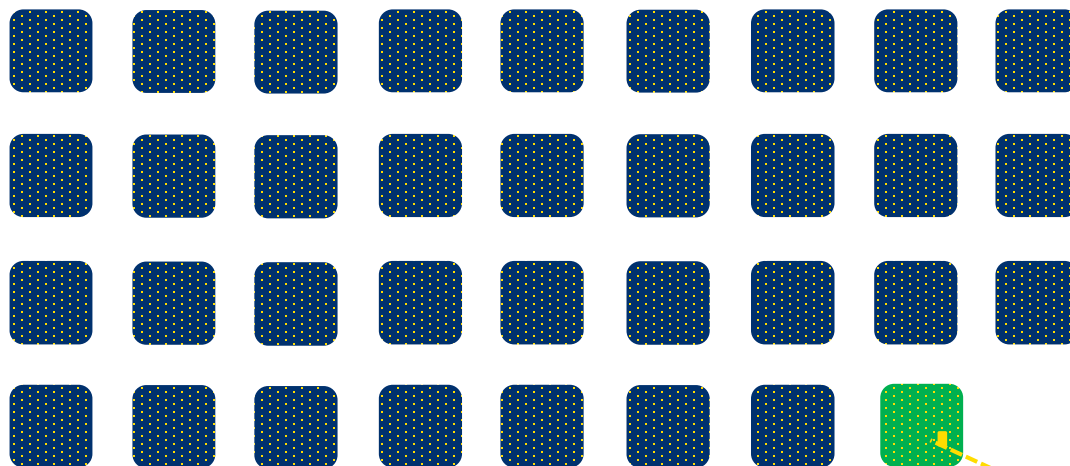
- “to reinforce the effectiveness of **cohesion policy**”
- “identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer principally
  - to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs** goal but also, where relevant,
  - to cooperation programmes”



# Interreg Europe rationale (2)

**Exchange of experience** to improve performance of policies for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds (SF)** programmes

## EU Cohesion policy



**Goal 1:**  
Investment for growth & jobs  
**EUR 340 billion**

**Goal 2:**  
European Territorial Cooperation  
**EUR 10.2 billion**

**INTERREG EUROPE**  
**EUR 359 m**



# Geographical coverage

The only Interreg covering EU 28 + Norway & Switzerland



# Thematic focus



Research and  
innovation



SME  
competitiveness



Environment and  
resource efficiency



Low-carbon  
economy



# Who is it for?

**Managing  
authorities**

**Regional / local  
authorities**

**Agencies, institutes,  
private non-profits**



Learn from each other  
to improve policies





# Who is eligible?

- Public bodies (main target group)  
(e.g. local, regional, national authorities)
- Bodies governed by public law (Directive 2004/18/EC)
- Private non profit bodies

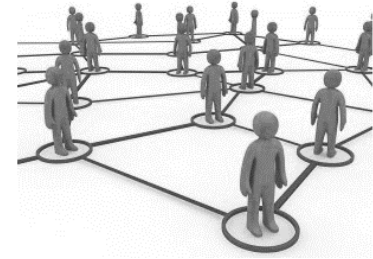
Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
85% ERDF	Public or public equivalent from EU
75% ERDF	Private non-profit from EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from NO
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from CH



# Supported actions

## Projects

- Involving limited number of regions
- 2 phases
- Stakeholder groups
- Action Plans



## Policy learning platforms

- Open to all
- Closely related to projects





# Projects: features

## Implementation in 2 phases



Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years) ending with production of 1 **action plan** per region



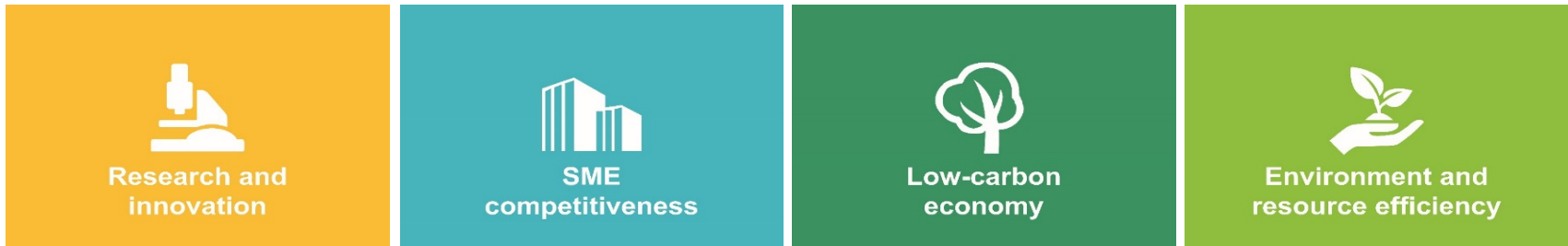
**Monitoring** of action plan implementation (2 years) + possible pilot actions

