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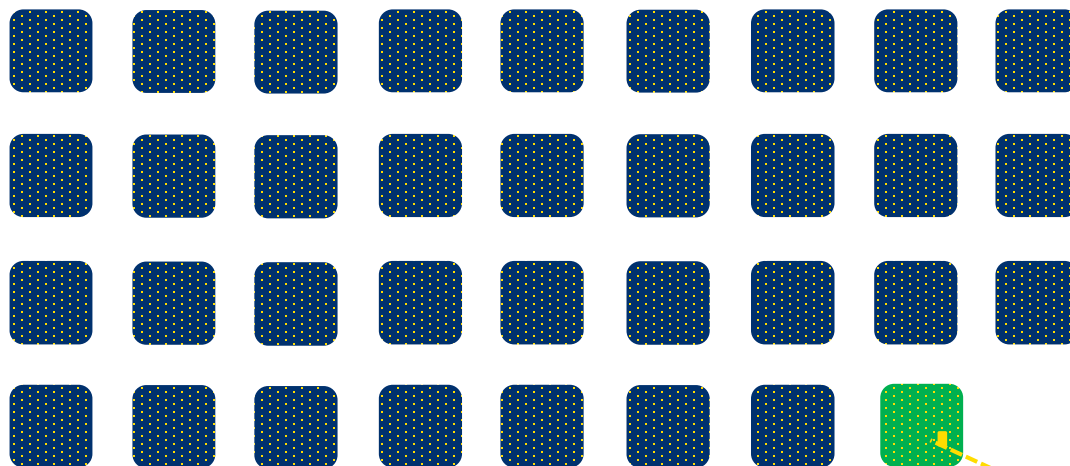
Goal 1:
Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 340 billion

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
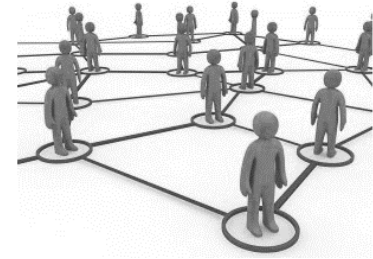
Policy learning platforms

- Open to all
- Closely related to projects

Projects: features

Implementation in 2 phases

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

Phase 2
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

Research and innovation

SME competitiveness

Low-carbon economy

Environment and resource efficiency
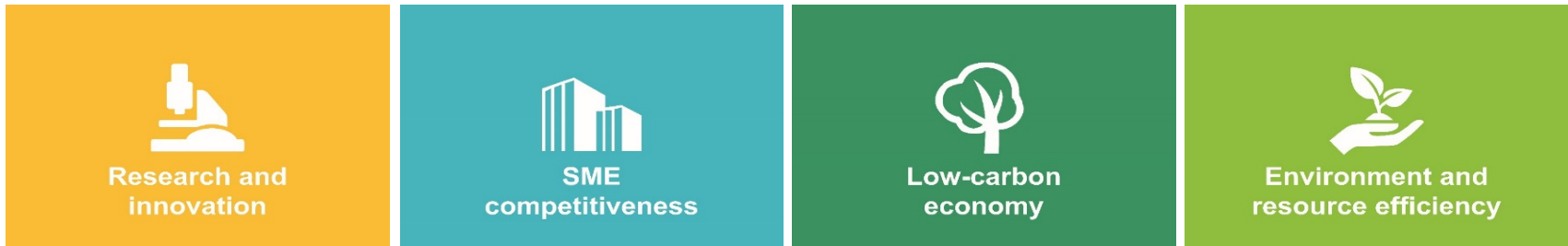
A service provided per priority axis via:

Online collaborative tool

- With relevant functionalities

Expert team

- Content & coordination

Two interrelated actions
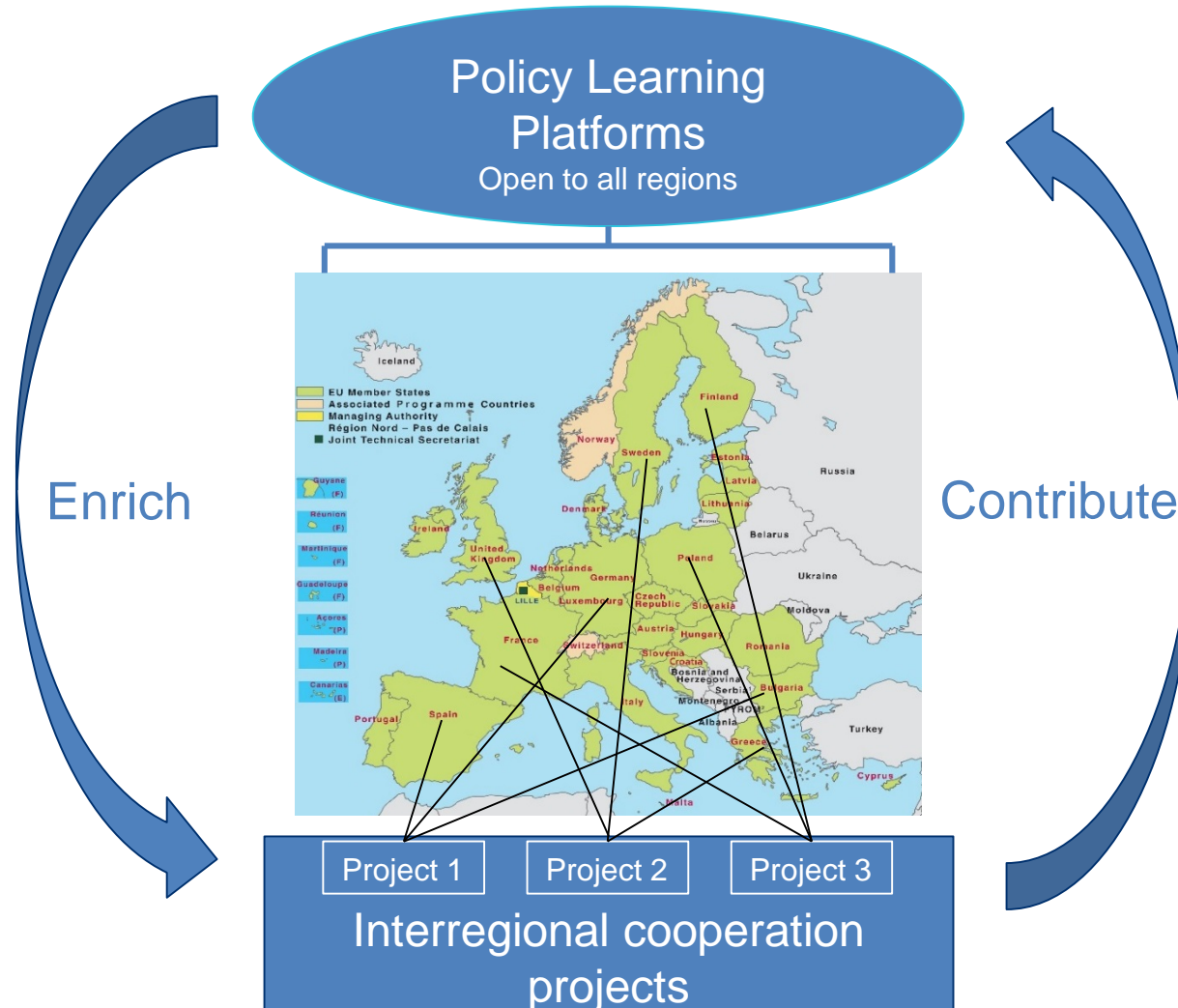
FIRST CALL
RESULTS & LESSONS LEARNT

Submitted / approved projects

261 projects submitted

64 projects approved

261 projects submitted pie chart:
- 67, 26 % (Innovation and research)
- 81, 31 % (SME competitiveness)
- 54, 21 % (Low-carbon economy)
- 59, 22 % (Environment and resource efficiency)

