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*Sharing solutions
for better regional policies*

Symposium on European Funding Instruments for the development of Research Infrastructures

INTERREG EUROPE 2nd call

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Summary



- **Key features of Interreg Europe**
- **Terms of reference**
- **Support tools by the Joint Secretariat**



KEY FEATURES OF INTERREG EUROPE

Interreg Europe rationale



Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation:

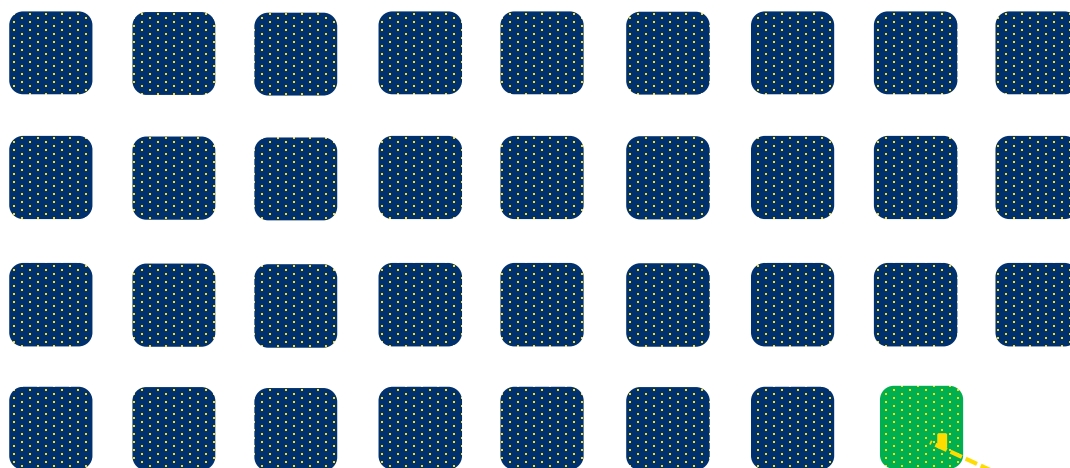
- “to reinforce the effectiveness of **cohesion policy**”
- “identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer principally to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs** goal but also, where relevant, to cooperation programmes”

Interreg Europe rationale



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 & thematic focus

The only Interreg covering EU 28 + NO & CH

A thematic programme



Thematic focus & RIs



Specific objectives: Improve regional development policies...

*1.1: **research and innovation infrastructure** and capacities notably in the framework of **Smart Specialization Strategies** ↔ **Investment priority 1(a)***

*1.2: support the delivery of innovation by actors in regional innovation chains in areas of “**smart specialisation**” and innovation opportunity*

Target groups



Managing authorities

Regional / local authorities

Agencies, institutes, private non-profits



Learn from each other to improve policies

Target groups & RIs



- Primarily national, regional and local public authorities responsible for stimulating all forms of innovation (incl. technological, organisational, social innovation);
- Regional innovation agencies;
- Universities, knowledge and research institutes and institutes for higher education;
- Operators of science and technology parks, business incubation facilities and innovation centres;
- Business support stakeholders and organisations representing SMEs and the business community (e.g. chambers of commerce, development agencies, cluster organisations);



Examples of possible projects under specific objective 1.1

- Regional authorities and business support players sharing experience on public funding schemes for innovation support as a key element of innovation infrastructure, resulting in action plans for the creation in each region of a revolving fund for technology innovation either as a 'financial instrument' in a regional Growth and Jobs programme or operated independently.
- Exchange of experience among regional authorities on policies and programmes to create research facilities and to set up international R&D cooperation networks in less research intensive regions, and prepare the creation of such facilities and networks through action plans.
- Exchange of experience among regional development agencies to plan actions for improving the match between curricula of higher education institutes and human capital needs of businesses in their regional smart specialisation sectors.
- Exchange of experience among regional players to improve policies in support of innovation infrastructure (e.g. incubators, technology information centres, research centres) addressing the key societal challenges in the field of health, demographic change and well-being.



