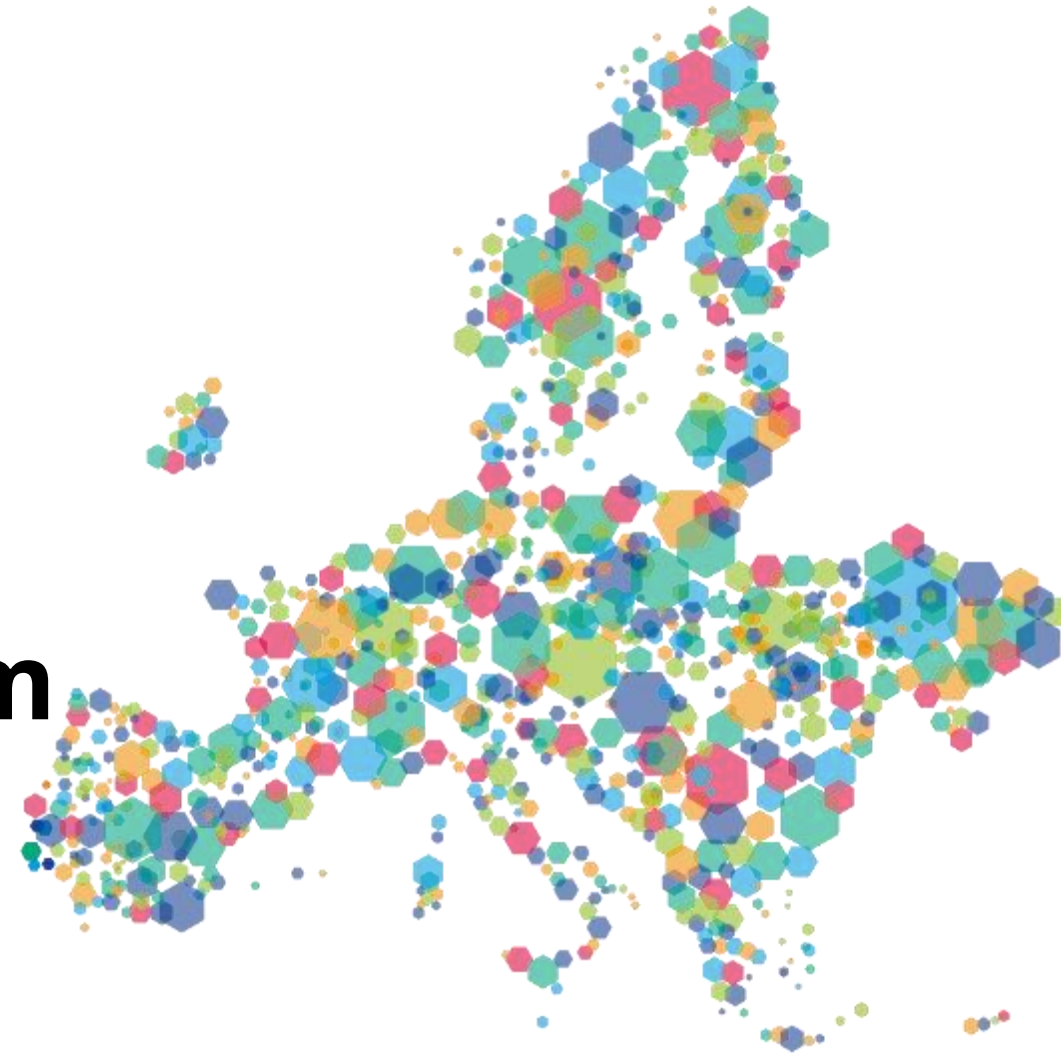


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Webinar on Interreg Europe's Policy Learning Platform



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Agenda

09:30	Welcome and introduction <i>Gerd Slinning, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development</i> <i>Jon Halvard Eide, National Contact Point, Agder County Council</i>
09:40	Interreg Europe key features <i>Kristaps Ročāns, Interreg Europe</i>
09:50	Policy Learning Platform rationale & services <i>Kristaps Ročāns, Interreg Europe</i>
10:10	Q&A
10:20	Zoom in on the peer review service <i>Thorsten Kohlisch, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</i>
10:40	Examples of Peer reviews from Norway
11:00	Q&A about the peer review service
11:30	<i>End of the webinar</i>

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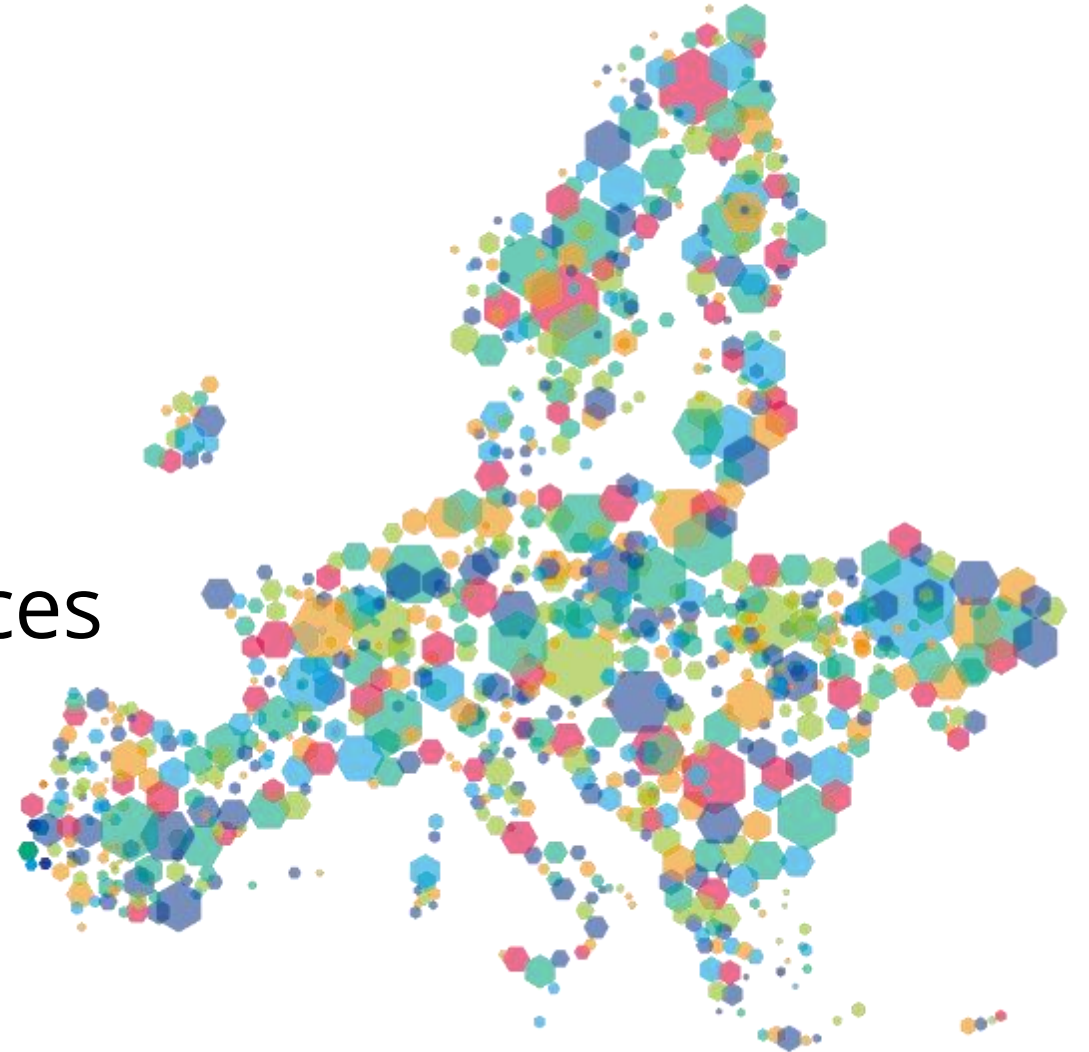
Key features & Policy Learning Platform services



