

**Interreg  
Europe**



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## Interreg Europe: state of play

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# An accelerator for regional development



At the heart of EU cohesion policy:

- Improving regional development policies (in particular Structural Funds)
- Mix of more and less advanced regions
- High participation of peripheral regions

**Based on local needs:** Importance of stakeholder

**Focus on results**



# Policy Learning Platform

**Community of peers**

**+ 16,000 members**



**Expert policy support**

**peer reviews**



**Good practice database**

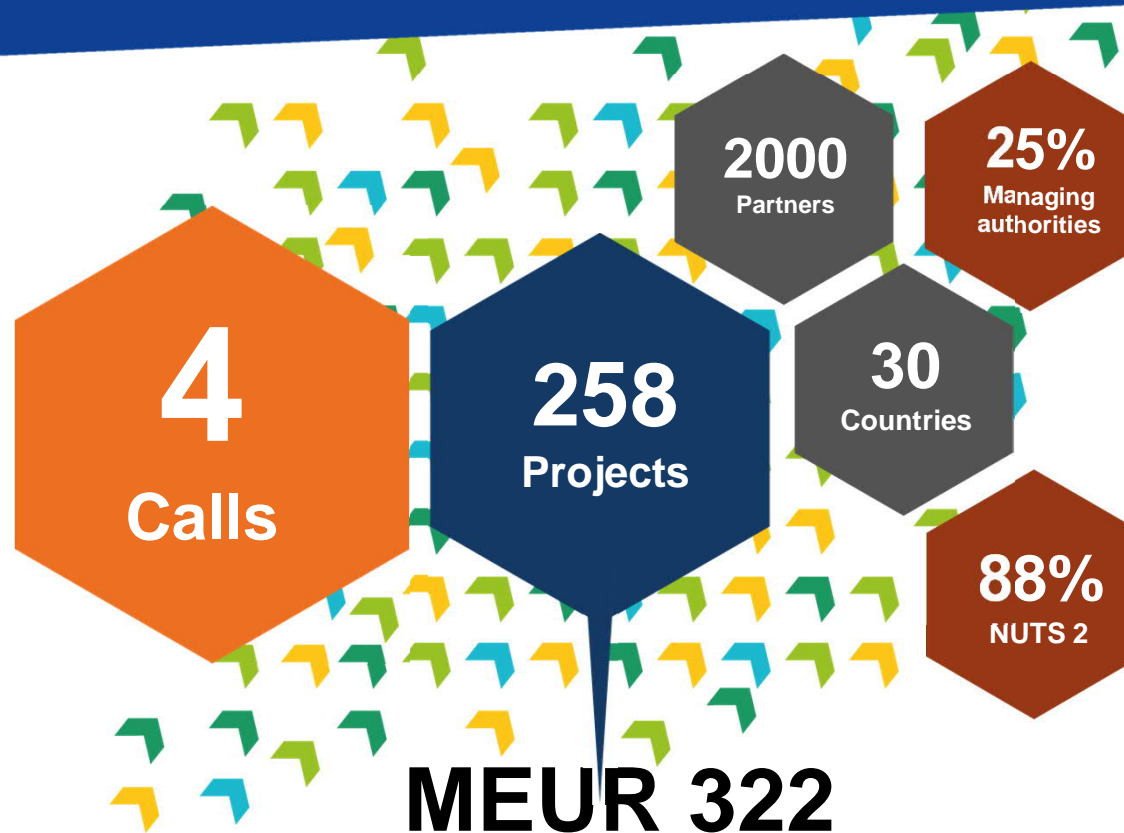