64 projects approved pie chart:
- 21; 33 % (Innovation and research)
- 18; 28 % (SME competitiveness)
- 15; 23 % (Low-carbon economy)
- 10; 16 % (Environment and resource efficiency)
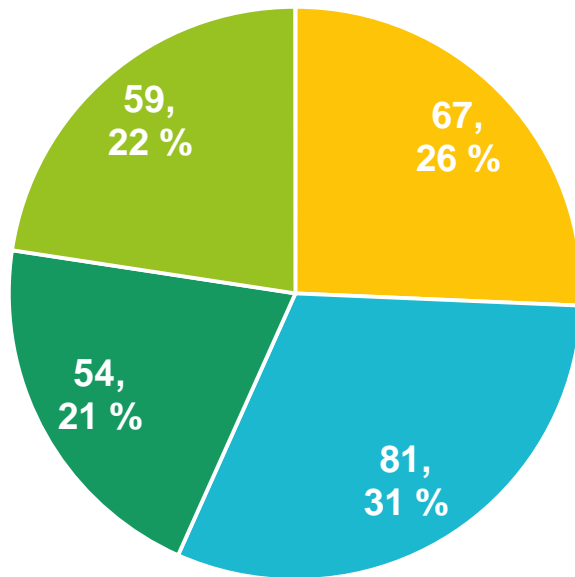
Legend:
- Innovation and research
- SME competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Environment and resource efficiency
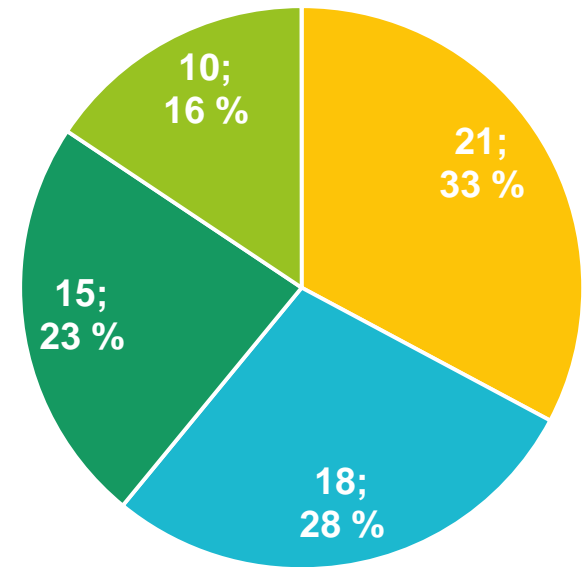
Partners in approved projects

N° of partners per country
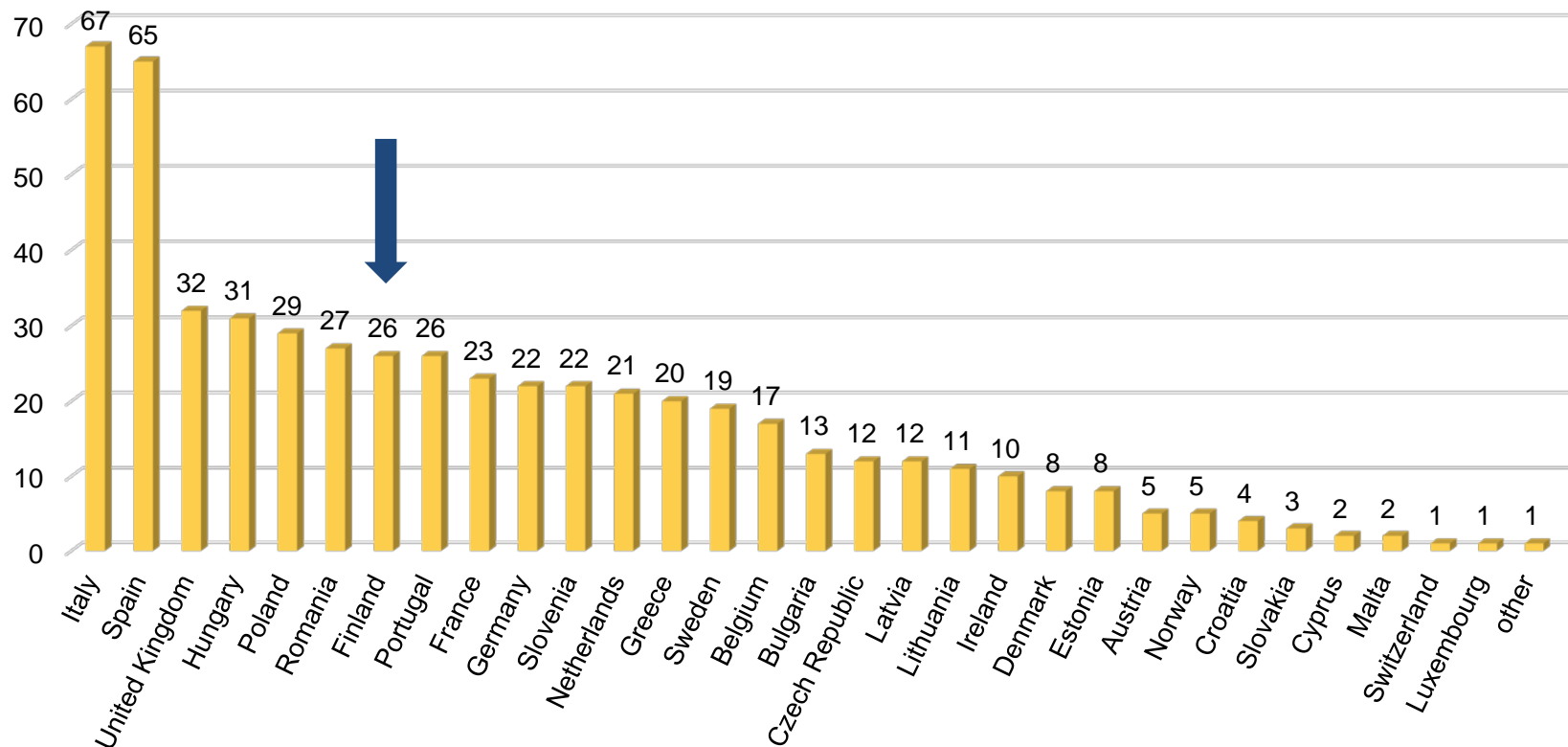
All partner states represented in the first call projects