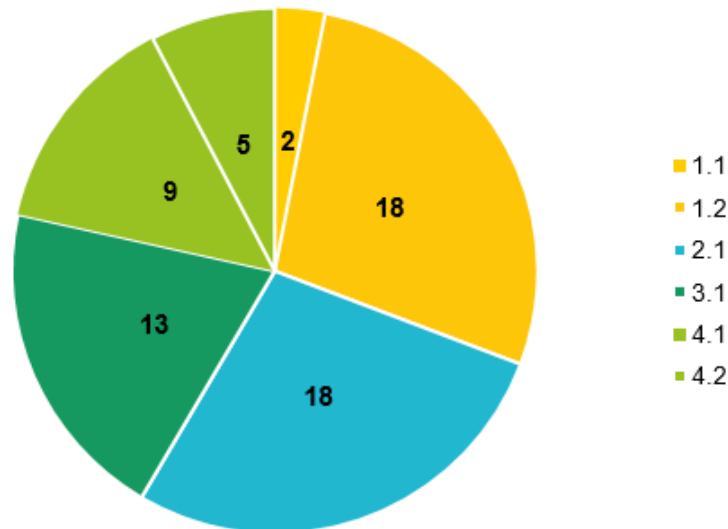
Examples of possible projects under specific objective 1.2

- Exchange of practices among regional authorities, universities and innovation agencies to develop, for each region, facilities and methods to support knowledge transfer and strengthen opportunities for open innovation between businesses and academia in the field of green technologies within and between regions.
- Regional development innovation agencies exchanging practices on cluster development and the management of life-science clusters, resulting in action plans for establishing new regional and cross-border clusters through projects under their respective regional Growth and Jobs and cross-border European Territorial Cooperation programmes.
- Cooperation among regional authorities and business support players from regions with strong ICT/new media sectors to exchange practices and prepare action to increase intra- and interregional triple-helix cooperation facilitating the commercialisation of R&D results.

