



INTERREG IVC

INNOVATION & ENVIRONMENT
REGIONS OF EUROPE SHARING SOLUTIONS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

EU Interregional Cooperation

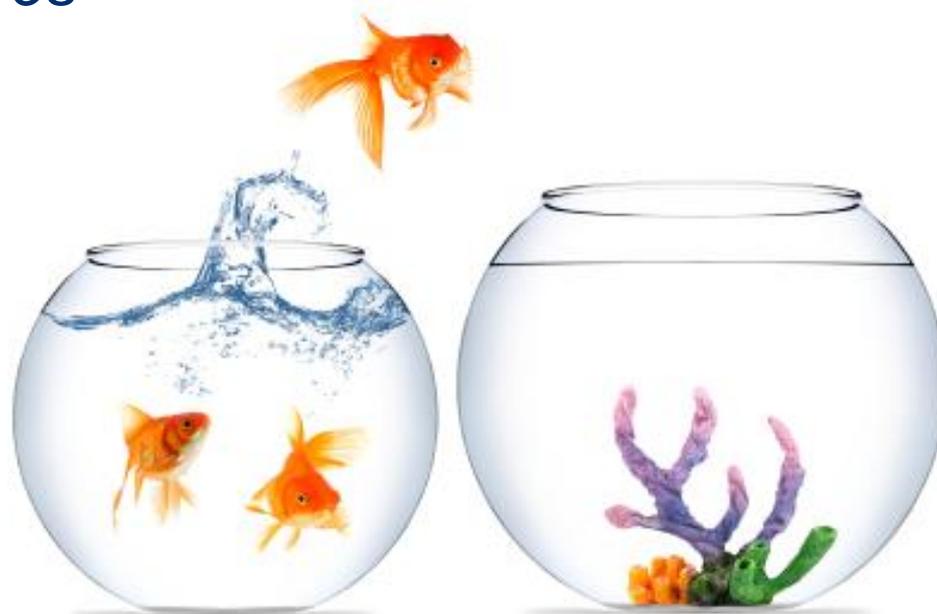
State of play and perspectives

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Summary

1. INTERREG IVC state of play
2. The ECOTALE project
3. Future of interregional cooperation

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

Eligible area

- EU 27
- Switzerland
- Norway



Overview approved projects

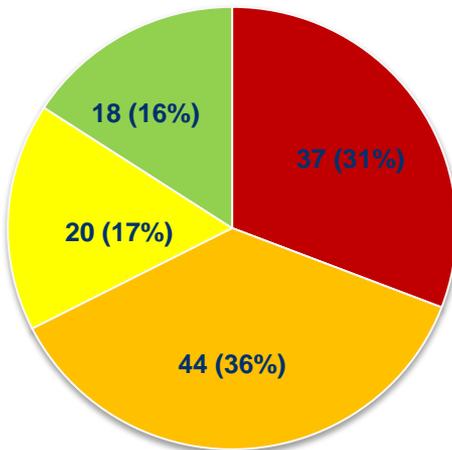
204
projects

2 274
partners

90% of 271 NUTS 2
regions covered

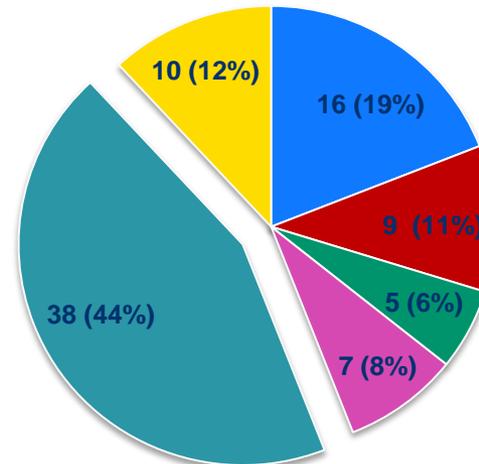
All budget (302 M€) committed

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

Main achievements (as of June 2013)

Objective:

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

6,188
staff with
increased
capacity

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!

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

TOPIC

Specific focus on internalisation of transport planning costs



PARTNERSHIP

9 highly committed partners
from 7 countries
combination of knowledge
providers, policy makers,
implementation bodies
effective management

RESULTS

Good practices identified and
transfer ongoing
development of guidelines
addressed to policy makers

