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# Interreg Europe overview

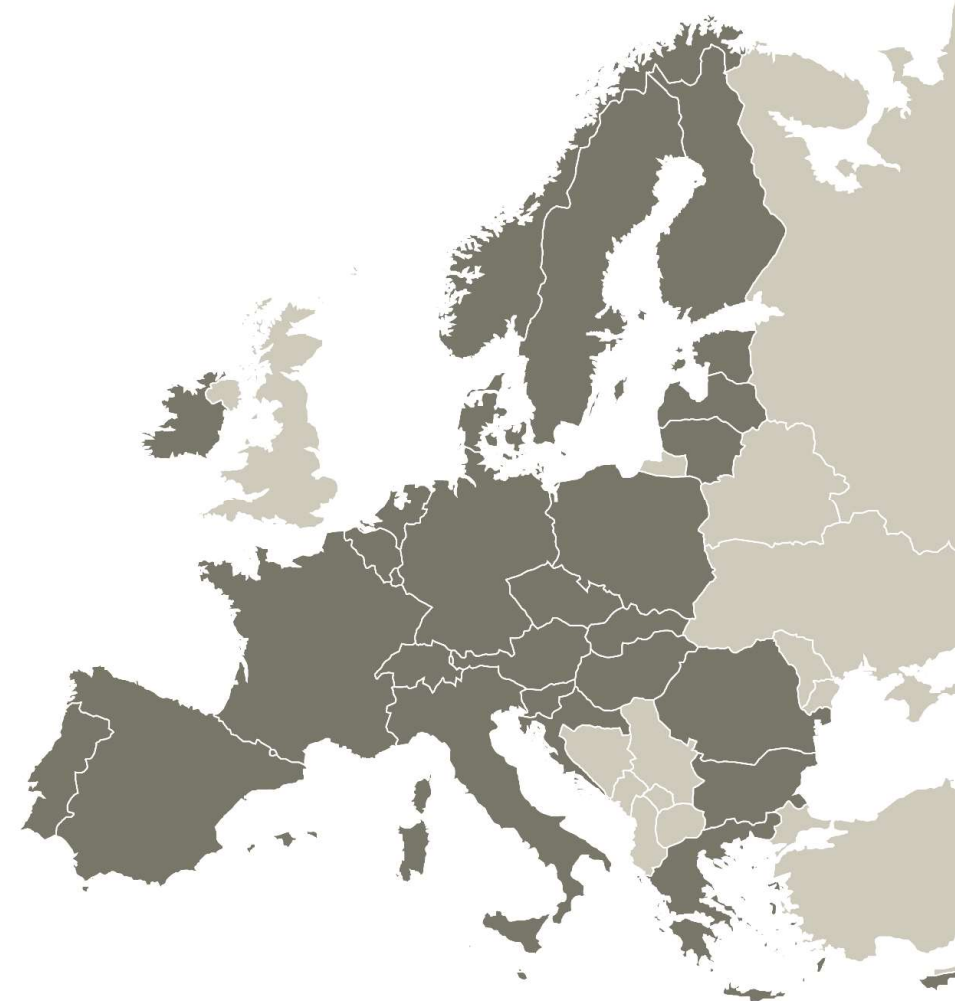
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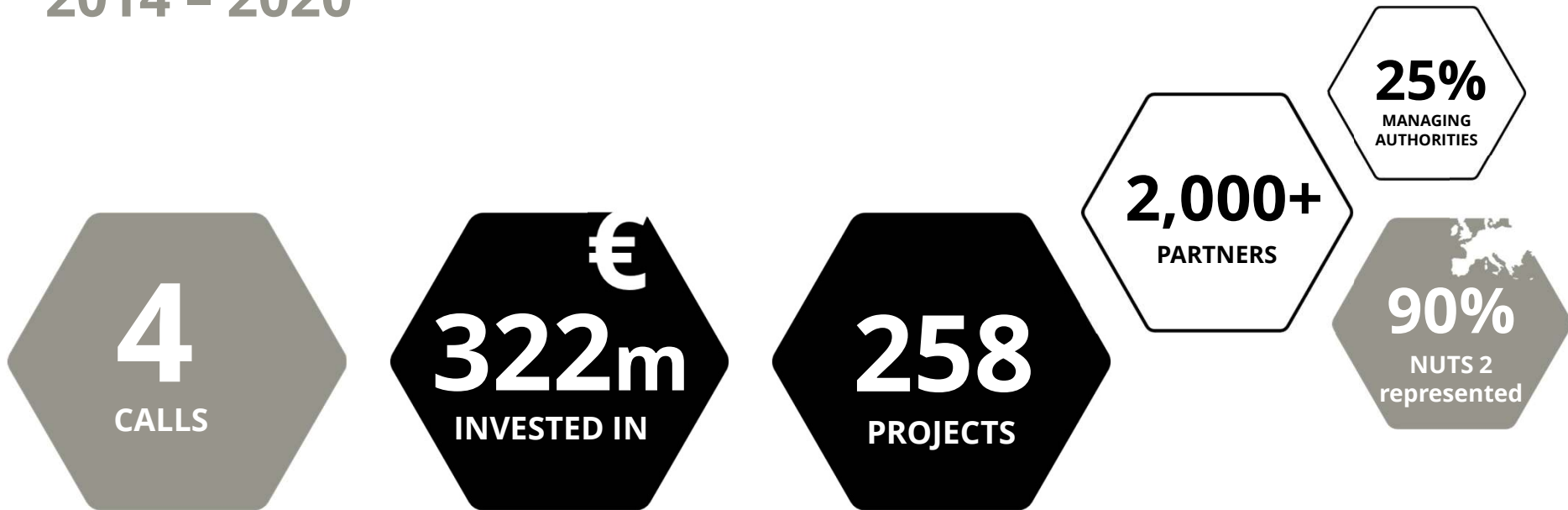
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# 1. Interreg Europe **state of play**



