



INTERREG IVC

INNOVATION & ENVIRONMENT
REGIONS OF EUROPE SHARING SOLUTIONS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

EU Interregional Cooperation

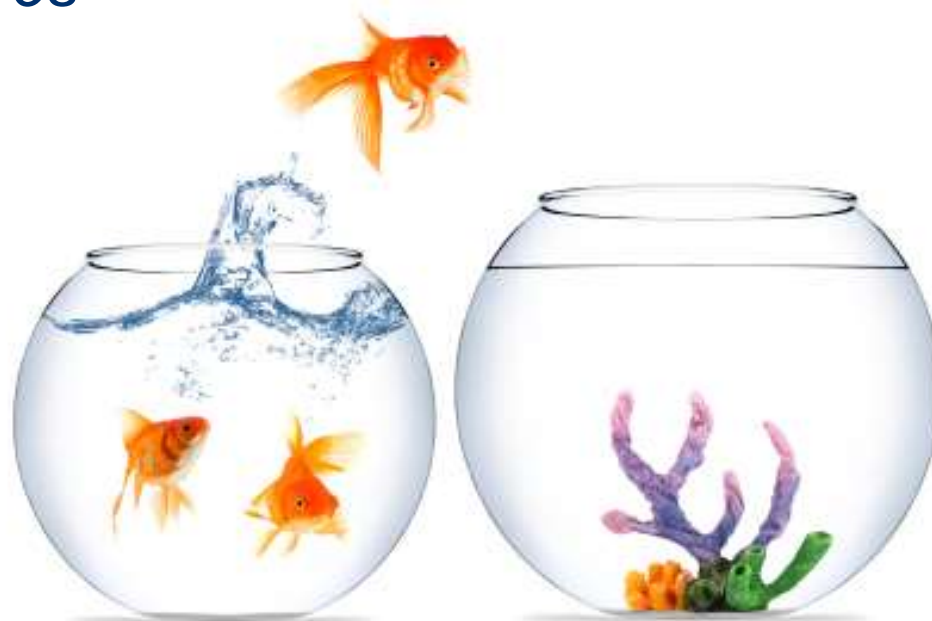
State of play and perspectives

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Hybrid Parks final conference

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Summary

1. INTERREG IVC state of play
2. Future of interregional cooperation

1. INTERREG IVC programme

‘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

Eligible area

- EU 27
- Switzerland
- Norway



Overview approved projects

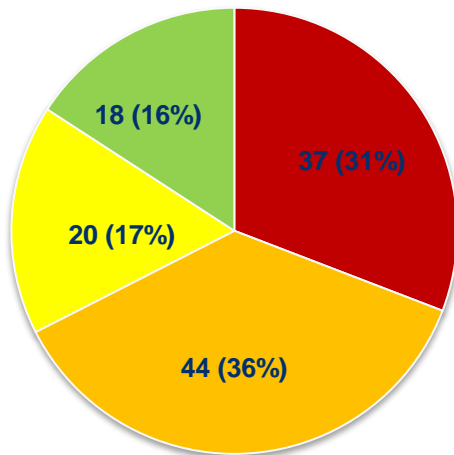
204
projects

2 274
partners

90% of 271 NUTS 2
regions covered

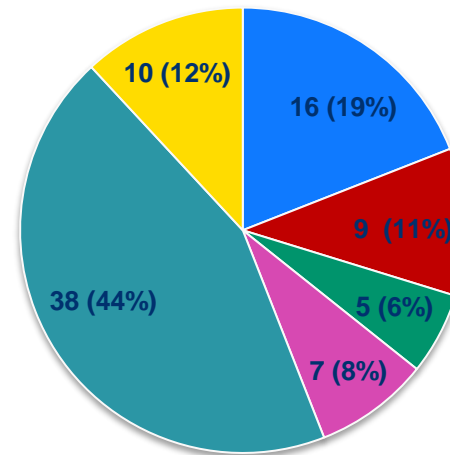
All budget (302 M€) committed

Priority 1



- Innovation, research and technology development
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Information Society
- Employment, human capital and education

Priority 2



- Natural and technological risks
- Water management
- Waste management
- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
- Energy and sustainable transport
- Cultural heritage and landscape

Main achievements (as of June 2013)

Objective:

EU wide exchange of experience / capacity building

90% of EU NUTS 2 regions covered

6,188 staff with increased capacity

369 '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

1,943 policies addressed



432 policies improved

See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Report!

