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### **Interreg Europe overview**

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# 1. Interreg Europe state of play

# Interreg Europe: an accelerator for regional development





- Improving regional development policies (in particular Structural Funds) through exchange and transfer of practices
- Mix of more and less advanced regions
- High participation of peripheral regions



# Interregional cooperation projects



## Outputs achieved (validated as of 01 October 2021)



Cooperation Programme reached

## Improving policies (validated as of 01 October 2021)



www.interregeurope.eu/projectresults

# Policy Learning Platform #policylearning



+ 60 policy learning events+ 2 000 members from MAs



### Good practice database + 2400 good practices



#### **Expert policy support**

26 peer reviews organised, +100 helpdesk advices



#### **Knowledge** hub

77 Policy briefs & news on policy trends



## **COVID challenges – Interreg Europe solutions**

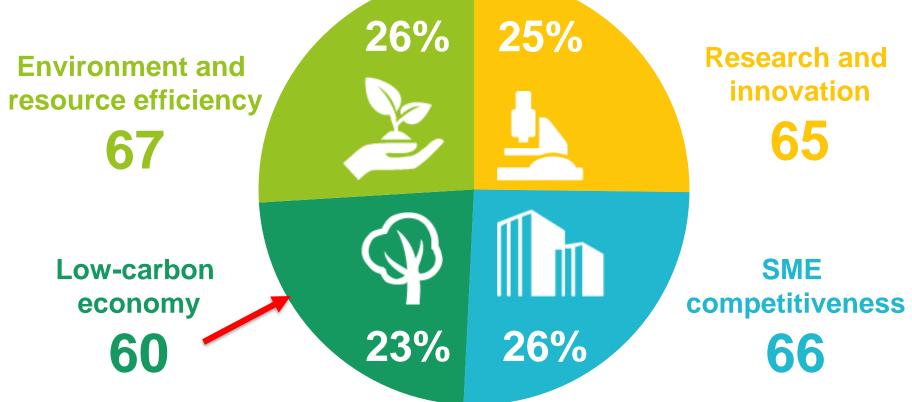
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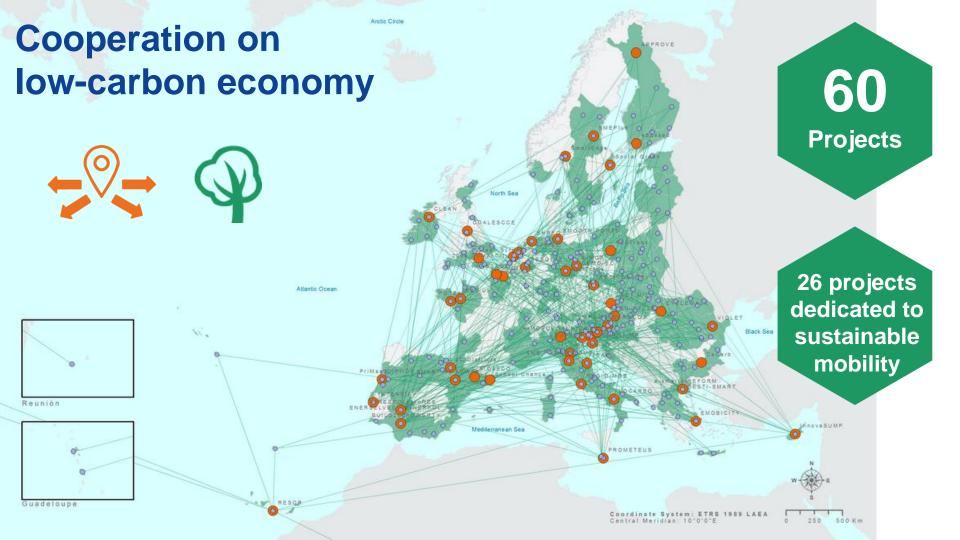
Check the **COVID-19** section on our website in order to:

- COVID-19 keyword!
- Discover good practices from all across Europe that can help you mitigate the pandemic's effects;
- Join/re-watch thematic online events to find inspiration and new solutions;
- Request tailored support from our Policy Learning Platform experts;
- Find out the measures put in place to help projects including the call for additional activities in 2021 (78 projects approved)

# 2. OptiTrans and Low-carbon economy

# Balanced allocation of projects per priority (258 projects)





# **Active contribution**



#### Participation in platform and programme events



A Policy Brief from the Policy Learning Platform on Low-carbon economy



13 good practices published on GP database



# **Results already achieved**



4 out of 7 regions reported

1 pilot action carried out by

Baja Mare

**Policy instruments addressed\*:** 

- Regional Operational Programme Thuringia (DE)
- Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan Baia Mare (RO)
- Local Strategy on Transport for the City of Zadar (HR)
- Transport Development Plan City of Tartu (EE)
- Regional Operational Programme Thessaly (EL)
- Regional Operational Programme Abruzzo (IT)
- Regional Operational Programme Andalusia (ES)

\* improved policy instruments in italics

## **Congratulations!**

# 3. Interreg Europe 2021-2027

# No revolution...but evolution

Key features remain:

- 1. Pan-European
- 2. Similar overall objective: Regional development policy makers as core target groups
- Similar means to achieve the objective: Main focus on capacity building



### **Evolution:**

- 1. Focus on Structural Funds lightened
- 2. Learning by doing: pilot actions
- 3. Only one single priority in the programme to better reflect the core nature of the programme (capacity building)

## Timetable for 2021-2027

• February 2021: PC approved draft Cooperation Programme

Spring & summer 2021: final approval by Partner States

Approval by EC expected early 2022



More information: www.interregeurope.eu/about-us/2021-2027 and







### 2021-2027 Programme launch event

### 24 – 25 November 2021

- 2-day online event
- Presenting:
  - Programme achievements from 2014-2020
  - Key programme features for 2021-2027

Register: www.interregeurope.eu/europecooperates2021



# Thank you!

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