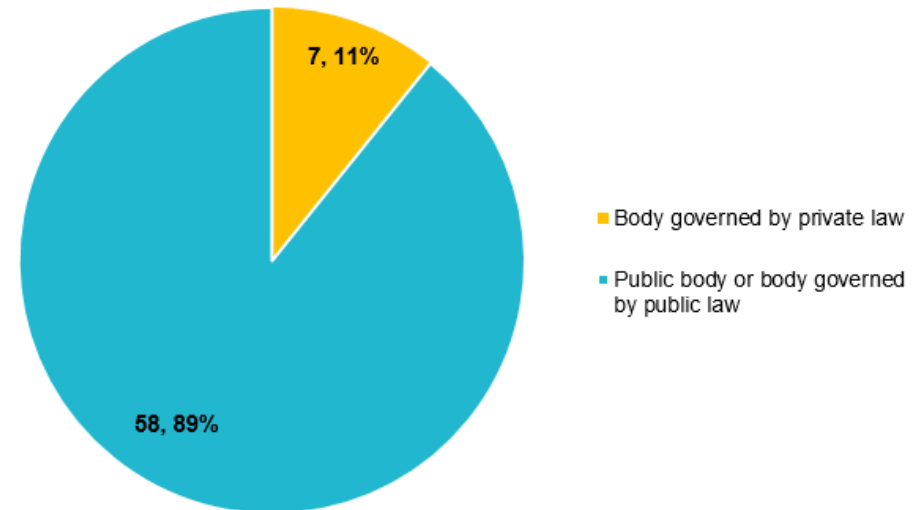
Spain in the first call



Partners by topic



Partners by legal status



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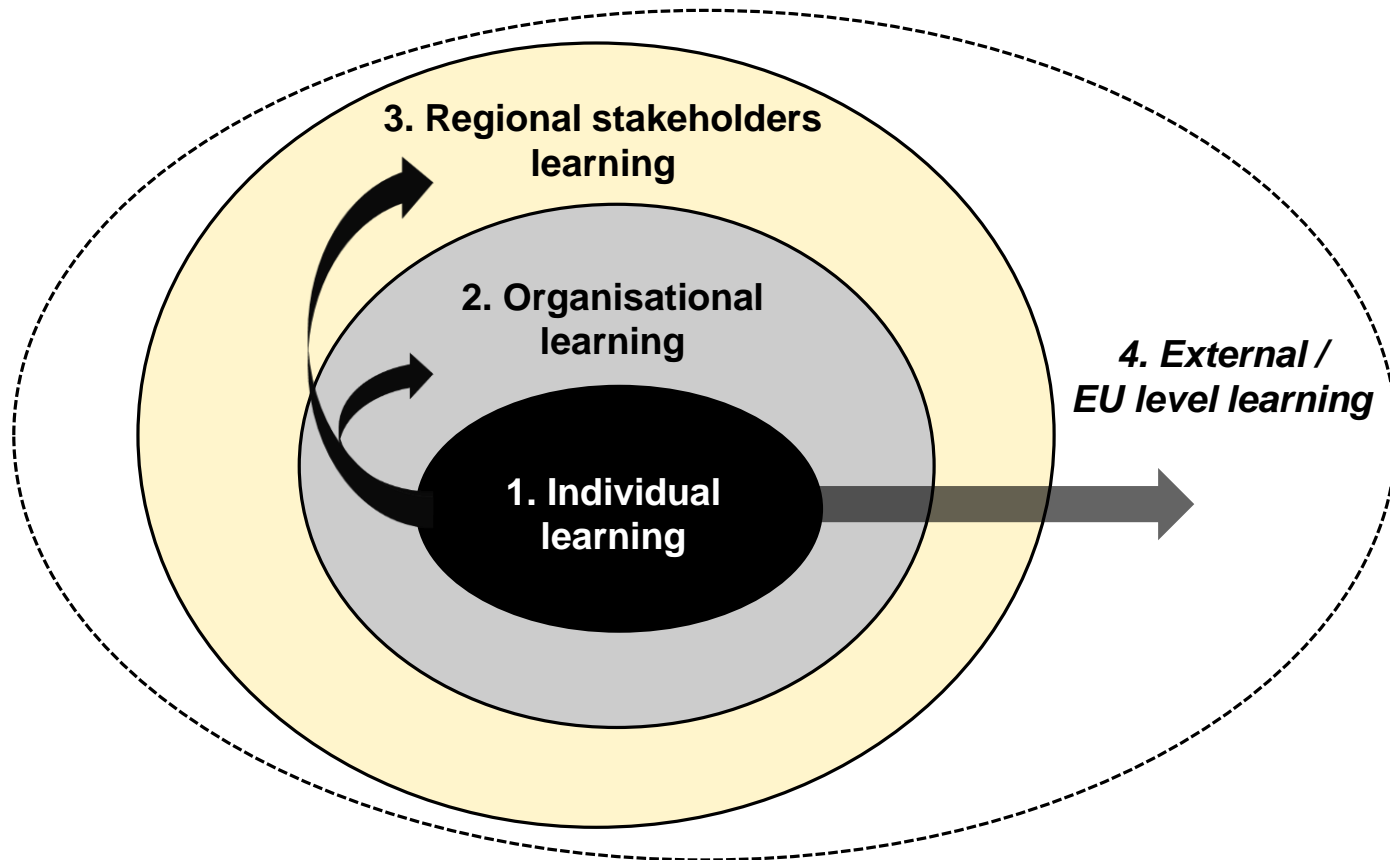
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65 partners



Multidimensional aspect of learning



Go beyond individual / organisational learning!



How can you improve a policy?

Different possibilities

- Implement **new projects**
- Change programme **governance**
- Change programme **content**

} May not require funding!

Supported actions

Projects

- Involving limited number of regions
- 2 phases (implementation not eligible)
- Stakeholder groups
- Action Plans



Policy learning platforms

- Open to all
- Closely related to projects



Projects: who is eligible?



- Public bodies - main target group (e.g. local, regional, national authorities)
- Bodies governed by public law (Directive 2014/24/WE)
- Private non profit bodies

Ask your NCP!

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

Ask your NCP!



In my country

Choose a country to explore.

Delve into this map of Europe to discover Interreg Europe in each country. You will find details of the programme's point of contact per country, as well as the latest profiles, ideas and events in the area. This is also where you can find information on the administrative set-up in each country: who is responsible for Structural Funds programmes, what system of first level control applies and any other country-specific information.

Pick a country: Spain



Spain (España)  x

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Project ideas: 47
Partners: 647

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Map labels: Finland, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Greenland, Hudson Bay, Northwestern Passages, NU, MB, SI, ON, QC, NL.

