Interreg Europe: state of play

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Sharing solutions for better regional policy

30 countries involved

359m
euros invested in policy learning

- Research and innovation
- SME competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Environment and resource efficiency

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

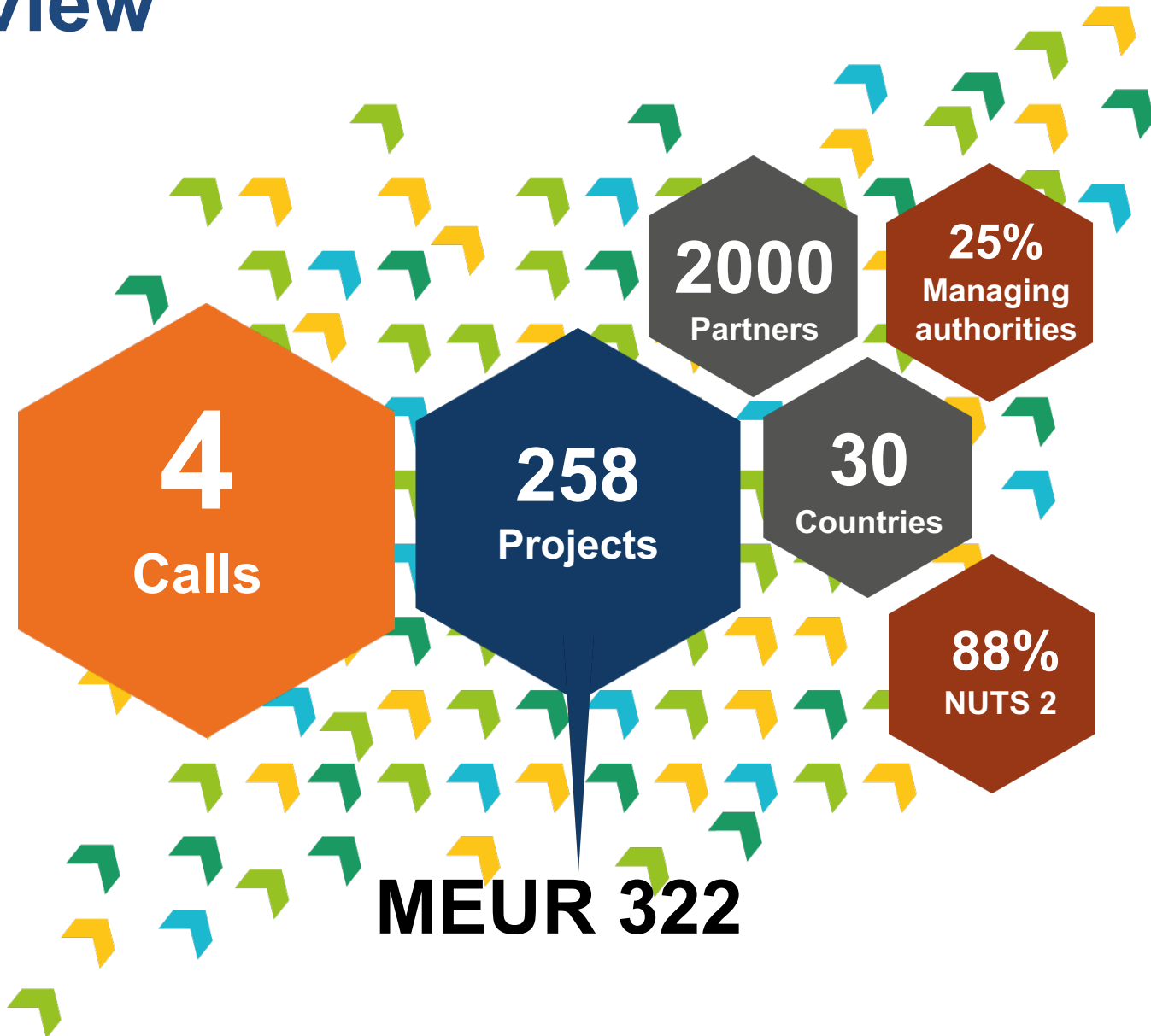**Based on local needs:** Importance of stakeholders

Focus on results: 2 phases of projects (exchange of experience + implementation)

