



# INTERREG IVC

INNOVATION & ENVIRONMENT  
REGIONS OF EUROPE SHARING SOLUTIONS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT FUND

## EU Interregional Cooperation

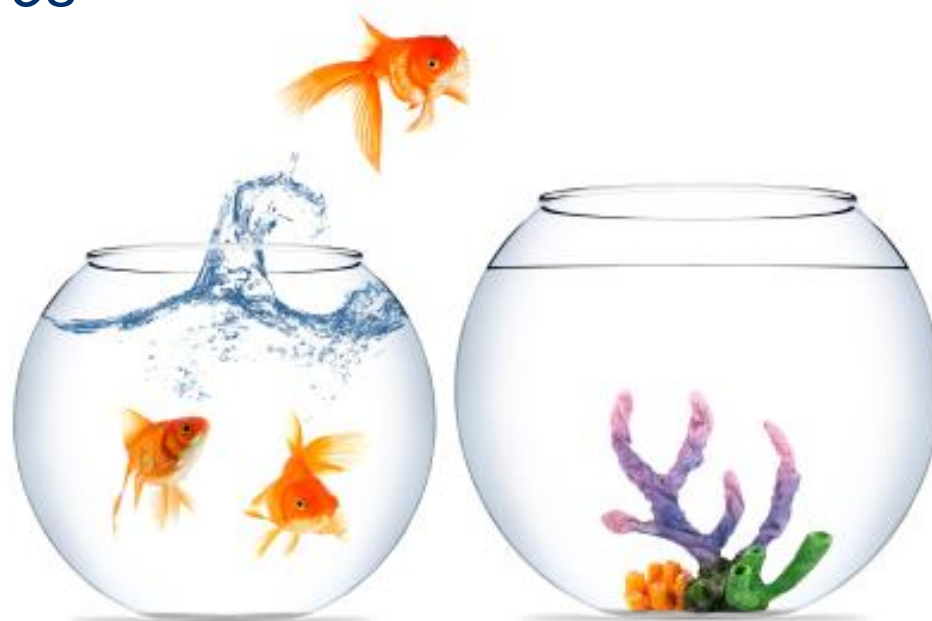
*State of play and perspectives*

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# Summary

1. INTERREG IVC state of play
2. INCOMPASS 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

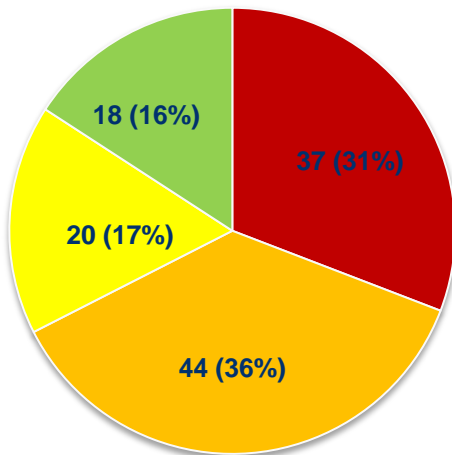
**204**  
projects

**2 274**  
partners

**90% of 271 NUTS 2**  
regions covered

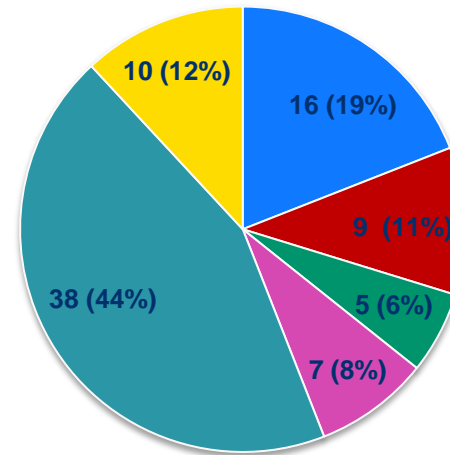
**All funds (302 M€) committed**

### 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

## 12 capitalisation topics 111 projects involved

### Priority 1

-  Innovation Systems – 10  
(triple helix & open innovation)
-  Innovation capacity of SMEs – 7
-  Eco-innovation – 7
-  Creative industries – 14
-  Entrepreneurship – 8
-  E-government services – 6
-  Demographic change – 9
-  Rural development – 9

### Priority 2

-  Climate change – 7
-  Energy efficiency – 12
-  Renewable energy – 7
-  Sustainable transport – 15