Kristaps Ročāns
Policy Officer
Interreg Europe Secretariat



Thorsten Kohlisch
Lead Manager
Policy Learning Platform



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Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

- 4 strands, each strand with its own scope and objectives
- 86 programmes, 10 billion euros ERDF

A	Cross-border	64 programmes EUR 6.7 billion	
B	Transnational	13 programmes EUR 2.3 billion	
C	Interregional	4 programmes EUR 560 million	Interreg Europe Urbact, Interact, Espon
D	Outermost regions	5 areas EUR 330 million	

MEUR 394

PROGRAMME
BUDGET



Interreg Europe objective

To improve **regional development policies** through the identification and transfer of good practices among EU regions

Helps policymakers to find new solutions to their challenges

- Primarily dedicated to policymakers
- Focus on exchange of experience



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

Programme area

36 Partner States

All EU27 + Norway and Switzerland

Seven new countries joined in 2024

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia
- Ukraine



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Programme scope

1 priority on capacity building → **All topics of Cohesion policy eligible**



SMART



GREEN



CONNECTED



SOCIAL



CITIZENS



GOVERNANCE

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

Project features



WHY?

To find **inspiration** and new **policy solutions** to solve **regional development** challenges

Partnerships of European regions



WHO?

Policymakers from different **European regions**



HOW?