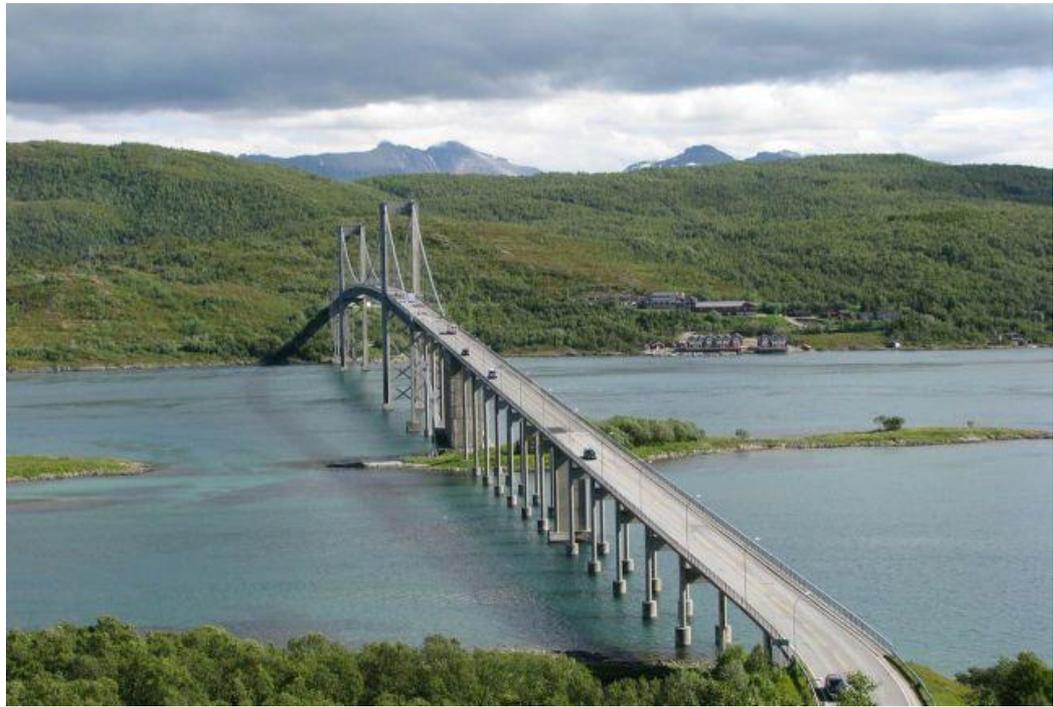
15 projects tackling 'Sustainable transport'



Representing **173** partners from **23** EU Member States + Norway
(DK, EE, LU, MT not represented)



3. Future of interregional cooperation



Few principle from the new regulations

- Concentrate resources to order to optimise the impact



- Result orientation



- Link to EU cohesion:

‘to reinforce the effectiveness of cohesion policy’

‘to enhance design and implementation of operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs’

30 countries

- EU 28
- Norway
- Switzerland

Budget:
EUR 359m
(2014-2020)



Thematic focus

Four thematic objectives (TO) selected

**Research &
innovation**

**SME
competitiveness**

**Low-carbon
economy**

**Environment &
resource efficiency**

Two 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

Objective: To ensure policy learning across EU

1 service provider per thematic objective via:

Online collaborative tool

With relevant functionalities

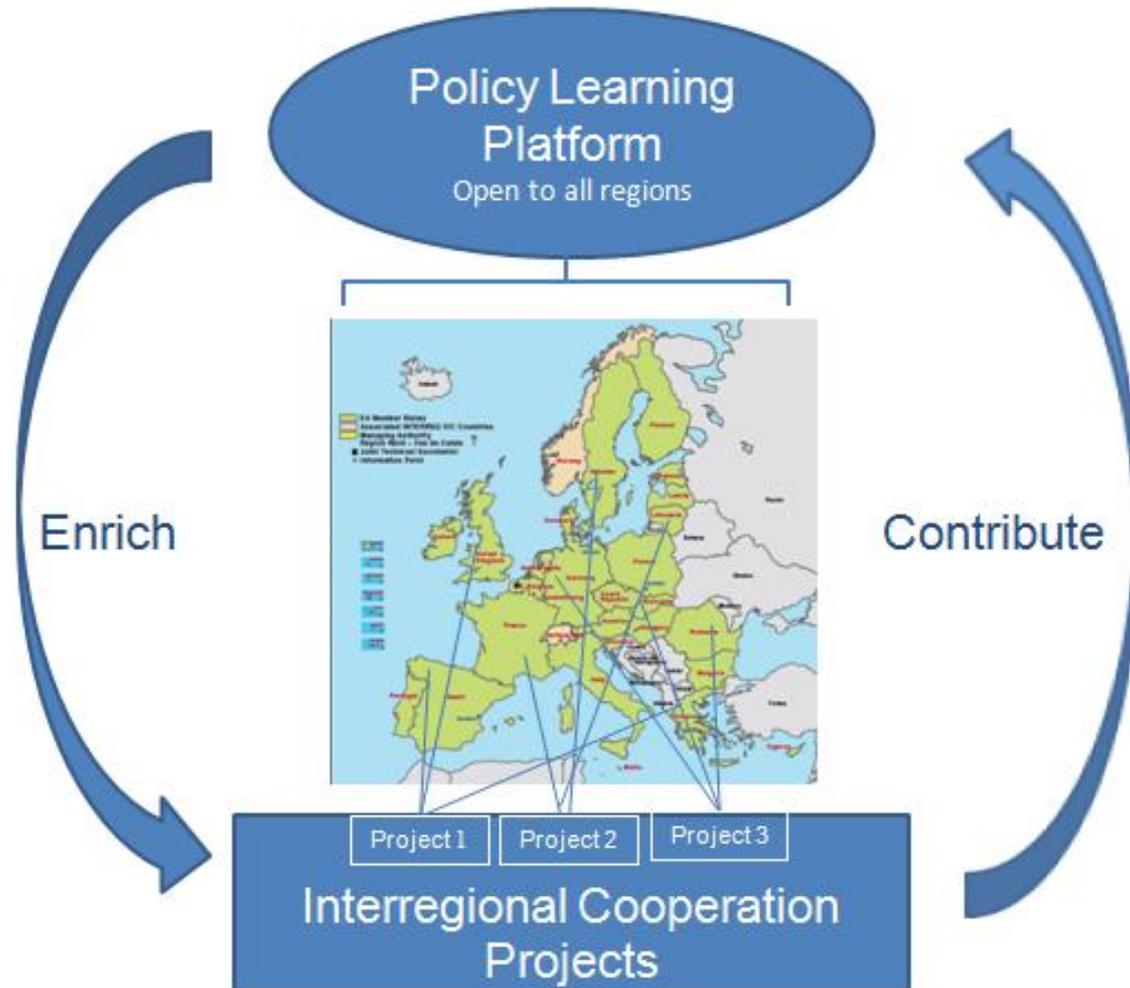


+ Expert team

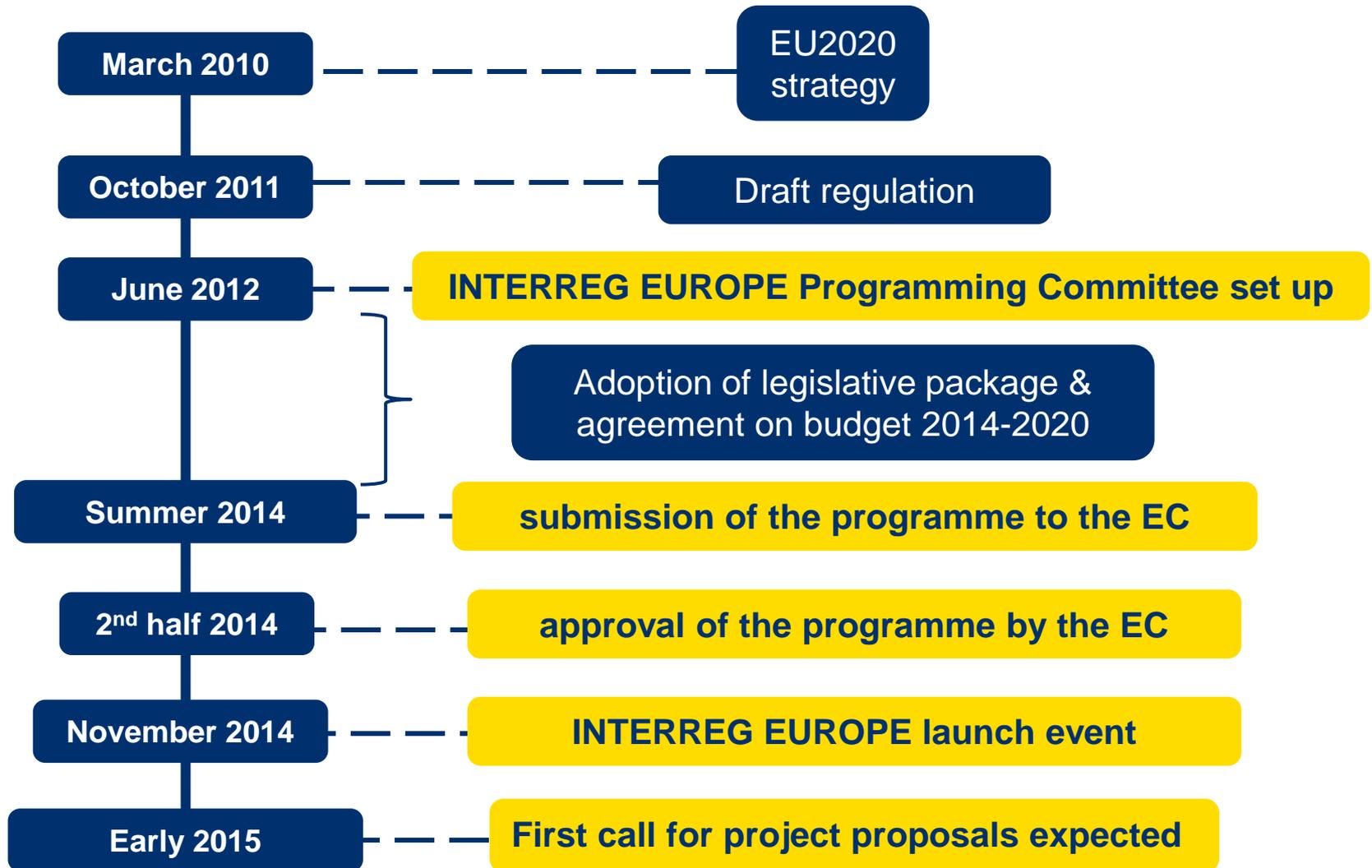
Content and coordination role



2 interrelated actions



Programming – Indicative timeline



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Policy sharing, policy learning

INTERREG IVC Thematic Capitalisation Event

Brussels, Belgium

MAY 2014

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