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Interregional cooperation

State of play and perspectives

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Summary

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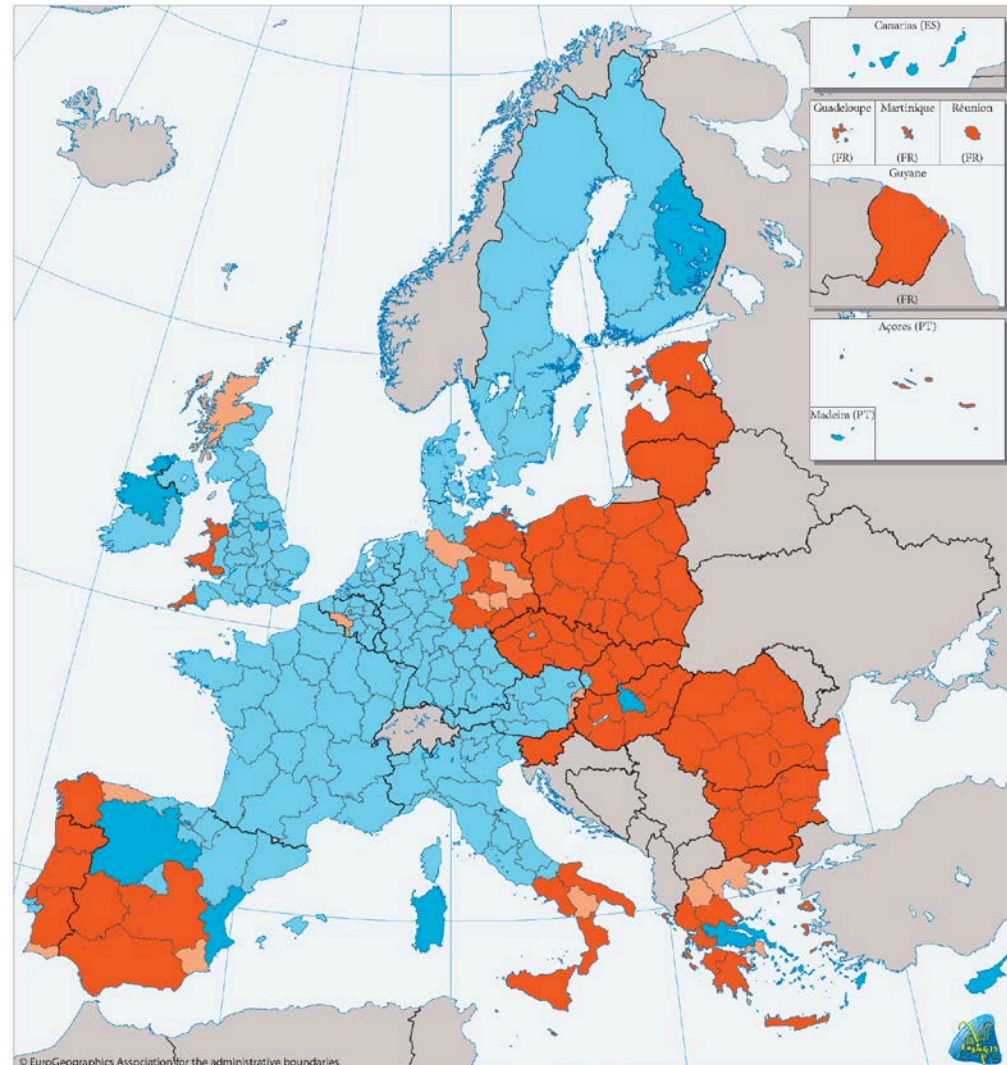
1. The INTERREG IVC programme



EU Cohesion and Regional Policy

Reducing disparities

-  Convergence Regions
-  Phasing-out Regions
-  Phasing-in Regions
-  Competitiveness and Employment Regions



