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Key programme features

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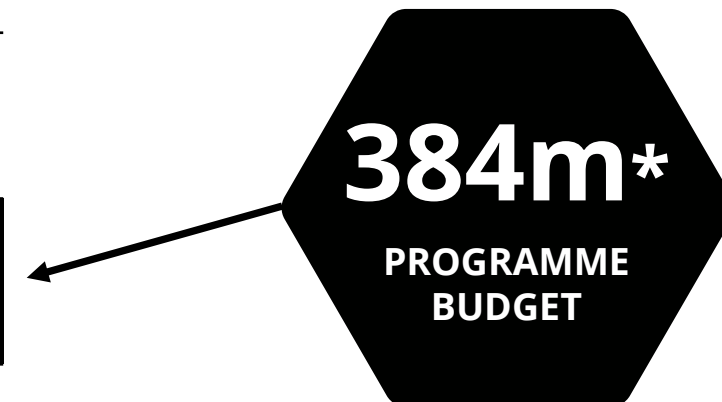
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Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

- 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	



* IPA funding to be confirmed

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 (in relation to the identification & transfer of good practices)

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



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

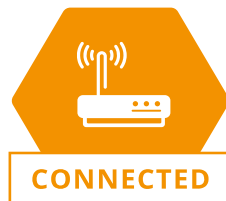
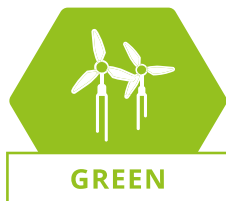
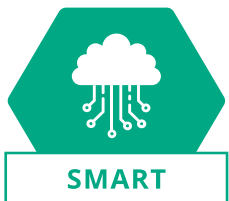
Programme **scope**

Eligible area

All EU, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine

Topics covered

All topics of regional development covered



Two actions



Projects

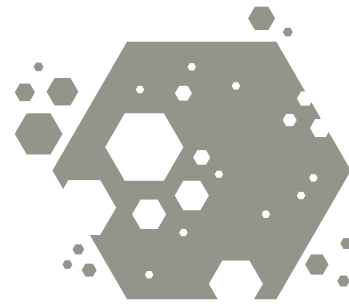
Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring experience on a shared regional development issue



Policy Learning Platform

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

Projects' 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

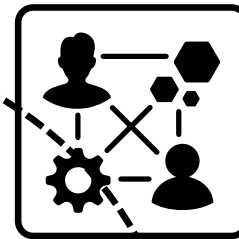
The partners work together for 4 years (3 years of core phase + 1 year of follow-up)

Platform in a nutshell

Policy-learning services through access to:

Knowledge

Find **policy solutions**
*(good practice database,
thematic publications)*



People

Meet our **community**
(thematic events, webinars)



Expertise

Get **policy advice**
*(peer reviews, matchmakings,
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Time for questions



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2. **Partnership** requirements
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5. How to **take part**

