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Key programme features

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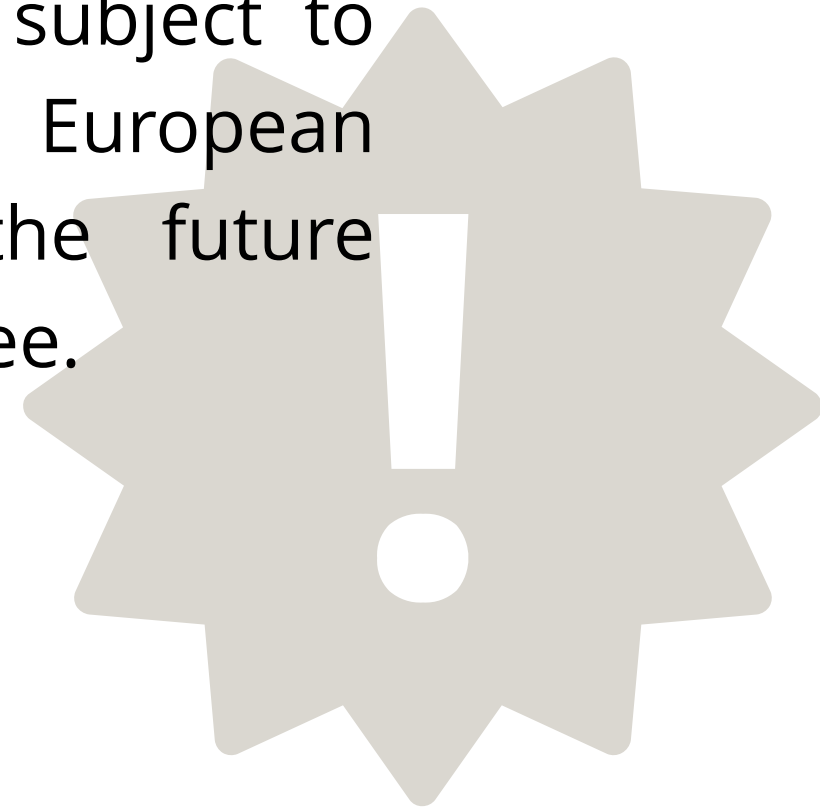


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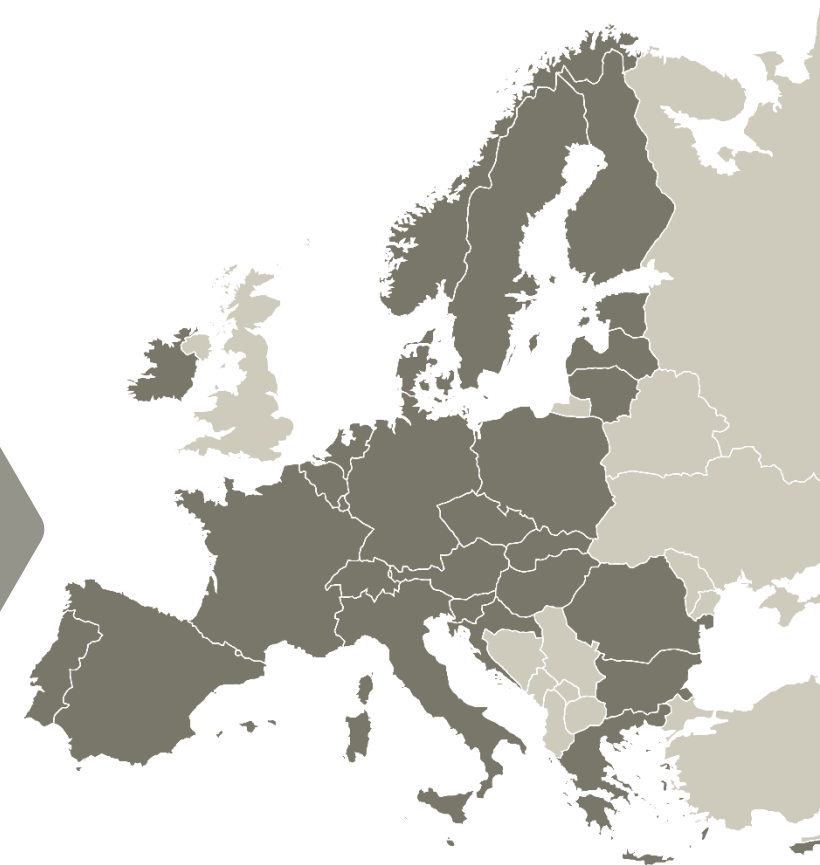


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Sharing solutions for better regional policy



Interreg Europe **objective**

To improve **regional development policy instruments**
(including Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes)

How?