## Focus on Structural Funds

At least half of policy instruments addressed must be SF



# Platforms: definition



**A service provided per priority axis via:**

## **Online collaborative tool**

- With relevant functionalities



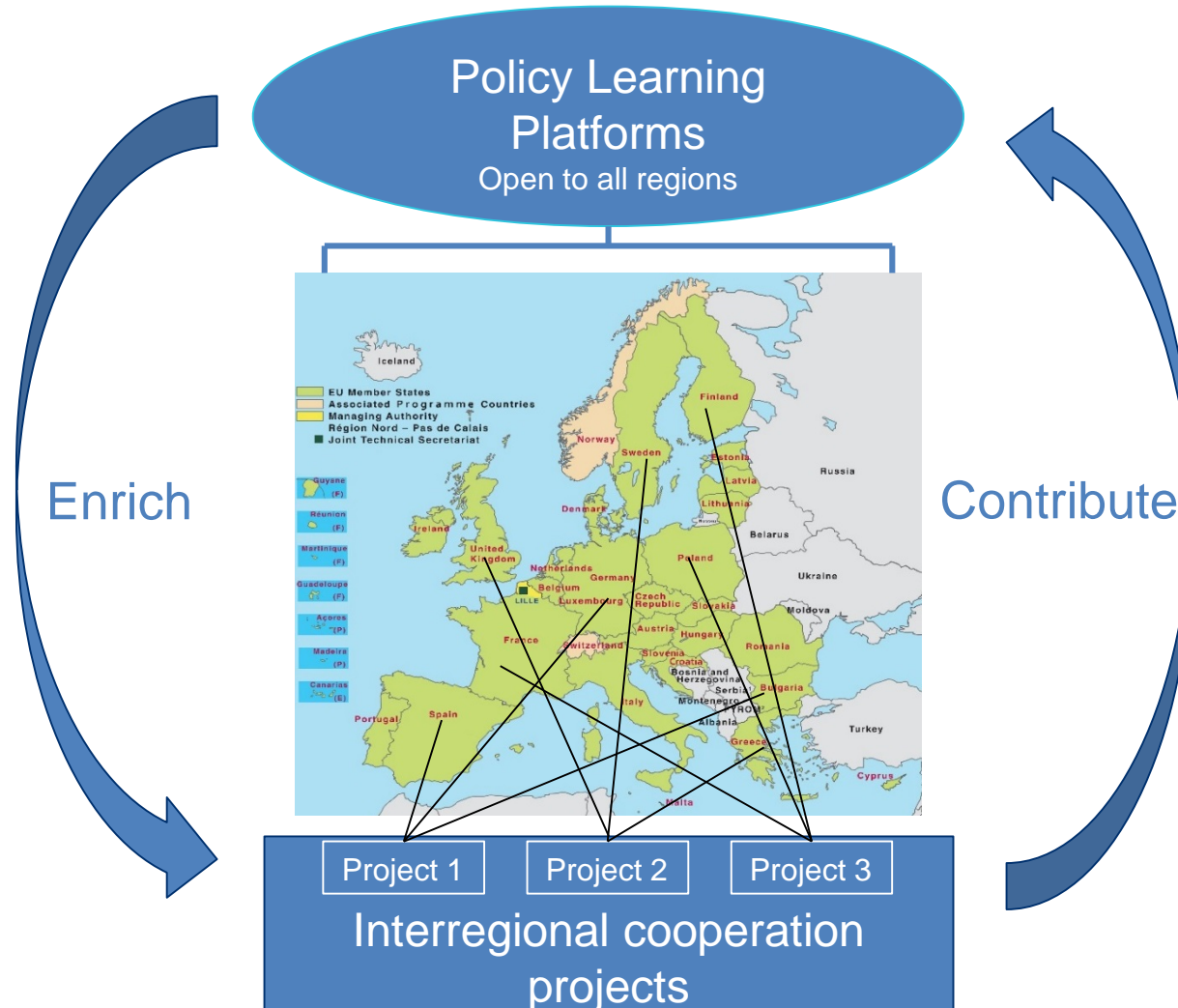
## **Expert team**

- Content & coordination





# Two interrelated actions





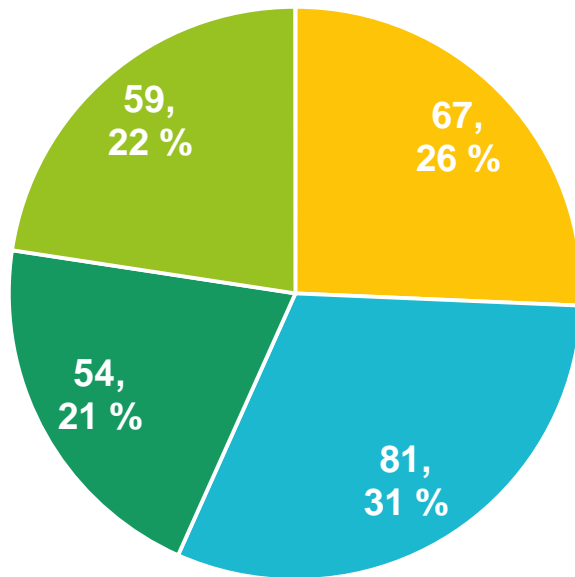
# **FIRST CALL RESULTS & LESSONS LEARNT**