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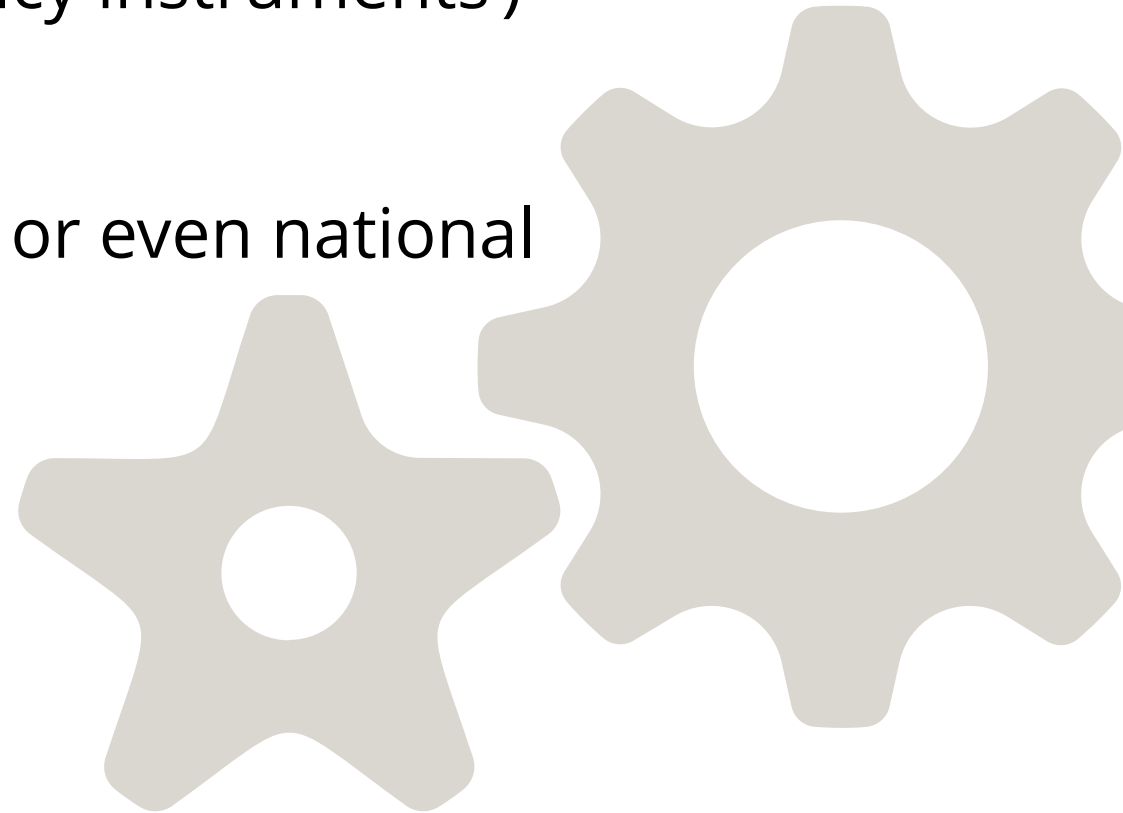


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1. Project objectives & activities

Project **objective**

- Mirror the programme's objective: improve the **regional development policies** ('policy instruments') of the participating regions
- Public interventions at local, regional or even national levels can be addressed



Project **activities**

- **Exchange of experience** (capacity building) through identification and transfer of **good practices**
- **Pilot actions** possible under conditions (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 (or action plans)

Implementation of activities

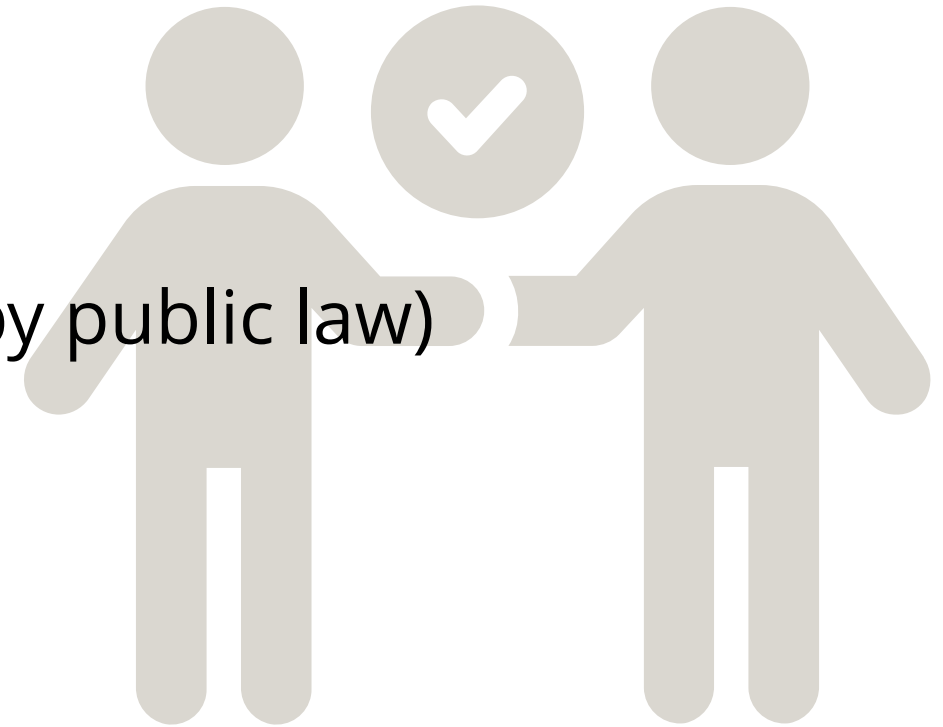
- **Action plans** needed only for regions which do not achieve results by end of core phase
- Some **flexibility** in the follow-up phase:
 - Up to each project to define the exact activities
 - Exchange of experience still possible

2

- Partnership
requirements

Who is **eligible**?

