

**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 stakeholders

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

**Innovative:** Lump sum for phase 2 (4<sup>th</sup> Call projects)

# Policy Learning Platform

**Community of peers**

**+ 16,000 members**



**Expert policy support**

**peer reviews**



**Good practice database**

**~ 1000 good practices**



**#policylearning**

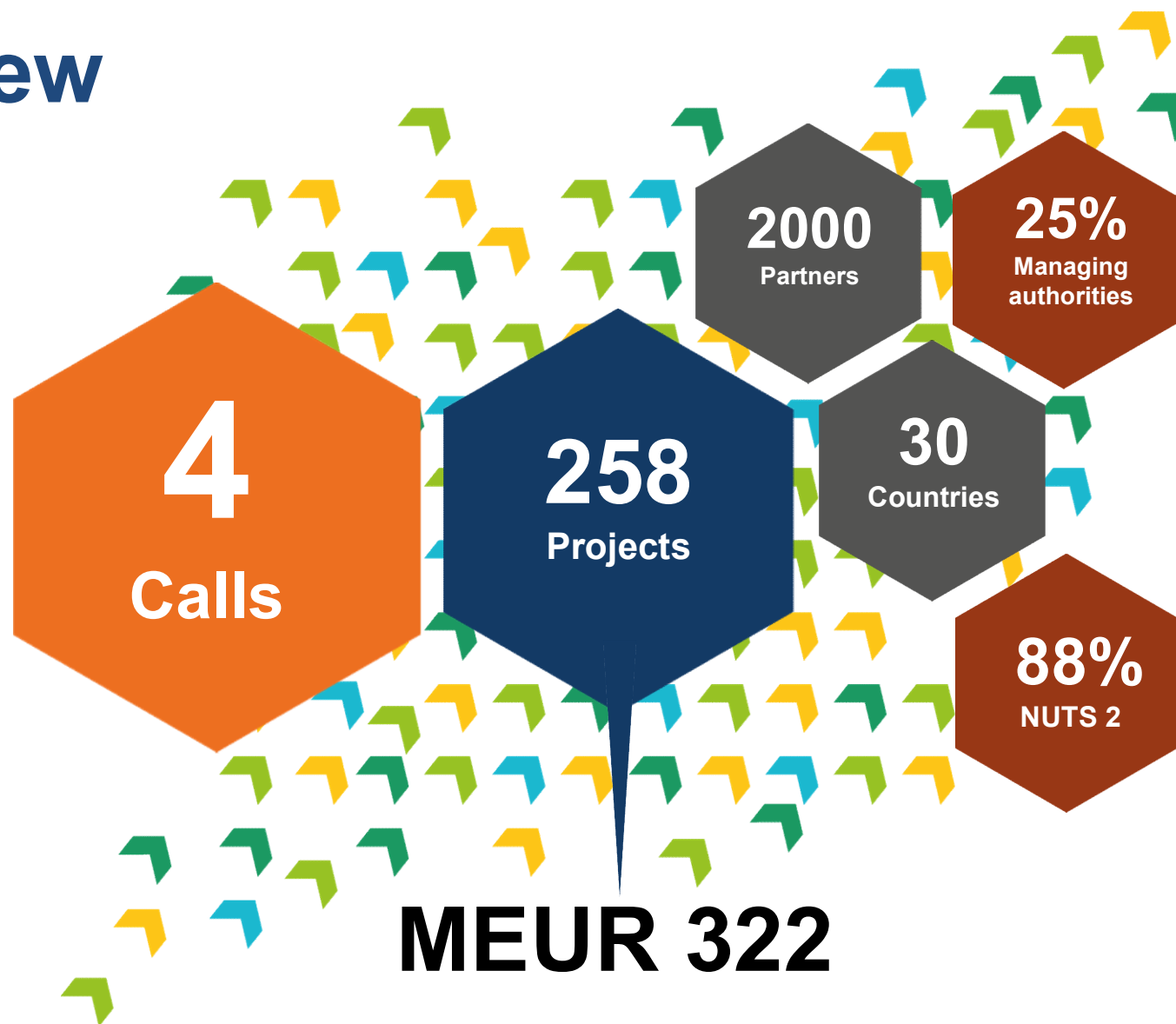