# Interregional cooperation **projects**

2014 - 2020



# Project\* achievements

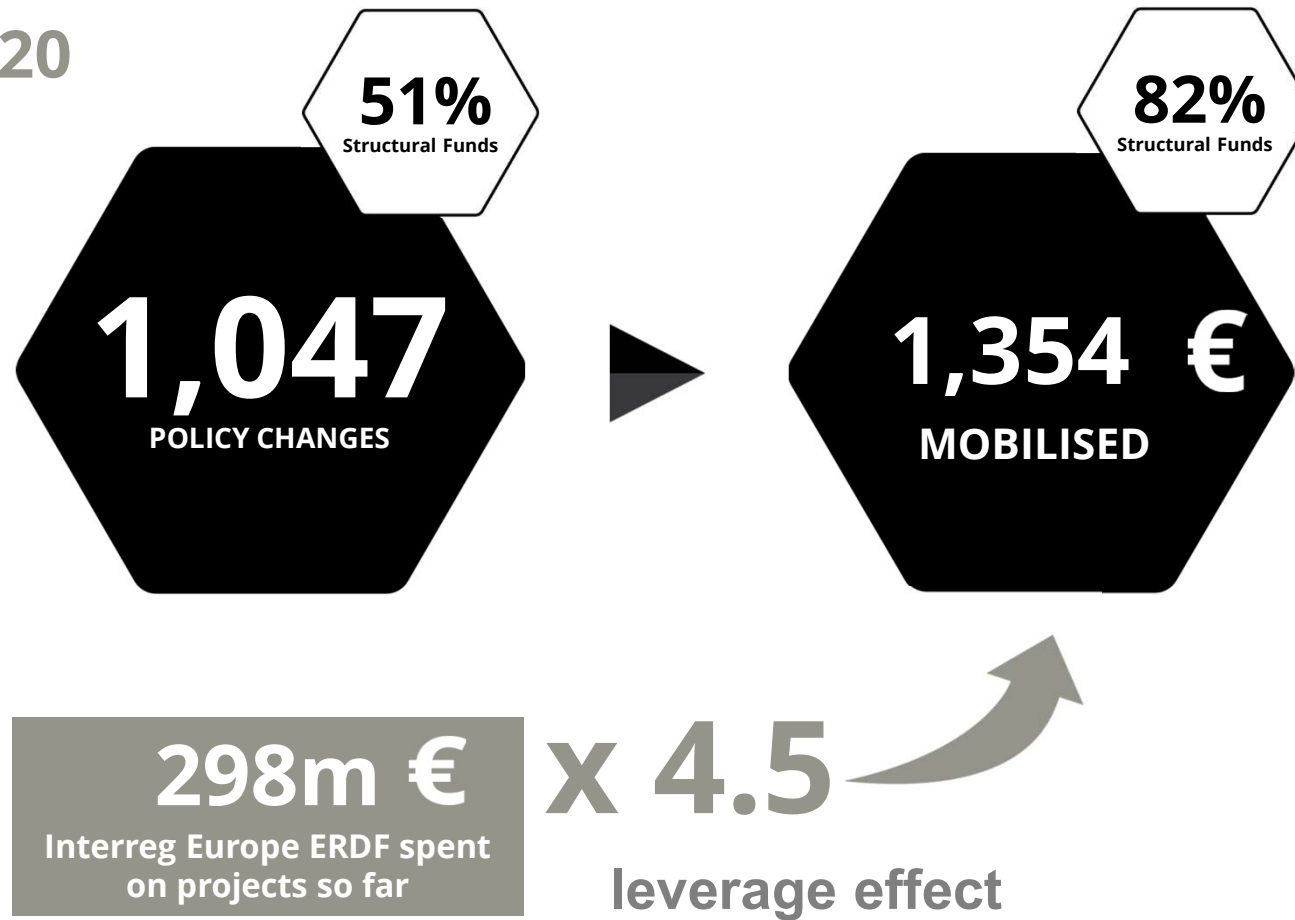
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# Results achieved\* by projects