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Partners



- At least **three countries**, at least **two of them** from EU Member States and financed by the Interreg Europe programme.
- The **lead partner** may be from an EU Member State or Norway (**Exclusions: from Switzerland and all private non-profit bodies**).
- **No funding** for partners outside the programme area
- The “**contributing partner**” principle
- Advisory partners

Platforms: definition



A service provided per priority axis via:

Online collaborative tool

- With relevant functionalities



Expert team

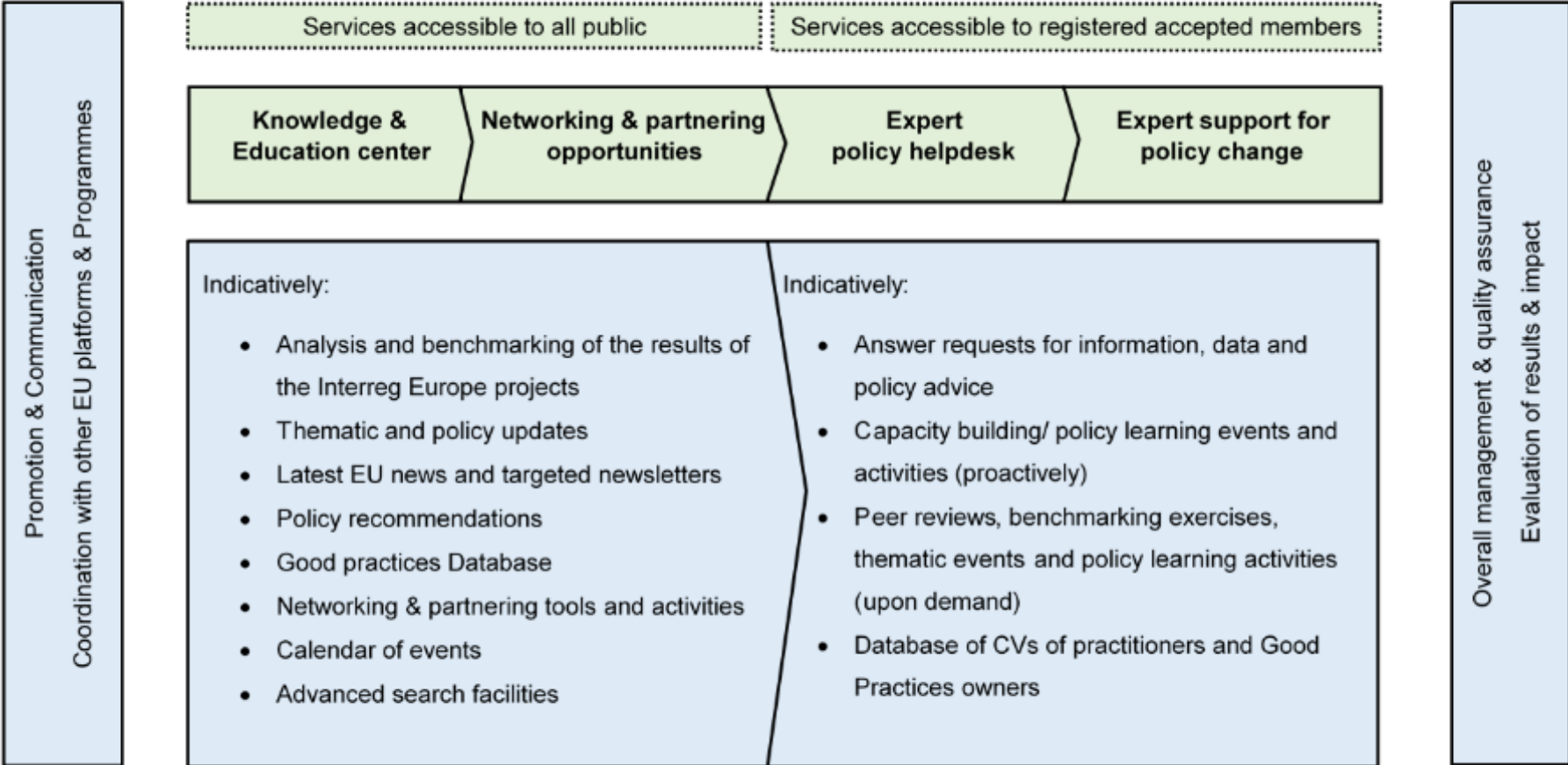
- Content & coordination





Platforms: services provided

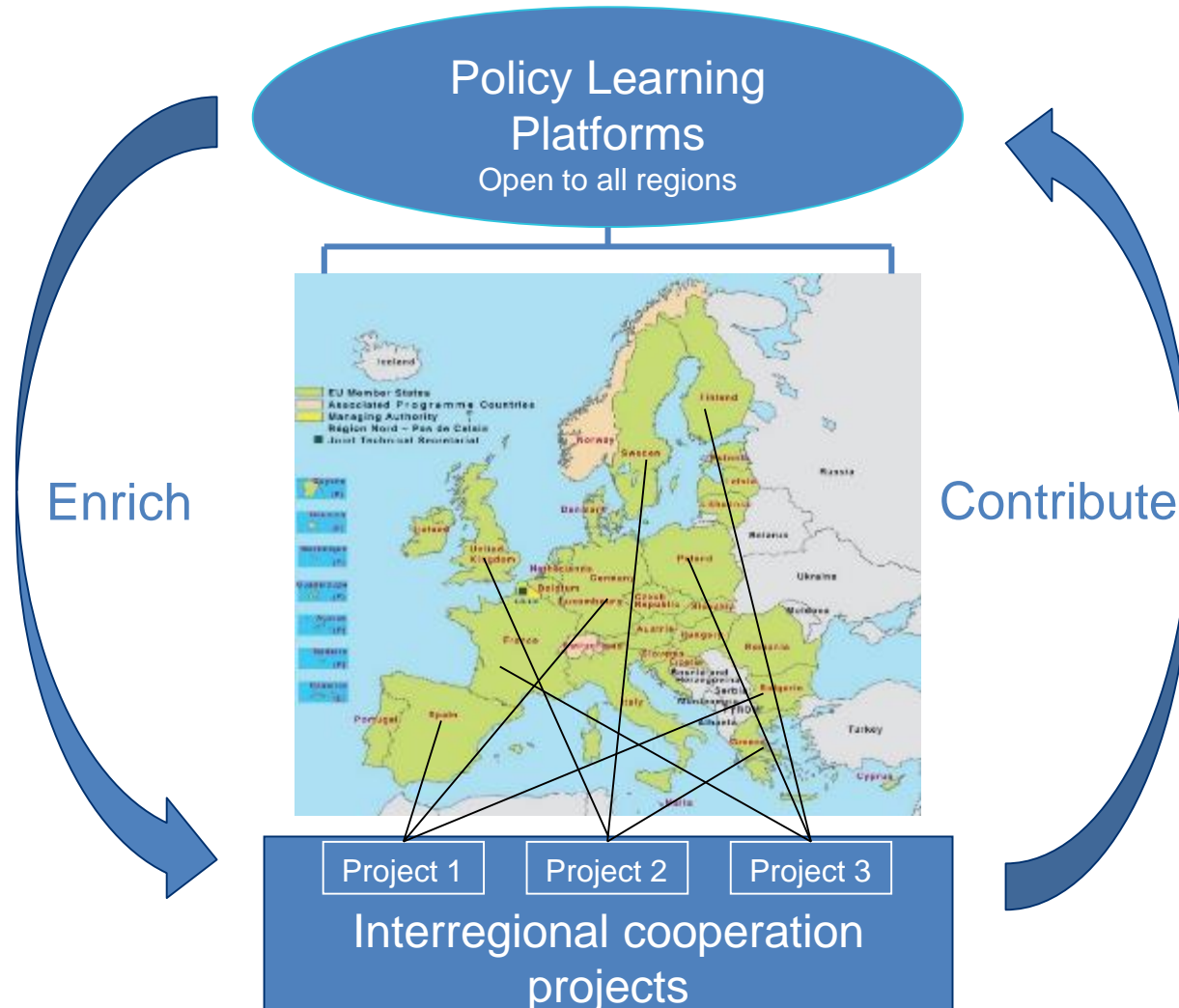
Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platforms at www.interregeurope.eu



What

How

Two interrelated actions





TERMS OF REFERENCE



Second call for proposals

Timing:

- Opening: **5 April** (*iOlf available*)
- Closing: **13 May (Midday CET)**
- *22 February: assistance to applicants launched*
- *Early 2017 – expected start of projects*

No thematic nor budget restrictions:

- Call open to all investment priorities
- Projects under priority axes 3 and 4 welcome
- Budget: **238 MEUR**

Procedure:

- on-line system



Assessment provisional timing

May - June 2016	Eligibility check
June – October 2016	Quality assessment
End 2016	Decision & notification
Early 2017	Negotiation of conditions
Early 2017	Effective start date of projects