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



Geographical coverage

- Broad coverage required (going beyond transnational areas)
- Mixed between more and less advanced regions

3

- Project
finances

Projects **co-financing** rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% Interreg funds*	Public or public equivalent from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
70% Interreg funds*	Private non-profit from the EU & 7 candidate countries*
50% Norwegian fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss fund	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

* Subject to revised CP approval

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)

4. Project and good practice **examples**

Project example

Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition (SKYLA)

SKYLA

- How can regional authorities address **skill gaps** and mismatches in the face of the green transition?
- How can they ensure that their adaptation is in line with their Smart specialisation (S3/S4) strategies?




€
2.08 M



Mar 2023
May 2027

11
Partners

www.interregeurope.eu/skyla

Good practices identified by projects

Skills for the digital transition in the textile sector: PRISMA's training programme

The PRISMA project addresses techno scientific and economic challenges of Prato's Textile Industrial District in **Italy** in networks of firms and laboratories.

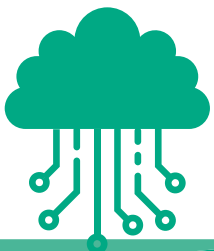


2014-2020

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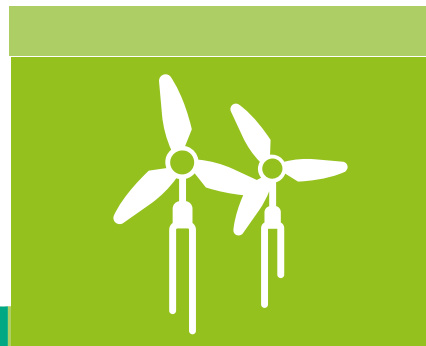
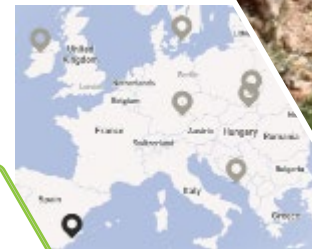
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Project example

Sustainable protected areas as a key value for human well- being (GREENHEALTH)

- How can regional authorities make their regions more **biodiversity-resilient**?
- How can they improve the management of European Protected Areas through strengthening links and collaboration between **biodiversity protection** and human health & well-being?

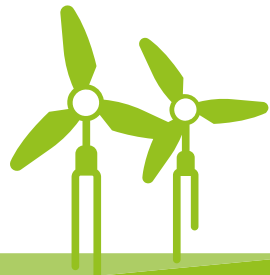


<http://www.interregeurope.eu/greenhealth>

Good practices identified by projects

Global Monitoring Program for Biodiversity in Catalonia (SISEBIO)

A programme generating a set of universal indicators of biodiversity changes based on essential biodiversity variables (EBVs) of communities representing the trophic levels in the most representative habitats of all the media in Catalonia, **Spain**.



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European Regional
Development Fund

5 ● How to **take part**

Funding opportunities in **new projects**

Upcoming calls open to organisations from new Partner States:

- **Third call** planned in spring 2024
- **Fourth call** possibly in the first half 2025 (depending on the third call results)

Normal programme's rules and requirements apply

Funding opportunities in existing projects

Early 2024: restricted call open to first and second call projects

- Possibility to add **max 2 partners** from the new countries per project (using existing procedure under the monitoring system - Portal)
- Possibility to **increase the original total project budget by up to 3%** of the initial amount (in addition to the additional budget for the new partner(s))
- Decision to be made through regular **MC written procedure**

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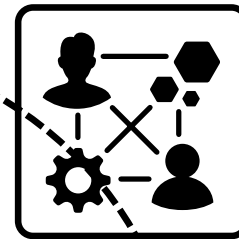


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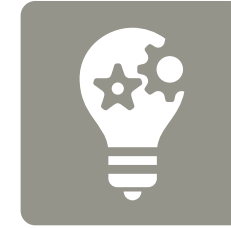
Meet our **community**
(thematic events, webinars)



Expertise

Get **policy advice**
(peer reviews, matchmakings,
policy helpdesk)

Access to **KNOWLEDGE**



- Wealth of **policy solutions** available



Database **of good practices** from all EU



Analytical **policy briefs**, news and publications

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

KNOWLEDGE: Good practice database

Over **3,000**
expert-validated
good practices
are available
online

Good practices

Explore inspiring and tested policy solutions identified by our cooperation projects and beyond.



