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# Insight into Interreg Europe

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# 1

- **Interreg Europe**  
in a nutshell

# Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

- 4 strands, each strand with its own scope and objectives
- 86 programmes, 10 billion euros ERDF

<b>A</b>	Cross-border*	<b>64</b> programmes EUR 6.7 billion	
<b>B</b>	Transnational*	<b>13</b> programmes EUR 2.3 billion	
<b>C</b>	<b>Interregional</b>	<b>4</b> programmes EUR 560 million	<b>Interreg Europe</b> Urbact, Interact, Espon
<b>D</b>	Outermost regions*	<b>5</b> areas EUR 330 million	

} All EU eligible

\* Restricted geographical area

# Interreg Europe **objective**

Supports the identification and transfer of good practices among EU regions in order to **improve regional development policies**

Helps policy makers to find new solutions to their challenges

- Primarily dedicated to **public authorities**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

# Two **actions**



## **Projects**

Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring experience on a shared regional development issue



## **Policy Learning Platform**

Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

# Why a Policy Learning **Platform**?



## **Starting point: the projects**

- Thousands of practitioners & institutions involved
- Thousands of good practices identified



**Invaluable source of learning for all European regions!**



## **Platform's objective**

To exploit the projects' knowledge and offer policy-learning services to all

# 2

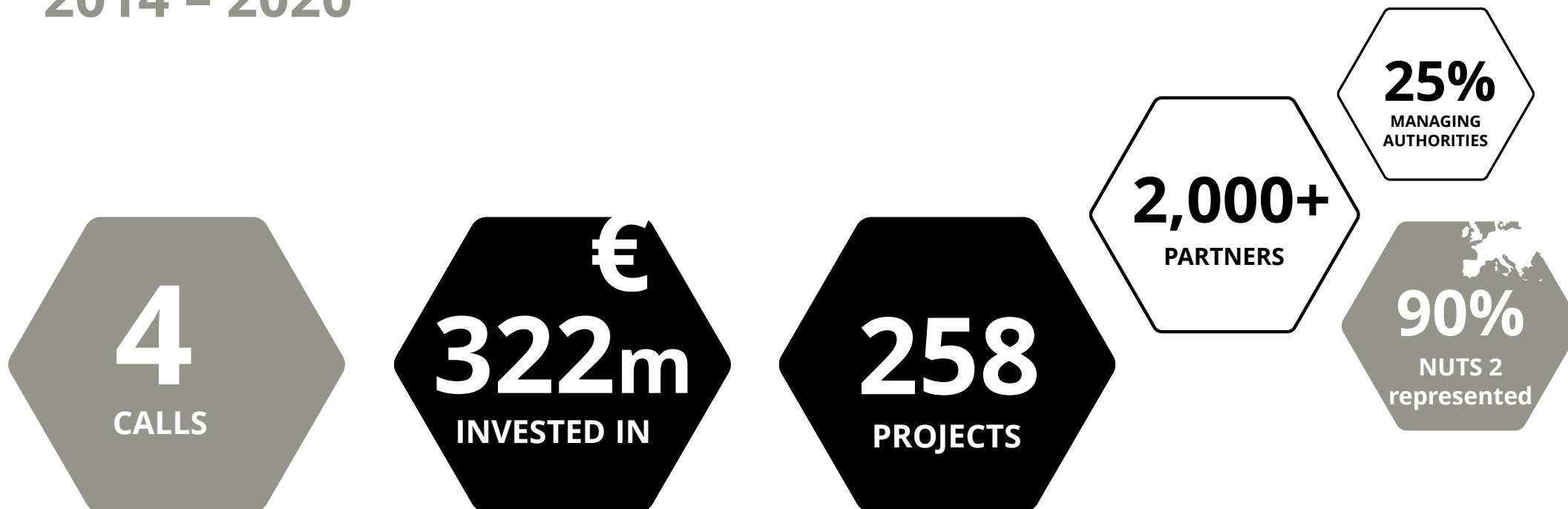
Insight into  
the 2014-2020  
● **achievements**