EU Cohesion and Regional Policy

Objective 1:
Convergence

81.54%
€282.8 billion

Objective 2:
Regional Competitiveness and
Employment

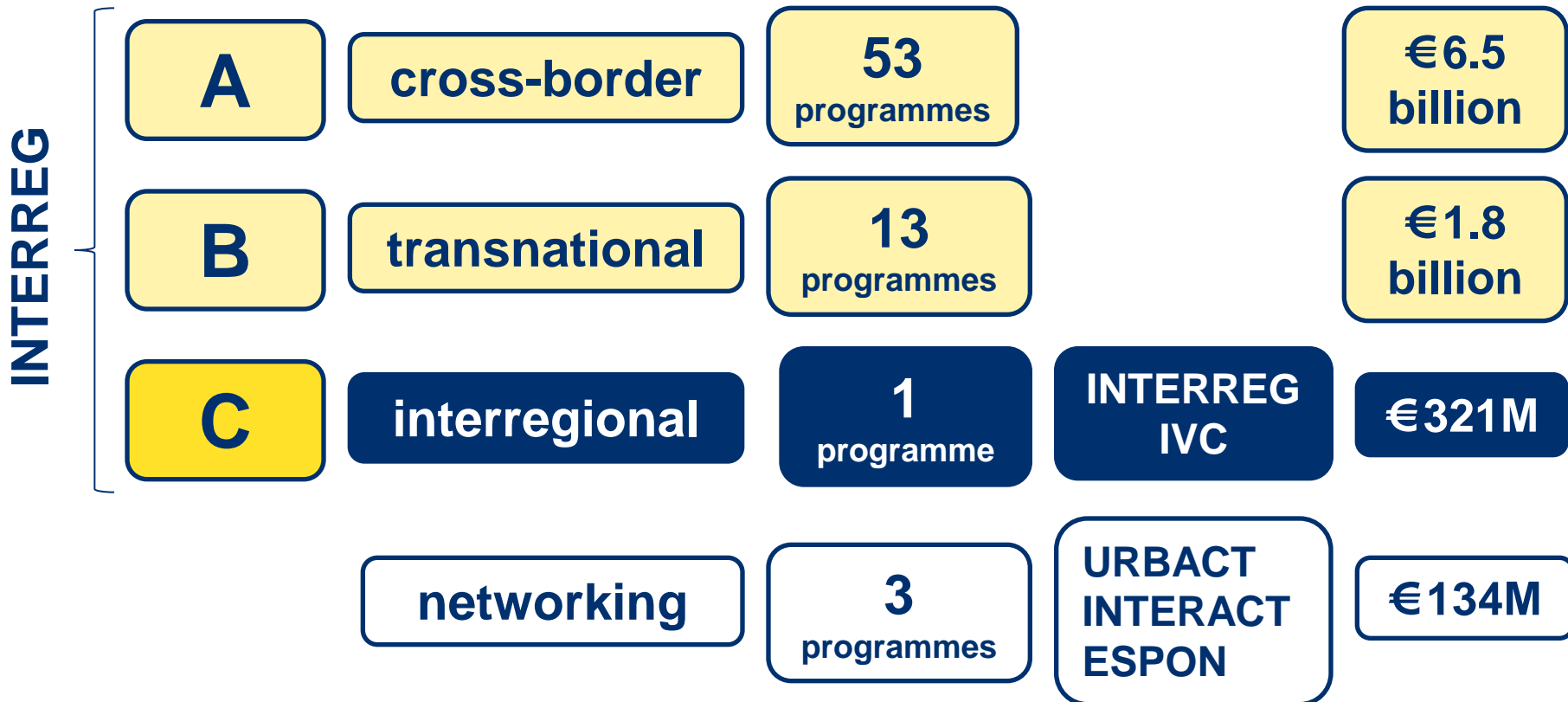
15.95%
€55 billion

Objective 3:
European Territorial Cooperation

2.52%
€8.7 billion

Objective 3: European Territorial Cooperation

INTERREG: 3 strands and 67 different programmes



Eligible area

- EU 27
- Switzerland
- Norway



INTERREG IVC in a nutshell

‘to improve regional policies’

by giving the **local / regional authorities** access to the experience of other regions in Europe facing similar issues