*INCOMPASS participating in capitalisation lot on 'Creative industries'*

## Main achievements (as of June 2014)

Objective:

**EU wide exchange of experience / capacity building**

**6,188**  
staff with  
increased  
capacity

**349**  
'spin-off  
activities'

Objective:

**Identification / sharing /  
transfer of good practices**

**4,165**  
good practices  
identified



**403**  
successfully  
transferred

Overall objective:

**Improvement of regional and  
local policies**

**2,037**  
policies  
addressed



**432**  
policies  
improved

### TOPIC & METHOD

Support the self-sustainability of creative incubator units  
+  
Intense interregional exchange process in 3 working groups



### PARTNERSHIP

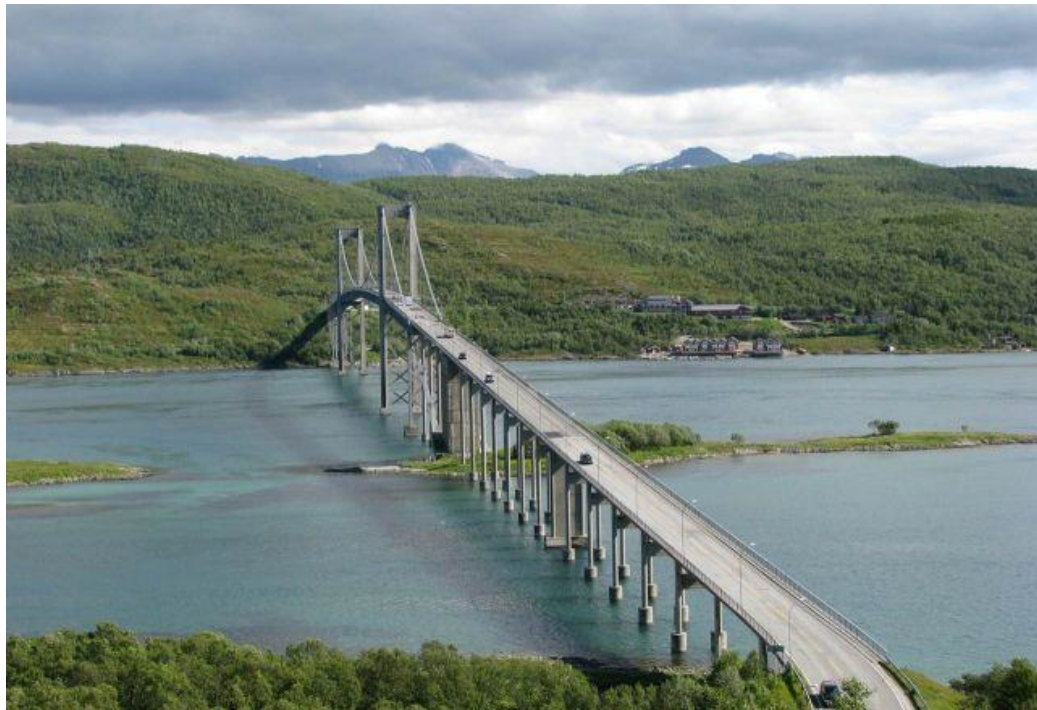
14 committed partners from  
11 Member States  
representing a good balance  
in terms of type of partners  
and experience

### RESULTS (so far)

19 good practices identified and 1  
spin-off activity developed  
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

