

Interregional cooperation

State of play and perspectives

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Summary

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- Reminder on the context
- State of play
- Achievements

2. The *PIMMS CAPITAL* project

3. Future of interregional cooperation



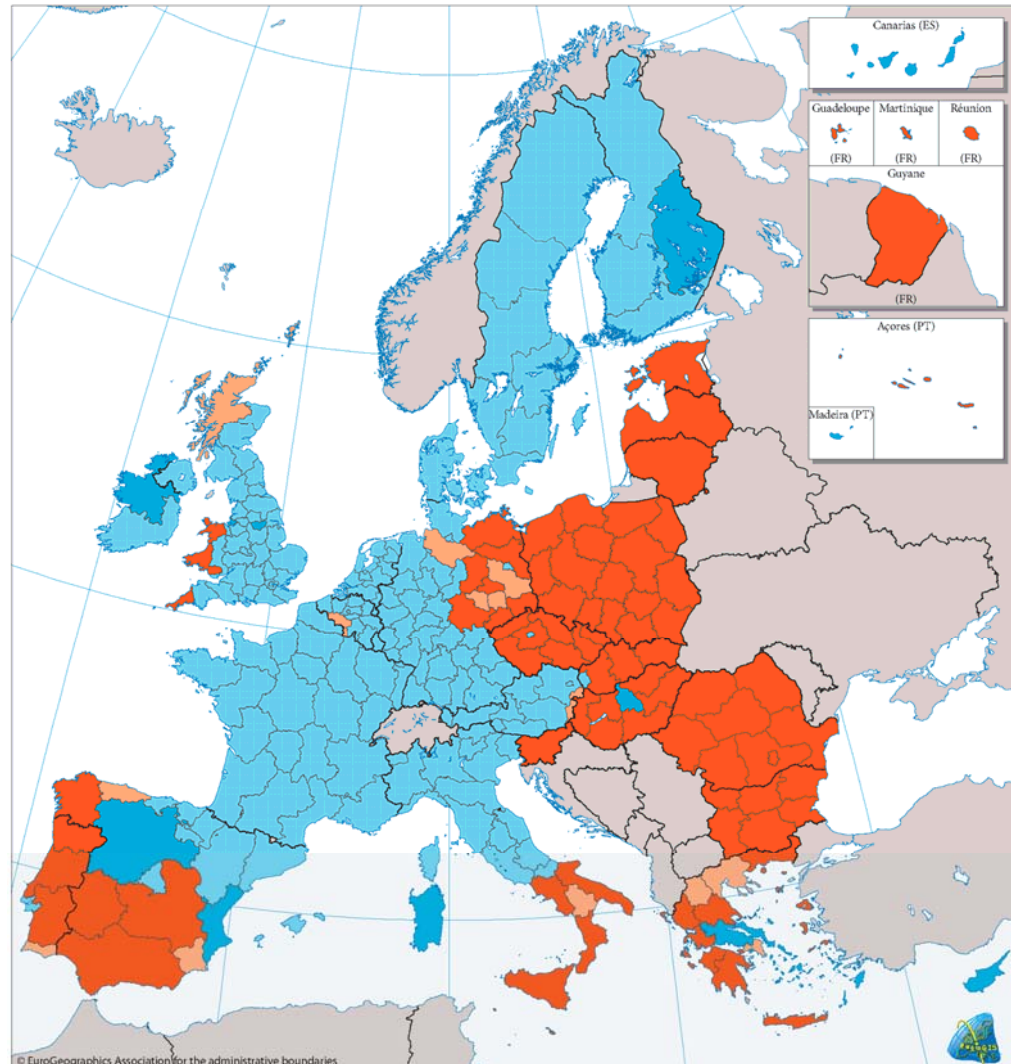
1. The INTERREG IVC programme



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

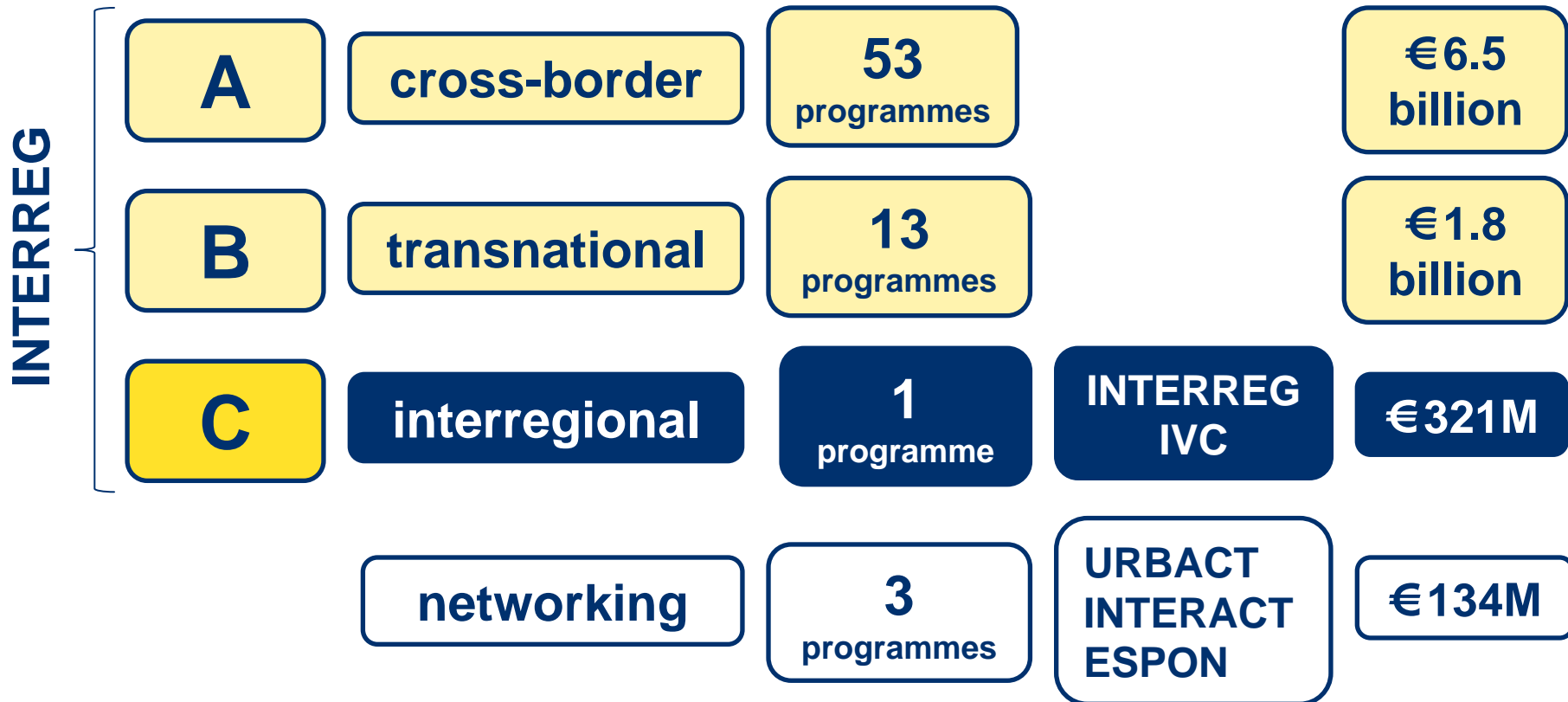
15.95%
€55 billion

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

‘Learning by sharing’

Allows **local / regional authorities** to **access the experience** of others in Europe facing similar issues in order to renew their **practices / policies**

in the fields of

**Innovation and the
knowledge economy**

**Environment and risk
prevention**

Four calls for proposals



Around **1,350 applications** received
involving **14,000** public entities of all Europe (and beyond)!