Innovative: Lump sum for phase 2 (4th Call projects)
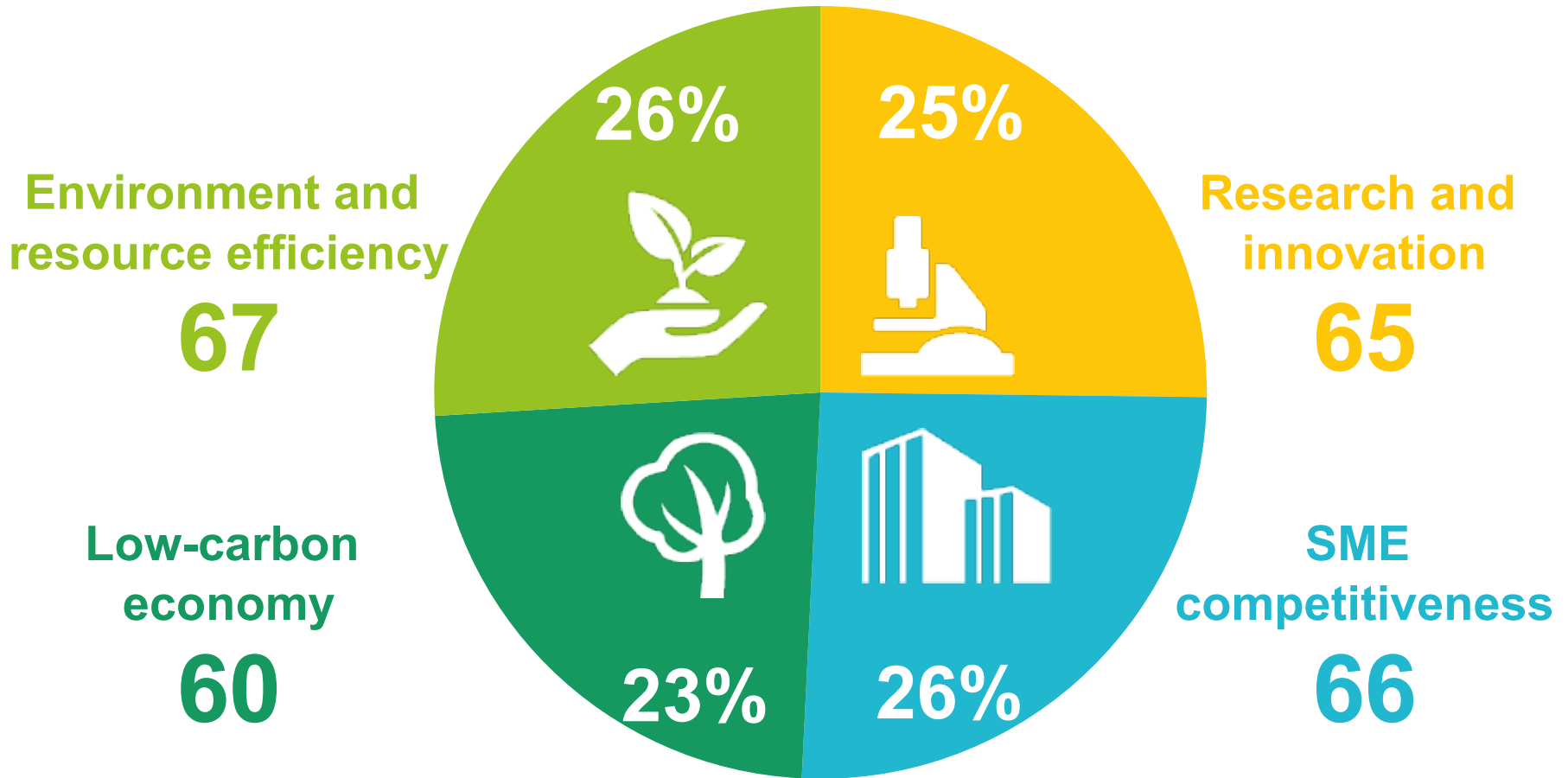
Interregional cooperation projects

Overview

4
Calls

258
Projects

2000
Partners

25%
Managing authorities

30
Countries

88%
NUTS 2

MEUR 322

Balanced

Environment and resource efficiency
67

26%

25%

Research and innovation
65

Low-carbon economy
60

23%

26%

SME competitiveness
66

Outputs achieved (validated as of September 2019)

2130
Good practices identified

5800
Staff with increased capacity

380
Action plans

43 %   **26 %**   **30 %**

% of target reached

93 projects have finished phase 1

Improving policies (Validated as of June 2019)