TOPIC

parks as “tool” for a sustainable local and regional development and for mitigating climate change by enhancing their abilities to better serve economic, social and environmental purposes

PARTNERSHIP

16 very committed partners

HYBRID PARKS

APPROACH

Bottom-up approach
strong involvement of local communities

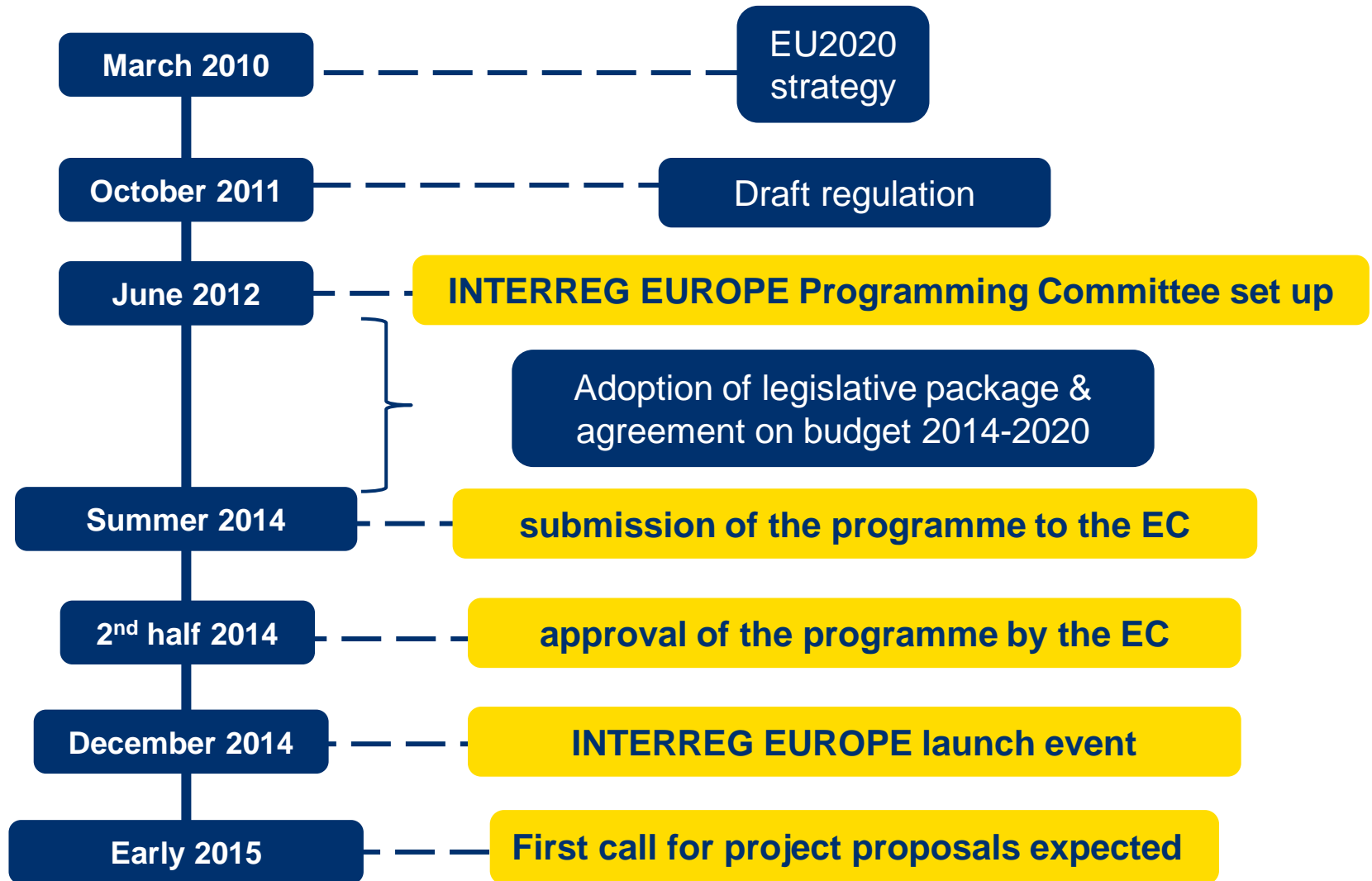
RESULTS

9 good practices identified
2 Policies Improved (Municipality of Lund & Umbria Region)