An Roinn Caiteachais
Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe
Department of Public
Expenditure and Reform



AI Foundation Certificate for Public Servants

Upskilling and Project Identification around AI. Understanding what it can and can't do.

05 Sep 2023 | By project ENABLER

Expert approved



Operational Groups

Innovation is essential to promote a sector that is efficient from the point of view of the resources used, productive and with a low level of emissions, which guarantees a sustainable development of...

30 Aug 2023 | By project ORIGINN

Expert approved



Food Vision 2030: Ireland's integrated systems approach for a sustainable agri-food sector

Food Vision 2030 is a stakeholder-led, mission-oriented strategy which recognises the interconnectedness of policies for food, health, climate and environment.

25 Aug 2023 | By project ORIGINN

Expert approved



Andalusian Carbon Standard for the Certification of Blue Carbon Credits

Standard of Blue Carbon credits & supporting documents & Catalogue of projects approved to implement Blue Carbon sequestration projects in Andalusia

11 Aug 2023 | By project NACAO

Expert approved



The success stories of the Green Hydrogen Booster project

The Green Hydrogen Booster project



2014 - 2020

Plymotion

A diverse, long-term, branded programme enabling people to travel by sustainable modes by...



SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY GROCERY STORES ACTING FOR THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

In Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, two



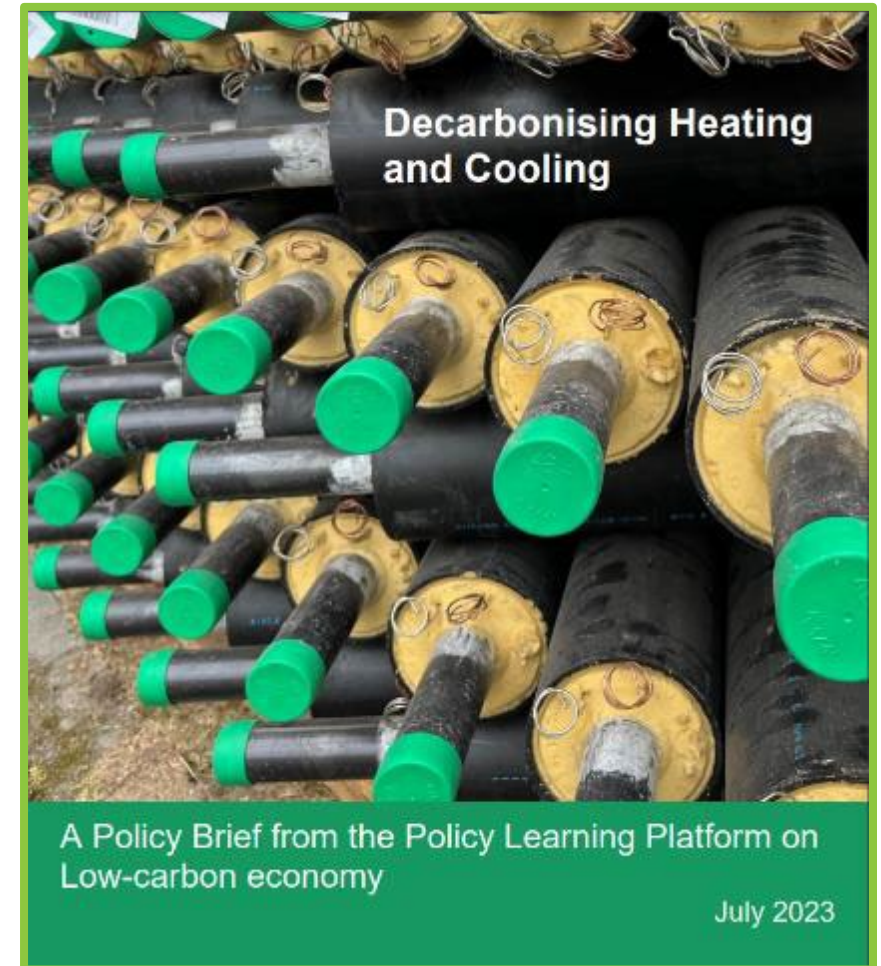
The Life Cycle of water consumption on a film set

A Life Cycle analysis of the water consumption during a feature film

KNOWLEDGE: Policy brief example

Decarbonising Heating and Cooling

- Presents existing **renewable technologies** available to increase the efficiency of heating and cooling systems.
- Features **good practices in public authorities' involvement** in the decarbonization of heating and cooling.
- Outlines the **European support** for heating and cooling decarbonisation through funding and various initiatives.



