



INTERREG IVC

INNOVATION & ENVIRONMENT
REGIONS OF EUROPE SHARING SOLUTIONS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

EU Interregional Cooperation

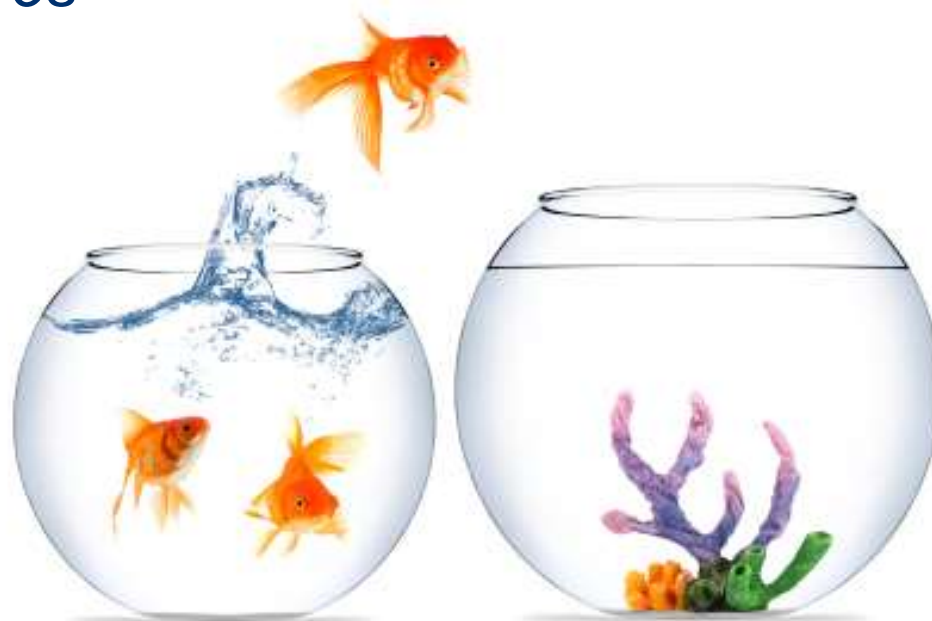
State of play and perspectives

Akos Szabo | *Project Officer*

Joint Technical Secretariat

TOURAGE final conference

18 September 2014, Brussels



Summary

1. INTERREG IVC state of play
2. TOURAGE project
3. Future: INTERREG EUROPE

1. INTERREG IVC programme

‘Learning by sharing’

Local / regional authorities access the experience of others in Europe facing similar issues to improve their practices / policies

in the fields of

Innovation and the knowledge economy

Environment and risk prevention

Overview approved projects

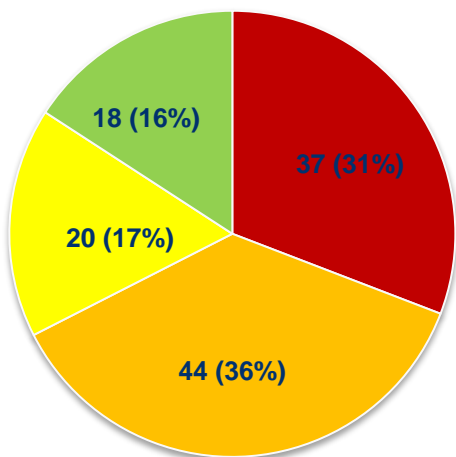
204
projects

2 274
partners

90% of 271 NUTS 2
regions covered

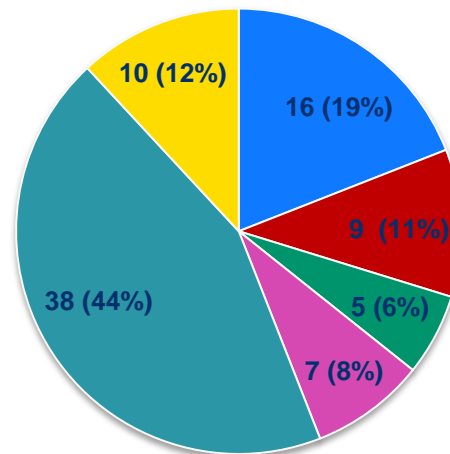
All funds (302 M€) committed

Priority 1



- Innovation, research and technology development
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Information Society
- Employment, human capital and education

Priority 2



- Natural and technological risks
- Water management
- Waste management
- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
- Energy and sustainable transport
- Cultural heritage and landscape