Through **exchange** of **experience** activities over 4 years

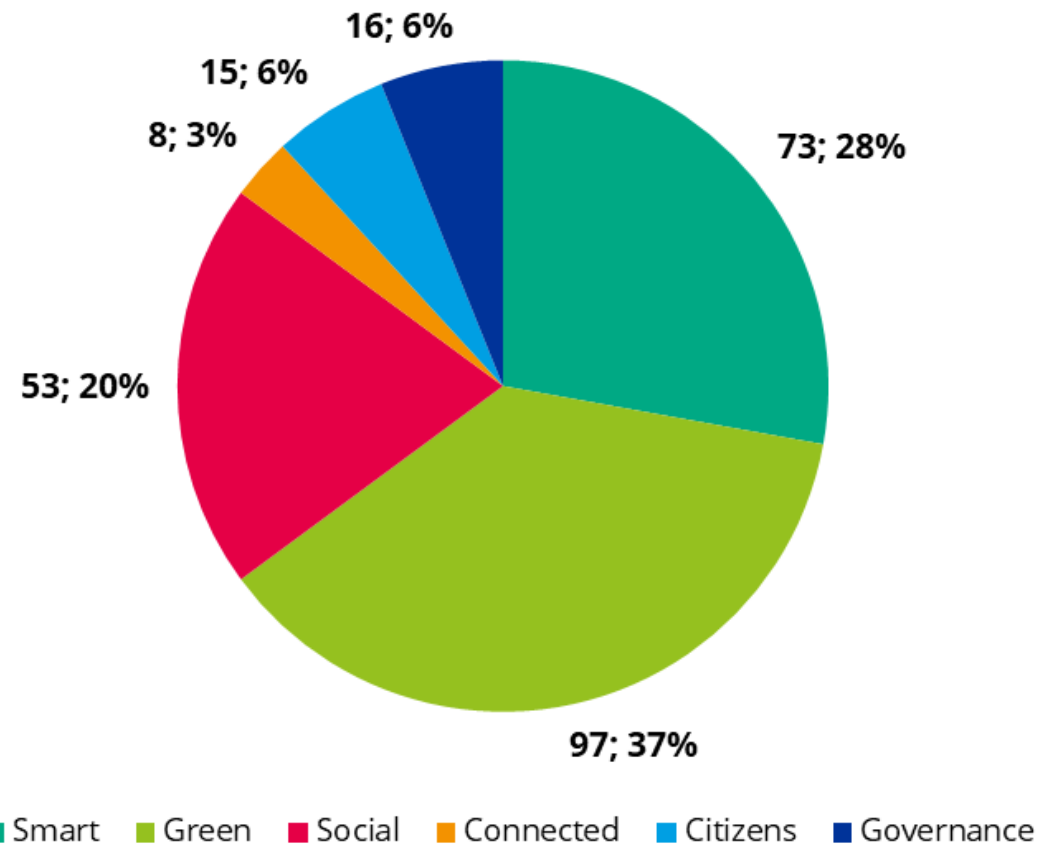


Interregional cooperation projects

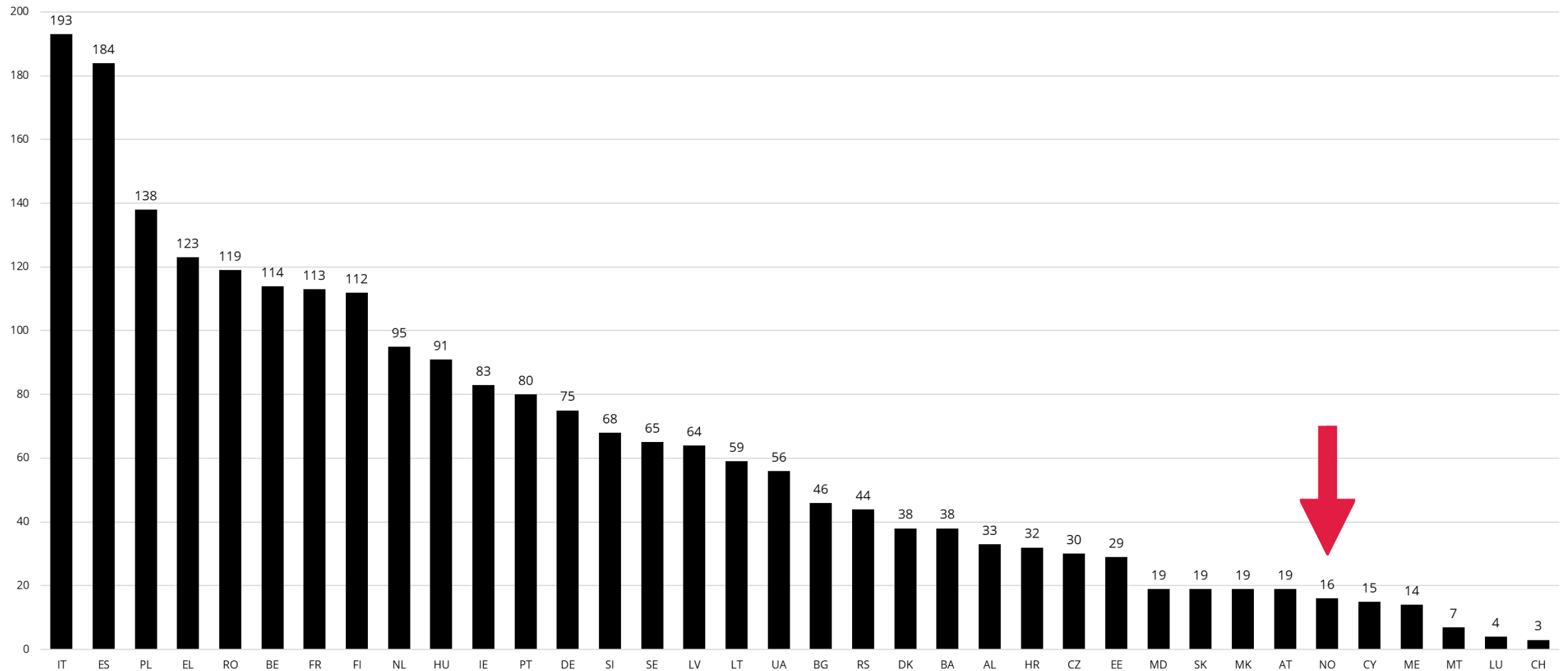
262 approved projects

- 2,260 project partners
- 36 countries
- 89% NUTS2 regions
- After three calls

No further calls planned



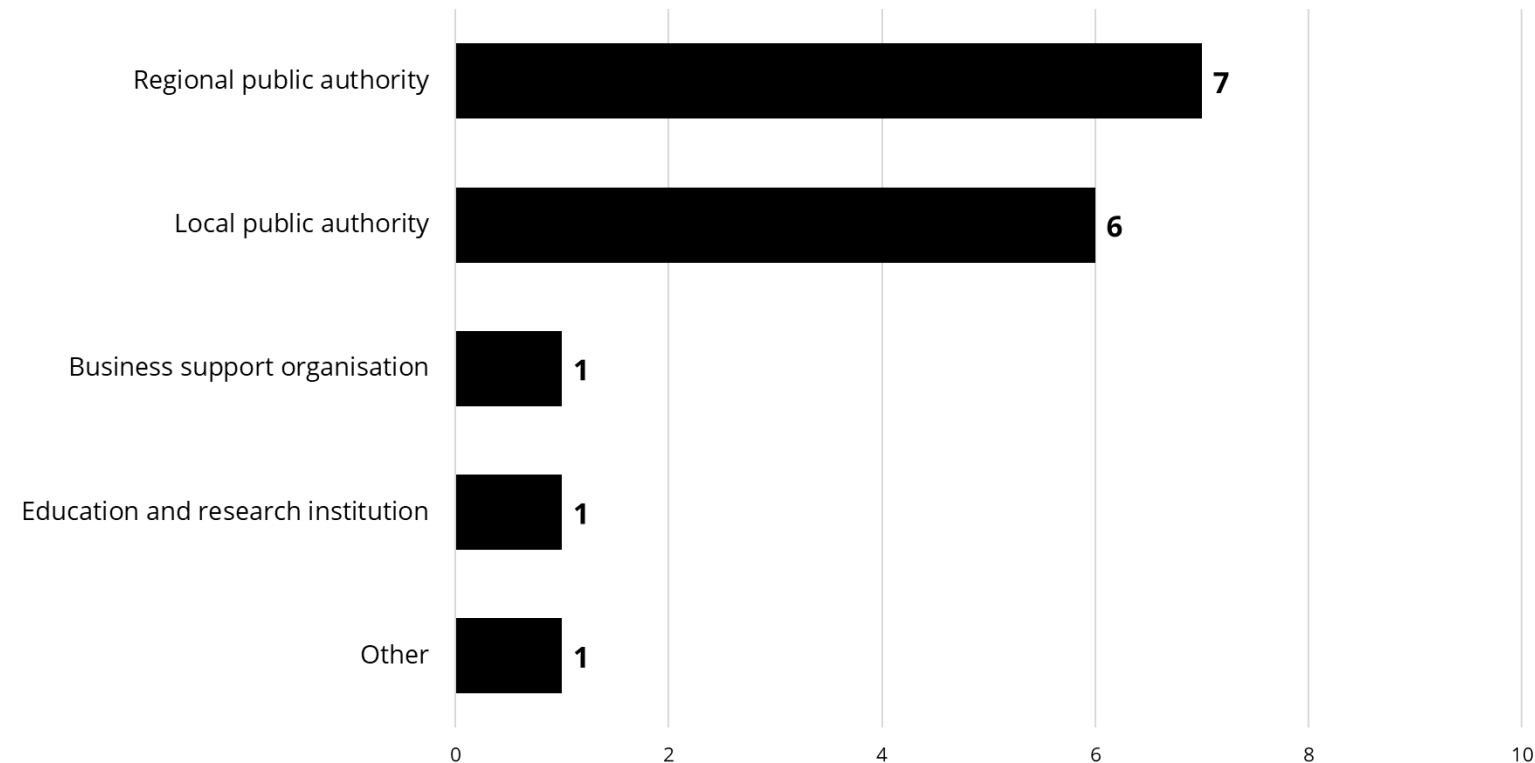
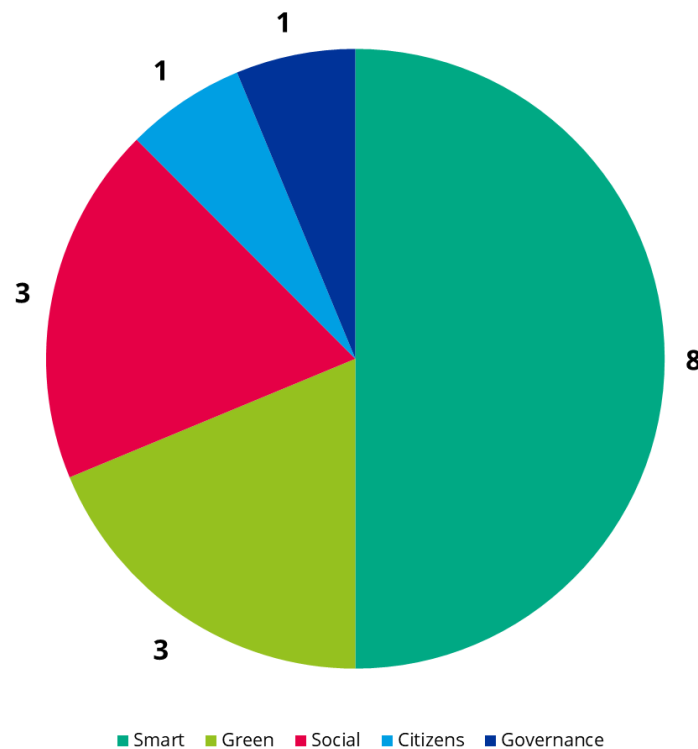
Approved project partners by countries