Finland in the first call

Partners per topic

Legend:
- 1.1
- 1.2
- 2.1
- 3.1
- 4.2

Pie chart values: 4, 4, 8, 6, 4
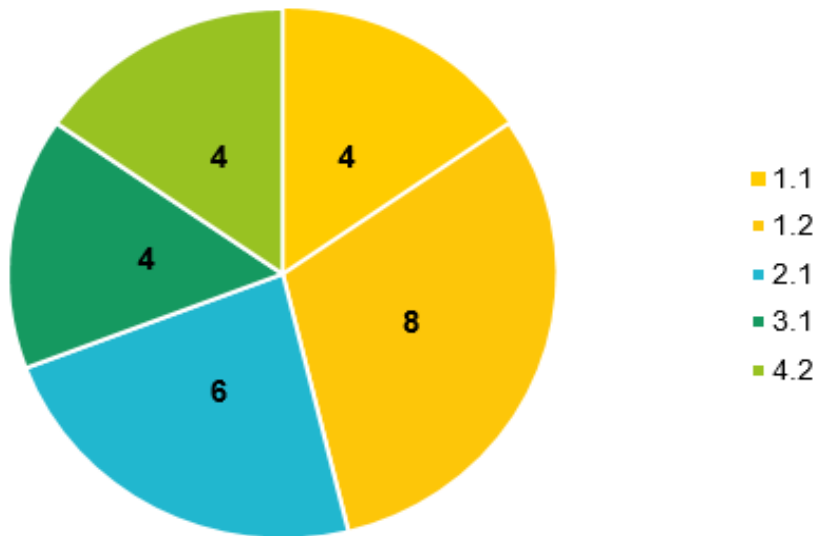
100% (26) of the partners are public body/body governed by public law