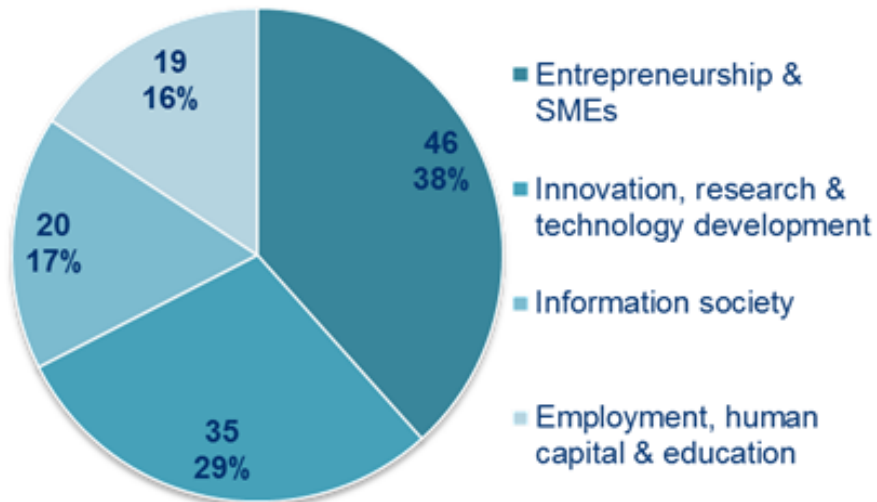
Overview approved projects

204
projects

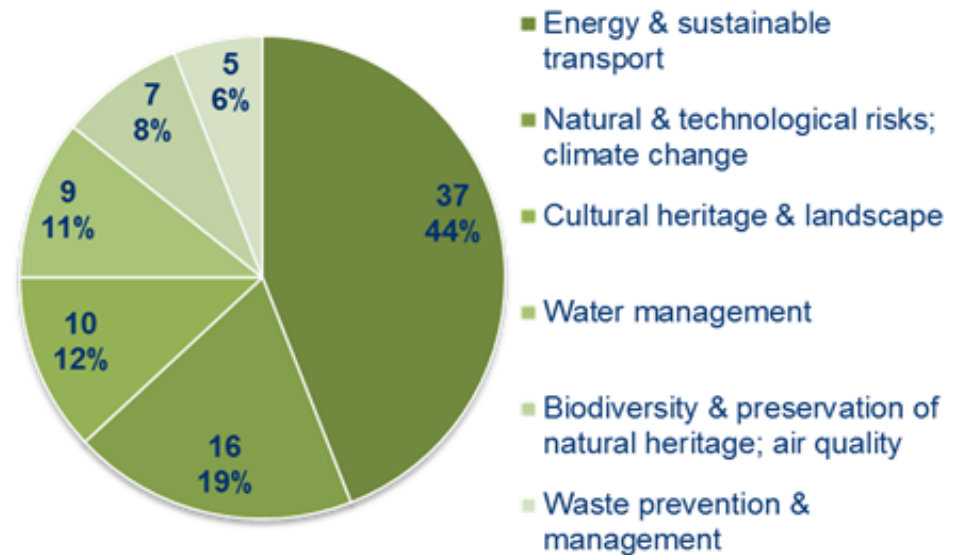
2 274
partners

All budget committed

Innovation & knowledge economy



Environment & risk prevention





New initiative: Programme Capitalisation

before



after



Programme Capitalisation

To better exploit results from projects working on a similar topic for the benefit of local and regional authorities in 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

108 projects

Priority 1

1. Innovation Systems – 9
(triple helix & open innovation)
2. Innovation capacity of SMEs – 8
3. Eco-innovation – 7
4. Creative industries – 11
5. Entrepreneurship – 8
6. E-government services – 6
7. Demographic change – 9
8. Rural development – 9

Priority 2

9. Climate change – 7
10. Energy efficiency – 12
11. Renewable energy – 7
12. Sustainable transport – 15



PIMMS CAPITAL part of lot 12
'Sustainable transport'

15 projects tackling 'sustainable transport'



CycleCities



INVOLVE



POSSE

Representing **173** partners from **23** EU Member States + Norway
(DK, EE, LU, MT not represented)

Results achieved (as of June 2011)

Objective:

**EU wide exchange of
experience / capacity building**

**90% of EU
NUTS 2
regions
covered**

**3,549
staff with
increased
capacity**

**88
'spin-off
activities'**

Objective:

**Identification / sharing /
transfer of good practices**

**2,835
good practices
identified**



**151
successfully
transferred**

Overall objective:

**Improvement of regional and
local policies**

**1,250
policies
addressed**



**118
policies
improved**

Example of transfer

Project:



Practice:

‘Summer entrepreneur’ – Stimulate entrepreneurial mindset among young people through the creation of their own business during summer vacation



From: Mid Sweden region

To: Flevoland region (NL)



Examples of policy improvement

Sub-theme: Information Society

Project: PIKE



Partner concerned: Bologna Municipality (IT)

Policy improved: Revision of the Emilia Romagna Regional Telematic Plan 2011-2013 which now includes the 'Guidelines for Local Wireless Communities' coming from PIKE

Sub-theme: Natural & technological risks; Climate Change

Project: GRaBS



Partner concerned: London Borough of Sutton (UK)

Policy improved: Revision of the 'Sutton's Adaptation Action Plan' which now integrates GRaBS findings on community and stakeholders engagement into Climate Change policies



2. The PIMMS CAPITAL project

PIMMS / CAPITAL

Project strengths

PIMMS / **CAPITAL**

Highly relevant

- European added-value of the topic tackled
- Focus on exchange of experience at policy level
- Clear link to Structural Funds programmes