Running projects in **Norway**

16 partners in 15 projects

MEUR 1.58 committed



Time for questions



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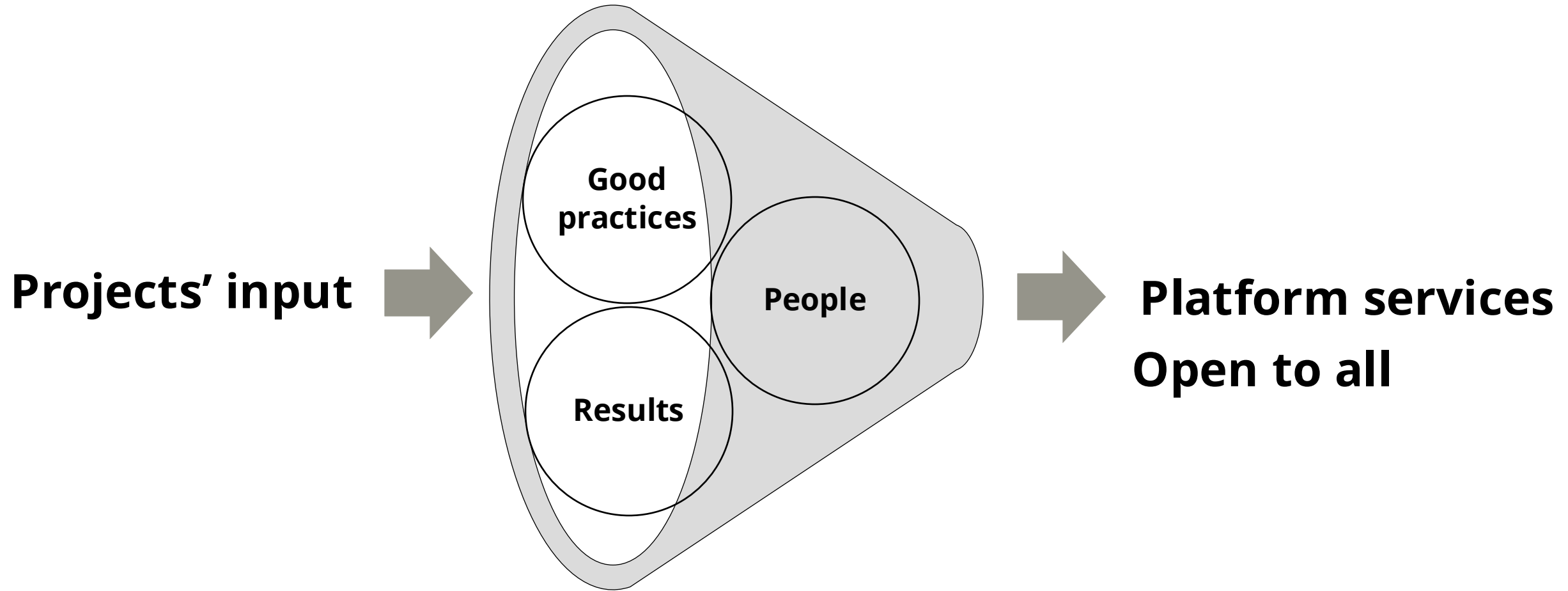


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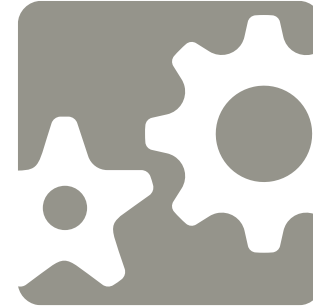
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Why a Policy Learning Platform? to share the projects' treasure



Platform features



WHY?

Increase your **knowledge**
Expand your **network**
Get **free expertise**

→ **Policy learning and expertise for all policymakers**



WHO?

Anyone interested
in regional policies



WHAT?

Offer **policy solutions and expert advice** to all European regions

What makes us unique: our team of experts!



Experts are at your disposal anytime and their services are free!



What challenges does your region face?

*“The **Policy Learning Platform**
is key to unlocking unique
solutions to our challenges.”*

Maria Dollard

Kilkenny County Council, Ireland



Our topics

SMART

- Research and innovation
- Innovation capacities
- Skills for S3
- Digitalisation
- Digital connectivity
- SME competitiveness
- Entrepreneurship
- Industrial transition

GREEN

- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Smart energy systems
- Climate change
- Water management
- Circular economy
- Nature and biodiversity
- Zero-carbon urban mobility
- Risk management and resilience

CONNECTED

- Sustainable TEN-T
- Sustainable mobility

SOCIAL

- Labour market
- Employment
- Education
- Social inclusion
- Social economy
- Integration of migrants
- Health care
- Culture and sustainable tourism

CITIZENS

- Integrated urban development
- Integrated non-urban development
- Natural heritage

GOVERNANCE

- Elaboration, management and evaluation of policies
- EU's eastern borders
- Citizens' engagement
- Community resilience

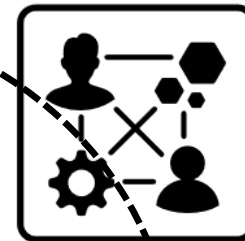
Under which topic
does **your policy**
challenge fall?

Platform in a nutshell

Capacity-building tool for all policymakers through access to:

Knowledge

Find policy solutions
(good practice database
thematic publications)



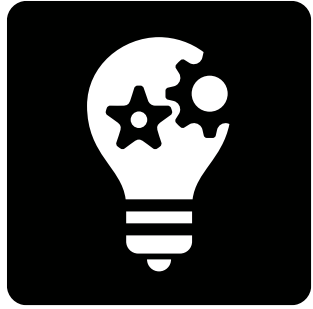
People

Meet our community
(thematic events, webinars)