SUPPORT TOOLS BY THE JOINT SECRETARIAT



Interreg Europe community



SME competitiveness



Low-carbon economy



Environment and resources



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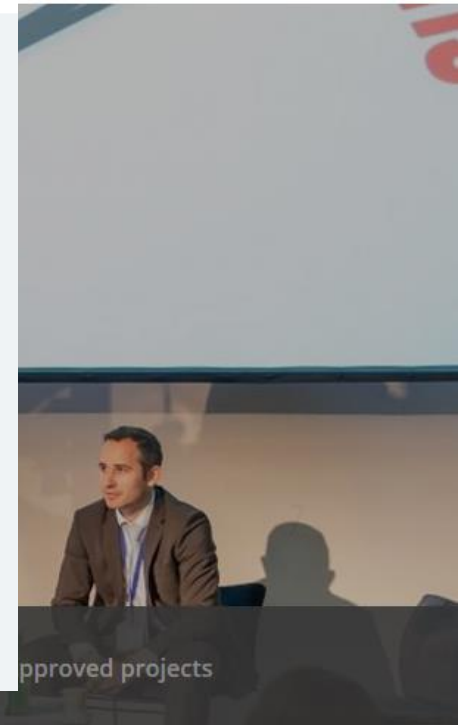
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Partner search



Explore the project ideas and profiles registered with us. Use the filters to modify/refine your search.

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Keyword search

Search for

People

Looking for people interested in

- Leading a project
- Joining a project
- Sharing a project idea
- Networking with peers

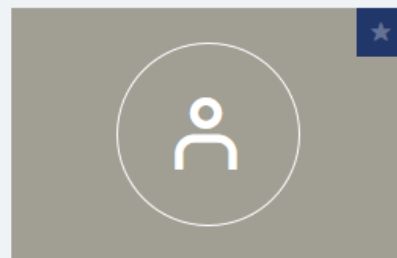
Project ideas

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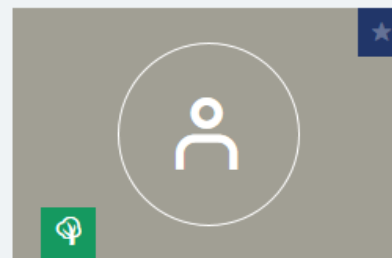
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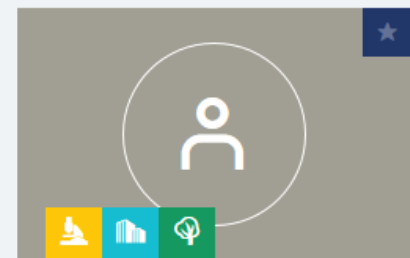


GEORGIOS PASCHALIDIS



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

Project idea database



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Recommended



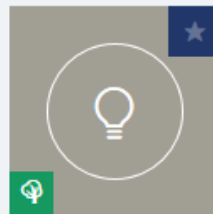
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- Project ideas
- News
- Events
- + More options
- + Themes
- + Countries/regions

Search

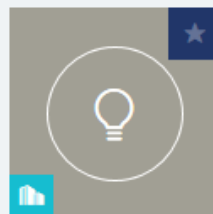
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Test 4 (PIFTS trial) - skype

Submitted by: Raluca Project-Ideas

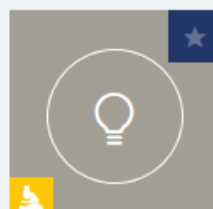
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Test 3 (PIFTS trial) - phone

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summary test



Test 2 (PIFTS trial) - written

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Check approved projects



10/02/2016

First call projects approved

Interreg Europe monitoring committee has conditionally approved 64 projects out of 261 applications received in the first call for proposals.

IMPORTANT! The lead partners of the projects approved under conditions will shortly be notified directly with details on the conditions to fulfil and information on the next steps to start their project. We kindly ask applicants not to contact the secretariat directly until they have received this notification.

Have a look at the projects approved in the first call for proposals. Or download a [list of them](#).

Approved projects

Beyond EDP

Improve the RIS3 effectiveness through the management of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP)

Lead partner: Centre-Val de Loire Regional Innovation Agency, France

The project addresses the inadequacies in the design and implementation of
on policies which may negatively impact the effectiveness of Structural
IC3 are expected to provide a relevant solution to this issue, but their

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Submit a project idea



Publish your idea

- Log into My Interreg Europe
- Submit your project idea

Complete the form below and publish your idea in the Interreg Europe project idea database. You can also publish your idea, or at any time via your dashboard.