92
Policy changes
Growth and Jobs

43
Policy changes
Other

69
Projects

MEUR
265
Funds
influenced
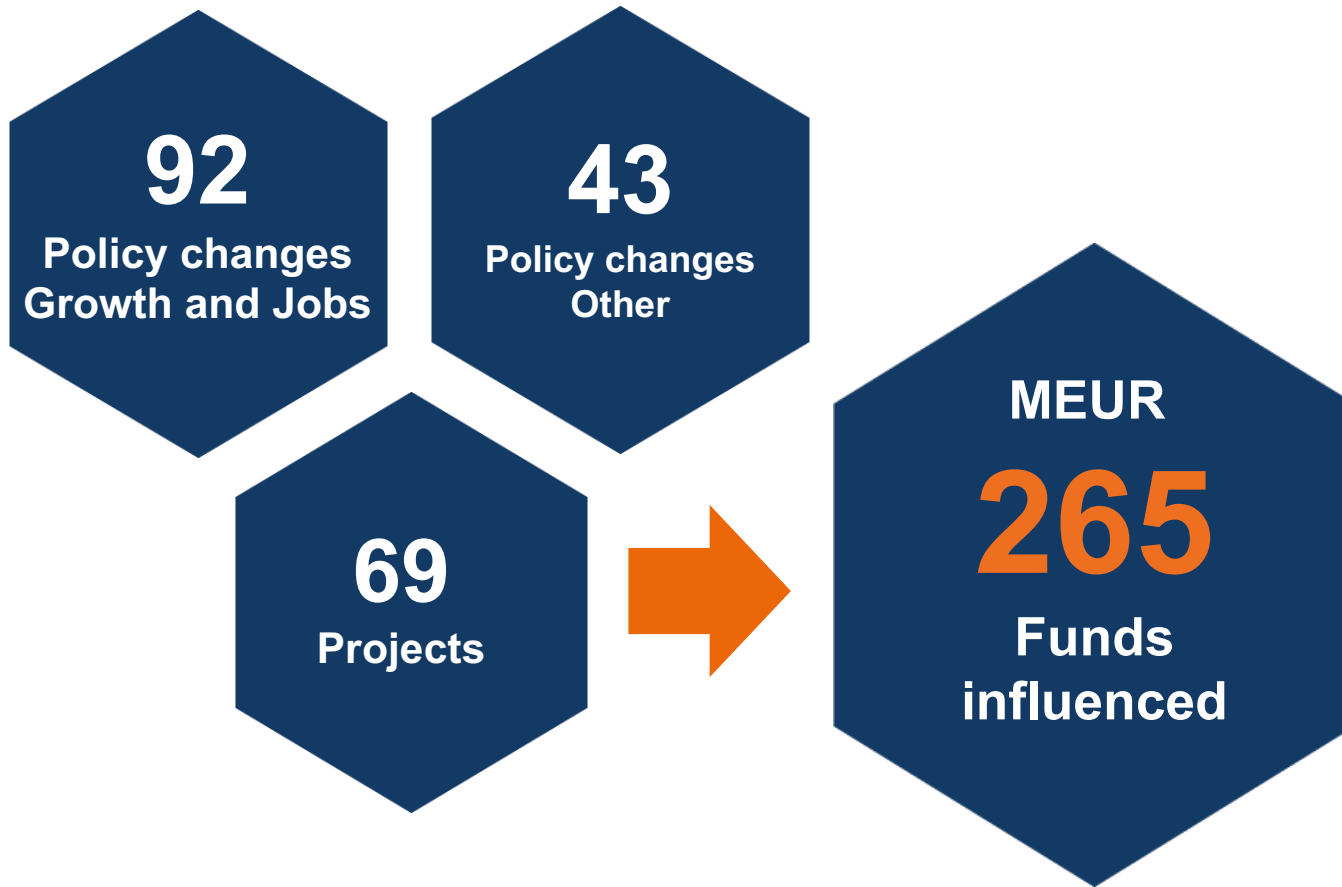
Policy Learning Platform

