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Kick-off meeting

Badajoz, Spain

30th October, 2019 – Steering Committee Meeting #1

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PROJECT PRESENTATION

IMPROVE project

Approved under the 4th call for proposals of
Interreg Europe Programme



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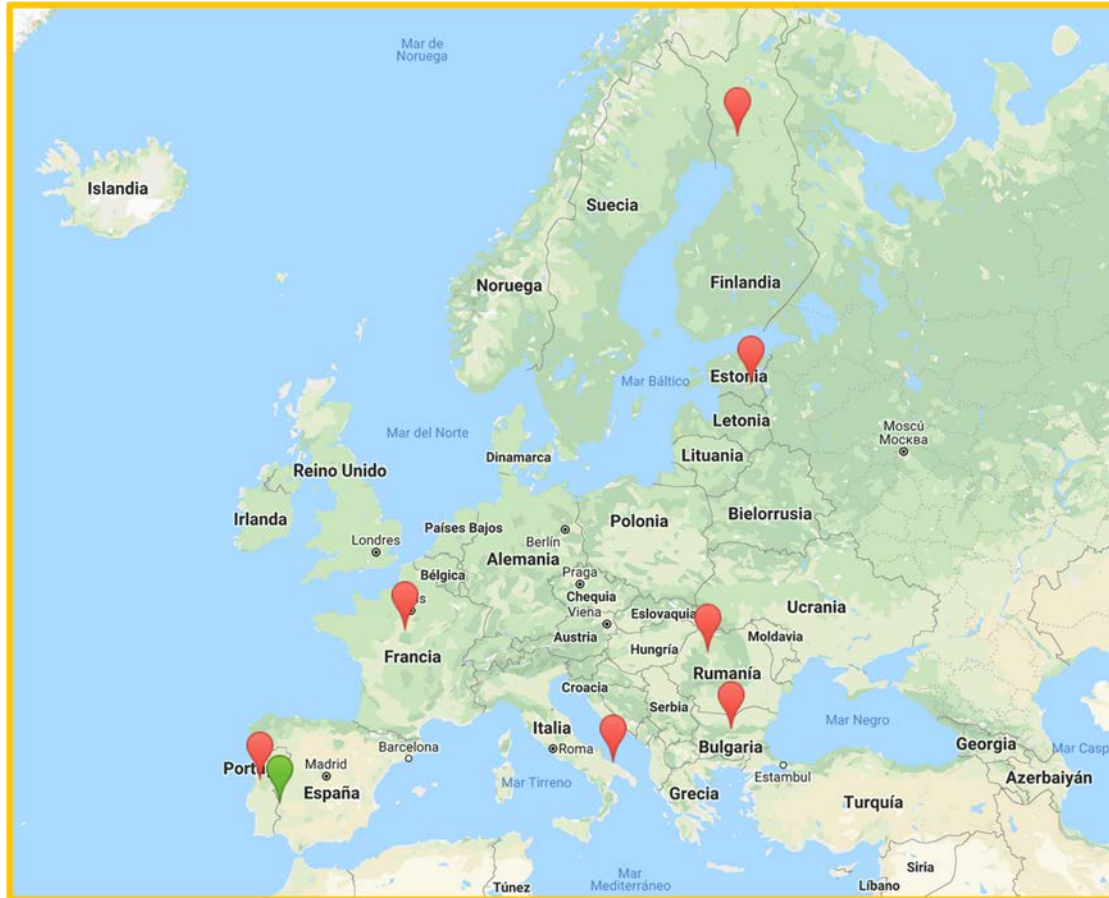


1.27 M
ERDF



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Who is who



1. Foundation FUNDECYT
Science and Technology Park
of Extremadura, Spain
2. DEV'UP Centre-Val de Loire,
France
3. Regional Agency for
Technology and Innovation,
Italy
4. Municipality of Gabrovo,
Bulgaria
5. North-West Regional
Development Agency,
Romania
6. Tartu Science Park
Foundation, Estonia
7. Regional Council of Lapland,
Finland
8. Regional Coordination and
Development Commission of
Centro, Portugal

Issue addressed

Common challenge:



How to achieve better management of Structural Funds in order to optimise its absorption by regional actors and improve the implementation of different policies, programmes and strategies aimed at fostering regional development.