« **learning by sharing** »

in the fields of

**Innovation and the
knowledge economy**

**Environment and risk
prevention**

Four calls for proposals



1,357
applications
received

14,000
public entities
involved

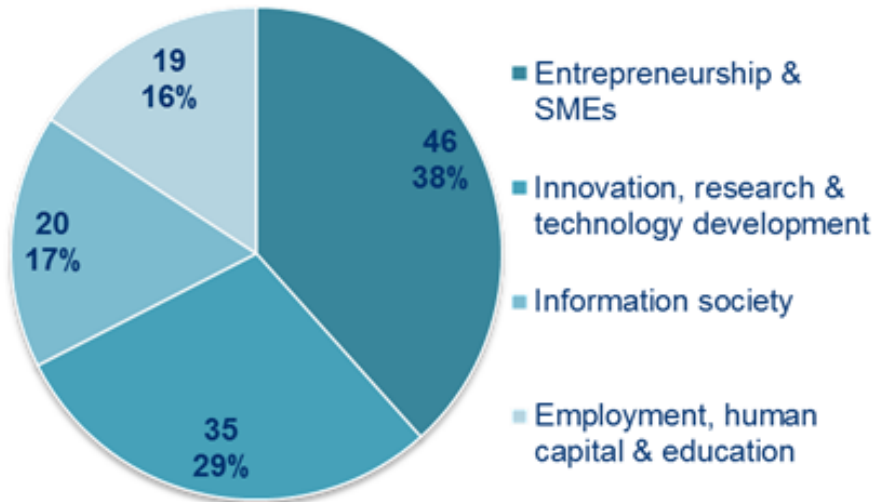
Overview approved projects

204
projects

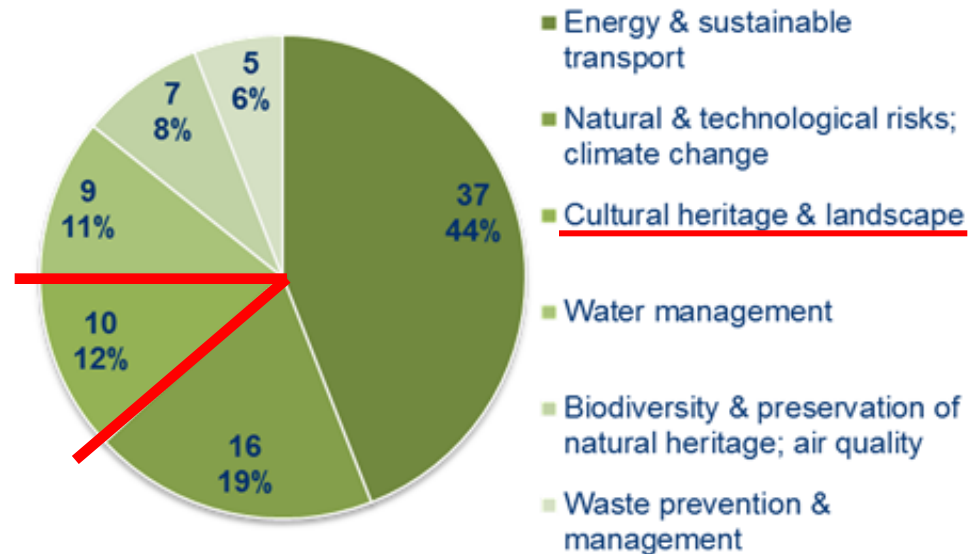
2 274
partners

**All funds
committed**

Innovation & knowledge economy



Environment & risk prevention



New initiative: Programme Capitalisation



before



after

Thematic Programme Capitalisation

To exploit and build on knowledge
from projects **working on a similar topic**
for the benefit of local and regional authorities all around Europe

Experienced **thematic experts** analyse projects in order to:





- identify synergies & complementarities
- discover innovative approaches & make them available to all EU regions
- draw policy recommendations for regional, national & EU levels

12 capitalisation topics 111 projects

Priority 1

-  Innovation Systems – **10**
(triple helix & open innovation)
-  Innovation capacity of SMEs – **7**
-  Eco-innovation – **7**
-  Creative industries – **14**
-  Entrepreneurship – **8**
-  E-government services – **6**
-  Demographic change – **9**
-  Rural development – **9**

Priority 2

-  Climate change – **7**
-  Energy efficiency – **12**
-  Renewable energy – **7**
-  Sustainable transport – **15**

Main achievements (as of December 2011)

Objective:

EU wide exchange of experience / capacity building

90% of EU NUTS 2 regions covered

4,046 staff with increased capacity

154 'spin-off activities'

Objective:

Identification / sharing / transfer of good practices

3,026 good practices identified



202 successfully transferred

Overall objective:

Improvement of regional and local policies

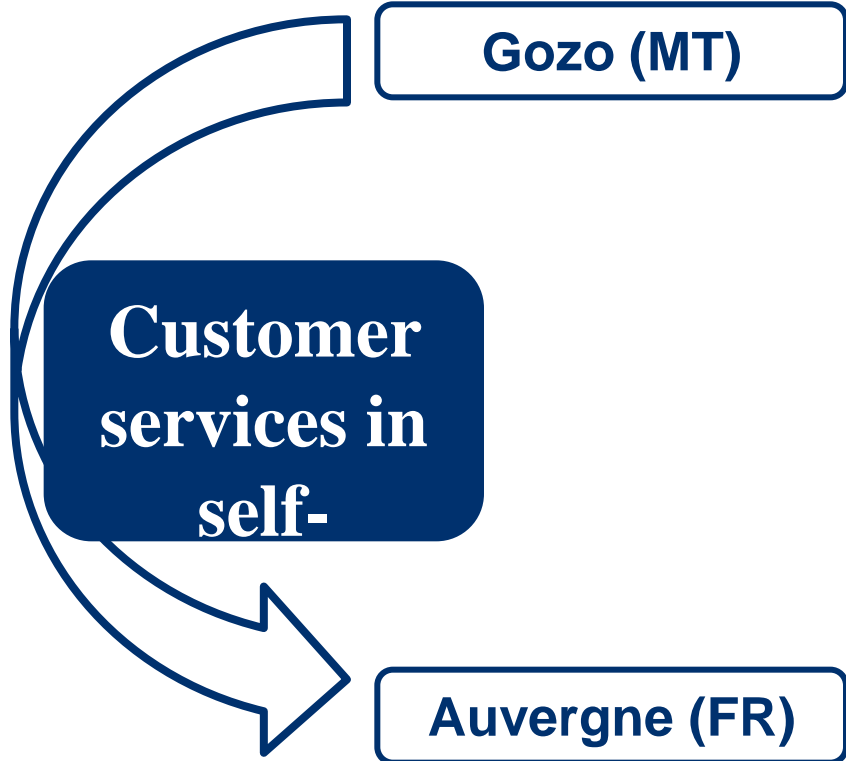
1,250 policies addressed



224 policies improved

See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Report!

Example of transfer under Priority 2



Example of policy improvements under Priority 2

Sub-theme: Natural and technological risks, climate change

Project:



Partner concerned: Regional Environment Centre for Eastern Europe (SK)

Policy improved: Thanks to the expertise gained from GRaBS, Bratislava's Strategic Development Plan 2010-2020 now refers to climate change mitigation and adaptation issues in its priority 'Quality of the Environment and of Urban Spaces' Strategy adopted by the local government on 1 July 2010

2. The B-Team project



Project strengths



Topic tackled

- Unique in IVC (brownfield regeneration)
- Building on the results of INTERREG IIC project BERI

Partnership

- Policy relevance: 8 out of 14 partners are public authorities
- Wide geographical coverage: 14 partners from 11 countries
- Good mix of experiences

Project strengths



Durability of results

- Long-term results ensured by signing the 9 Brownfield Pledges (policies are tested and tailored to specific partner level)
- Policy Improvement Programme