# Interregional cooperation **projects**

2014 - 2020

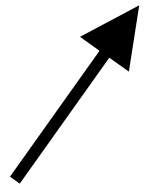


# Projects per priority

2014 - 2020

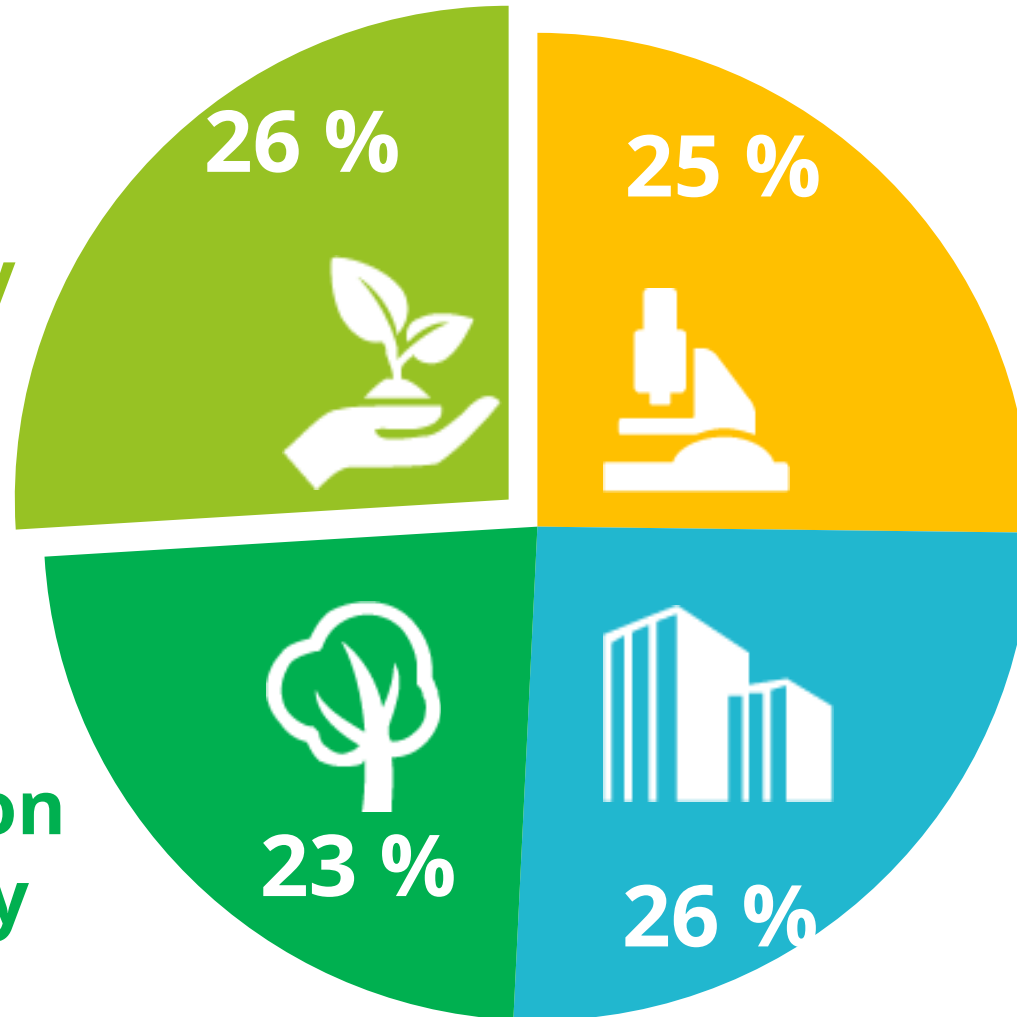
Environment and  
resource efficiency

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Low-carbon  
economy

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Research and  
innovation

65

SME  
competitiveness

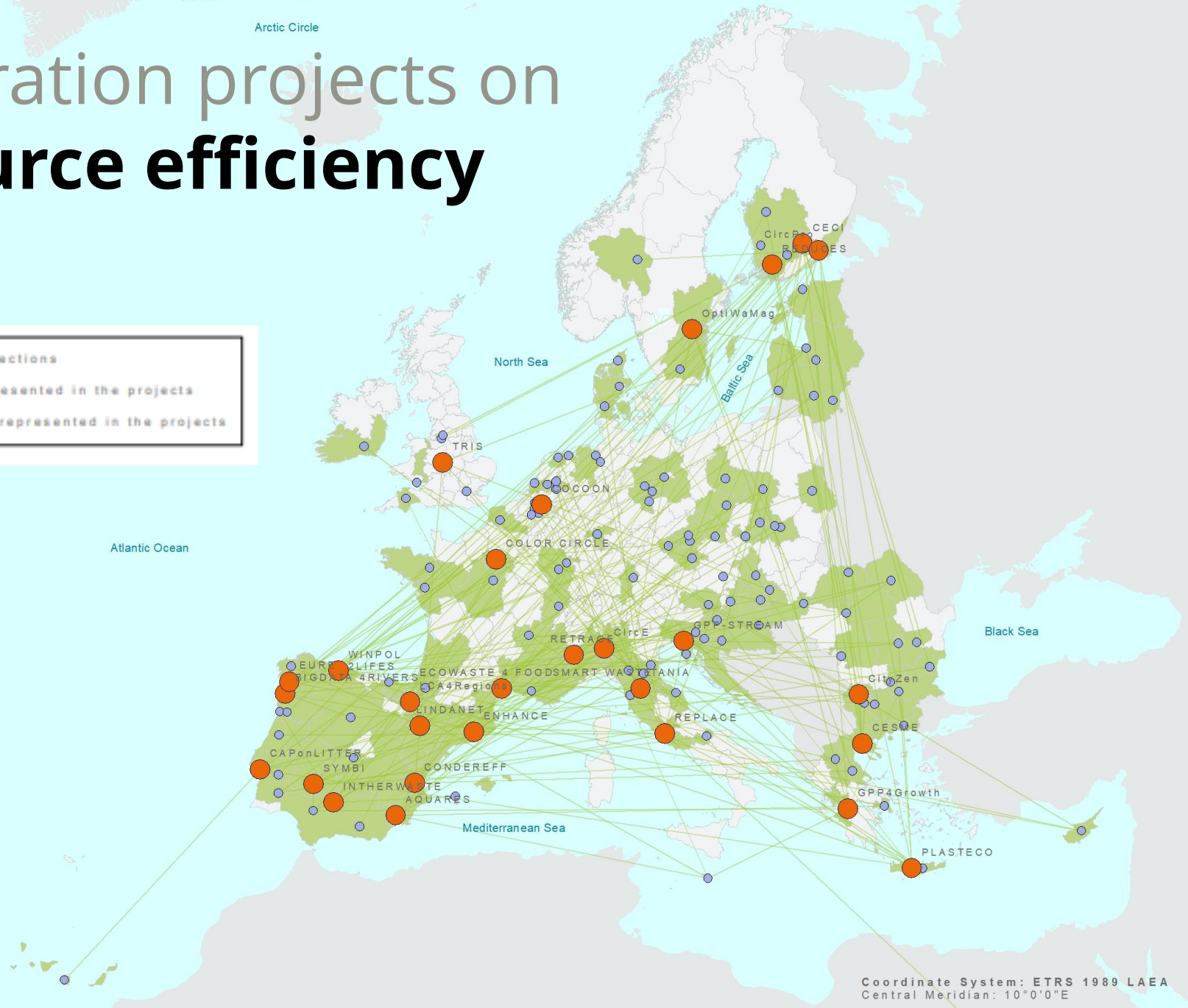
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# Cooperation projects on Ressource efficiency

31 projects

11 addressing circular economy

Partner role	— Project connections
● Lead partners	■ Regions represented in the projects
● Partners	□ Regions not represented in the projects



Coordinate System: ETRS 1989 LAEA  
Central Meridian: 10°0'0"E  
0 250 500 Km

# Circular economy – 11 projects



An Interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economy policies.