2014 – 2020

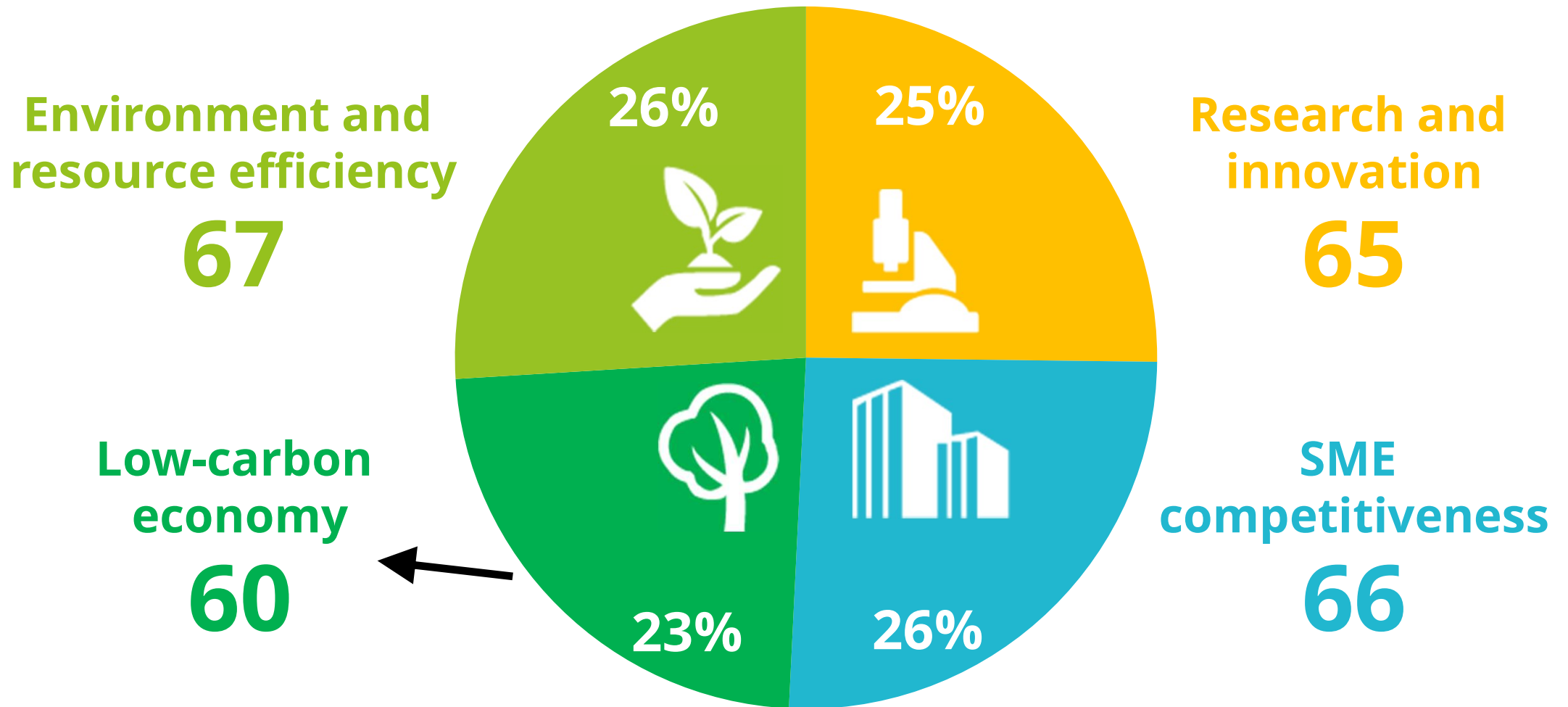


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# 2. Low-carbon economy **SME POWER**



# Balanced allocation of projects per priority





# Low carbon economy – 60 projects

## Low carbon strategies – 11 projects



An interregional cooperation project for improving low-carbon economy policies.


**Project Partners**

**Resources Recovery Regional Agency (IT)**  
European Institute for Innovation - Technology e.V. (DE)  
Regional Public Energy Entity of Castilla y León (ES)  
Hainola City (FI)  
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (IE)  
Innovation & Management Centre Clg Ta Westbhc (IE)  
Local Energy Agency Spodnje Podravje (SI)  
Durham County Council (UK)



- **SMEPlus**
- **COALESCCE**