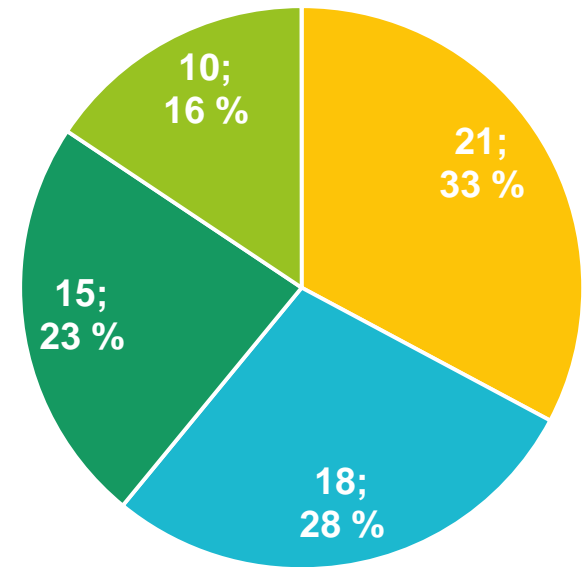
# Submitted / approved projects

261 projects submitted

64 projects approved



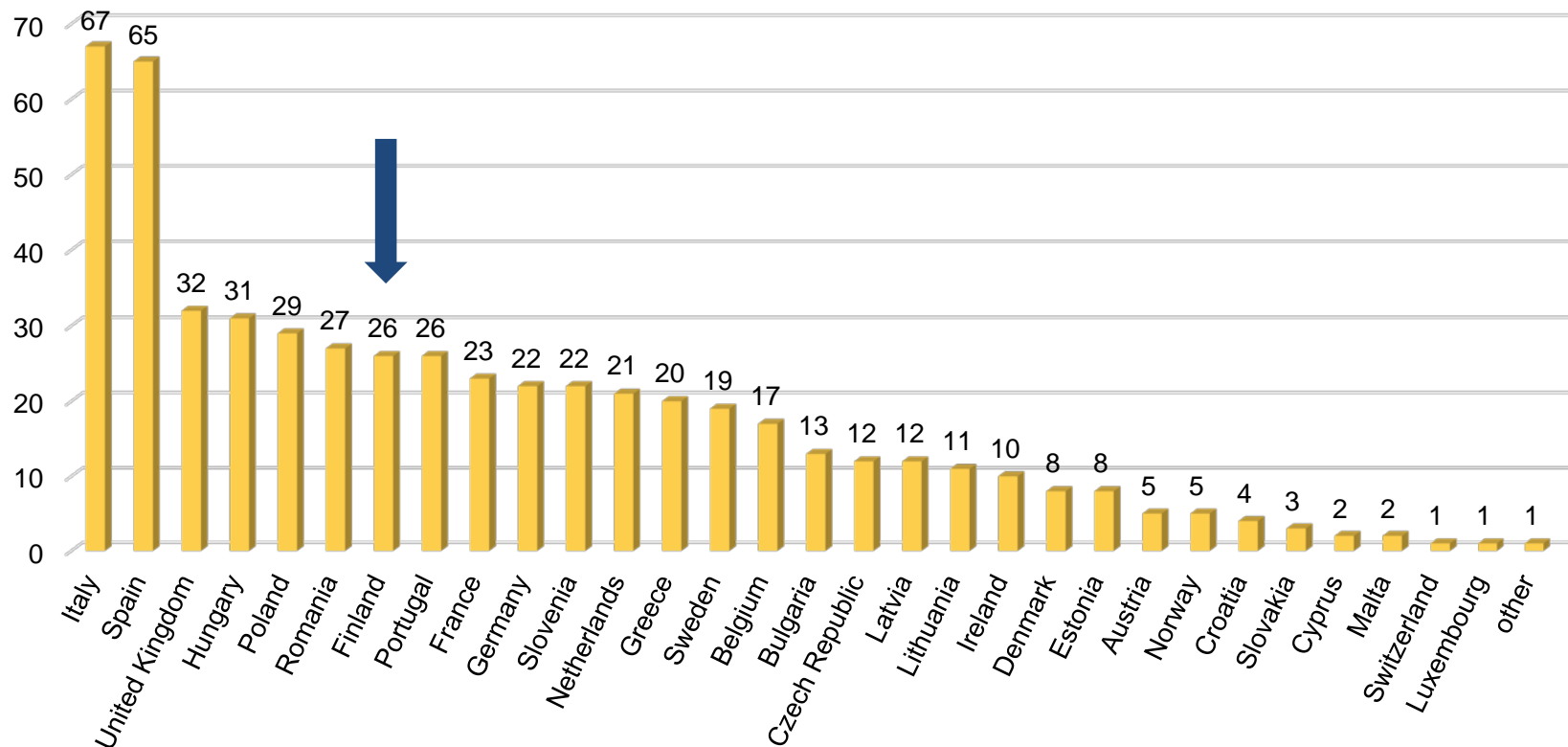
- Innovation and research
- SME competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