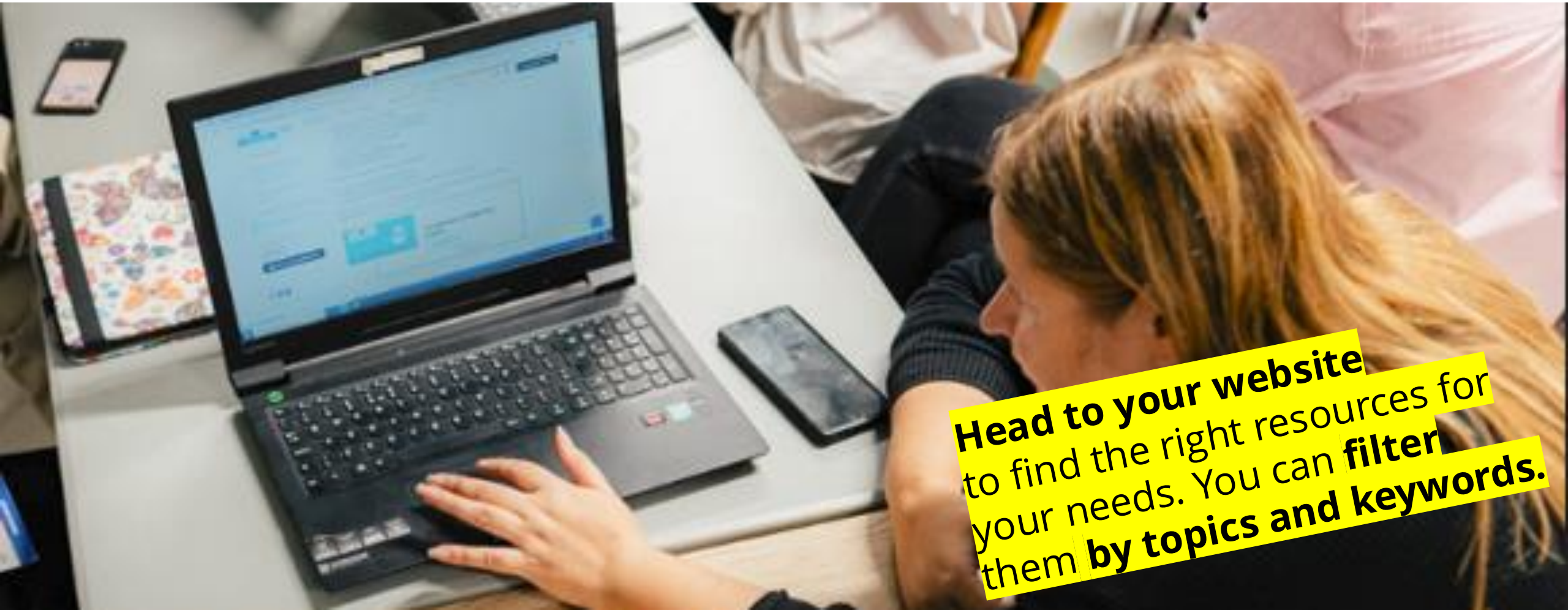
Expertise

Get expert support
(policy helpdesk,
matchmakings, peer reviews)



Knowledge

Find **policy solutions**



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4,000+
good practices



100+
policy briefs



150+
stories



100+
**webinar
recordings**

Policy solutions: good practice database

- Expert validated
- Tested by the regions
- Well evidenced
- A database of practitioners



<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions/good-practices>

Good practice map

Find all good practices across Europe, at all levels: local, regional and national.

 [Show the list](#)

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 **Norway**
28 good practices

 [Show filters](#)

FILTER BY THEMATIC AREAS

[Check / uncheck all topics](#)

of good practices

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☒		Citizens 2 subtopics	1	▼
☒		Governance 1 subtopics	0	▼

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Good practices **from Norway**



Recruitment Quota for Young Professional Fishermen/women

An age-and-gender targeted bonus quota scheme enabling young fishers to strengthen their quota basis and gain access to regulated fisheries

05 Dec 2025 | By project Women on Board

 Expert approved



Dynamic regulation of e-scooters by local public authorities

In the city of Bergen, shared electric scooters are managed in a flexible way through a public-controlled dashboard and close collaboration with operators.

10 Apr 2025 | By project SMAPE

 Expert approved



Regional Call for "Cowork in Small Places"

The practice is a regional call for co-funding the establishment and development of coworking facilities in small places to improve attractiveness.

19 Mar 2025 | By project EDIN

 Expert approved



A Energylab for developing local expertise about the green transition

The practice illustrates collaboration among key local actors and development of an Energy Lab that lays the groundwork for a platform for STEM education.

13 Mar 2025 | By project Green Hydra

 Expert approved

A Good practice example:

Empowering youth and local producers through cultural tourism

- About this good practice
- Evidence of success
- Potential for learning or transfer, resources
- Expert opinion

More information available [Here](#)



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Policy solutions: **policy briefs**

Learn from the **expert analyses** in our **policy briefs**
– unpacking inspiring projects' results and good practices.



POLICY BRIEF

Labour market integration of displaced Ukrainians and other third country nationals

Discover good practices and policy solutions to speed up labour market entry and reduce skill underuse of displaced Ukrainians and other third-country nationals.

26 January 2026 | By Platform



POLICY BRIEF

Energy renovation in multi-apartment buildings

Discover success cases, lessons, and available financial support from across Europe concerning energy renovation in multi-apartment buildings.

19 January 2026 | By Platform



POLICY BRIEF

Innovation intermediaries in challenge-driven ecosystems

In this policy brief you'll read about how innovation intermediaries connect policymakers, SMEs, academia and society to turn visions into action and evolve into system stewards for innovation.

05 January 2026 | By Platform

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions/policy-briefs>

Policy solutions: stories

Get inspired by our stories with **successful examples**, featuring tested good practices from our projects.



STORY

Citizens as guardians of urban green spaces

Discover how the NEBA project is tackling climate change and increasing its resilience by fostering citizen participation and active engagement in the City of Turin, Italy.

26 February 2026 | By Platform



STORY

Unlocking new paths to rebalanced tourism flows

From muddy autumn festivals in Estonia to dragon trails in Kraków and protected floating gardens in France, European regions are rebalancing tourism by spreading visitors across seasons and places in smarter, more sustainable ways. Read the story.

27 January 2026 | By Platform



STORY

De-risking self-creation of jobs

Enabling jobseekers to create their own jobs contributes to economic dynamism and social sustainability. Discover the SAACE model, a framework for de-risking self-creation of jobs.

13 January 2026 | By Platform

Policy solutions: webinar recordings

Discover valuable **insights**, **strategies**, and **actionable takeaways** by watching our webinar recordings – policy learning at your own pace.



Towards Innovation Intermediaries 3.0: key learnings

On 23 April 2026, the Policy Learning Platform held a webinar on Innovation Intermediaries 3.0. Find the key learnings and discover how policymakers can promote these organisations.

29 April 2026 | By Platform



Social impact measurement: key learnings

On 7 April 2026, the Policy Learning Platform hosted a webinar talking about Social impact measurement. Discover the key learnings.

14 April 2026 | By Platform



Sustainable energy in business: key learnings

On 1 April 2026, the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform held a webinar exploring Sustainable energy in business.

03 April 2026 | By Platform

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions/event-learnings>



People

Meet our community

A photograph of a group of people, mostly women, sitting around a table in what appears to be a workshop or meeting. They are looking at documents and talking. The image is partially overlaid by a hexagonal diagram and a yellow banner.

Workshops

Like-minded people

Contacts

Webinars

Collaborative learning

Recordings of past events

Network of over 22,000 policymakers

Check our online community to connect with other professionals already working on your topic.

