Good Practice template

- All Good Practices identified by an Interreg Europe project and reported in the progress reports have to be submitted to the Programme.
- In order to submit a practice, you will have to register in the Interreg Europe website. Online submission will be available the first semester of 2017.
- NB: in orange: 2 optional fields. All other fields are compulsory.

1. General information	
Title of the practice	CONECTARAGON / TODOS - Broadband for all
Does this practice come from an Interreg Europe Project	*no* *[Technical: Good Practices outside the IR-E projects relevant to the topics and validated by the Policy Learning Platforms experts will also be included in the database]*

In case 'yes' is selected, the following sections appear:

Please select the project acronym	*Drop down menu with all acronyms*

Specific objective	*Drop-down list of the 6 specific objectives* *[Technical: In case a project is selected, the specific objective is automatically completed]* 1.2 Improving innovation Delivery policies. Rural SMEs to consolidate and overcome barriers to their growth and competitiveness
Main institution involved	*ARAGON GOVERNMENT.* *[Technical: The name of the institution and location of the practice are per default those of the practice author. They remain editable.]*
Location of the practice	Country	*SPAIN*
	NUTS 1	*ES2*
	NUTS 2	*ES24*
	NUTS 3	*Drop-down list*

2. Detailed description

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| Detailed information on the practice | [1500 characters] Please provide information on the practice itself. In particular:
- What is the problem addressed and the context which triggered the introduction of the practice?
- How does the practice reach its objectives and how it is implemented?
- Who are the main stakeholders and beneficiaries of the practice?

CONETACTARAGON AND ALL Project:

Aragon is a region with 10% of the total area of Spain, but only 3% of the population. The Government of Aragon is aware of the importance of broadband population to settle in the territory. It has therefore launched two**: CONECTARAGON** and **ALL** (TODOS) projects to be the first region in Europe where 100% of the population has broadband.

The project operates in the White areas are where the operators have not been or are scheduled in their plans to provide broadband low profitability.

CONECTARAGON: It is a plan that provides broadband to 348 municipalities with more than 250 inhabitants and 351 schools (100% of schools in the rural environment), with an amount of 36 million euros, gives FTTH (Fibber to the Home) to municipalities. The project has an impact on 97,000 people

TODOS/ALL: It aims to provide broadband to over 700 small towns, with a total population of 21,000 people. Or an average of 30 inhabitants per core. Broadband Technology 4G, Wimax or satellite is optimized and developed with the collaboration of all: Government of Aragon, Provincial Councils, FAMCP and mobile operators. |
| **Resources needed** | [300 characters] Please specify the amount of funding/financial resources used and/or the human resources required to set up and to run the practice.

The projects to provide broadband to the rural environment are very intensive in economic resources. One of the |

	successes has been the non-use of fiber optics but other alternative technologies such as 4g, wimax or in some extreme case Satellite. In the case of Aragon to endow 100% of the population the investment has been 45 million Euros. Also a technical team is necessary to plan and manage the project
Timescale (start/end date)	*e.g. jan 2015 – 2021*
Evidence of success (results achieved)	*[500 characters] Why is this practice considered as good? Please provide factual evidence that demonstrates its success or failure (e.g. measurable outputs/results).* The coordination between the all the public statements, the 100% of the population will have broadband.
Difficulties encountered/ lessons learned	*[300 characters] Please specify any difficulties encountered/lessons learned during the implementation of the practice.* - Financing - Lack of technological knowledge - Lack of involvement of telephone companies - Lack of qualification of the technical equipment - Define an appropriate schedule
Potential for learning or transfer	*[1000 characters] Please explain why you consider this practice (or some aspects of this practice) as being potentially interesting for other regions to learn from. This can be done e.g. through information on key success factors for a transfer or on, factors that can hamper a transfer. Information on transfer(s) that already took place can also be provided (if possible, specify the country, the region – NUTS 2 – and organisation to which the practice was transferred)* CONECTARAGON 1) In a first phase define a plan that allows all municipalities with more than 250 inhabitants and 100% of the schools to have broadband. 2) Carried out through a process of public purchase of competitive dialogue, it was a very long process to prepare the tender 3) Search for European mechanisms for financing, through ERDF funds EVERYBODY: 1) Define a coordinated plan with other institutions so that 100% of the population has available before 2019

	broadband. 2) Transmit the difference between broadband and optical fiber 3) See which technology is the most optimal for each small municipality. Wimax, 4G the satellite 4) Put in place an action plan 5) Define a communication plan *[Technical: A good practice be edited throughout a project life time (e.g. to add information on the transfers that have occurred)]*
Further information	*Link to where further information on the good practice can be found* *www.conectaragon.com*

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Expert opinion	*[500 characters]* *[Technical: to be filled in by the Policy Learning Platforms experts]*