2. Future of interregional cooperation



Programming – Indicative timeline



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



Regulation 2014-2020: 11 Thematic Objectives

Few principle from the new Regulations

- Concentrate resources to order to optimise the impact

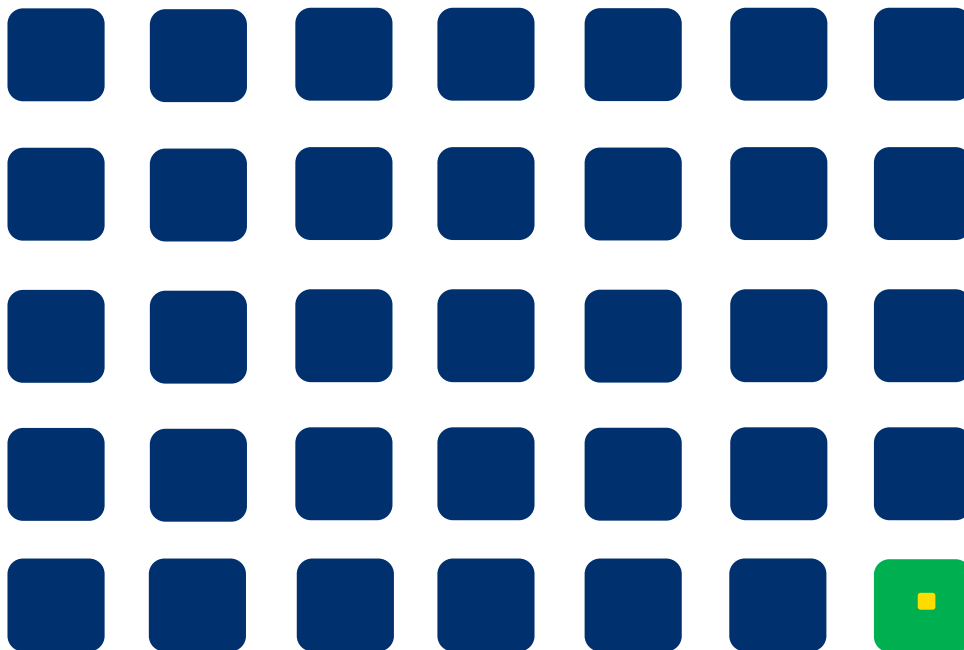


- Result orientation



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 340 billion

Goal 2:
European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 10.2 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m

30 countries

- EU 28
- Norway
- Switzerland



Four themes

**Research &
innovation**

**SME
competitiveness**

**Low-carbon
economy**

**Environment &
resource efficiency**

2 actions

Interregional Cooperation Projects



Policy Learning Platforms



A. Interregional cooperation projects

Main features



Definition

Interregional cooperation projects allowing partner from different countries to work together on a shared regional policy issue within the scope of the selected Investment Priorities

Overall objective

To improve the effectiveness of the policies of the regions involved in the project (in particular their Investment for **Growth and Jobs goal programmes**)



A. Interregional Cooperation Projects

1. 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)

2. Creation of '**local stakeholder groups**'





A. Interregional Cooperation Projects

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



B. Policy Learning Platforms Objectives



Overall objective: To ensure policy learning across EU

Specific objective:

a) To contribute to EU wide capacity building



'External
capitalisation'

b) To optimise the exploitation of projects' results



'Internal
Capitalisation'

c) To improve the quality of the programme's content



B. Policy Learning Platforms

EU-wide capacity building on:

Innovation

SME competitiveness

Low-carbon economy

Resource efficiency

Online collaborative tool

+ Expert team

With relevant functionalities

Content and coordination role





B. Policy Learning Platforms

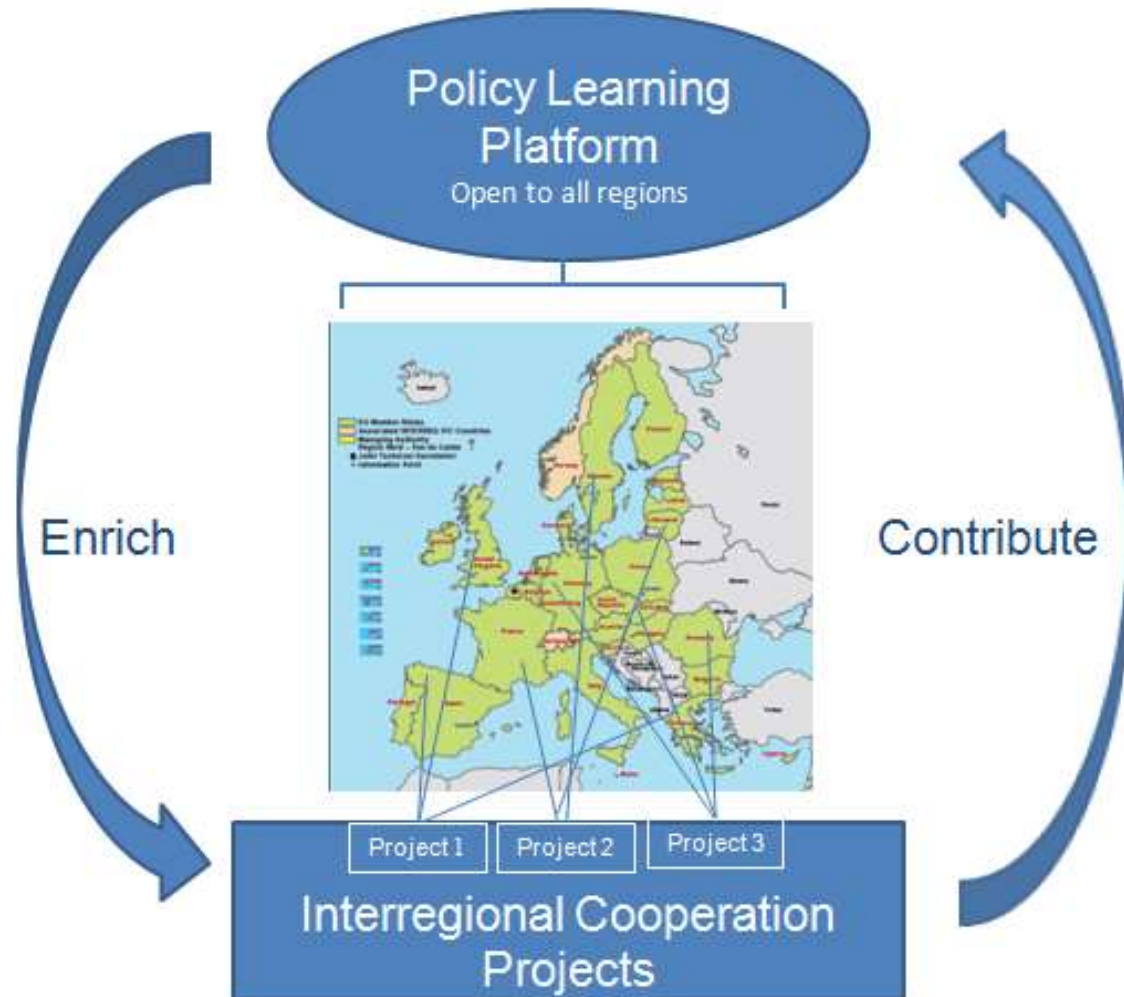
Users

- Positioning of the platforms: Structural Funds (SF) implementation & policymaking in similar thematic fields
- Different from other EU policy platforms



Users: regions & actors
involved in SF implementation
or similar thematic policy improvement

2 interrelated actions



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