Access to community

- Be part of a powerful network!
- Connect with like-minded people
- Add EU leverage to your daily work

25,189 results members

Members



Leena Vuotovesi
Director
Oulun Liikekeskus
+ Finland

Interested in
Find policy solutions +1



Charlotta Porsö
Project manager
City of Stockholm
Sweden

Interested in
Lead a project



Jorge Valls Carbonell
Energy technician in European projects
Municipal Autonomous Organism Sustainable Valencia
Spain

Interested in
Join a project

1 project

25,000+
community members

16,000+
organisations

+700 events online or in-person

Participate in our events to learn from good practices from all across Europe, exchange with community members and build your policy network.

5 event(s)

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05 - 06 MAY 2026
Fojnica, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Peer review: Improving Local Policies and Spatial Planning for Flood Prevention
Fojnica faces severe flood risks worsened by climate change. The peer review seeks solutions for better spatial planning, nature-based measures, and early warning systems.

06 - 07 MAY 2026
Nice, France
Cooperation actions in action: how ideas lead to impact
This event, organised by Interact, is designed as a practical exchange platform for Managing Authorities and programme practitioners working with cooperation actions under the investment for jobs and growth objective.

07 - 08 MAY 2026
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Peer review: management
Sarajevo seeks planning, and strategies to re-river and create sustainable urban environment.

180+
policy-learning events

Community: members and organisations

Join our community!

- Driven by thematic experts
- Fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing



Chiara Dall'Aglia

Responsible for EU cooperation and projects development

Sviluppumbria

Italy

Interested in

Lead a project +1



1 project



NÖ Energie- und Umweltagentur GmbH

Austria

Niederösterreich

Regional public authority

Members are interested in

Join a project



Institution Regional Development Agency of Chernivtsi Oblast

Ukraine

New country

Regional public authority

Members are interested in

Join a project +3



Ayuntamiento de Alcantarilla

Spain

Región de Murcia

Local public authority

Members are interested in

Join a project +3



Luc Hulsman

Programme manager

Alliance of Northern Netherland Provinces

Netherlands

Interested in

Find policy solutions +1



4 projects

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/community>

Community: events

- Monthly thematic webinars
- In-person and online workshops (2x a year) primarily for projects
- **Capacity building events** in new countries
- Up on-demand online discussions

The screenshot displays the 'Community: events' interface. At the top, a calendar for May 2026 shows dates from 27 to 31. Below the calendar are filter buttons: 'Select all', 'General info', 'Smart', 'Green', 'Connected', 'Social', 'Citizens', and 'Governance'. A 'Platform' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red circle. Below the filters are 'Reset filters' and 'Filter events' buttons. To the right, a section titled '4 event(s)' shows a list of events with a 'See all events' link and navigation arrows.

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Peer review: Water management Sarajevo
Sarajevo seeks better governance, planning, and regeneration strategies to restore the Miljacka River and create a healthier, more sustainable urban environment.

21 MAY 2026
Online
Expanding women's participation across industries
Join us on 21 May 2026 for webinar on widening participation of girls and women in STEM traditionally male-dominated sectors such as technology, manufacturing, energy and economy.

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/news-and-events>



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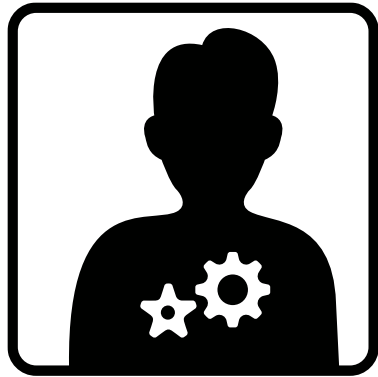
Get policy advice

Which **expert service**
fits your needs best?



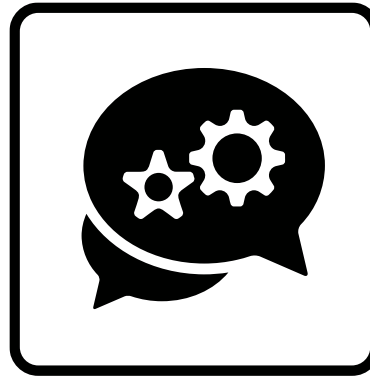
Access to expert support

A fast track to policy solutions (priority to newcomers)



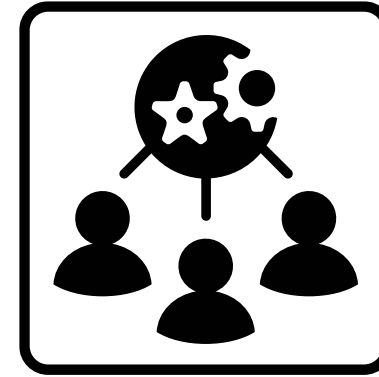
Policy helpdesk

Get expert advice to any type of questions in regional policy-making



Matchmakings

Be inspired from good practices across Europe during a 2-hour exchange



Peer reviews

Get tailored solutions from relevant peers during a 2-day in-depth analysis

Expert support: **policy helpdesk**

Do you have a question related to regional policies?

Ask our thematic experts and get **quick access** to relevant information tailored to your need!

- Good practices
- Policy briefs
- Webinar recordings
- Contacts to relevant people
- Organisation of meetings when relevant

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-helpdesk>

Submit your request

Your name *

Your email *

Your organisation *

Topic of your request *

Please describe the policy issue on which you need advice *



Submit

Expert support: matchmaking

- Two-hour **in-depth discussion** tailored to your **regional policy challenge**
- Opportunity to meet relevant peers from across Europe and learn from their good practices
- Organised and **facilitated** by the Platform experts
- Onsite or online – adapted agenda and format

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/matchmaking-session>

Submit your request

Please note that only public bodies responsible for regional development policies can apply for matchmaking support.

Your name *

Your email *

Your organisation *

Topic of request *



Please describe the policy issue on which you need advice *

The policy issue you would like to discuss during a matchmaking.