Partnership

- Wide geographical coverage: 16 partners from 10 Member States (MS) including 4 new MS
- 6 partners = Managing Authorities (out of 12 regions represented)

Project strengths

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Transfer process

Based on the tested 'PIMMS transfer methodology'



first results: 112 staff member with increased capacity

Management

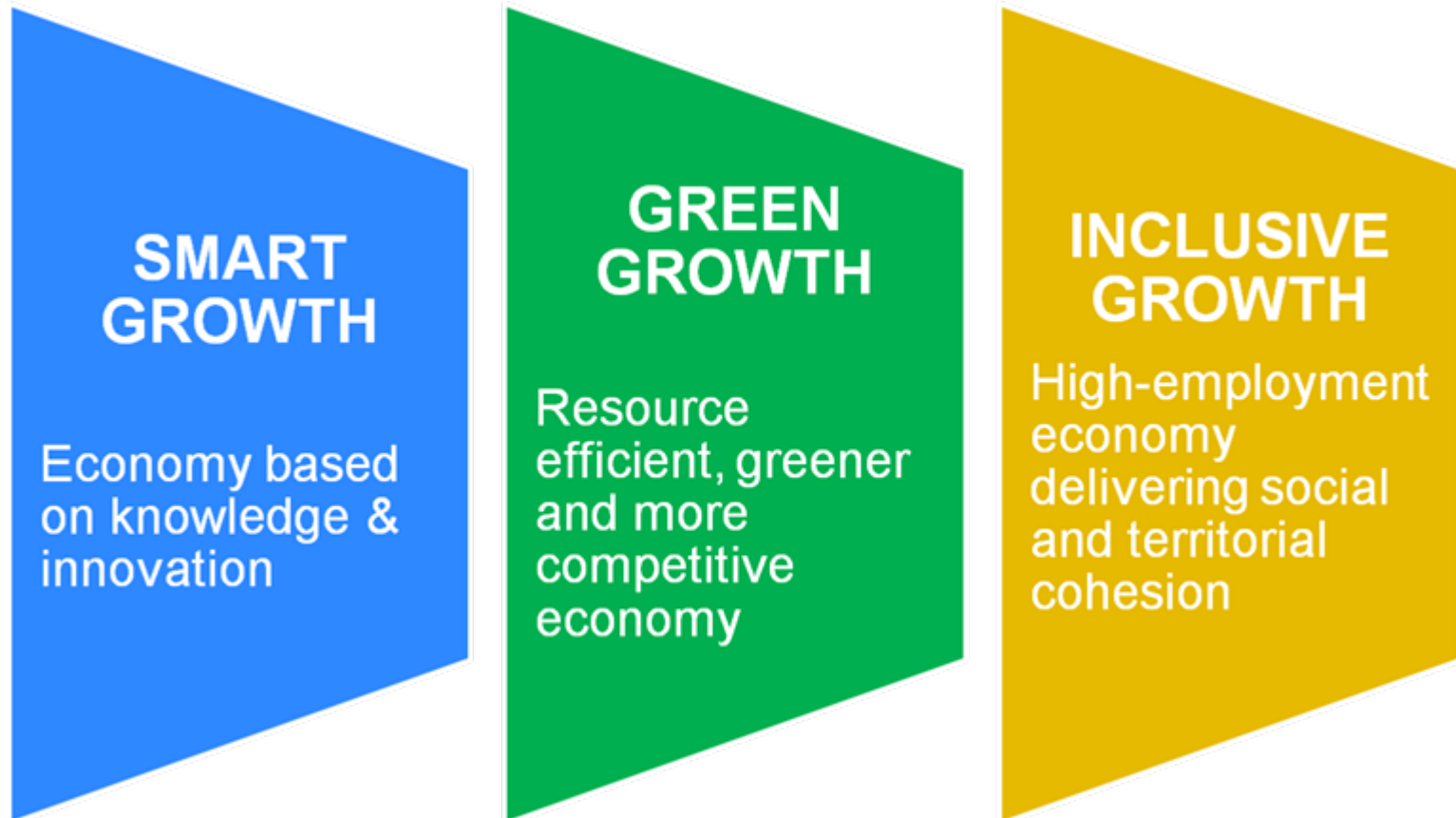
- Close cooperation with JTS
- Reactive Lead Partner



3. Future of interregional cooperation



Framework for the future: EU2020 strategy



➔ Draft regulation 2014-2020: 11 investment priorities

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 investment priority)
- **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. 1 type of projects 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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