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## A brief presentation

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Biodiversity involves 8 million plant and animal species, the ecosystems that house them, and the genetic diversity among them.

An estimated 80% of the original forest that covered the Earth 8,000 years ago has been cleared, damaged or fragmented.

Some experts assess the rate at which species are becoming extinct at 1,000 to 10,000 times higher than the natural rate would be.

A sample of 23 common farmland birds and 24 common woodland birds monitored in 18 European countries show a decline in numbers by 71% between 1980 and 2002.

Within the next 10 years, one out of every four known species may have been wiped off the planet.

It would take 1.6 Earths to meet the demands that humans make on nature each year.

To improve the implementation of the regional policies and strategies dedicated to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services, through policy learning and capacity building activities.



## What policy instruments does the project address?

**Regional Biodiversity Strategy of the Tuscany Region 2015-2020**



**Operational Programme "Growth and Employment" 2014-2020**



**Regional Planning Guidelines (RPGs) for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022**



**Environmental and Energy Efficiency Operational Programme**



**ERDF Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 of Catalonia Region**



**Large Infrastructure Operational Programme 2014-2020 - Romania**



Interregional learning is based on the exchange of experience on the ways partners protect and value biodiversity and ecosystem services

**Costs and benefits of ecosystem services derived from land use.**

**Horizontal integration of the ecosystem concerns into sectoral policies and plans**



**Landscape governance for economic and environmental sustainability.**

**Innovative financial and marketing mechanisms for payment for ecosystem services.**

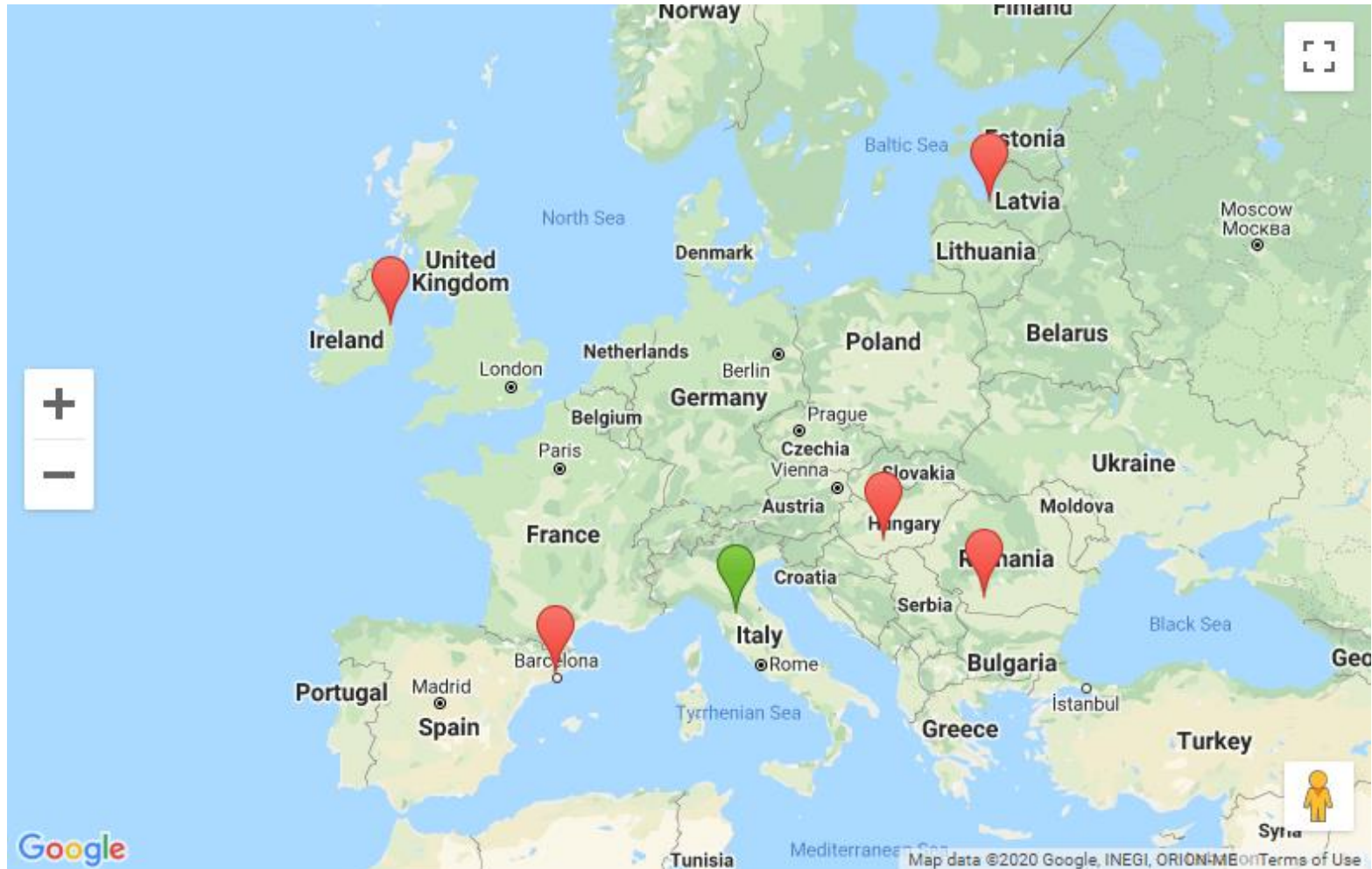
Interregional cooperation is built around two main phases:

- ☑ the interregional learning process (three years), including the design of the action plans for each policy instrument tackled.
- ☑ the monitoring of the implementation of the action plans (one year) developed by the partners in the 1st phase.

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