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services
#policylearning

Good practice database
~ 700 Good practices
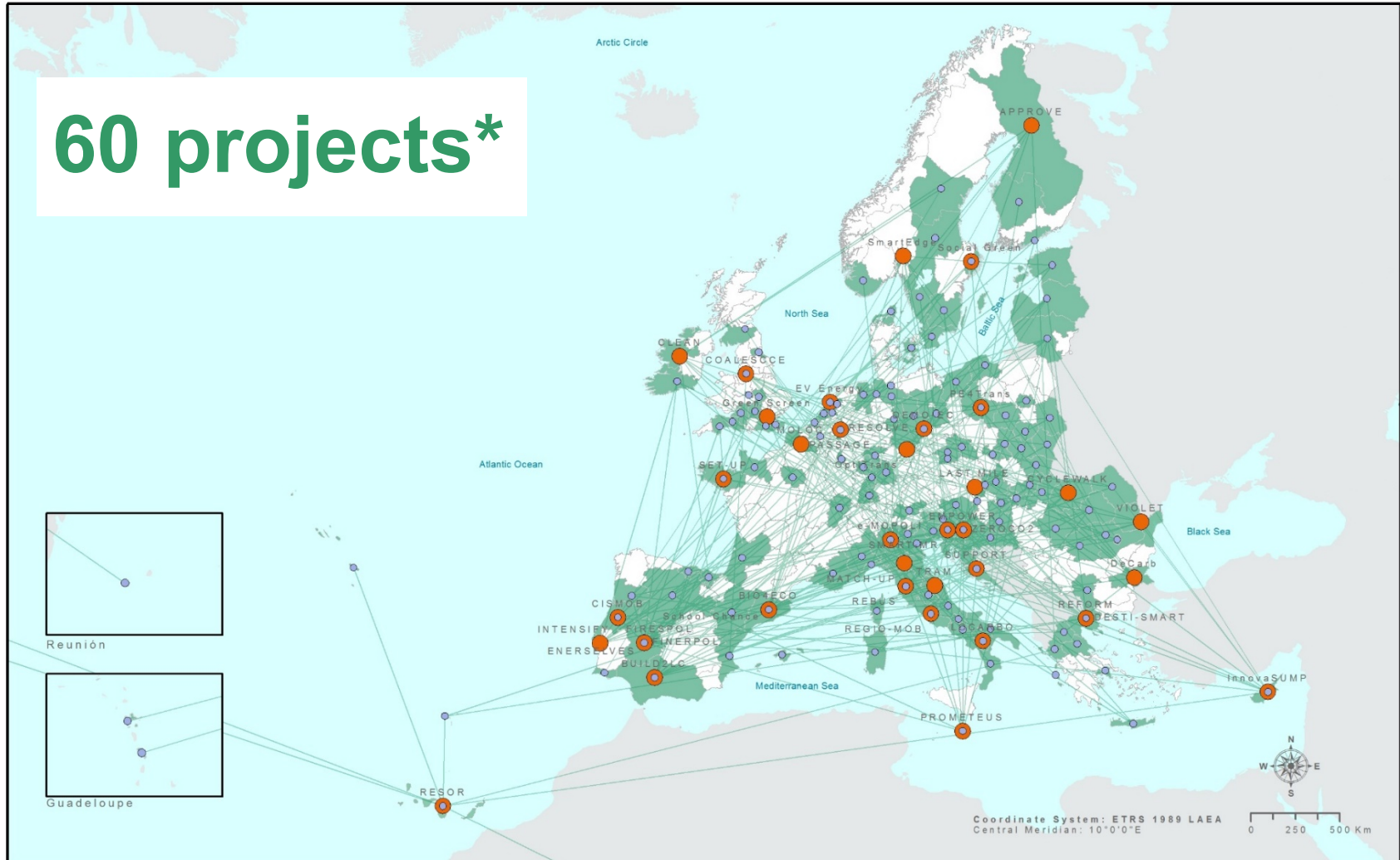
Expert policy support
8 peer reviews

Community of peers
+ 16,000 members

Policy briefs & news
35 policy briefs
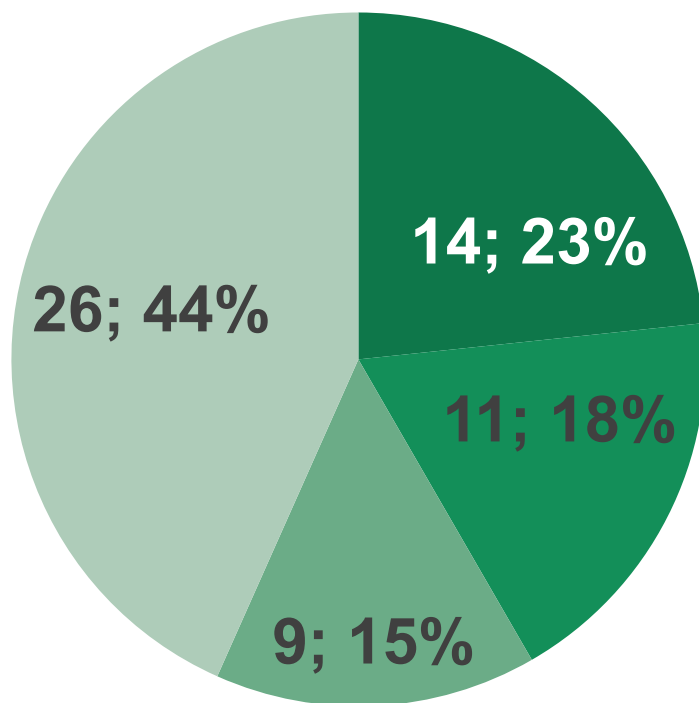
Cooperation on low-carbon economy