**~ 1000 good practices**



**#policylearning**



# Interregional cooperation projects



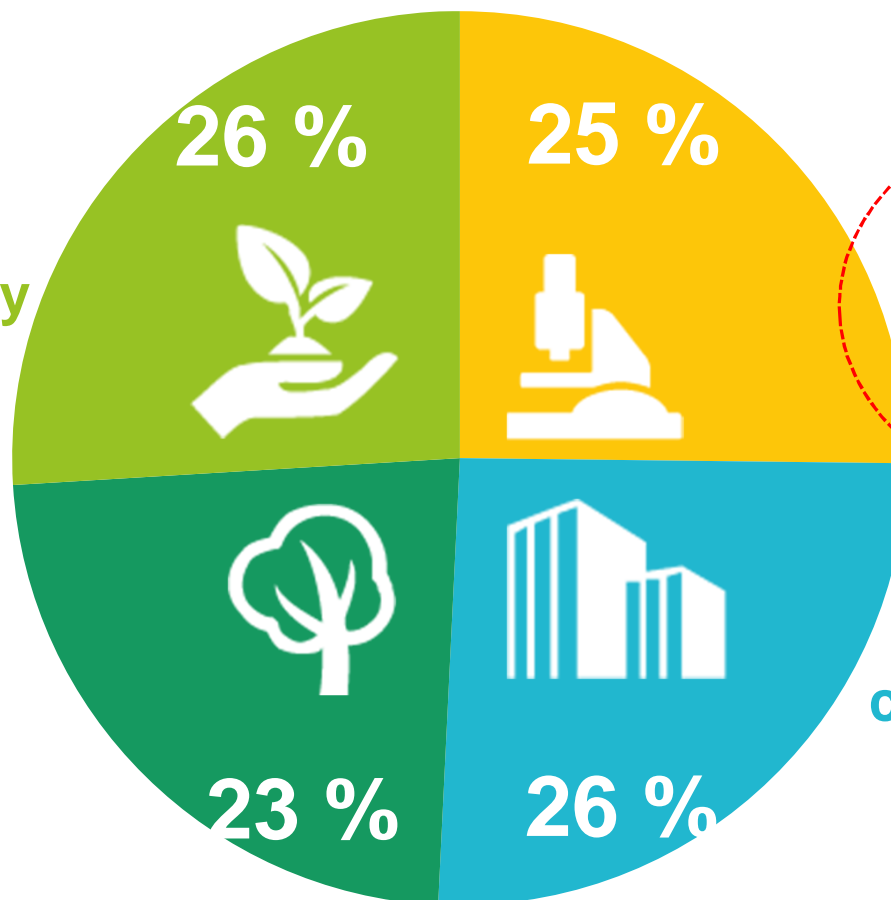
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Environment and  
resource efficiency

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Low-carbon  
economy

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Research and  
innovation

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SME  
competitiveness

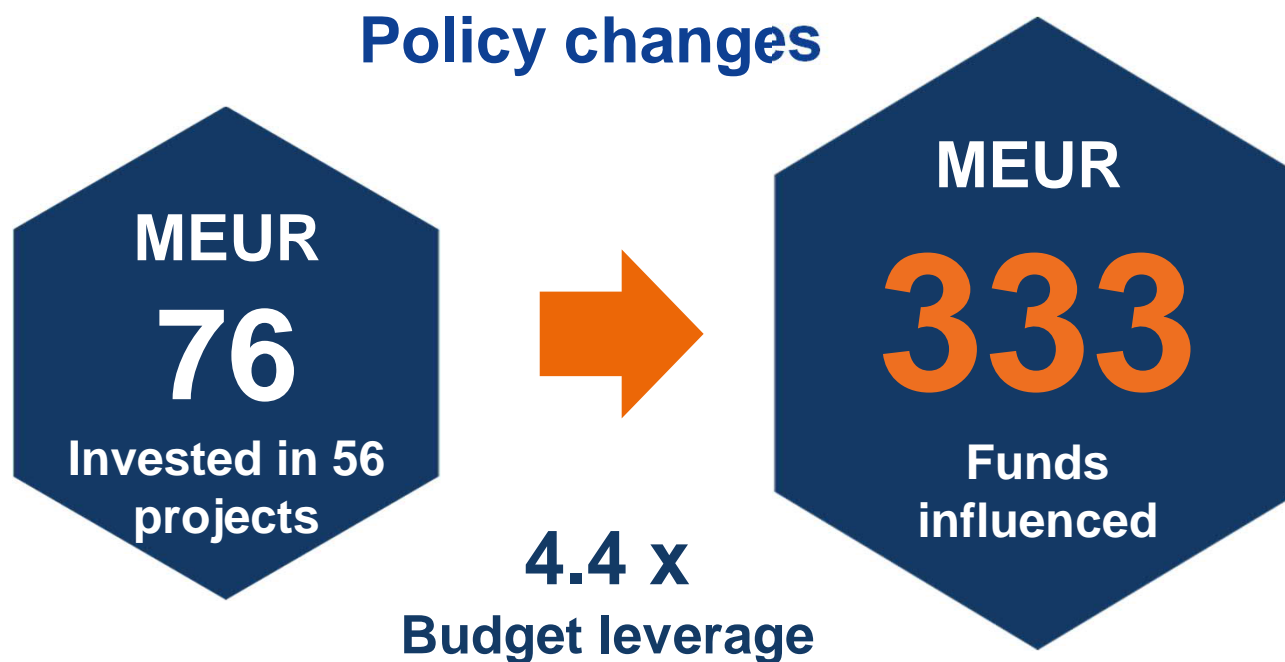
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## Outputs achieved (validated as of September 2019)