**Project Partners**

Lahdi University of Applied Sciences (FI)  
 City of Mechelen (BE)  
 Business Agency Association (BG)  
 Muravian-Slovakian Innovation Centre Opatova (SK)  
 Government of Aragón (ES)  
 Regional Council of Pojeblama (FI)  
 Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region (FR)  
 makedonia (GR)



- BIOREGIO (circular economy)
- CESME (citizens' engagement)
- CircE (circular economy)
- CircPro (procurement)
- COLOR CIRCLE (circular economy)
- REDUCES (business models)
- REPLACE (circular economy)
- RETRACE (circular economy)
- SYMBI (industrial symbiosis)
- TRIS (industrial symbiosis)

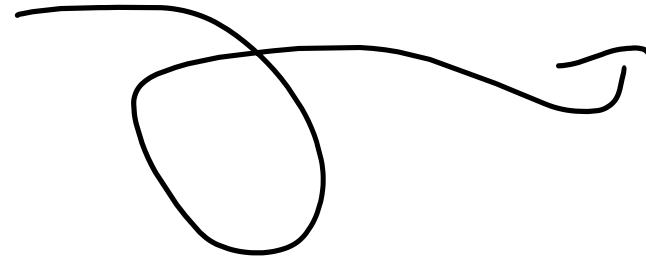
91  
partners  
From  
23 Partner  
States

378  
Good practises  
identified

65  
policy changes  
95.7 MEUR  
influenced

# CECI – strengths (1)

- **Circular economy** still high on the EU Agenda : new circular economy action plan (CEAP) adopted in March 2020, several implementing measures adopted / proposed since then (plastic micropollutants in 2023, rules on packaging and packaging waste and EU strategy for sustainable and circular textiles in 2022 etc.)
- **Sustainable even in the travel options !**



# CECI – strengths (2)

- **Achievements** (so far)

- **62** good practices identified
- **82** people with increased capacity
- **5** policy changes
  - Sustainable growth and jobs 2014 – 2020, Finland's Structural Funds programme (FI) : project supporting citizens and SMEs in their circular actions (ASKEL)
  - Supporting sustainable growth and vitality in the regions (AKKE) (FI) : 3 projects aiming at the development of a circular economy hub, mapping of circular initiatives, a better preparation of separate textile waste collection
  - State aid for mobility guidance, Traficom (FI) : project helping citizens shift to sustainable transportation modes (circular approach)
  - Roadmap for circular economy in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur 2022-2025 (FR) : involvement of relevant stakeholders in a strategic workshop
  - Policy Plan of the City of Mechelen (BE) : circular economy citizen involvement as a priority action



# CECI - active involvement in the Platform



## Zero waste education and participation: Key learnings

On 4 May, the Policy Learning Platform of the workshop session focused on education and the recording of learnings.

28 April 2021



## Reuse and repair in the circular economy

Explore the key learnings, presentations and recording of our reuse and repair online workshop that took place on 30 January 2021.

30 January 2021



## Leading the way towards waste prevention

Discover EU initiatives to support waste prevention such as actions on food waste prevention and green public procurement as well as good practices from across Europe.

