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Europe**



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# Key programme features

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# Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

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

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

**MEUR 394**

PROGRAMME  
BUDGET\*

\* IPA funding to be approved

# 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' (based on the identification & transfer of good practices)

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



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

# Interreg Europe **objective**

Remember the 3 key concepts:

- **Policy instrument**
- **Policy responsible authority**
- **Policy improvement**



# What is a **policy instrument**



**A means for public intervention:**

- a strategy, programme or law
- developed by public authorities
- applied to improve a specific territorial situation

**Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes are policy instruments.**

# Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes

COHESION OPEN DATA PLATFORM

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## Explore data by Programme

Country: Italy Fund: ERDF Funding Period: 2021-2027 Text Search:

Using the filters above, you can find EU funded programmes and explore the financing and achievements.

**National**

Capacity for Cohesion TA - IT - ERDF/ESF+	Culture - IT - ERDF
Health Equity - IT - ERDF/ESF+	Metro+ and southern medium cities - IT - ERDF/ESF+
Research, innovation and competitiveness - IT - ERDF	School and Skills - IT - ERDF/ESF+
Security for legality - IT - ERDF	Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction - IT - ERDF/ESF+

**Regional**

AP Bolzano - ERDF	AP Trento - ERDF
Abruzzo - ERDF	Basilicata - ERDF/ESF+
Calabria - ERDF/ESF+	Campania - ERDF
Emilia-Romagna - ERDF	Friuli-Venezia Giulia - ERDF
Lazio - ERDF	Liguria - ERDF
Lombardia - ERDF	Marche - ERDF
Molise - ERDF/ESF+	Piemonte - ERDF
Puglia - ERDF/ESF+	Sardegna - ERDF
Sicilia - ERDF	Toscana - ERDF
Umbria - ERDF	Valle d'Aosta - ERDF
Veneto - ERDF	

<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/programmes>

# What is a **'policy responsible authority'**



- **The organisation in charge of the elaboration and/or delivery of a specific policy instrument**
- **In most cases, a public institution**

# Example of a **policy instrument**



**policy responsible authority**

**City Strategic Plan is the main policy for the strategic and operational guidance of the City of Ferrara in Italy.**

**It represents the prerequisite for all the other planning tools declining long-term strategic objectives into short-medium operational objectives and actions.**

**It is a triennial document organised around four axis:  
City Administration, Citizens, Economy, Urban Planning.**

# Example of a policy instrument



## Regional Law 23/2015 of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region

- focuses on the preservation and valorisation of cultural heritage (fundamental objective for regional governance)
- disciplines interventions on museums, intangible and tangible cultural heritage, libraries and archives.

policy responsible authority



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CHERRY

# What is a **policy improvement**



**Our projects report three types of results:**

- **New projects**
- **Change in governance**
- **Change in the policy instrument itself**

**<https://www.interregeurope.eu/project-results>**

# Example of a policy improvement

## City Strategic Plan

The City of Ferrara co-financed a new project 'Dona con gusto'

**Objective:** increasing donation of food surpluses and making its distribution for charitable purposes more efficient

**Inspiration from:** 'PesaiPensa' good practice developed by the Waste Agency of Catalunya

**Funds influenced:** € 10.000

### Impact:

- 8 additional tons of food has been rescued from disposal and redistributed
- large and small retailers are now aware of the opportunities offered by Italian Law 166/2016 on foodwaste
- 28 volunteers have been trained on food handling and safety
- 1 social enterprise, 2 Associations and 2 schools engaged in specific actions against foodwaste



# Example of a policy improvement



CHERRY

Examples of good practices from partner regions in **CHERRY project** would lead to a

## Revision of the Regional Law 23/2015

- to offer new forms of financial support
- creating new initiatives in support of the CCIs
- awarding resilient cultural actors
- promoting new forms of cultural participation



# Example of a **policy improvement**

## Sustainable tourism in the Venetian Lagoon

A good practice from Sweden inspired tourism stakeholders in the Venetian Lagoon to create an association to promote the lagoon as a single tourist destination. Thanks to their coordination, a call in 2019 opened funding to tourism projects promoting intangible and industrial heritage - 17 SMEs received MEUR 1.5 of ERDF.