- **Green Screen**
- **INTENSIFY**
- **LC Districts**
- **MOLOC**
- **PASSAGE**
- **POTEnT**
- **SmartEdge**
- **SMOOTH PORTS**
- **SUPPORT**

# Strengths of SME POWER

- **Topic high on the EU agenda (Energy Efficiency in SMEs)**
  - **Achievements so far: 81 people with increased capacity, 3 policy instruments already improved**
  - **11 good practices identified and 8 in the Good practice database**
  - **Resilience against the COVID crisis**
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# 3. Interreg Europe **2021-2027**



# Sharing solutions for better regional policy



## 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

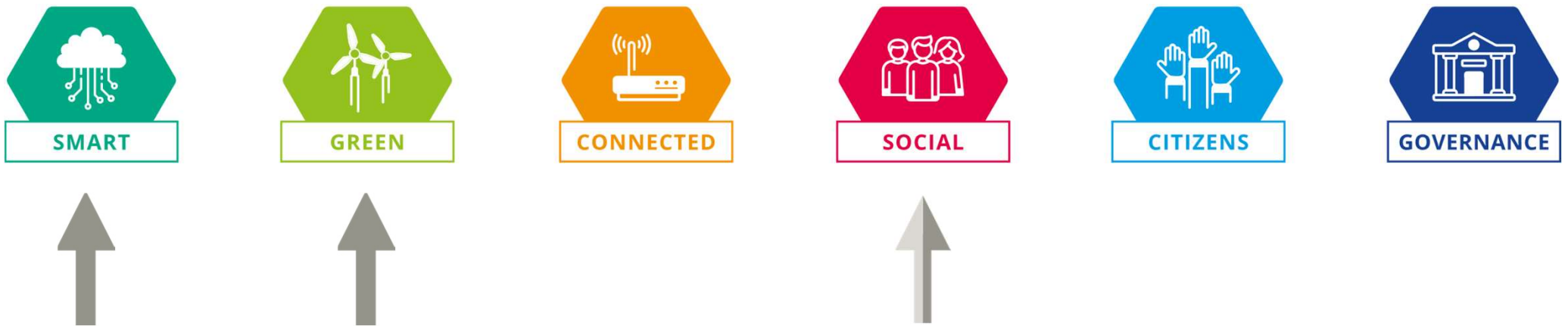
- Primarily dedicated to **public authorities**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