05 April 2023 | By Platform



## Citizens involvement for sustainable food systems

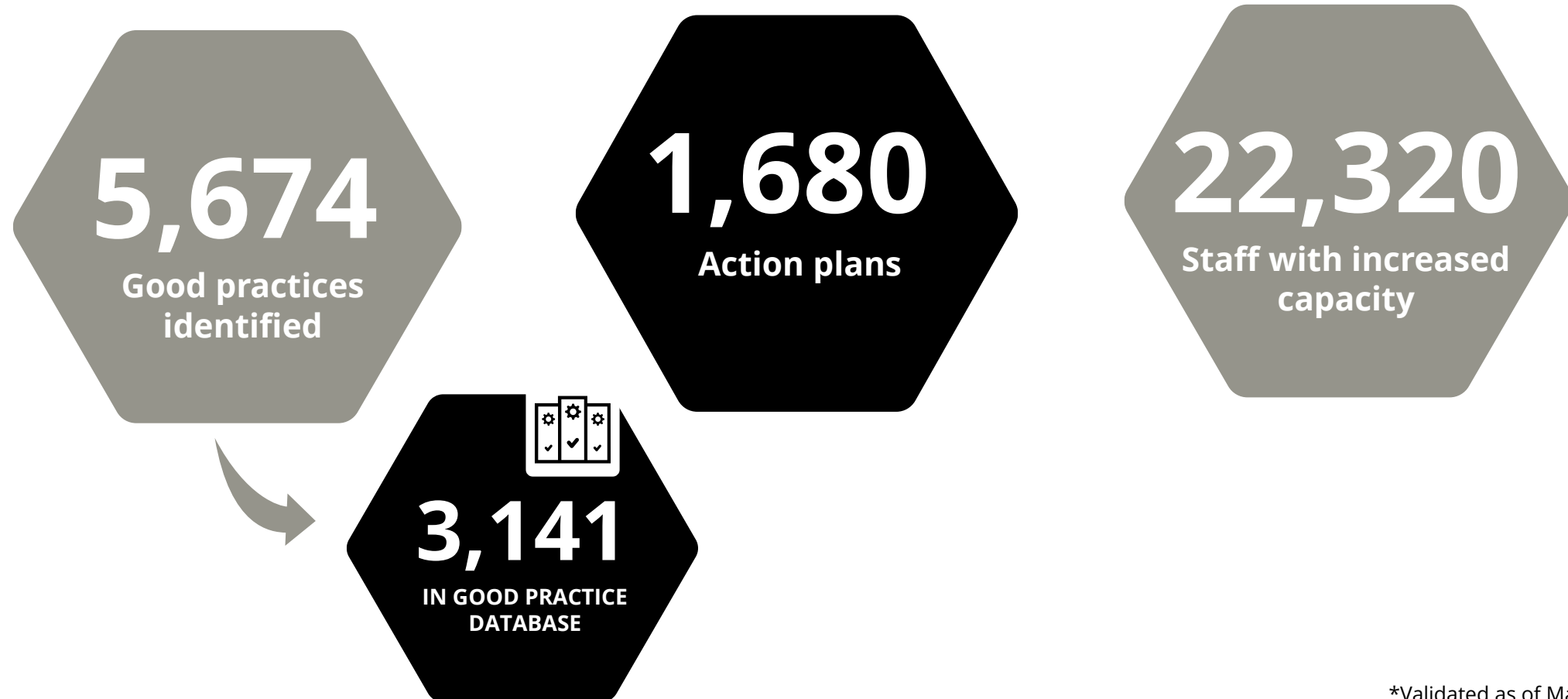
Discover European initiatives and Interreg Europe projects that work towards a sustainable food system and get inspired!

09 July 2021 | By Platform

- **46 good practices** (out of 62) included in the PLP database
- **1 webinar** and **1 policy brief** on **zero waste / waste prevention**
- **1 workshop** on 'reuse and repair'
- **1 story** on citizens involvement for food systems (ERDF-funded project ASKEL in Päijät-Häme inspired by the example of Mechelen)