Environment and resource efficiency





# Partners in approved projects

N° of partners per country



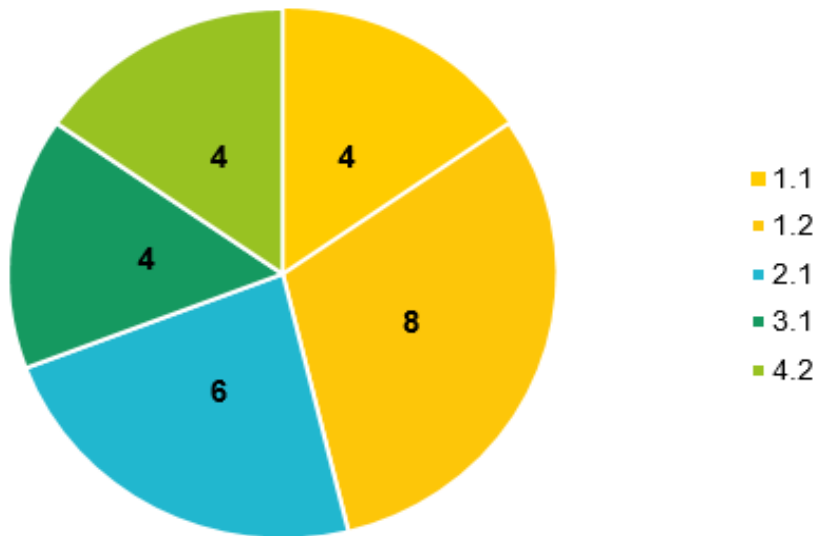
All partner states represented in the first call projects