Project idea name*

Thematic interest*

- Research and innovation**
 - Objective 1.2: Improving innovation delivery policies
 - Objective 1.1: Improving innovation infrastructure policies
- SME competitiveness**
 - Objective 2.1: Improving SMEs competitiveness policies
- Low-carbon economy**
 - Objective 3.1: Improving low-carbon economy policies
- Environment and resource efficiency**
 - Objective 4.1: Improving natural and cultural heritage policies
 - Objective 4.2: Improving resource efficient economy policies

Summarise your ideas in 200 characters*

Description/Issue addressed*

Partners involved*

Main policy instruments addressed*

Type of partner looking for

Please describe the main activities and approach envisaged for the exchange of experience among partners*

If you would like to ask questions, please list them below

Enter keywords related to your project (please separate them with a comma)

Project idea owner*

Organisation*

Email*

Country*

Region*

Assess the idea yourself



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Check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe

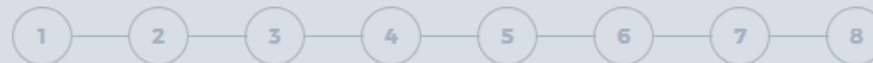
Answer the series of questions below to check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe.

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.

Your progress

You have answered 0/8 questions



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1. Is the issue addressed clearly defined and does it fit in

Send it for feedback



Your progress
You have answered 8/8 questions

1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 — 6 — 7 — 8

Congratulations! Your project idea seems to be relevant to Interreg Europe. By joining our online community, you can seek further assistance from us in order to improve your application before submitting it.

[More](#)

If green, submit your idea for our feedback

- Written
- Oral (phone/ Skype)
- Face-to-face at national event

check for events at: www.interregeurope.eu/in-my-country/

Note! Conditions apply

- No feedback during first call
- No full assessment on project proposal done

Weekly Q&A sessions



Regular live talk with potential applicants


- Starting Friday 4 March
- Always from 10-11am
 - 4, 11, 18 March
 - 1, 8, **22, 29 April**
 - **6 May**

Questions gathered via registration & on the spot
Answered during a **live webinar on Fridays**

Application pack




<http://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/>



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Terms of reference - second call for proposals

Letter of support* from the relevant organisation responsible for policy

For Structural Funds programme Cooperation programmes: 4 country pages on the programme

Project acronym
Project title
Name of the signing organisation (department if relevant)
Name of the signing organisation (department if relevant)
Name of the policy instrument
Name of the policy instrument
Name of the policy instrument

Project partner declaration*

Project acronym	
Project title	
Name of the partner organisation (original)	
Name of the partner organisation (English)	
Partner number	
Partner contribution (EUR)	

In the event of approval of the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg Europe programme, the indicated project partner:

- Confirms fulfilling the criterion of a public body or a body governed by public law or private non-profit body as defined in the programme manual.
- Commits itself to the project and the activities laid down in the application form, and intends to provide the above-indicated amount as contribution to the project's budget.
- Is aware of the programme rules on reimbursement and non-existence of advance payment and confirms the availability of own resources for pre-financing the activities.
- Is aware of the programme rules on state aid, horizontal principles, public procurement, publicity and information and will act accordingly.
- Declares that it is not under bankruptcy proceedings, bears full legal capacity and is financially reliable, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation.
- Confirms that no expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has been, is or will be funded by any other EU-funded programme, except for partners that do not receive funding directly from the Interreg Europe programme.
- Declares to accept the obligations as a partner deriving from the subsidy contract, which will be signed by the lead partner of the project after the approval, as well as the project partnership agreement which will be concluded between all partners participating in the project.

Name of signatory	
Position of signatory	
Date	
Signature and stamp of partner organisation (if exists)	

* amendments to the text of the template or template not correctly completed will lead to the ineligibility of the whole application


Interreg Europe | Second call | Project partner declaration | 1 / 1

1. Legal basis

The Interreg Europe programme is financed by whose principles and regulations are laid down in the (Common Provisions Regulation), Council Regulation (Regulation) and Council and Parliament Regulation principles and regulations for projects developed under the Cooperation Programme and in the programme.


2. Context

The European Union works to reduce disparities of life in European regions through its cohesion policy concentrates on supporting the goals.



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Useful links



Programme manual

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

Application pack

- www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/

Online application/ reporting system

- www.iolf.eu/

Interreg Europe community

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