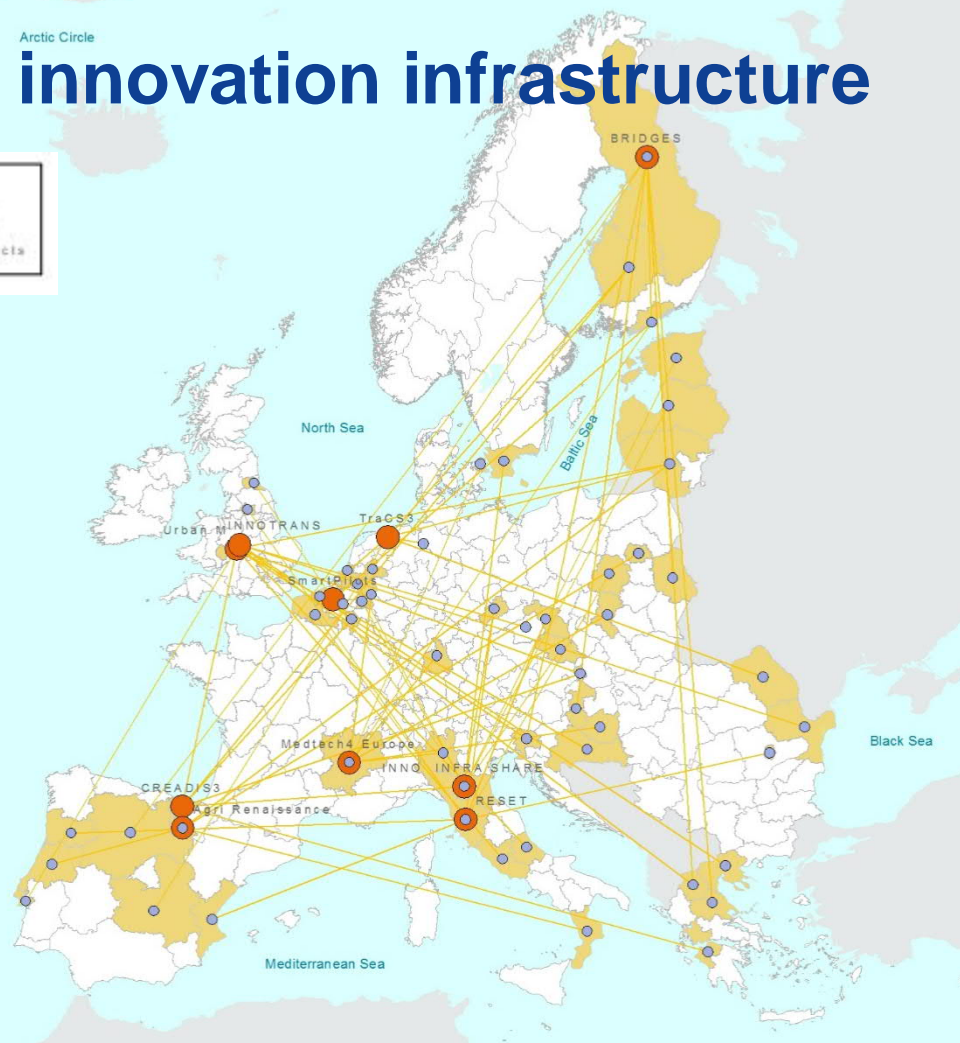


**93 projects have finished phase 1**

# Improving policies (validated as of September 2019)



# Cooperation on innovation infrastructure

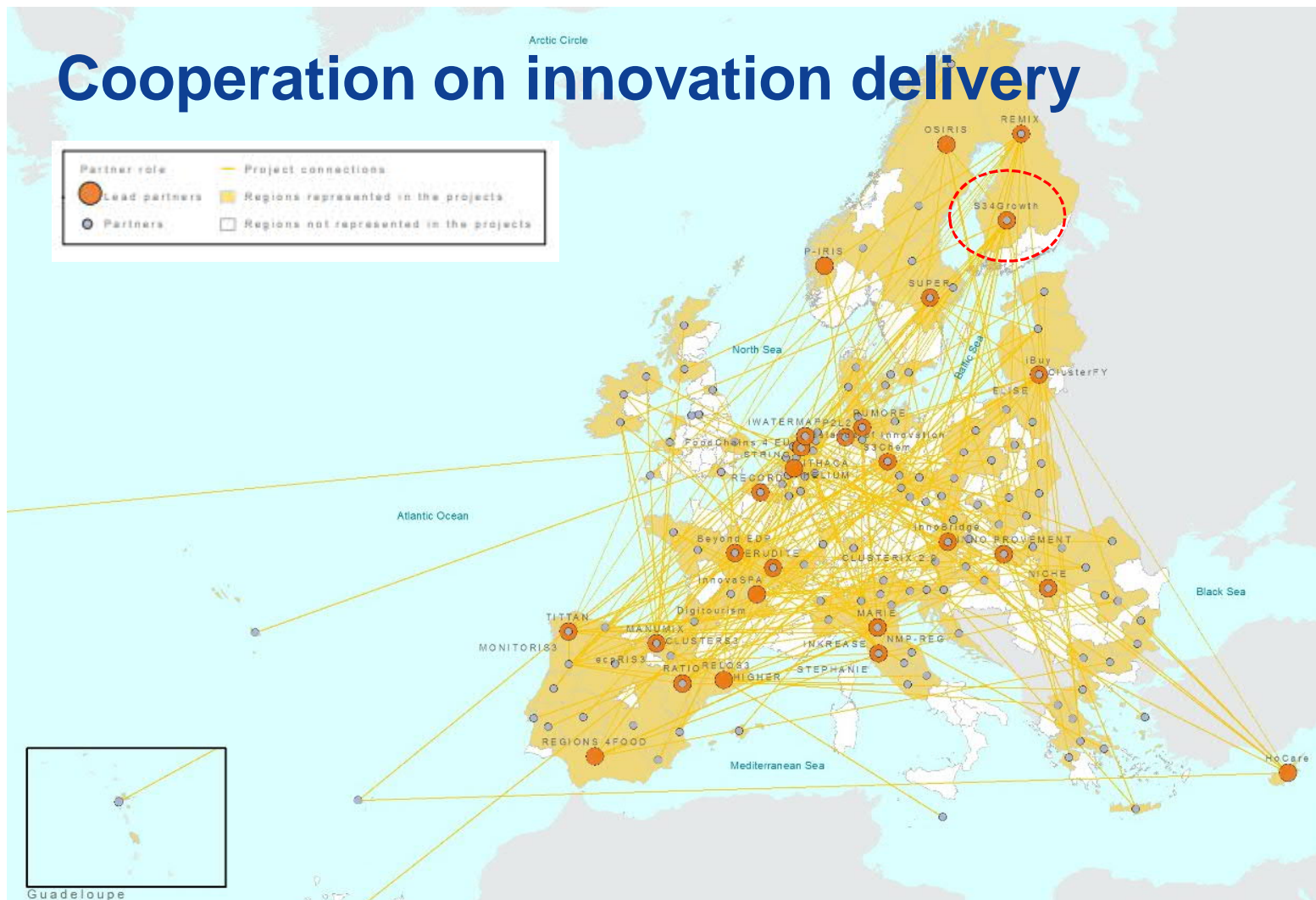


12  
Projects



# Cooperation on innovation delivery

**53**  
Projects



## 9 projects dedicated fully or partly to co-investments



S3P-Industry and Interreg Europe working for Industrial modernisation



# Active contribution



10 Vanguard regions  
from 8 countries



Smart Regions 2.0 Conference  
Helsinki, June 2017



18 good practices in PLP  
Good Practice database



Debate "Enhancing Policies  
Through Interregional Cooperation"  
CoR March 2018

# Results already achieved

## 4 Policy changes:



### **Finland's structural funds program 2014-2020**

The Council of Tampere Region (FI) + The Baltic Institute of Finland (FI)  
Sector specific funding calls have been launched for the application and exploitation of Artificial Intelligence.

### **Basque Country ERDF ROP 2014- 2020**

Basque Government (ES)  
Launch of an **interregional** voucher scheme (300.000 EUR)

### **Lombardy ERDF ROP 2014-2020**

AFIL - Intelligent Factory Lombardy Cluster (IT)  
Improvements of the Innodriver S3-2017 voucher programme (fixed cost for the services, a standard cost for staff)

### **NORTE 2020 OP**

National Innovation Agency (PT)  
New call "Demonstration Projects - Seal of Excellence", phase 2 of the SME Instrument (13.250.000 EUR)

## Some lessons learnt

- Interreg Europe: **direct contribution** to co-investments  
Learn & connect / 9 projects related to TSSP
- Interreg Europe also serves **more advanced** regions



- Co-investment: very **challenging** (few genuine examples so far)

## What about the future?

- May 2018: Interreg Europe not present in the EC draft proposal for 2021-2027: **pan European interregional cooperation no longer possible!**
- Since then: negotiation with EP and Council who asked for Interreg Europe to be back
- To be continued.... (finalisation of regulation, budget decision)





# Thank you!

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