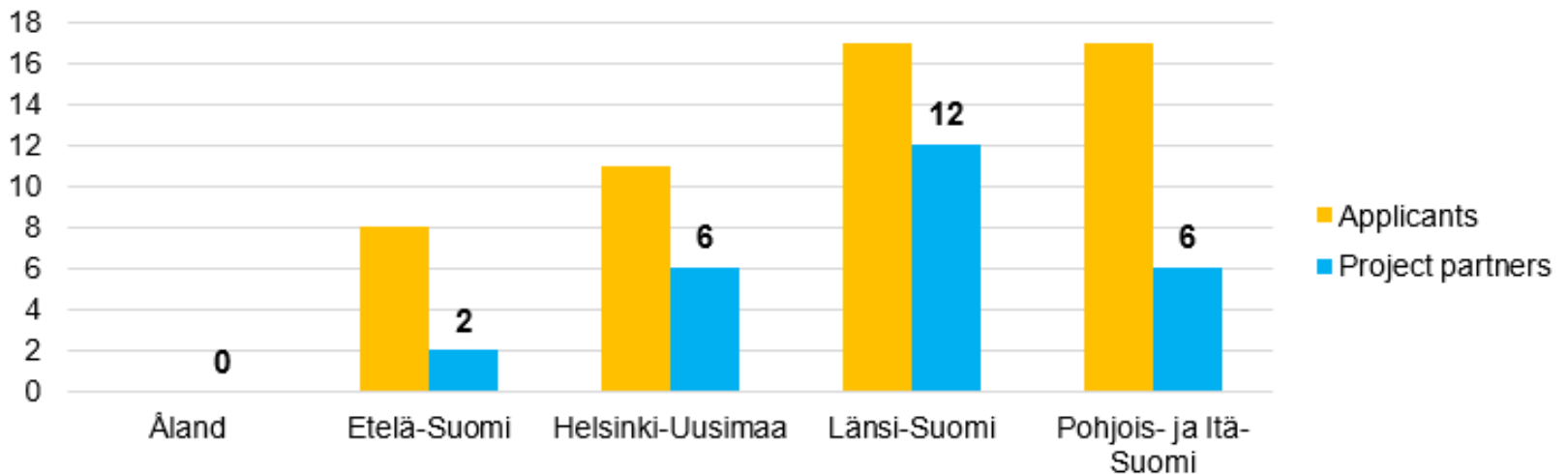


# Finland in the first call

Partners per topic



100% (26) of the partners are public body/body governed by public law



# Examples of 'topics' from Finland



## Innovation and research

- Bridging competence infrastructure gaps and speeding up growth and jobs delivery in regions (BRIDGES)
- Building innovative food value chains (NICHE)



## SME competitiveness

- Boost the young by enabling entrepreneurship (Boost EER)
- Increasing competitiveness of SMEs in the rural visitor economy sector (RuralGrowth)

# Examples of 'topics' from Finland



## Low-carbon economy

- Supporting low-carbon growth in European maritime border regions (PASSAGE)
- Sustainable regional bioenergy policies (BIO4ECO)



## Environment and resource efficiency

- Circular economy for SMEs (CESME)
- Industrial symbiosis for regional sustainable growth and a resource efficient circular economy (SYMBI)

# Lessons learnt –

## 1. Be specific

- Describe the **real needs** of the territories involved (territorial context)
- Provide **details** on the issue addressed
- Show an **in-depth knowledge of the policy instruments** and make sure they reflect the issue





# Lessons learnt -

## 2. Be selective with your partners

- **Policy makers** involved as partners
- **If not: demonstrate policy relevance** = involvement of an organisation in the policy making process and capacity to influence to policy instrument (letter of support is not enough)
- **Wide geographic coverage**





# **SECOND CALL TERMS OF REFERENCE & ASSISTANCE TO APPLICANTS**



# Second call for proposals – ToR

## Timing:

- Opening: **5 April** (iOlf available)
- Closing: **13 May** (midday, CET)

## No thematic restrictions:

- Call open to all Investment priorities
- Projects under **priority axes 3 and 4** welcome



## Budget:

- No specific budget allocation



## Procedure:

- **Full** online application
  - Compulsory documents to be uploaded on iOLF
  - Paper project summary no longer necessary





# Assessment provisional timing

16 May - June 2016

Eligibility check

June – October 2016

Quality assessment

End 2016

Decision & notification

Early 2017

Fulfilment of conditions

Early 2017

Projects start





# Assistance overview

- list of approved projects
- self assessment tool
- Interreg Europe community
  - project idea database
  - feedback from JS
- weekly Q&A sessions
- lead applicant webinars
- application pack online



# Look at approved projects

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## First call projects approved

Interreg Europe monitoring committee has conditionally approved 64 projects out of 261 applications received in the first call for proposals.

**IMPORTANT!** The lead partners of the projects approved under conditions will shortly be notified directly with details on the conditions to fulfil and information on the next steps to start their project. We kindly ask applicants not to contact the secretariat directly until they have received this notification.

Have a look at the projects approved in the first call for proposals. Or download a [list of them](#).