60 projects*

* 4th call projects not included in the map

Cooperation on low-carbon economy

Project clusters

- **Energy efficiency**
- **Low-carbon strategies**
- **Renewable energy**
- **Sustainable transport**

Pie chart values: 14; 23%, 11; 18%, 9; 15%, 26; 44%

Sustainable mobility

CISMOB promotes innovative ways of reducing carbon footprint and increasing the sustainability of urban areas through efficient use of urban transport infrastructure with the help of information and communication technologies (ICT).

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An interregional cooperation project for improving low-carbon economy policies

Project Partners

Extremadura Energy Agency (ES)
Municipality of Agueda (PT)
University of Aveiro (PT)
Bucharest Metropolitan Transport Authority (RO)
Intelligent Transport Systems Romania – ITS Romania (RO)
Stockholm University (SE)

25 projects on urban mobility, e-mobility, ICT, intermodality etc. Some examples:

- **REGIO-MOB**
- **CYCLEWALK**
- **DESTI-SMART**
- **EU CYCLE**
- **EV ENERGY**
- **InnovaSUMP**
- **LAST MILE**
- **OptiTrans**
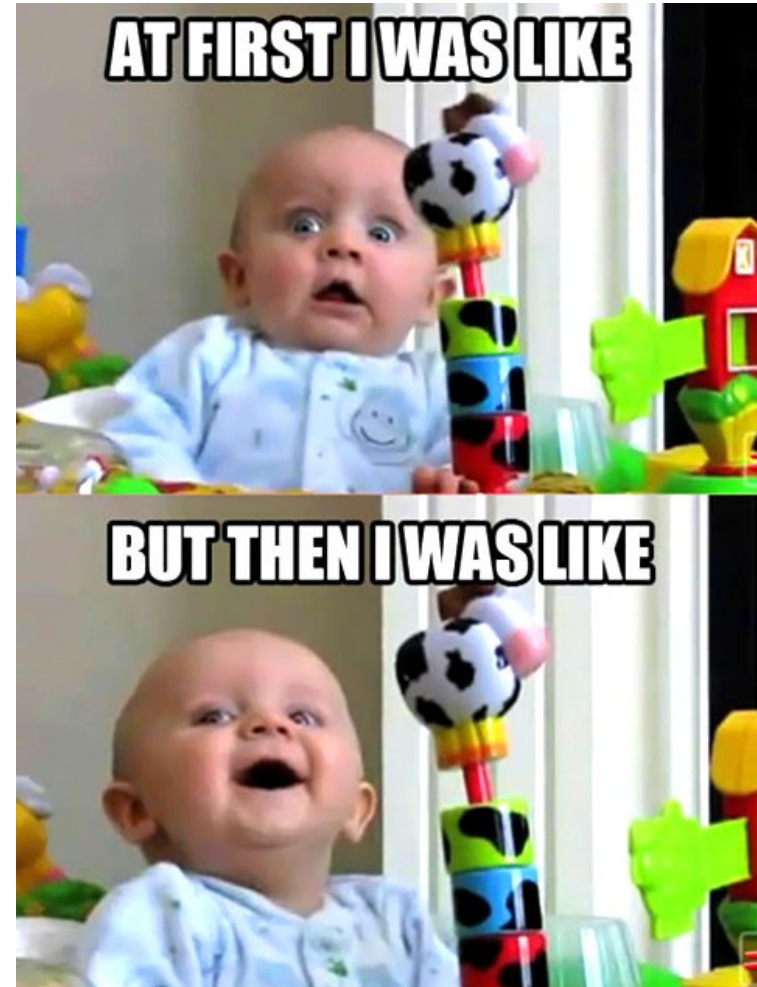- **PE4Trans**
- **REFORM**
- **RESOLVE**
- **SMART-MR**
- **TRAM**
- **…**

It's tough to be the first born…

- two-phases implementation
- action plans
- Good Practices database
- …

WHAAAAAAT?