KNOWLEDGE: Policy briefs for download

All policy briefs
are available
online

Policy briefs

Read in-depth expert analyses of our cooperation projects and their good practices.



Circular transition in SMEs

Explore the Interreg Europe community's experience regarding regional circular economy strategies and roadmaps, circular economy hubs and collaborative frameworks in this policy brief!

18 September 2023 | By Platform



Decarbonising of heating and cooling

This policy brief explores the current use of renewable energy for heating in Europe, EU legislation and support as well as inspiring good practices from Interreg Europe projects such as POTent, CLEAN, APPROVE, BUILD2LC and SHREC.

25 July 2023 | By Platform



Nature restoration: Forest eco-systems

This policy brief provides an outlook on EU initiatives such as boosting restoration, afforestation and climate adaptation measures. As well as inspiring examples for Interreg Europe projects.

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Regional missions

Explore five policy recommendations in this policy brief, deriving from the experience of Interreg Europe projects, that inspire policymakers to better design and deliver challenge-driven innovation policies.

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Open innovation to foster SME growth

In this policy brief, you can find



Leading the way towards waste prevention

Discover EU initiatives to support



Regional policies for promoting green Hydrogen

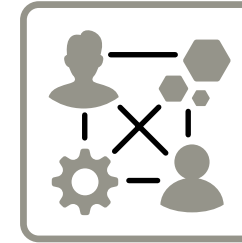
Explore in this policy brief the



Innovation procurement

Explore the role of innovation procurement, as an important policy

Access to **PEOPLE**



- Policy inspiration from practitioners to practitioners



10,000+ Interreg Europe
community members



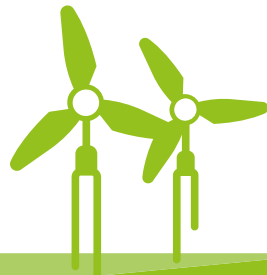
Thematic **policy-learning** events

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

PEOPLE: Webinar example

Jobs and skills for the energy transition

- Webinar focusing on the recommendations from the **policy brief on Skills for Energy Transition**
- **100+ participants**
- Presented good practices to promote energy efficiency skills among different categories of workers



Webinar recording: Jobs and skills for the energy transition

WEBINAR 

30 April 2021 | By Platform [Share](#)



PEOPLE: Policy-learning events online

- All community members can **register and join**



07 NOV 2023

Online

AI for local authorities and policymakers

On 7 November 2023, from 14:00 to 15:30 CET, the Policy Learning Platform is hosting a webinar on the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for local authorities and policymakers .



09 NOV 2023

Online

District approaches to sustainable energy

On 9 November 2023 from 14:00 to 15:30 CET, the Policy Learning Platform is organising a webinar on the topic of district approach to sustainable energy .



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Online

Setting up regional funds with the European Investment Fund

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12 DEC 2023

Online

Unlocking innovation: Regions as laboratories of policy experimentation

On 12 December 2023 from 10:30 to 12:00 CET, the Policy Learning Platform is organising a webinar on unlocking innovation: Regions as laboratories of policy experimentation .

Access to **EXPERTISE**

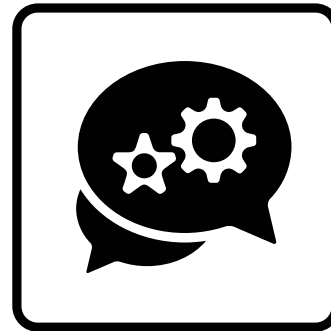


- **Policy advice services** from our thematic experts



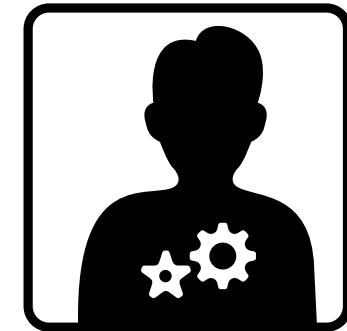
Peer reviews

in-dept analysis and
peer recommendations



Matchmakings

Ideas on how to resolve
a policy challenge



Policy helpdesk

Ideas on how to resolve
a policy challenge

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EXPERTISE: Peer review example