### Approved projects

#### Beyond EDP

**Improve the RIS3 effectiveness through the management of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP)**

*Lead partner:* Centre-Val de Loire Regional Innovation Agency, France

The project addresses the inadequacies in the design and implementation of  
on policies which may negatively impact the effectiveness of Structural  
IC3 are expected to provide a relevant solution to this issue, but their

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# Assess the idea yourself

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

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Project development Project assistance Project Ideas and partner search **Check my idea** Apply for funding

## Check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe

Answer the series of questions below to check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe.

Before going forward with your application or seeking assistance from us, make sure to check the relevance of your project! If you can answer 'yes' to all the questions, you're on the right track.

*The self-assessment is for information purposes only.*

**Your progress** You have answered 0/8 questions

1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 — 6 — 7 — 8

[www.interreg.eu/na/self-assessment/](http://www.interreg.eu/na/self-assessment/)



# Interreg Europe community (1)



SME competitiveness



Low-carbon economy



Environment and resources



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## Join our community

We're thrilled you've decided to register with Interreg Europe and become part of our community.

Please complete the form below to join in...

Your Firstname\*

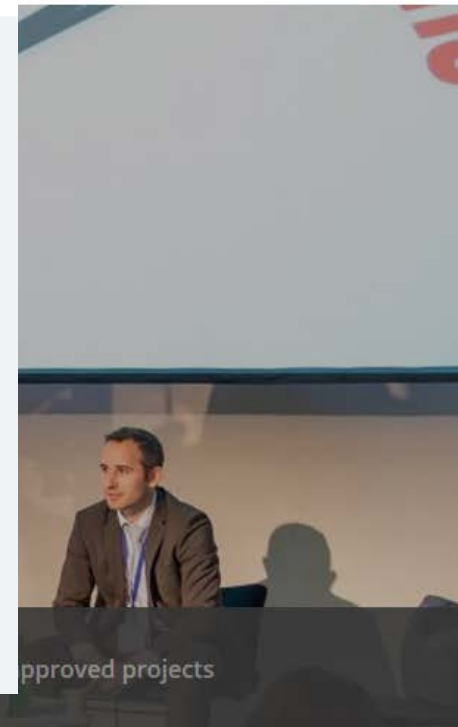
Your Lastname\*

Your Email address\*

Password\*

Confirm password\*

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Explore the project ideas and profiles registered with us. Use the filters to modify/refine your search.

## Filter your results

Keyword search

Search for

People

### Looking for people interested in

- Leading a project
- Joining a project
- Sharing a project idea
- Networking with peers

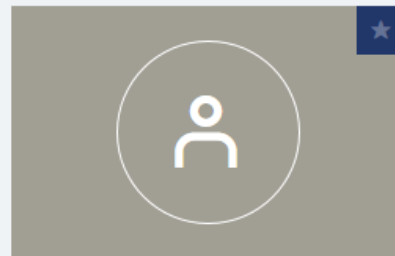
Project ideas

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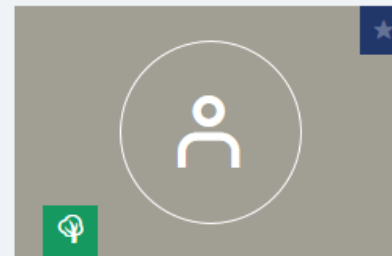
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## Latest user profiles

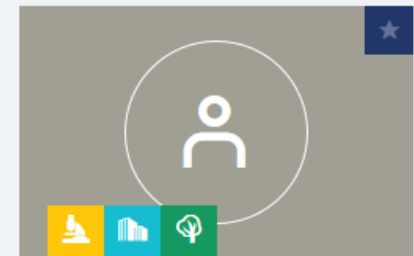


GEORGIOS PASCHALIDIS



Joaquin Villar  
Andalusian Energy Agency

**Interested in:** Joining a project,  
Networking with peers



David Crombie  
HKU University of the Arts Utrecht

**Interested in:** Leading a project



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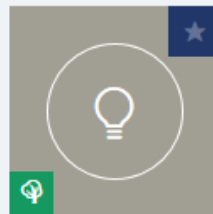
Keyword search

Sort results by

Search for

- People
- Project ideas
- News
- Events
- + More options
- + Themes
- + Countries/regions

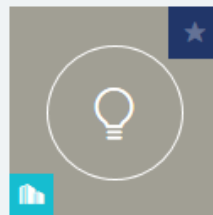
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💡 Test 4 (PIFTS trial) - skype

**Submitted by:** Raluca Project-Ideas

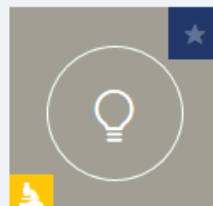
summary test



💡 Test 3 (PIFTS trial) - phone

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summary test



💡 Test 2 (PIFTS trial) - written

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# Programme feedback



Complete the form below and publish your idea in the Interreg Europe project idea database. You can also publish your idea, or at any time via your dashboard.