Through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building

- Primarily dedicated to **policymakers**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

What is a **policy instrument**

A means for **public intervention**:

- a policy, strategy, or law
- developed by public authorities
- applied to improve a specific territorial situation

Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes are policy instruments.

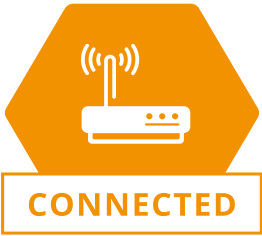
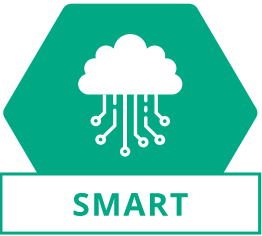
What is a **policy improvement**

Projects report **three types of results**:

- New projects
- Change in governance
- Change in the policy instrument itself

Programme **scope**

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



Concentration principle (80%)



Two actions



Projects

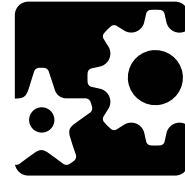
Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring experience on a shared regional development issue



Policy Learning Platform

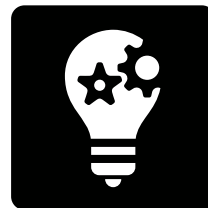
Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

Platform in a nutshell

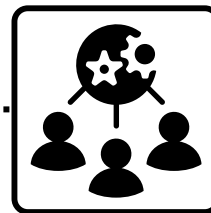


Provides **continuous policy-learning** opportunities
through access to:

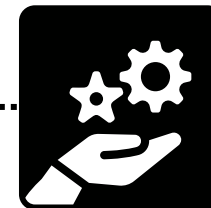
Knowledge



People



Expert support



#policylearning

Key project features

1. Project **objectives & activities**
2. **Partnership** requirements
3. Project **finances**

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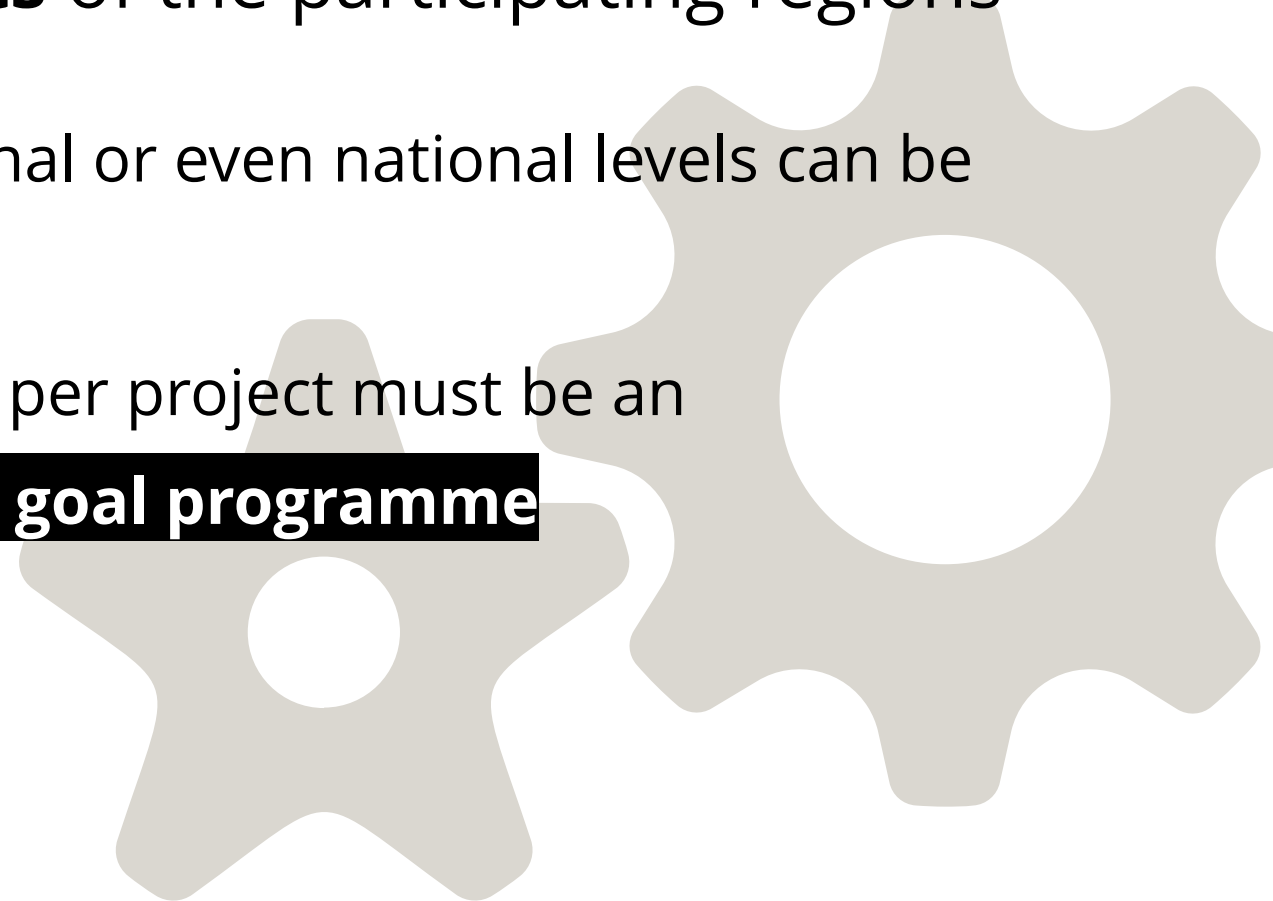
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1. Project objectives & activities