[www.interregeurope.eu/christa](http://www.interregeurope.eu/christa)



# Example of a policy improvement

## Info-mobility for greener transport

People in Italy's Lazio region now have an improved travel planner and an integrated ticketing system enabling them to travel in a more sustainable way. Lazio is also planning more mobility options in its Park & Ride schemes. These changes were inspired by ideas from Slovenia and the UK.



The project '**Interregional learning towards sustainable mobility in Europe: the REGIO-MOB experience**' brought together six partners from six countries. Their goal was to increase the use of sustainable transport in their regions. Above all, they were seeking new ways to promote intermodality, technical innovation, and the use of cleaner and more efficient transport systems.

The Regional Association of Lazio Municipalities (ANCI Lazio) led the partnership. The Association wanted to identify mobility solutions which would make more efficient use of the infrastructure, vehicles, and logistics platforms in and around Rome to reduce the traffic congestion and pollution caused by commuting. The regional operational programme would fund these public transport solutions that would better connect peri-urban and rural areas to the city.

ANCI Lazio identified several relevant mobility solutions. Ideas from Slovenia influenced the extension of the info-mobility system across the whole Lazio region. Now people can access real-time information about public transport options going beyond the city of Rome. They also have access to a user-friendly trip planner and an integrated ticketing system, which facilitate the use of public transport instead of the car.

ANCI Lazio also amended regional legislation to enable the creation of more extensive and sustainable Park & Ride schemes. In this respect, on top of the existing car-train and car-bus-train combinations, they plan to include electric car-sharing and charging points for electric mobility, car-pooling, and bike-sharing. 2 million euros of Structural Funds has already been mobilised to finance these new mobility solutions in the Lazio region.



<https://www.interregeurope.eu/30-stories-about-results>

# Programme area

Interreg Europe's eligibility area extended  
to 36 Partner States:

27 EU + NO + CH + **7 new partner states**

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

■ Programme area



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# Programme scope

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building

5 topics



Concentration principle (80%)

# 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

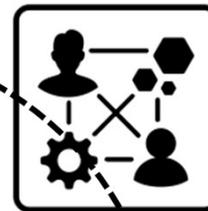
# Platform in a nutshell

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, 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 3,200 expert-validated good practices are available online

The image displays a grid of eight good practice cards from a database. Each card features a title, a brief description, a date, the project name, and an 'Expert approved' icon.

- Implementation of satellite data on changes in the agrarian structure/program of agricultural works.**  
Using satellite data in analyses on programming and implementation of agricultural works to optimize the results based on current spatial information.  
28 Feb 2024 | By project SATSDIFACTION  
Expert approved
- Podkarpackie Spatial Information System (PSIS)**  
The creation of the PSIS - regional, open, digital platform integrating spatial information resources - as a key element in supporting public decision-making.  
28 Feb 2024 | By project SATSDIFACTION  
Expert approved
- HELIOS - Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International and Temporary Protection**  
HELIOS is an Integration Project that aims to support refugees of International Protection and Temporary Protection to integrate into the Greek society.  
22 Feb 2024 | By project MILEstone  
Expert approved
- Last-mile delivery to Automated Parcel Machines - Poland**  
Reducing Scope 3 emissions from last-mile transport by installing delivery pickup points like Automated Parcel Machines.  
22 Feb 2024 | By project SPOTLOG  
Expert approved
- DIGITAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNICATION SELF ASSESSMENT TOOL**  
**Self-assessment tool for digital sustainability communication**  
The self-assessment tool for digital sustainability communication is a low threshold way for MSMEs to improve their online communication on sustainability.  
16 Feb 2024 | By project TOURBO  
Expert approved
- Hiilikuri Tourism CO2-calculator Visit Finland**  
**Hiilikuri CO2 calculator for tourism industry**  
Hiilikuri is free of charge carbon footprint calculator for tourism businesses in Finland enabling to calculate CO2 and map biggest emission sources.  
16 Feb 2024 | By project TOURBO  
Expert approved
- SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL FINLAND**  
**Sustainable Travel Finland (STF)**  
STF programme provides companies and destinations in Finland with a concrete toolkit for systematically adapting sustainable practices in developing tourism.  
16 Feb 2024 | By project TOURBO  
Expert approved
- Grow your company through digitalisation**  
**Digitalization Master Class, a development program aimed at manufacturing companies**  
Digitalization Master Class is a development program aimed at manufacturing companies that want to make their production processes more efficient.  
15 Feb 2024 | By project ORIGINN  
Expert approved

# KNOWLEDGE: Policy briefs for download

All policy briefs are  
available online

**POLICY BRIEF**

**Digital transformation of public services**

This policy brief provides a general overview of the most relevant initiatives, regulations, and strategies of the European Union, which are shaping Europe's digital future.