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Policy change:

Partners: University of Aveiro (LP) & Municipality of Agueda

Regional Operational Programme (ROP) Centro, Portugal

Improved governance – better consideration of ICT related proposals

Implementation of a test pilot to evaluate travellers preferences about ICT systems

Inspiration from:

- Opendata Cáceres, ES
- Trafiklab - Together we create the future of public transport, SE
- Timisoara Public Transport Management System, RO
- Urban ICT Arena - an open ICTs and co-creation arena and testbed, SE

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Policy change:

Sustainable Mobility Strategy for the Municipality of Agueda

Águeda Sm@rt City Lab project plans to

- monitor GHG thanks to sensors in electric bicycles (5) to promote this travel mode in the city of Agueda
- Install ICT systems in city transport hub
- …

→ Approx. EUR 45,000 directly influenced (municipal level)

→ Co-financed by Portuguese Environmental Fund (Ministry of the Environment and the Energy Transition)

Inspiration from:

- Not Boring Bike, SE

Partners: University of Aveiro (LP) & Municipality of Agueda

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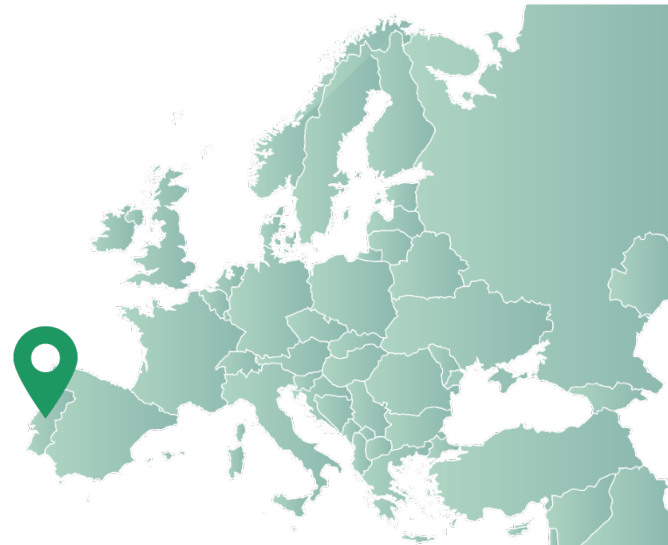
Policy change:

Regional Operational Programme (ROP), Romania

Implementation of electronic ticketing systems:

- cities are eligible **to implement integrated ticketing systems** for a wider, regional area in partnership with neighbouring towns/villages that are part of the functional metropolitan area
- more benefits in terms of efficiency and **CO_2 reductions** than local systems limited to the geographic boundaries of one city

Inspiration from:

- Integrated ticketing and other GPs presented from Stockholm, SE

Partners: Intelligent Transport Systems Romania & Bucharest-Ilfov Inter-Community Development Association for Public Transport (PP5) & Intelligent Transport Systems Romania (PP4)

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Active contribution at programme level

- 9 good practices published on project website, 2 of them included in PLP database
- successful dissemination
- Exchange with other projects
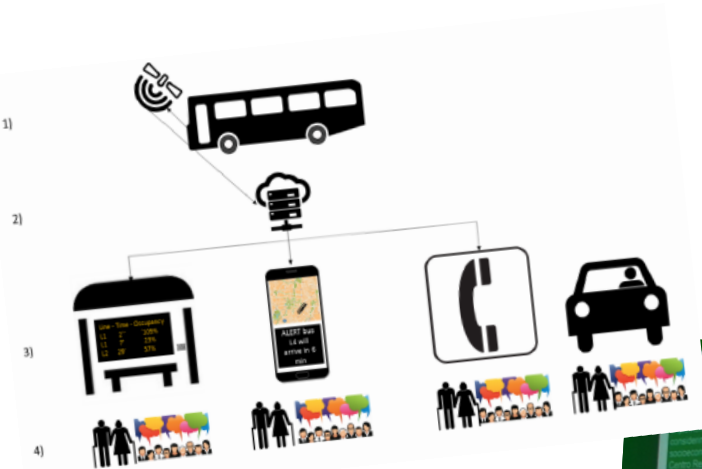
Participation in thematic workshop on sustainable mobility, Manchester (2018)

Programme's first pilot action approved in March 2018

Participation in the cooperation forum, Sofia (2018)

What about the future?

Loading

- May 2018: Interreg Europe not present in the EC draft proposal for 2021-2027: **pan European interregional cooperation seemed 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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