# Overview of projects' achievements\*

2014 - 2020

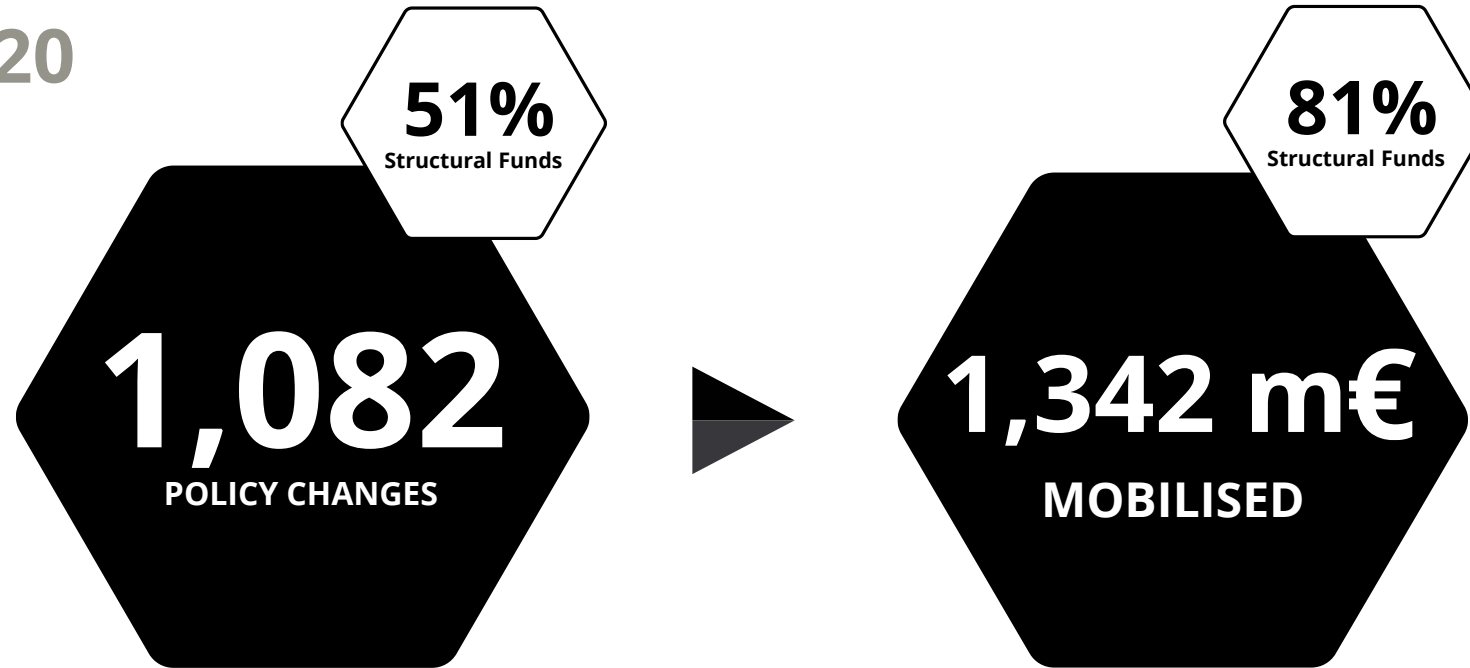


\*Validated as of May 2023



# Projects' results\*

2014 - 2020



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# 3. Interreg Europe **2021-2027**



# Sharing solutions for better regional policy

Same rationale

Improving regional development policies through exchange and transfer of good practices