28 March 2024 | By Platform

**POLICY BRIEF**

**Sustainable and circular construction**

This policy brief provides an overview of EU initiatives to inspire local and regional authorities and showcase practical examples of stimulating the transition to a circular and sustainable building sector.

19 March 2024 | By Platform

**POLICY BRIEF**

**Research valorisation**

In this policy brief, you will find policy recommendations to inspire policymakers in designing and delivering effective policies for research valorisation.

13 March 2024 | By Platform

**POLICY BRIEF**

**The social dimension of culture**

Explore the social dimension of culture and learn how cultural initiatives and CCIs can impact social policies on the ground in this policy brief.

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**POLICY BRIEF**

**Cultural and Creative Industries**

In this policy brief, you will find policies to promote strategic development of CCIs, to facilitate access to funding, and to foster innovation-friendly infrastructure and environments.

29 January 2024 | By Platform

**POLICY BRIEF**

**Smart energy management**

In this policy brief, you will discover how smart energy management can help you make informed decisions, optimise consumption, reduce waste and lower costs!

25 January 2024 | By Platform

**POLICY BRIEF**

**Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation**

Explore EU initiatives and ways to mitigate climate change in this policy brief. You'll also discover a selection of good practices with a high degree of replicability in other municipal contexts.

08 December 2023 | By Platform

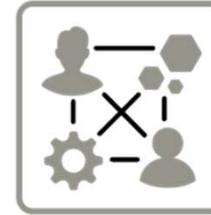
**POLICY BRIEF**

**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

## Access to **PEOPLE**



- Policy inspiration from practitioners to practitioners



**14,000+ Interreg Europe  
community members**



**Thematic policy-  
learning events**

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

# Upcoming policy learning events



EVENT

30 APR 2024

Online

**From biowaste to resource II: innovative biowaste treatment solutions**

On 30 April 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is hosting the second episode of the webinar series from waste to resource: biowaste collection and treatment. Join us for the first session on innovative biowaste treatment solution from 14:00 to 15:30 CEST.

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EVENT

22 MAY 2024

In person

**Promoting sustainable materials and circularity in construction**

On 22 May 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is pleased to invite you to a workshop on promoting sustainable materials and circularity in construction in Vienna, Austria!

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EVENT

29 MAY 2024

In person

**Entrepreneurship in rural areas with population decline**

On 29 May 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is pleased to invite you to a workshop on entrepreneurship in rural areas with population decline in Burgos, Spain!

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EVENT

05 JUN 2024

In person

**Digital transformation of public sector services**

The Policy Learning Platform will host a workshop on the digital transformation of public sector services. Let's meet in Vilnius, Lithuania on 5 June 2024.