Submit

Matchmaking: Møre and Romsdal's R&I strategy meets Europe: key learnings

► Møre og Romsdal County, Norway

Peers from: Finland, Ireland, Malta, Belgium

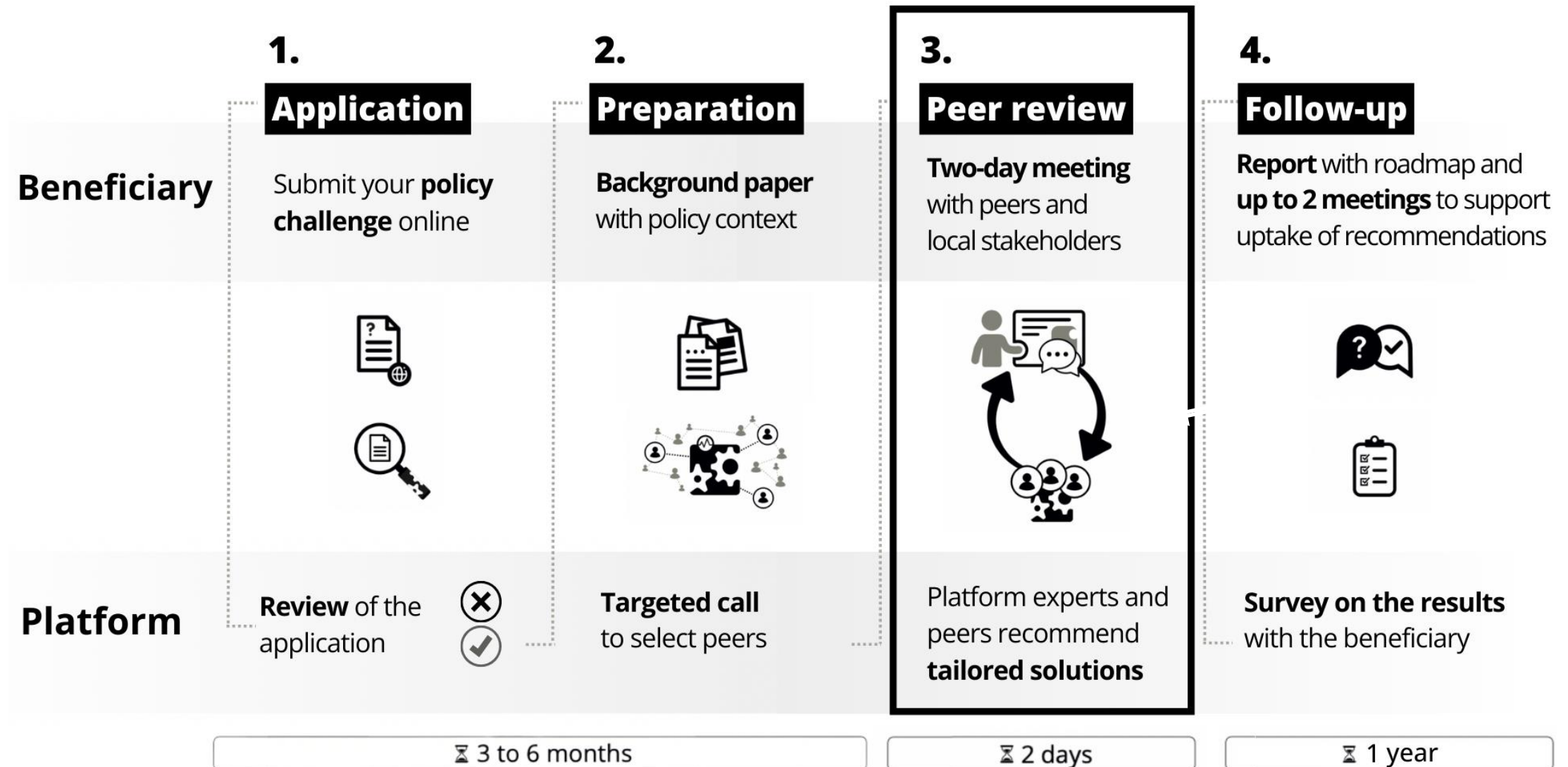
Recommendations

- Build **place-based clusters** around **regional strengths** using Communities of Practice.
- Strengthen **cluster governance** with **industry-led, public-private-academic cooperation** to access EU initiatives.
- Boost talent & knowledge uptake by **leveraging universities** and **linking policymakers with researchers**.

More information available [here](#)



Peer review step-by-step

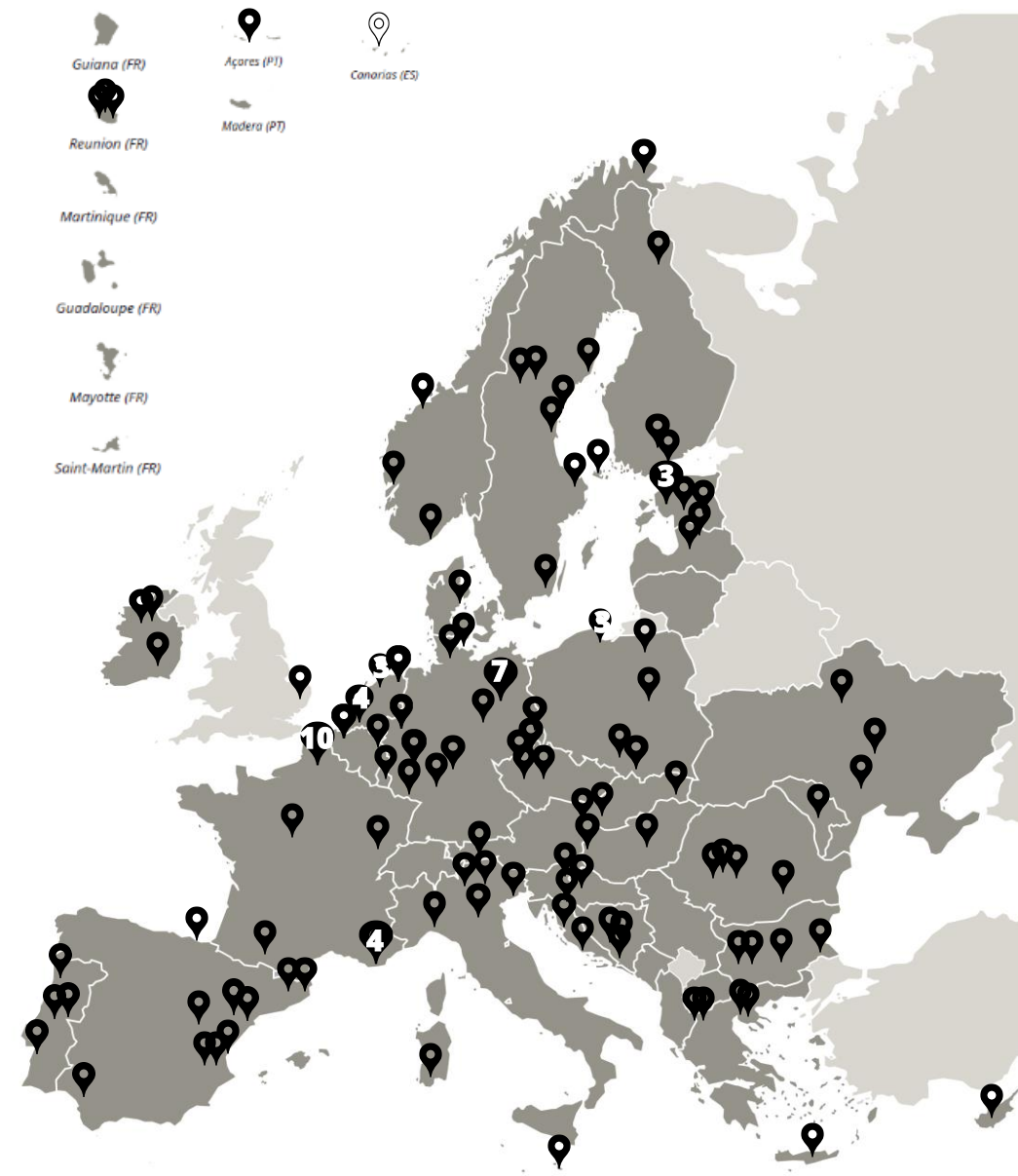


Peer learning in practice



140 peer reviews since 2018

32 different countries



Peer review: Labour market integration of immigrants with focus on Ukrainian refugees

► Kristiansand Municipality, Norway

Peers from: **Ukraine & Czechia, Netherlands, Estonia, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden**

Recommendations

- **Flexible integration strategies** should **use surveys** to understand refugee needs, adapt governance, and collect data for tailored support.
- **Employment & entrepreneurship** support should offer job programs, language training, mentorship, financial aid, and a one-stop centre for business support.
- **Language and social integration** should combine informal learning, vocational training, mental health support, community engagement, and childcare access.
- **Long-term development** should align refugee integration with economic goals, promote Kristiansand as a welcoming city, and train for high-demand jobs.