Bar chart — Applicants (yellow) and Project partners (blue):
- Åland: 0
- Etelä-Suomi: 8, 2
- Helsinki-Uusimaa: 11, 6
- Länsi-Suomi: 17, 12
- Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi: 17, 6
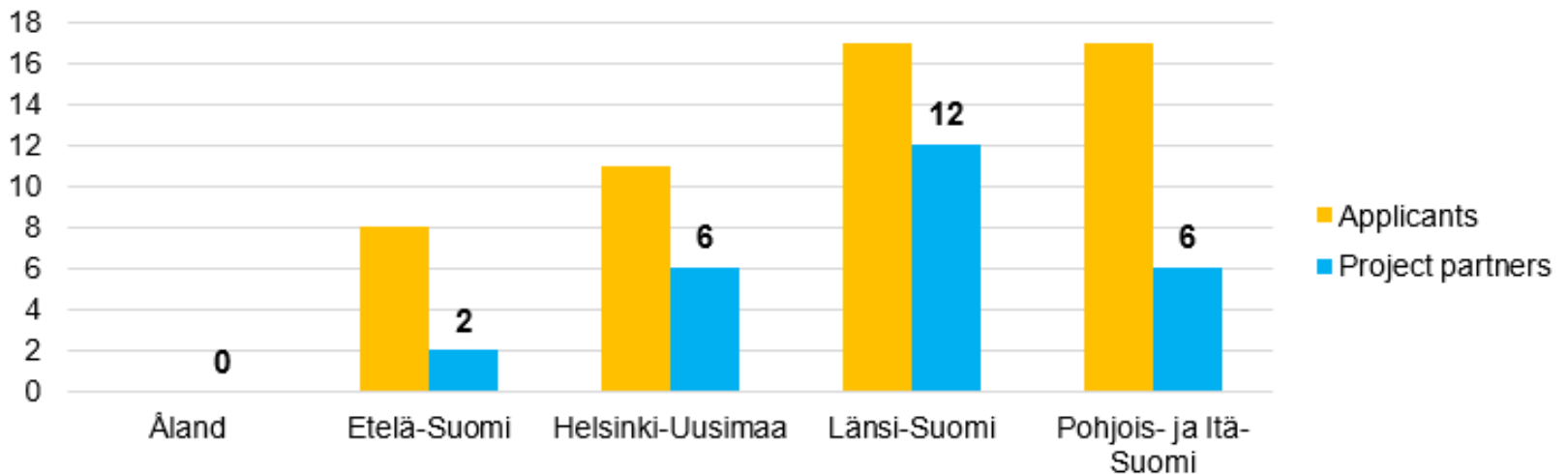
Examples of 'topics' from Finland

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**

ERDF Transnational cooperation programmes 2014 - 2020

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

Assess the idea yourself

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.

Interreg Europe community (1)

Interreg Europe community (2)

Home > Projects > Project ideas and partner search

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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Latest user profiles
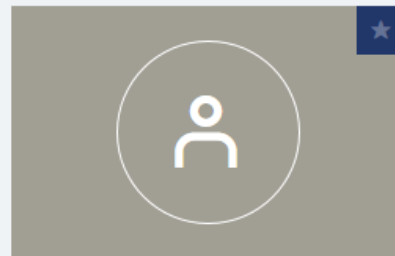
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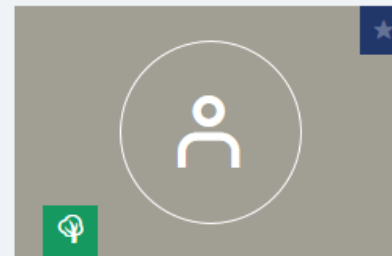
Joaquin Villar
Andalusian Energy Agency

Interested in: Joining a project, Networking with peers
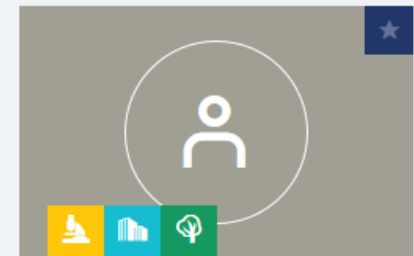
David Crombie
HKU University of the Arts Utrecht

Interested in: Leading a project

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Recommended

Sort results by

Keyword search

Search for

☐ People

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[+] More options

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[+] Countries/regions

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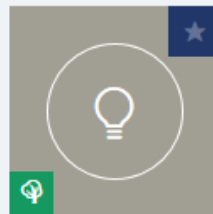
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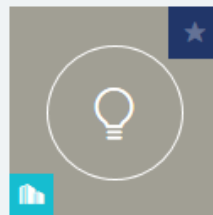
summary test

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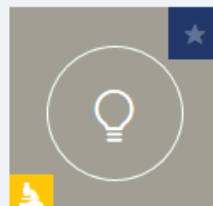
💡 Test 2 (PIFTS trial) - written

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Programme feedback

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/

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/

For more information

Programme website

- www.interregeurope.eu

Programme manual

- www.interregeurope.eu/help/programme-manual/

Interreg Europe community

- www.interregeurope.eu/account/dashboard/

Thank you!
Any questions?

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