Policy instruments addressed by the project

PP	Policy Instruments	Coverage
LP	ERDF Operational Programme of Extremadura 2014-2020	regional
P2	RIS3 of the Centre-Val de Loire region and consequently the axis1 of the OT1 of the ERDF OP	regional
P3	ERDF-ESF Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 – Puglia Region	regional
P4	Municipal plan for development of Gabrovo municipality 2014-2020, Strategic goal 1: Stimulation of economic growth and enhancement of competitiveness of local business in Gabrovo municipality	local
P5	Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 (CCI No 2014RO16RFOP002)	regional
P6	Development Plan of Tartu City 2018-2025	local
P7	Sustainable growth and jobs 2014-2020 Finland's structural funds programme	regional
P8	Regional Operational Program of Centro (Centro 2020)	regional

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Overall objective

The project aims to **improve the management and implementation of (mainly) Structural Funds Programmes** in the participating regions / cities in order to ensure a better and more efficient **delivery of R&D&i policies**, with a special focus on the **Smart Specialisation Strategies**.

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Specific objectives

The project will seek this improvement by addressing issues such as how to:

- establish the appropriate framework, policy mix and instruments for the delivery of R&D&I policies and the implementation of smart specialisation strategies
- coordinate the delivery of Structural Funds Programmes with other Funds managed at regional, national and European level
- manage transnational coordination
- implement an effective governance
- monitor and evaluate the impact achieved

Expected results

The Project will

- identify innovative methodologies in the implementation of Structural Funds
- analyse further specific issues that might hinder the proper deployment of policy instruments
- provide stakeholders with new tools (methodologies, good practices) for a more efficient management and implementation of their policy instruments
- design, implement and monitor the action plans in each participating region
- disseminate knowledge collected through the interregional learning process to stakeholders across Europe and with other Interreg Europe projects