More information available [here](#)



Peer review: Empowering young people: Local policies for mental health and labour inclusion

► Office of the Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship, Poland

Peers from: Spain, Lithuania, Slovenia, Norway

Recommendations

- Inclusive policy design and cross-sectoral coordination – trust
- **Less bureaucratic** attitude and **community-based structures** - accessibility
- Coordinated **communication** and **engagement** strategy to inform, raise **awareness** and foster **trust** in public institutions and existing programmes

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Peers

09 - 10
October
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Regio-Silience: Europe's Eastern Border Regions joining forces

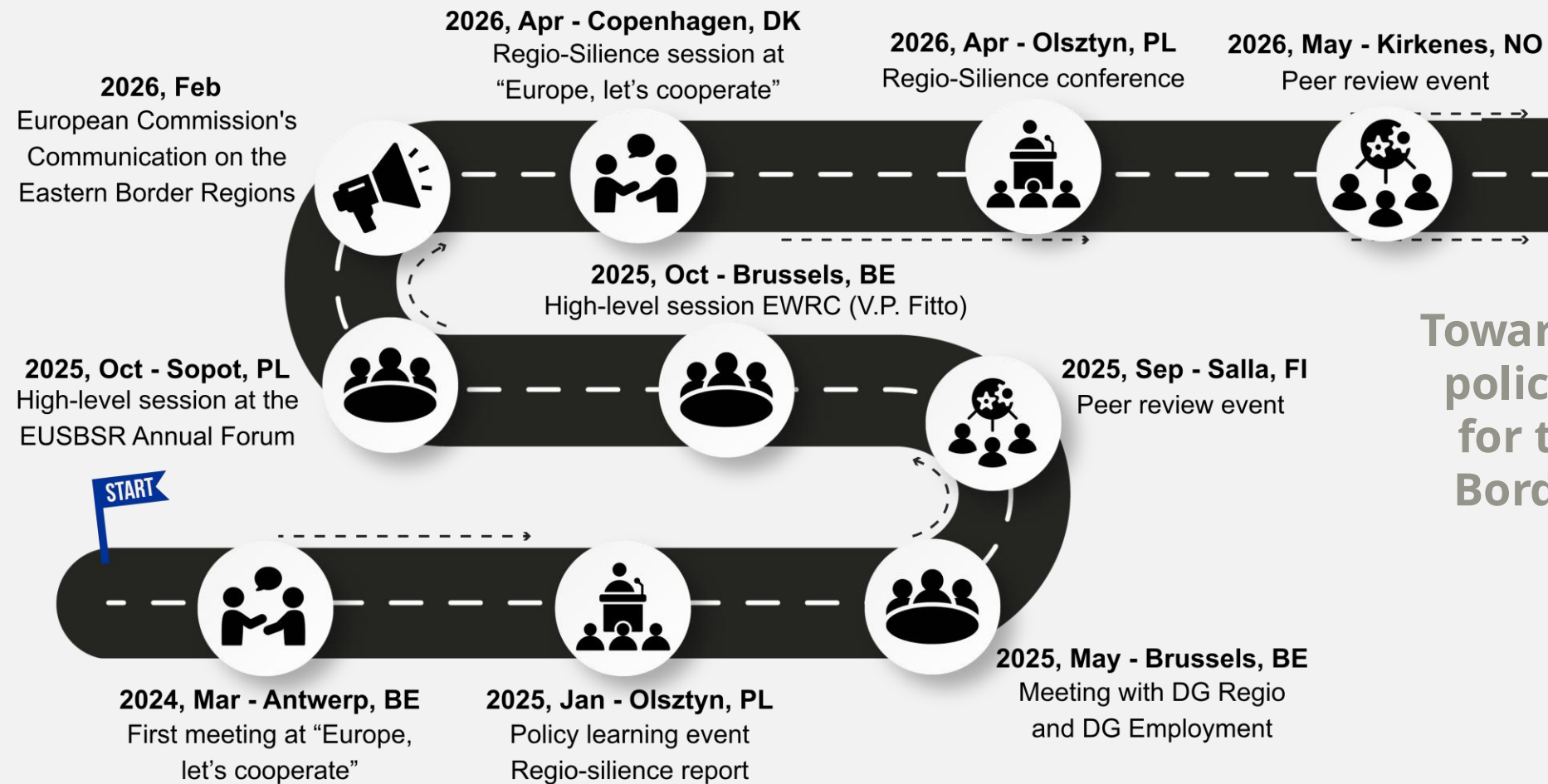
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Poland
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Estonia
Finland
Norway

39
territories &
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Regio-Silience: towards tailored policies



**Towards tailored
policy solutions
for the Eastern
Border Regions**



Peer review: Resilience, security and development opportunities for East Finnmark

► East Finnmark County Council, Norway

Peers from: **Lithuania, Estonia, Italy, Sweden, Latvia, Ukraine**

Recommendations:

Safe place for people and businesses / local value through defense investments:

- **Foresight and shared vision** for navigating megatrends
- **Culture** and **territorial identity** as a driver of local development
- An **Action Plan** to deliver the national strategy for the High North
- **Dual benefits** by prioritizing investments with strong civilian use
- **Dynamic purchasing systems** with simplified procedures for local suppliers

More information **here**



Who can apply for a peer review?

- **Public authorities** responsible for regional development policies from programme eligible area
(all EU, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine)
- **Priority to non-project partners**



Which costs are covered?

Beneficiary

- Catering, interpretation, local transport

Peer

- Travel and accommodation costs
- Lumpsum Compensation for Peer Organisation's staff time (LCPO) of EUR 600
(upon request of peer organisation)



Ask for your peer review!

- Contact the Platform experts
- Apply any time online
- Assessment of your application within 1 month on a rolling basis
- Expertise tailored to your needs!

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/peer-review>

1. About you	2. Policy addressed	3. Your need
4. Expected results	5. Requested expertise	6. Possible timeframe

Your name *

Your email *

Contact number

Organisation name *

Organisation country *

Organisation region *

Website link

Are you involved in an Interreg Europe project?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Next >

Discover all about our peer review!

- Publication including real examples
- Step-by-step methodology and how to apply
- Behind the scene snapshots



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Peer review

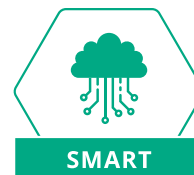
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