Thematic Programme Capitalisation

To exploit and build on knowledge
from projects **working on a similar topic**
for the benefit of local and regional authorities all around Europe

Experienced **thematic experts** analyse projects in order to:

- identify synergies & complementarities
- discover innovative approaches & make them available to all EU regions
- draw policy recommendations for regional, national & EU levels

Main achievements (as of June 2013)

Objective:

EU wide exchange of experience / capacity building

90% of EU NUTS 2 regions covered

6,188 staff with increased capacity

369 'spin-off activities'

Objective:

Identification / sharing / transfer of good practices

4,709 good practices identified



403 successfully transferred

Overall objective:

Improvement of regional and local policies

1,943 policies addressed



432 policies improved

See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Report!

TOPIC & METHOD

Unique topic – senior tourism in remote regions

+

Intense interregional exchange process & dissemination activities



PARTNERSHIP

11 committed partners from
9 Member States
representing a good balance
in terms of type of partners
and experience

RESULTS (so far)

40 good practices identified and 2 new
project ideas developed (thematic
tours in three different European
Islands & FLOWS 3S)
and many others in progress

3. Future: INTERREG EUROPE



Context

1. New objective set for interregional cooperation



2. Concentration principles



**INTERREG
EUROPE**

3. Smart Specialisation strategies

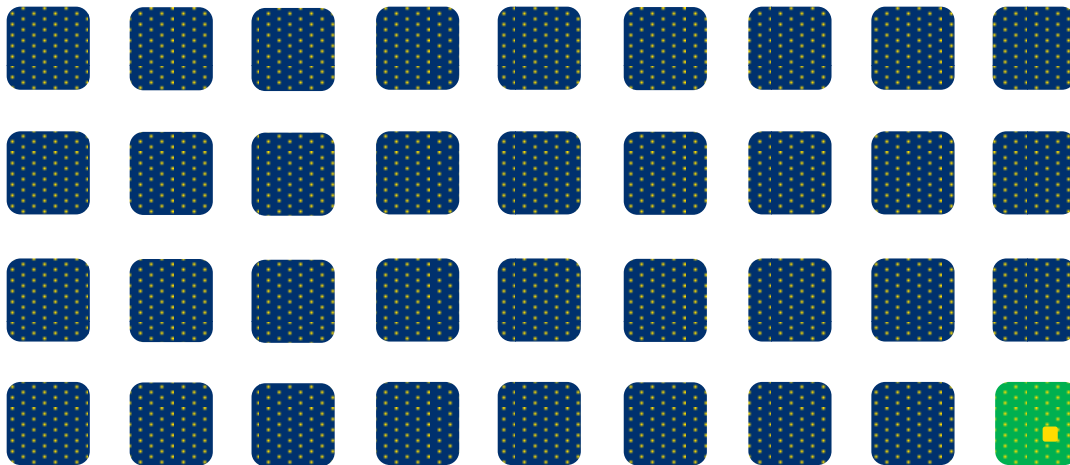


4. Integration of Regions of Knowledge (RoK)



Policy learning among public authorities
to improve performance of policies & programmes for regional development,
in particular **Structural Funds programmes**

EU Cohesion policy



Goal 1:
Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 316 billion

Goal 2:
European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 8.9 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m

Main features

- Eligible area: EU28 + Norway & Switzerland
- Who is eligible?
 - Public bodies
 - Bodies governed by public law
 - Private non-profit bodies (RoK 'heritage')
- Co-financing rates
 - 85% for public or public equivalent
 - 75% for private non profit



Four themes

**Research &
innovation**

**SME
competitiveness**

**Low-carbon
economy**

**Environment &
resource efficiency**

2 actions

Interregional Cooperation Projects



Policy Learning Platforms





A. Interregional Cooperation Projects

Implementation in **2 phases**

Phase 1

Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years)
ending up with production of 1 **Action Plan** / Region

Phase 2

Monitoring of the Action Plan's implementation +
possible **pilot** actions (up to 2 years)

Creation of '**local stakeholder groups**'





B. Policy Learning Platforms

EU-wide capacity building on:

Innovation

SME competitiveness

Low-carbon economy

Resource efficiency

1 service provider per thematic objective via:

Online collaborative tool + **Expert team**



Platforms: objectives

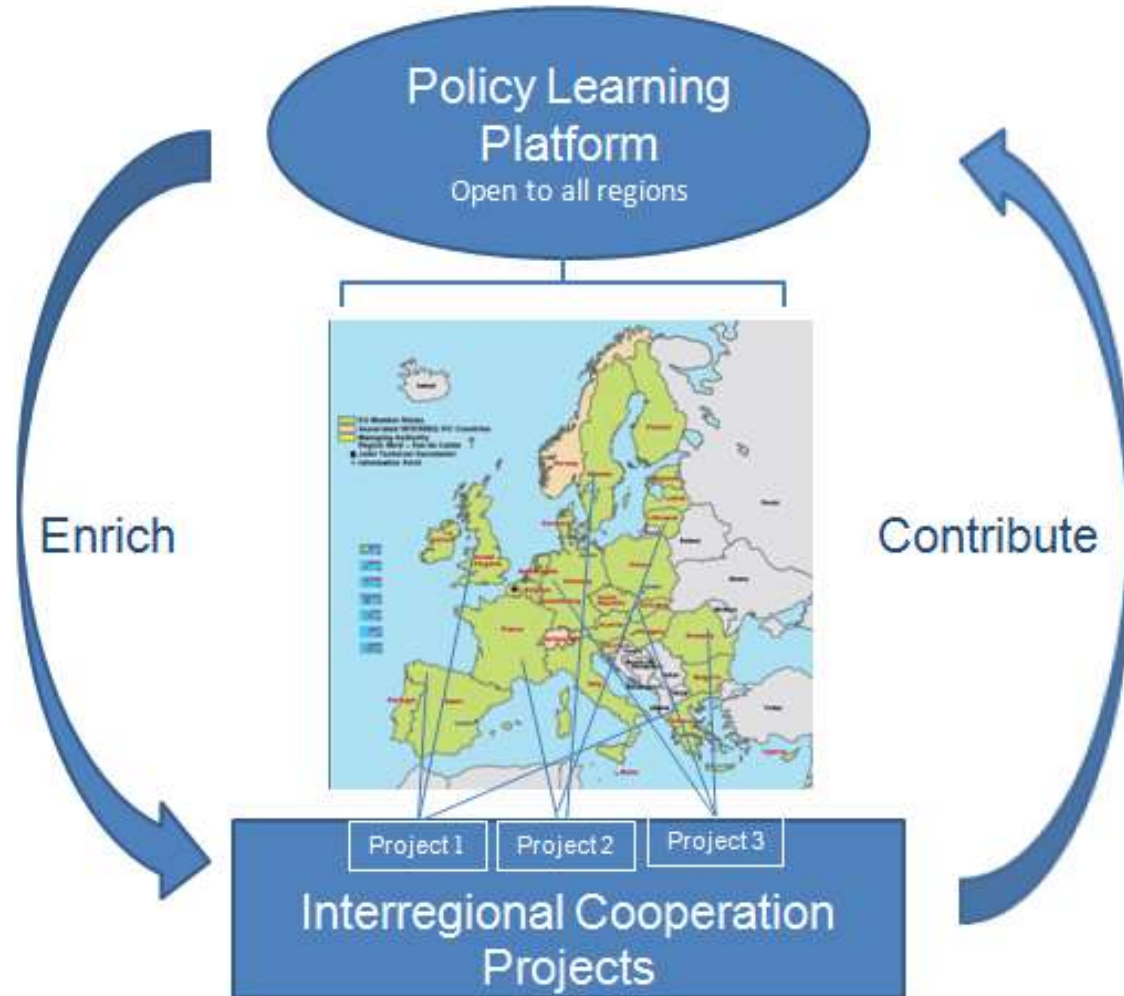


Overall objective: To ensure policy learning across EU

Specific objective:

- a) To contribute to EU-wide capacity building } 'External capitalisation'
 - b) To optimise the exploitation of project results
 - c) To improve the quality of the programme content
- } 'Internal Capitalisation'

2 interrelated actions



Programming – Indicative timeline



21 September 2014



You are part of it!

Showcasing project results and highlighting importance of territorial cooperation.



www.youtube.com/embed/Djsc1arYsml

INTERREG IVC celebrates:

- 15 final conferences
- 4 project videos in contest
- 2 projects in a national exhibition

For more information, please, follow us on:



interreg4c.eu/interreg-europe



facebook.com/interreg4c



twitter.com/interreg4c



changing-regions.eu