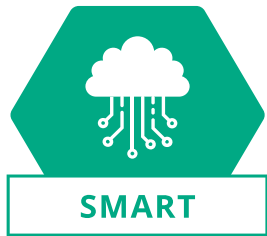


# Enlarged **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building



**six topics**

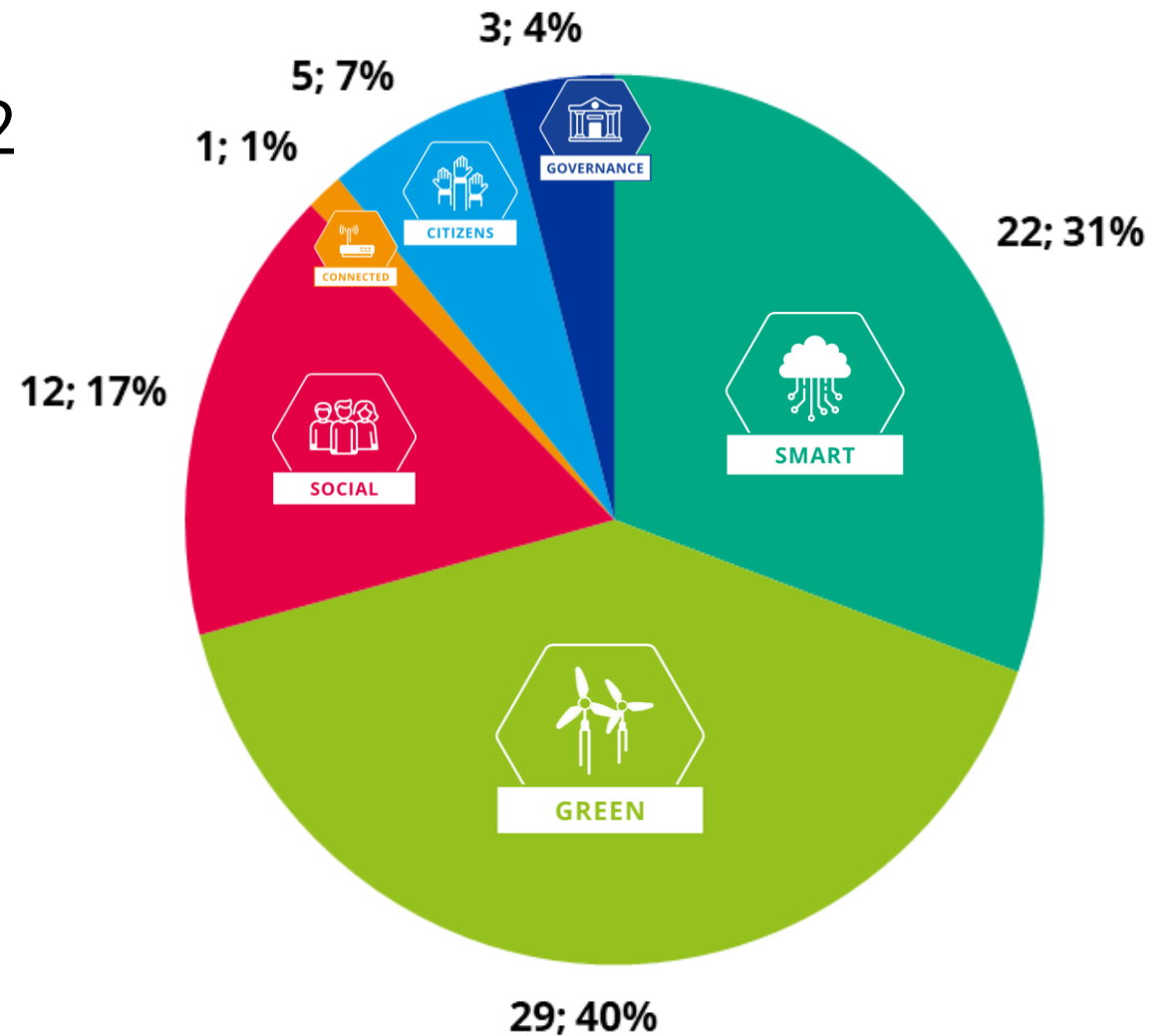


**Concentration** principle (80%)

# First call for proposals

- Open from 5 April to 31 May 2022
- 134 proposals submitted
- 72 projects approved

**52%**  
Success rate



# Second call for proposals

- Open from **15 March** to **9 June 2023**
- **All topics open**



# Assistance during call

Discover the programme

Look for funding

Approved projects

Get policy advice

## Next call for projects

Discover our terms of reference



### 1. Check project relevance

Use our self-assessment tool



### 2. Get inspired

See approved projects and project ideas



### 3. Share your project idea

Explain what you want to do with your project



### 4. Find partners

Look for relevant organisations



### 5. Ask for feedback

Get guidance before applying



### 6. Apply for the call

Submit your project proposal

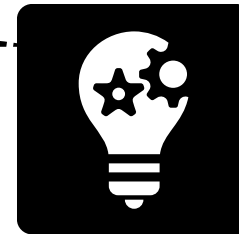
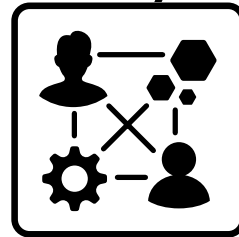
Available during calls

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**3,000+** good practices  
from our project and beyond