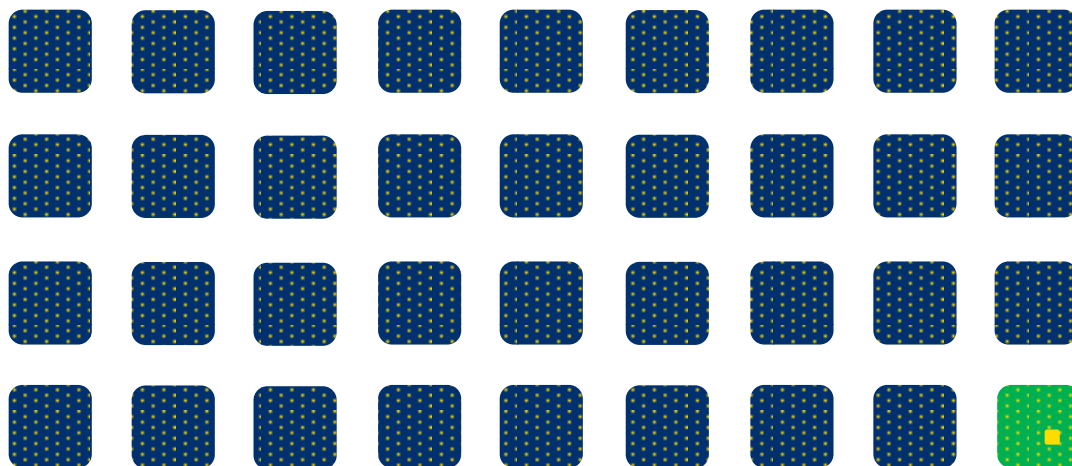


4. Integration of Regions of Knowledge (RoK)



**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 '**stakeholder groups**'





## B. Policy Learning Platforms

EU-wide capacity building on:

Innovation

SME competitiveness

Low-carbon economy

Resource efficiency

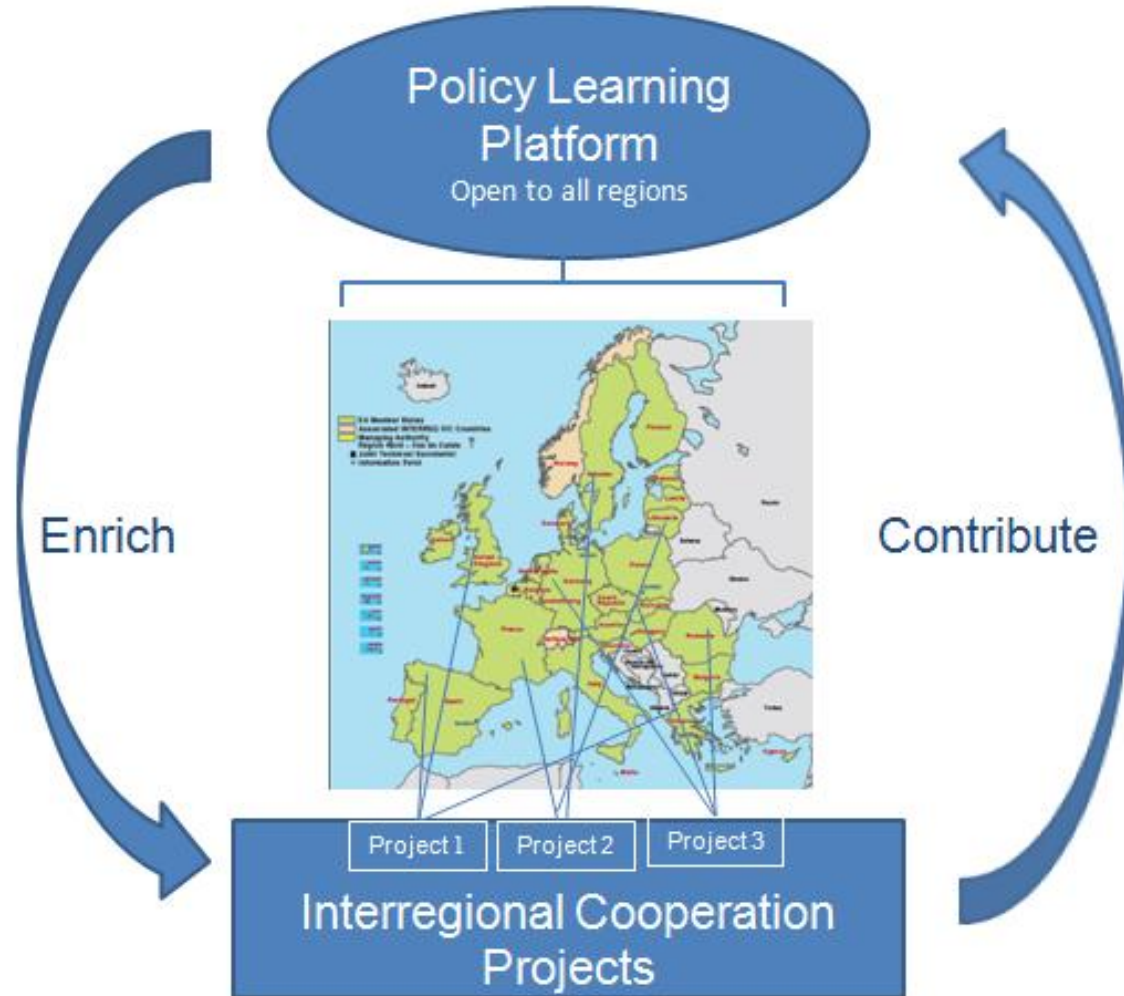
1 service provider per thematic objective via:

**Online collaborative tool** + **Expert team**

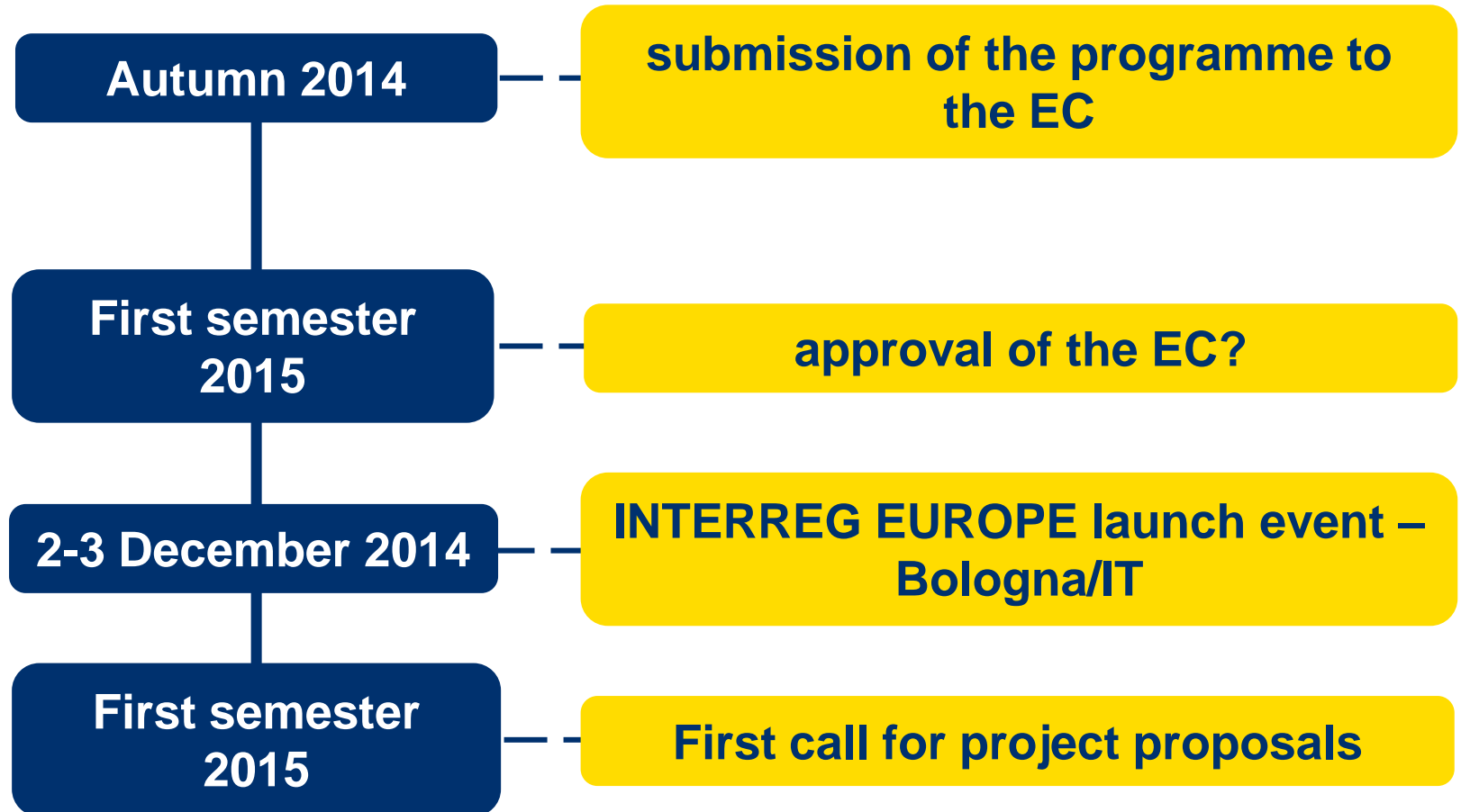




## 2 interrelated actions



# Programming – Indicative timeline



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