Project **objective**

Improve the **policy instruments** of the participating regions

- Public interventions at local, regional or even national levels can be addressed
- But at least **one** policy instrument per project must be an **Investment for jobs and growth goal programme**



Project **activities**

- Exchange of experience & **capacity building** through identification and transfer of **good practices**
- **Pilot actions** possible from the start of the project or at mid-term (but maximum one per policy instrument)

Implementation of activities

2 phases over 4-year implementation

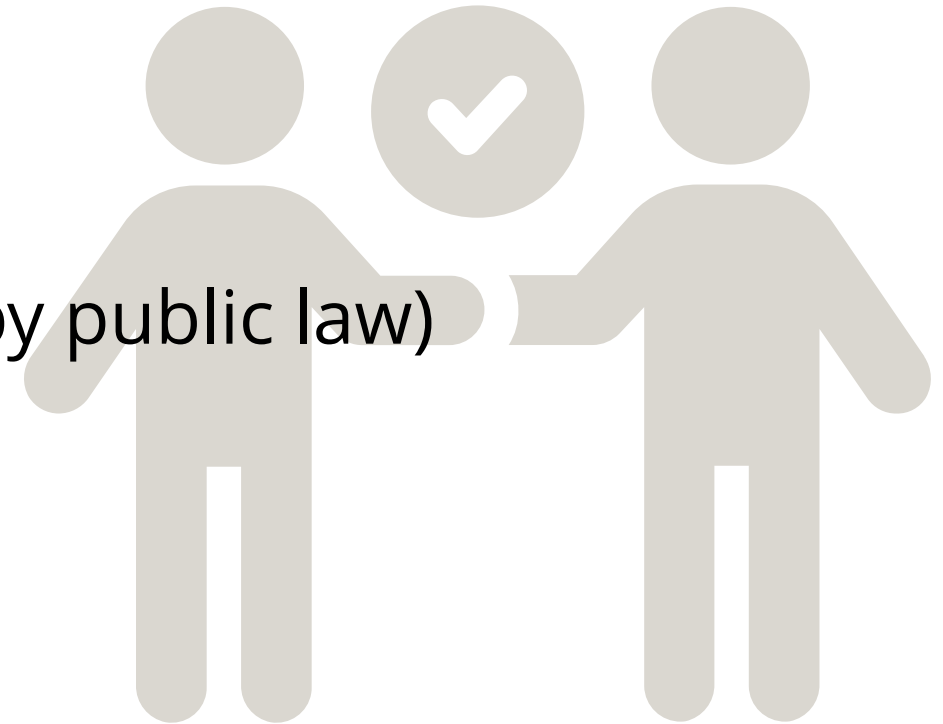
CORE	FOLLOW UP
3 years	1 year
Exchange of experience to achieve policy improvements	Monitor policy improvements

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- Partnership
requirements

Who is **eligible**?

- **Public authorities**
- **Public law bodies** (bodies governed by public law)
- **Private non-profit bodies**



Policy relevance of partnership

Policy responsible authorities must be involved in the project:

- As **partners** for at least **50%** of the policy instruments addressed
- As **'associated policy authorities'** for the remaining policy instruments

Geographical coverage

- Broad coverage required
- Mixed between more and less advanced regions



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- Project
finances

Co-financing rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% ERDF*	Public or public equivalent from the EU
70% ERDF*	Private non-profit from the EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

* ERDF - European Regional Development Fund

Simplified financial rules

Cost categories	Simplification
Preparation costs	Lump sum €17,500
Staff	Fixed % of the real gross employment cost
Office & administration	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs
Travel & accommodation	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs (real cost reporting only in specific justified cases)
External Expertise and Services	
Equipment	
Infrastructure and Works	For pilots only

Plus:

- Simplified reporting, faster payments to projects
- Less control (sampling, risk-based verifications)

First Call

Call **main features**

1. When? **5 April – 31 May 2022, 12 noon** (CEST Paris time)
2. How much? **Up to 130 MEUR**
3. About what? all **topics** open
4. From where? all **corners** of the programme area

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Innovative character

What is the **added value** of your project?