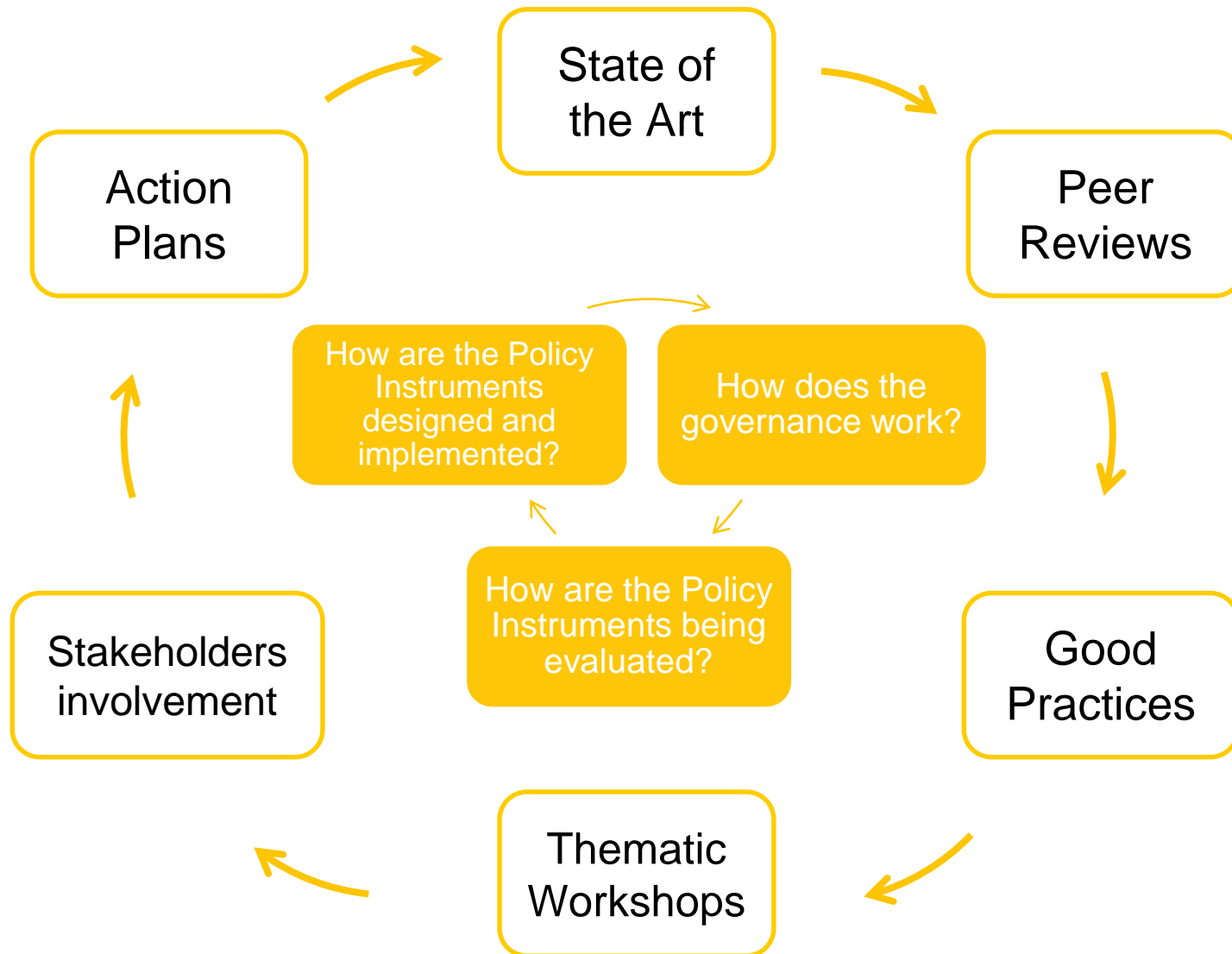
Project activities

Management and Coordination



Communication and Dissemination

The learning process



Result indicators at Programme level

Result indicators	Target
Number of Growth & Jobs or ETC programmes addressed by the project where measures inspired by the project will be implemented	5
Number of other policy instruments addressed by the project where measures inspired by the project will be implemented	3
Estimated amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and/ or ETC) influenced by the project (in EUR)	25.500.000
Estimated amount of other funds influenced (in EUR)	0

Output indicators at Programme level

Output indicators	Target
Number of policy learning events organised	58
Number of good practices identified	16
Number of people with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities	80
Number of action plans developed	8
Number of appearances in media (e.g. press)	40
Number of new visitors to project website since last reporting period	500

Self-defined indicators

Policies	Self-defined performance indicators	Target
LP – Policy 1	New methodologies applied at regional level for a better management of the ERDF Operational Programme 2014-2020	2
P2 – Policy 2	New methodologies applied at regional level in the CVL RIS3 for a better management of the ERDF Operational Programme 2014-2020	3
P3 – Policy 3	Number of approaches introduced in the management of Structural Funds	1
P4 – Policy 4	Increased investments in innovations (%)	10
P5 – Policy 5	Number of models implemented for improving the management and implementation of Structural Funds	2
P6 – Policy 6	Number of new methodologies or practices applied	1
P7 – Policy 7	Number of new management practices effecting to implementation	2
P8 – Policy 8	Dedicated calls launched	1

Outputs & Results

EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 regional reports on the state of the art in terms of management and implementation of Structural Funds, and 1 joint summary report• 16 good practices identified on innovative approaches to a better management of the policy instruments, and shared through the Policy Learning Platform• 5 Interregional Thematic Workshops organised in order to further analyse common topics of interest among regions on a better management and implementation of the policy instruments.• 8 Regional Stakeholders Groups set up• 48 meeting of the Regional Stakeholders Groups in Phase 1, and 8 meetings organised in Phase 2• 1 follow-up meeting in Phase 2
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80 persons with increased capacities thanks to the interregional learning process• 8 policy instruments improved in terms of new methodologies, approaches and/or new models transferred

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COMMUNICATION & DISSEMINATION

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 communication plan• 1 website and social media profiles set up and updated• 1 project leaflet created, printed and distributed• 1 project roll-up created and printed (9)• 12 press releases elaborated and sent to the media• 13 targeted communications to interested stakeholders• 1 high level political dissemination event
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 appearances in media• Updated communication channels

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MANAGEMENT & COORDINATION

Outputs

- 1 subsidy contract signed
- 1 partnership agreement signed
- 1 work plan (procedures) approved
- 6 Steering Committee meetings organised in phase 1
- 1 Steering Committee meeting organised in phase 2
- 6 progress reports
- 1 annual report (Phase 2)

Results

- Effective and continuous day to day technical and financial coordination of the project
- Achievement of the objectives set by the project
- Achievement of the indicators targets
- Complete budget execution



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Thank you!

Questions welcome