

EU Interregional Cooperation

State of play and perspectives

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‘Learning by sharing’

Local / regional authorities access the experience of others in Europe facing similar issues to improve their practices / policies

in the fields of

Innovation and the knowledge economy

Environment and risk prevention



204
projects

2 285
partners

**90% of 271 NUTS 2
regions covered**

Main achievements (as of June 2013)

Objective:

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

6,188
staff with
increased
capacity

349
'spin-off
activities'

Objective:

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

4,709
good practices
identified



403
successfully
transferred

Overall objective:

**Improvement of regional and
local policies**

2,037
policies
addressed



432
policies
improved

See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Report!

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 expert team analyses

100s of policy recommendations

1 place to find the **latest developments in regional policy**

Download the policy papers, brochures and reports

<http://www.interreg4c.eu/Capitalisation>



THEME AND METHOD

Foster the sustainability of local transport policies via use of Intelligent Transport System (ITS)
Exchange of experience sessions and thematic workshops to investigate the full potential of ITS solutions in planning and implementing transport strategies

PARTNERSHIP

9 partners
9 Member States
Good geographical coverage
Good mix of local and transport authorities



ACHIEVEMENTS

8 interregional events
20 Good Practices identified
12 staff members with increased capacities

Future of interregional cooperation



1. Focus on EU cohesion policy



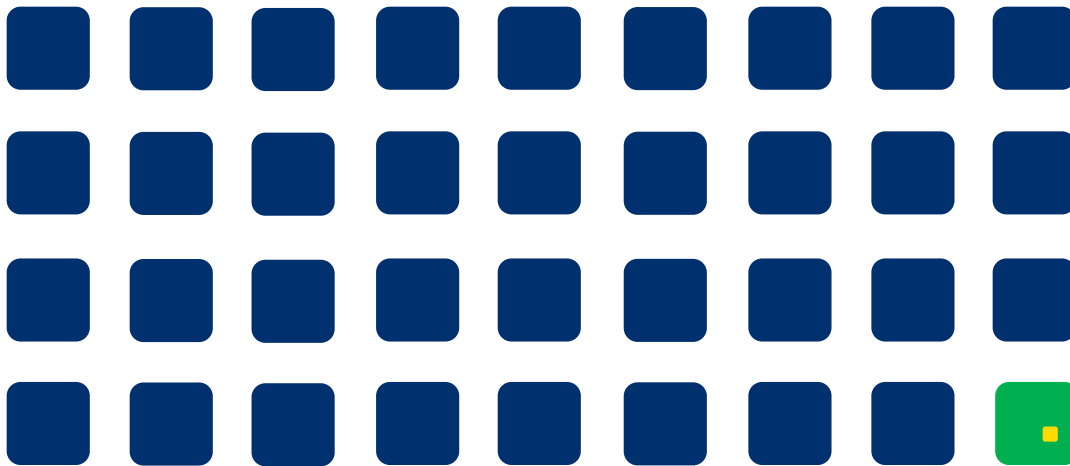
Rationale

*‘to reinforce effectiveness of **cohesion policy**’:*

*‘identification and dissemination of good practice with a view to its transfer **principally** to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs** goal but also, where relevant, to programmes under the **European Territorial Cooperation** goal’*

Policy learning among public authorities
to improve performance of policies & programmes for regional development,
in particular **Structural Funds programmes**

EU Cohesion policy



Goal 1:

Investment for growth & jobs

EUR 316 billion

Goal 2:

European Territorial Cooperation

EUR 8.9 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m

A diver in a black wetsuit and fins is swimming horizontally in the deep blue water, positioned to the left of a large whale skeleton. The whale's head, with its eye and blowhole visible, is on the right side of the frame, and its long, white, ribbed jawbone extends towards the center. The diver's arms are outstretched, and bubbles are visible around their head.

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How is it reflected at project level?

Policy instruments addressed to be specified in application form

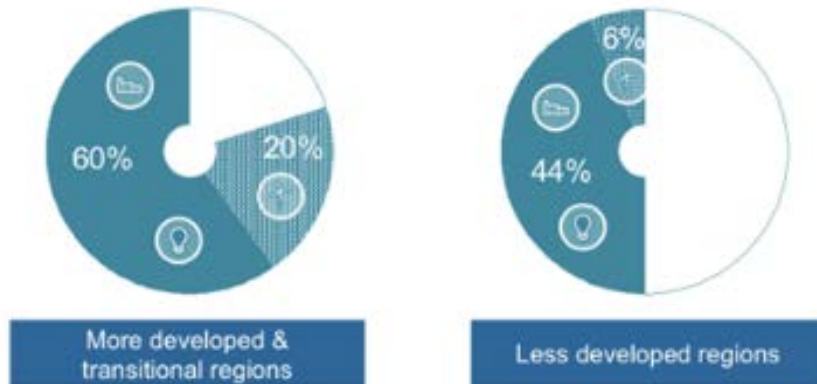
B.2 Main policy instruments addressed and territorial context	
How many policy instruments are addressed by the project?	
B.2.1 Policy instrument n°1	
• Definition	
Please describe the policy instrument addressed (e.g. name, objective, characteristics). If possible, please specify the specific measure / priority which is addressed.	

At least half of the policy instruments addressed by a project need to be related to Structural Funds programmes

2. Concentration principle

Concentration of ERDF investments

 Energy efficiency & renewable energy
  Research & innovation
  Competitiveness of SMEs



Unique source of capitalisation



Thematic focus

4 themes

**Research, technological
development &
innovation**

Competitiveness of SME

Low carbon economy

Resource efficiency

- Eligible area: EU28 + Norway & Switzerland
- Who is eligible?
 - Public bodies
 - Bodies governed by public law
 - Private non-profit bodies
- Co-financing rates
 - 85% for public or public equivalent
 - 75% for private non profit



Two actions

1. Interregional Cooperation Projects



2. Policy Learning Platforms





1. Projects

Implementation in **2 phases**

Phase 1

Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years)
ending up with production of 1 **Action Plan** / Region

Phase 2

Monitoring of the Action Plan's implementation +
possible pilot actions (up to 2 years)

Creation of '**local stakeholder groups**'

Insight into phase 2

- Primarily dedicated to monitoring the Action Plan implementation
- Activities pre-defined by the programme (i.e. 2 partner meetings, 1 dissemination event, website update and reporting activities)





Who should **get involved**?

Managing Authorities

Find tried and tested measures to implement in your programme

Regional/ Local Authorities

Share and implement good practices coming from across Europe

Agencies, institutes...

Get involved with your policymaker and contribute to better policy implementation



How is it reflected at project level?

Participation of public administration: pre requisite

e.g. When Structural Funds programme addressed,
Managing Authorities (MA) / Intermediate Bodies (IB)
should be involved

If organisation responsible for the policy instrument addressed
is not a partner, it should provide a letter of support





2. Policy Learning Platforms

What is it?

Innovation

SME competitiveness

Low-carbon economy

Resource efficiency

1 service provided per thematic objective via:

Online collaborative tool

With relevant functionalities

+ Expert team

Content and coordination role



Services

Build EU-wide capacity

- Organise thematic events, peer reviews among regions
- Produce thematic publications
- Assist individual stakeholders involved in G&J and ETC
- 'Animate' the online tool for knowledge sharing
- Advise running projects

Exploit project results

- Analyse, benchmark and disseminate the projects' content

Improve programme content

- Advise the programme on strategic orientation (e.g. calls for project proposals)



Provisional calendar