Remember to check:

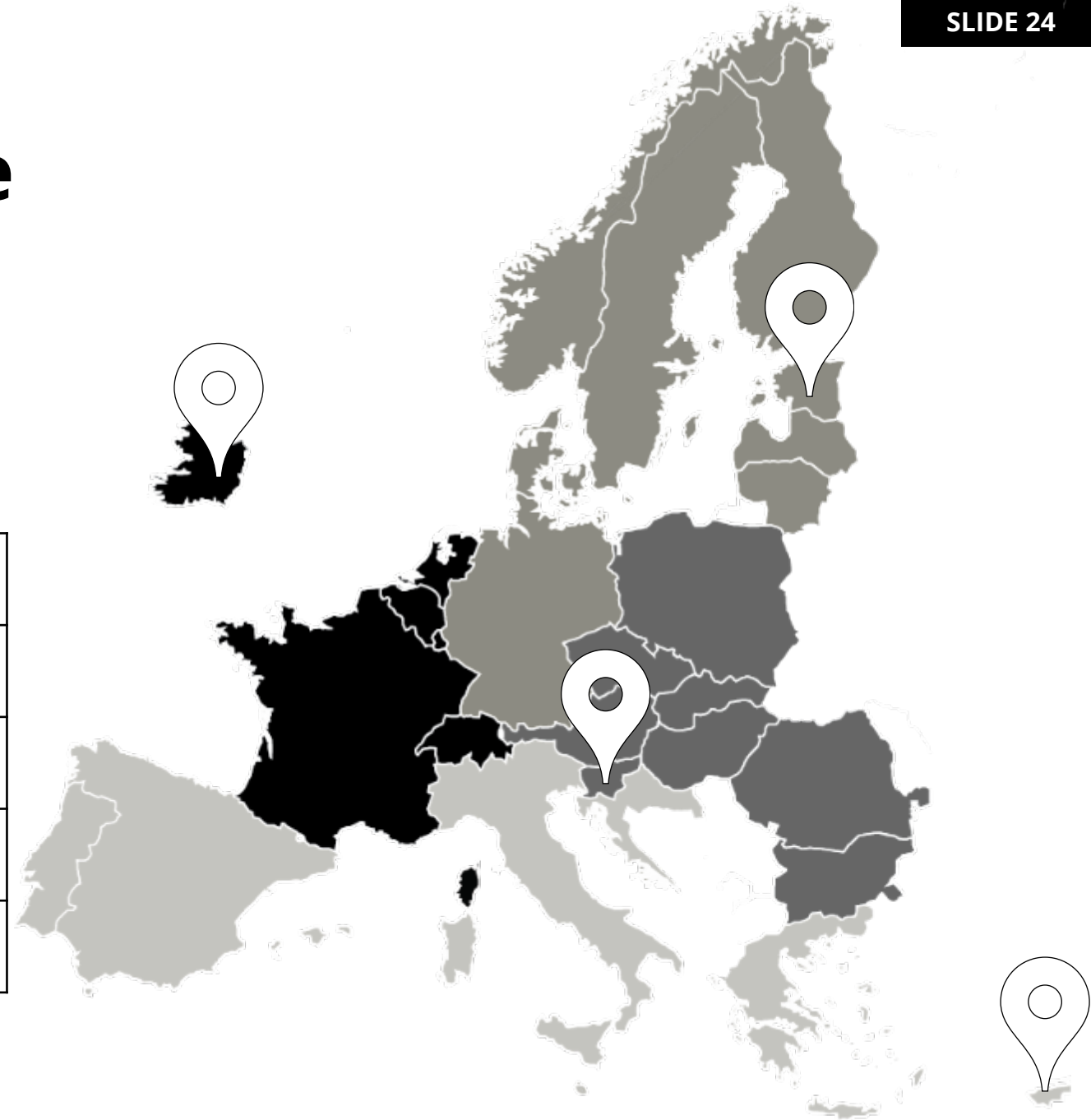
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Geographical **coverage**

- **Four areas** to be covered

Geographical areas	Countries covered
North	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland



Steps to **project development**

1. Check **relevance**
2. Get **inspired**
3. Share **project idea**
4. Find **partners**
5. Get **feedback**

First call **launch event** **#europecooperates**

5 April 2022, 10:00 – 16:00

- Online event presenting the **features of the first call**
- Networking opportunities to complete **project partnerships**
- **Inspiration** from running projects

Time for questions



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Thank you!