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

## Access to **EXPERTISE**



- Policy advice services from our thematic experts



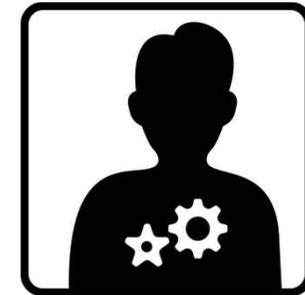
### **Peer reviews**

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

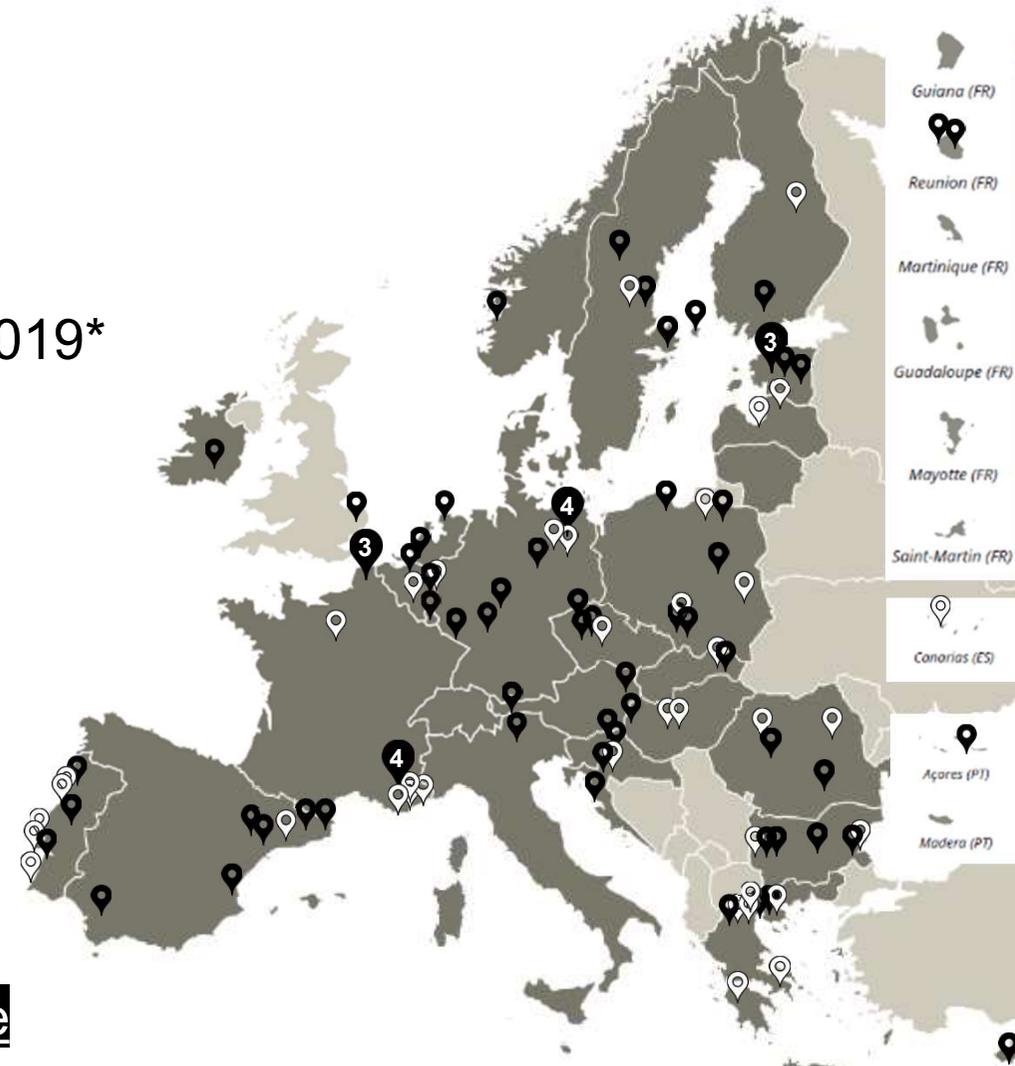
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# Peer learning **IN PRACTICE**

- 📍 **74 peer reviews** implemented since 2019\*  
8 peer reviews in the pipeline
- 📍 **44 matchmaking sessions**

**Apply** to benefit from expert support any time

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/get-policy-advice>



\* Map as of 2023

# EXPERTISE: Over 70 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 Pääjärvi-Häme in Lahti, Finland, held on 17-18 October 2023. Discover the key learnings.

25 October 2023 | By Platform



### 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.

24 October 2023 | By Platform



### 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.

26 September 2023 | By Platform



### 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 22 June 2023, the Policy Learning Platform hosted an online



### Fast tracking Renewable Energy Communities in the Cypriot context

Read through the recommendations

# Peer review: Green communities into the Val di Fiemme

## ▶ Province of Trento, Italy

Peers from: Austria, Switzerland, Finland, Belgium

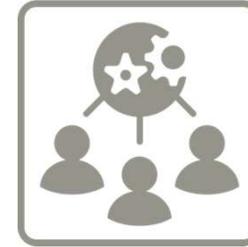
### Recommendations:

- Define a more holistic strategy including a joint greening strategy agreed with the stakeholders.
- Establish a permanent governance structure in charge of steering the entire process and of implementing the strategy

More information available



## Ask for your **PEER REVIEW!**



- Contact the Platform expert
- Apply any time
- Assessment of your application within 1 month
- Expertise tailored to your needs!

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# Time for questions



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