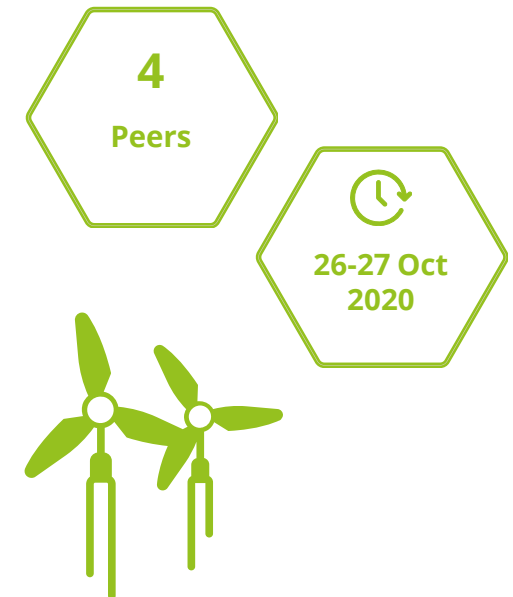
Energy Efficiency skills and programmes for SMEs

► Region of Western Macedonia, Greece

Peers from: **Cyprus, Malta, Croatia and Greece**

Recommendations:

- Promotion of a dedicated energy agency, following the example of the **Energy Savings Agency**, established by the Region of Upper **Austria** in 1991.
- Training and qualification of workers operating in the energy-efficiency related construction sector. This could be established by implementing specialised certification projects, like **WE QUALIFY** project in **Cyprus**.
- Development of special entities providing support to building-owners with regards to energy renovation works. Such a special entity is the One Stop Shop in Bordeaux Metropole **Ma Rénov** in **France**.



EXPERTISE: Over 60 peer reviews delivered

Reports with
recommendations
available online

Expert support reports

Discover policy recommendations from our peer review and matchmaking sessions.



Regional innovation governance: key learnings

The Policy Learning Platform organised a peer review for the Regional Council of Päijät-Häme in Lahti, Finland, held on 17-18 October 2023. Discover the key learnings.

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ERDF for interregional innovation projects: key learnings

The Policy Learning Platform organised a peer review for the Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs of Brandenburg, in Potsdam, Germany in October 2023. Discover the key learnings.

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Sustainability Governance in the City of Tallinn

Take a look at the recommendations from the peer review on sustainability governance of the city of Tallinn.

04 October 2023 | By Platform



Governance and digitalisation of fortress heritage in the City of Magdeburg

On 13 and 14 September 2023, the Policy Learning Platform hosted a peer review together with the City of Magdeburg on the topic of governance and digitalisation of fortress heritage. Discover the recommendations.

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Better governance for Cultural and Creative industries

Explore the recommendations from



Protecting and recovering local biodiversity

On 21 and 22 June 2023, the Policy Learning Platform organised an on-



Supporting reuse of boilers in private housing

On 27 June 2023, the Policy Learning Platform hosted an online



Fast tracking Renewable Energy Communities in the Cypriot context

Read through the recommendations

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Access to Platform services

Most services already available to new Partner States

- Use our tools to find **policy solutions** (e.g., good practice database, policy briefs)
- Join our **events** (e.g., thematic webinars, workshops)

From early 2024: access to expert services (peer reviews) also open

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-  **Apply for a project or peer review**
-  **Join our events: In person or online**
-  **Receive personalised content based on your profile choices**
-  **Receive expert advice to solve your policy challenge**

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Projects

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**GREENHEALTH**

Sustainable protected areas as a key value for human well-being

Ongoing

Biodiversity preservation

**EXPRESS**

European regions promoting renewable energy self-sufficiency

Ongoing

Renewable energy

**StopWaste**

Enhancing the efficiency of policy instruments for accelerating waste generation prevention

Ongoing

Circular economy

**LOTTI**

Local identity driving traditional industry transition

Ongoing

Skills for S3 and industrial transition

**BEST DIH**

Boosting European DIH Success

**CODIL**

COVID-Disrupted Regional

**SMEOrigin**

SMEs & European Original

**TIB**

Tourism in Balance

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4 ● Come to
our events

Information events

Learn more about our programme

- Your national/ regional representatives organise online or in-person **information days**

The programme's secretariat joins these events to answer your questions

- The programme will organise the **third call launch event on 20-21 March 2024 in Antwerp, Belgium**

SAVE THE DATE

Registration to open in December.

Meet Interreg Europe community

Join thematic policy-learning events

- Upcoming webinars are:



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