# Programme **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building → **six topics**



**Concentration** principle (80%)

## Two actions



### **Projects**

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



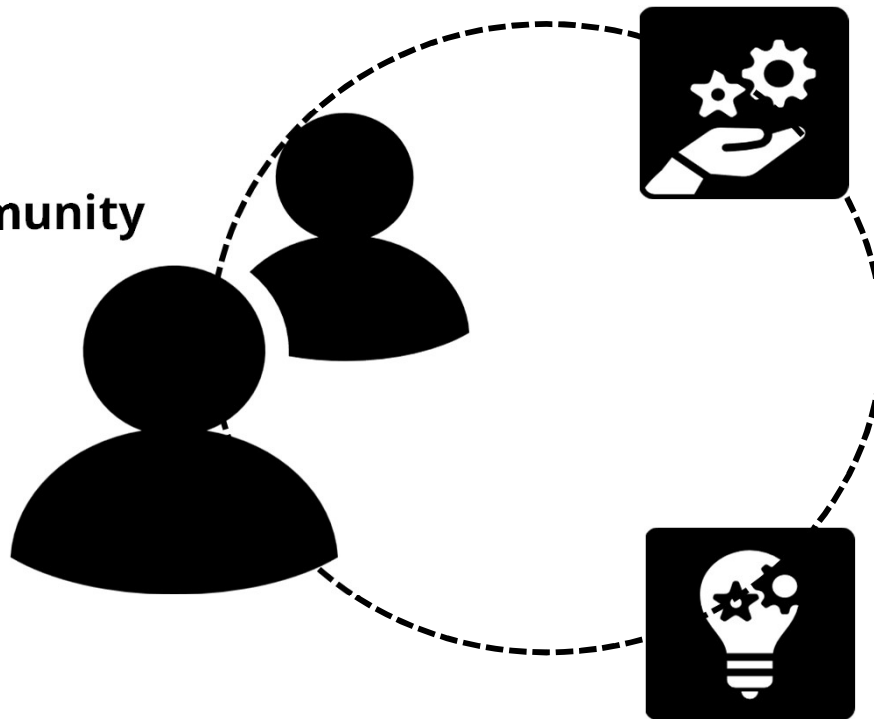
### **Policy Learning Platform**

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

# Platform in a nutshell

**Continuous policy-learning** opportunities through access to:

**PEOPLE**  
Meet our **community**



**EXPERTISE**  
Get **policy advice**

**#policylearning**

**KNOWLEDGE**  
Find **policy solutions**

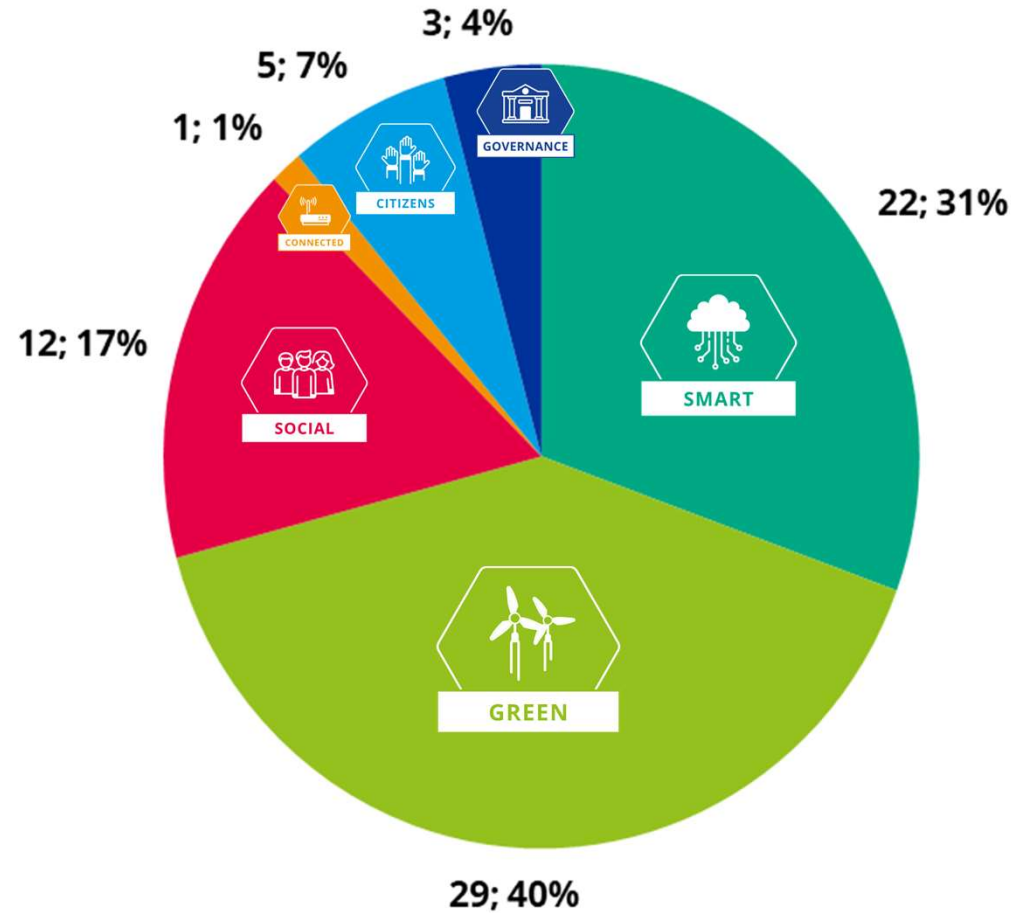


# First Call for project proposals

5 April to 31 May 2022

134 proposals submitted  
**72 projects approved**

**52%**  
Success rate



# First call - **first lessons learned**

## Eligibility

- Status of the **policy responsible authority**
- At least **one Investment for jobs & growth goal programme**

## Quality

- Description of the **policy instrument addressed**
- **Innovative character** (Interreg Europe cannot finance follow up projects)
- Geographical coverage **beyond transnational** cooperation areas (e.g., MED covers Slovenia, Bulgaria and part of France)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for project proposals

Open from **15 March** to **9 June 2023**

- Please check on our website **the recordings of the pre-call online networking events** organized in 2022:

**Smart** - 15 Nov 2022

**Social** - 17 Nov 2022

**Green** - 29 Nov 2022

**Connected, Citizens, Governance** - 1 Dec 2022

**Policy Learning Platform event** - 5 Dec 2022

- The call **launch event**

15 Mar 2023, Stockholm (SE): **Europe, let's cooperate!**

**All topics open**





# Project assistance during the call

- **Q&A online sessions:** at 10 am on 21 Apr, 5 May, 17 May, and 2 Jun
- **Webinar series on project development:**
  - Building a successful partnership on 24 April
  - Designing project methodology on 25 April
  - Management, budget and finances on 26 April
  - Project communication on 27 April



<https://www.interregeurope.eu/news-and-events/news/all-about-the-second-call>

# Project development assistance during call

Discover the programme

Look for funding

Approved projects

Get policy advice

Find policy

## Next call for projects

Discover our terms of reference



### 1. Check project relevance

Use our self-assessment tool



### 4. Find partners

Look for relevant organisations

## Country specific information

Check your country rules



### 2. Get inspired

See approved projects and project ideas



### 3. Share your project idea

Explain what you want to do with your project



### 5. Ask for feedback

Get guidance before applying



### 6. Apply for the call

Submit your project proposal

Available during calls

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call>

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