Project idea name\*

Thematic interest\*

- Research and innovation**
  - Objective 1.2: Improving innovation delivery policies
  - Objective 1.1: Improving innovation infrastructure policies
- SME competitiveness**
  - Objective 2.1: Improving SMEs competitiveness policies
- Low-carbon economy**
  - Objective 3.1: Improving low-carbon economy policies
- Environment and resource efficiency**
  - Objective 4.1: Improving natural and cultural heritage policies
  - Objective 4.2: Improving resource efficient economy policies

Summarise your ideas in 200 characters\*

Description/Issue addressed\*

Partners involved\*

Main policy instruments addressed\*

Type of partner looking for

Please describe the main activities and approach envisaged for the exchange of experience among partners\*

If you would like to ask questions, please list them below

Enter keywords related to your project (please separate them with a comma)

Project idea owner\*

Organisation\*

Email\*

Country\*

Region\*



# Weekly Q&A sessions

## Regular live talk with potential applicants

- Always from 10-11am (CET)
  - 8, 22, 29 April
  - 6 May

Questions gathered via registration & on the spot, answered during a live webinar on Fridays

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1913615698606971906>






# Application pack online

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/>



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## Terms of reference - second call for proposals

### Letter of support\* from the relevant organisation responsible for policy

For Structural Funds programme Cooperation programmes: 4 country\* pages on the programme

Project acronym
Project title
Name of the signing organisation (department if relevant)
Name of the signing organisation (department if relevant)
Name of the policy instrument
Name of the policy instrument
Name of the policy instrument

### Project partner declaration\*

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the partner organisation (original)	
Name of the partner organisation (English)	
Partner number	
Partner contribution (EUR)	

In the event of approval of the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg Europe programme, the indicated project partner:

1. Confirms fulfilling the criterion of a public body or a body governed by public law or private non-profit body as defined in the programme manual.
2. Commits itself to the project and the activities laid down in the application form, and intends to provide the above-indicated amount as contribution to the project's budget.
3. Is aware of the programme rules on reimbursement and non-existence of advance payment and confirms the availability of own resources for pre-financing the activities.
4. Is aware of the programme rules on state aid, horizontal principles, public procurement, publicity and information and will act accordingly.
5. Declares that it is not under bankruptcy proceedings, bears full legal capacity and is financially reliable, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation.
6. Confirms that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be funded by any other EU-funded programme, except for partners that do not receive funding directly from the Interreg Europe programme.
7. Declares to accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the subsidy contract, which will be signed by the lead partner of the project after the approval, as well as the project partnership agreement which will be concluded between all partners participating in the project.

Name of signatory	
Position of signatory	
Date	
Signature and stamp of partner organisation (if exists)	

\* amendments to the text of the template or template not correctly completed will lead to the ineligibility of the whole application


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## 1. Legal basis


The Interreg Europe programme is financed by whose principles and regulations are laid down in the (Common Provisions Regulation), Council Regulation (Regulation) and Council and Parliament Regulation principles and regulations for projects developed under the Cooperation Programme and in the programme

## 2. Context

The European Union works to reduce disparities of life in European regions through its cohesion policy concentrates on supporting the goals



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# Interreg Europe Programme Manual

19 January 2016



# Lead applicant workshop

**Initially organised in Rotterdam**

**Webinar week – 12-15 April, 10-11 am**

- Pre-recorded content from workshop & live Q&A
  - Designing project methodology: 12 April
  - Building relevant partnerships: 13 April
  - Managing budget and finances: 14 April
  - Planning a project communication strategy: 15 April
  
- Register at: [www.interregeurope.eu/projects/project-assistance/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/project-assistance/)



# For more information

## Programme website

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

## Programme manual

- [www.interregeurope.eu/help/programme-manual/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/help/programme-manual/)

## Interreg Europe community

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**Thank you!  
Any questions?**

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