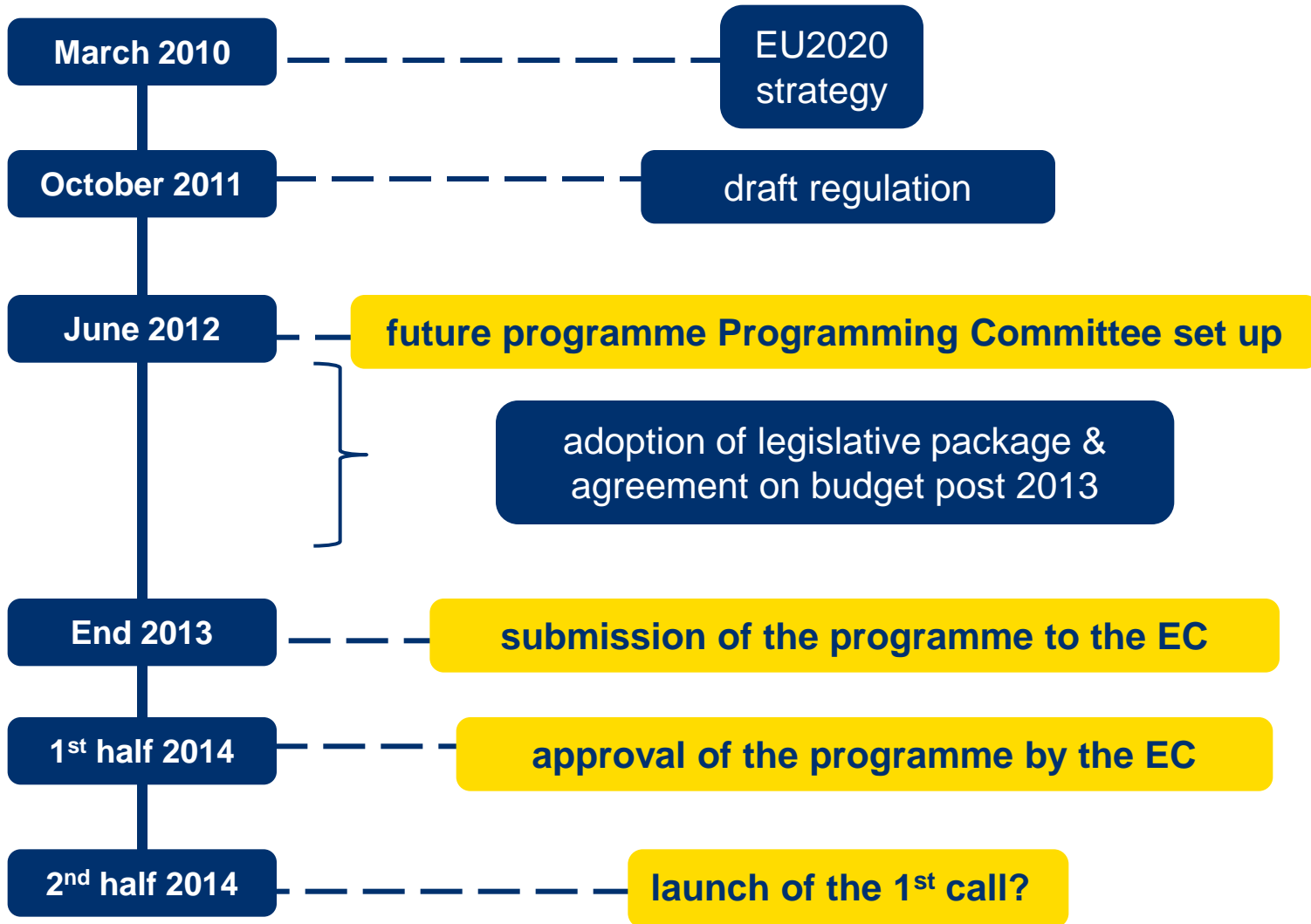
First results:

- 28 staff member with increased capacity
- 1 good practice transferred
- 2 policies improved
- 2 Brownfield Pledges signed (Oulu, Torino)

3. Future of interregional cooperation



Indicative time line



Framework for the future: EU2020 strategy

SMART GROWTH

Economy based
on knowledge &
innovation

GREEN GROWTH

Resource
efficient, greener
and more
competitive
economy

INCLUSIVE GROWTH

High-employment
economy
delivering social
and territorial
cohesion

Draft regulation 2014-2020

- **From 3 objectives to 2 goals:**

Goal 1:

Investment for growth and jobs

Goal 2:

European Territorial Cooperation

- **Thematic scope:**



11 thematic objectives
(art. 9 of common provisions regulation)

Draft regulation 2014-2020 on interregional cooperation

- **Link to EU cohesion policy** reinforced
Transfer good practices into “*operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal*”
- Role to play in **capacity building**
“*institutional capacity & efficient public administration*”
(11th thematic objective)
- **Thematic concentration?**

2 scenarios currently discussed (scenarios not mutually exclusive)

1. Improved integrated programme (similar to IVC)
 - No revolution: INTERREG philosophy kept
 - Improvements & simplification (e.g. one type of project only)
2. Support programme to national / regional Operational Programmes under the investment for growth and jobs goal
 - More fundamental change (less bottom up)
 - 'Service provider' to Managing Authorities (similar to the Smart Specialisation Platform in Seville)

Thanks for your attention!



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