**400+** policy publications  
**80+** thematic webinars

# Access to **people**

**Inspiration** from practitioner to practitioner



Programme community of  
**8,000+ practitioners**



**100+** policy learning and  
networking **events**

# Access to **expertise**

📍 **52 Peer reviews**

📍 **39 Matchmaking sessions**

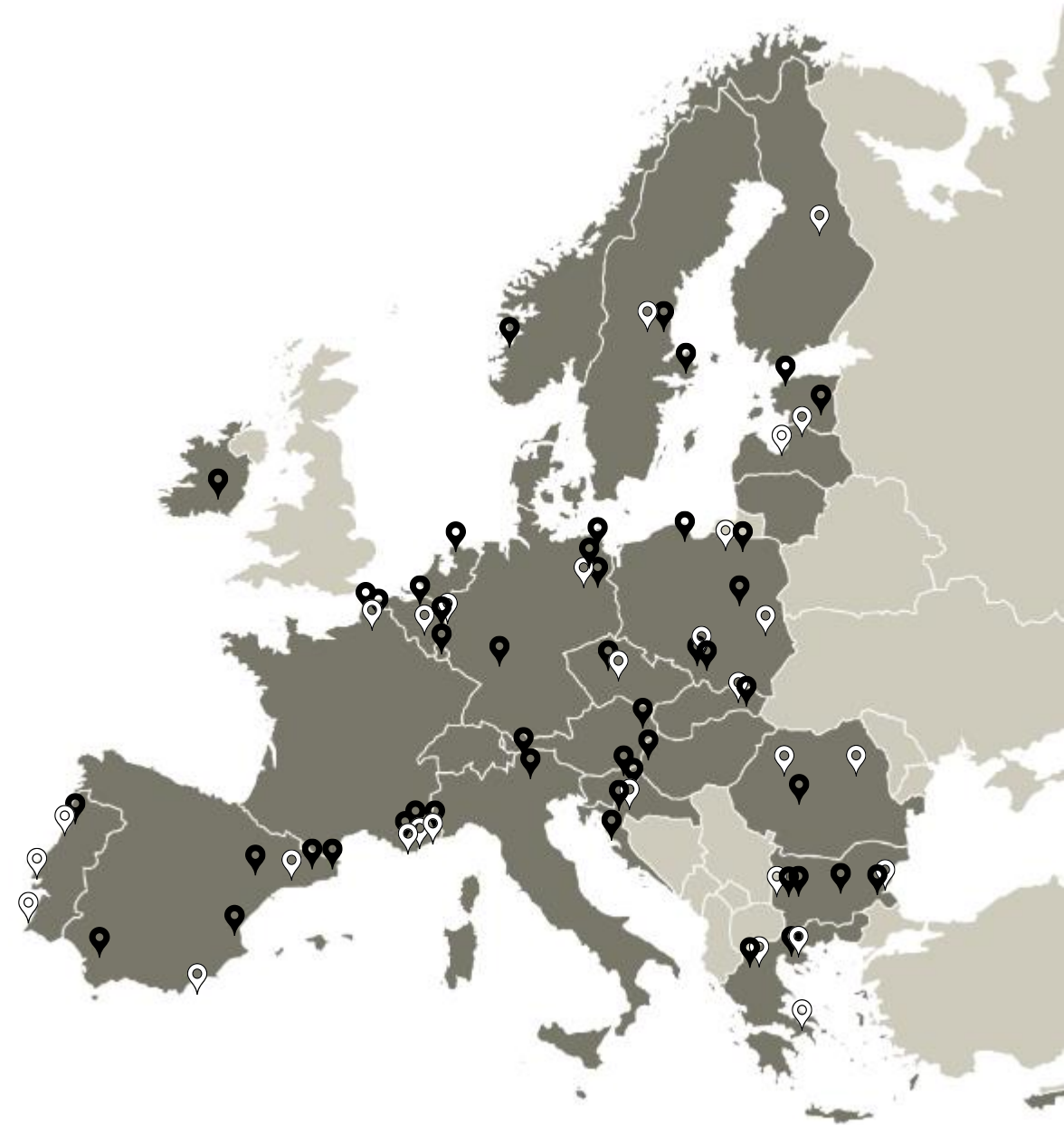


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