# Interregional cooperation projects





# Overview





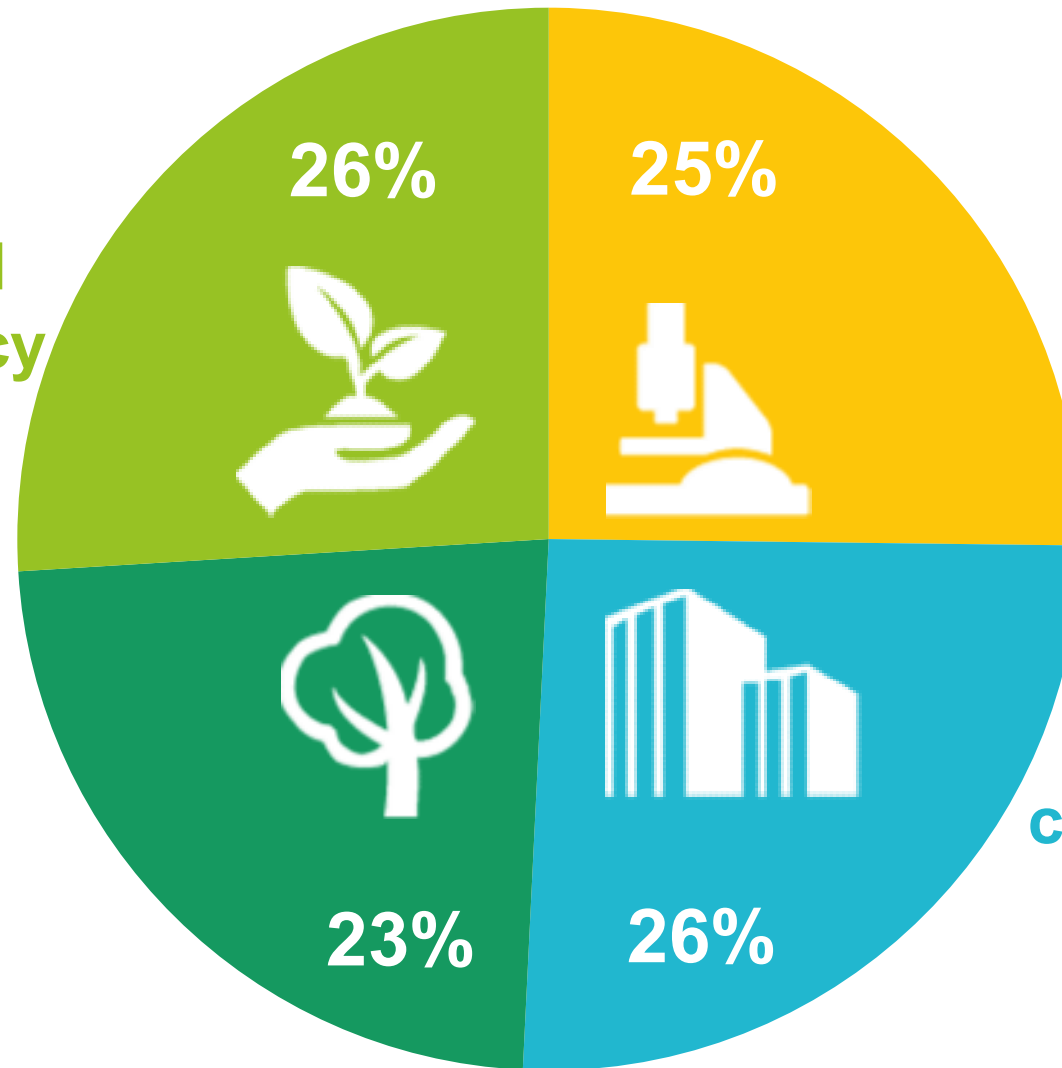
# Balanced

Environment and  
resource efficiency

67

Low-carbon  
economy

60



Research and  
innovation

65

SME  
competitiveness

66

# Outputs achieved (validated as of September 2019)



**2,130**

Good practices  
identified

**5,800**

Staff with  
increased capacity

**380**

Action plans

**43 %**

**26 %**

**30 %**

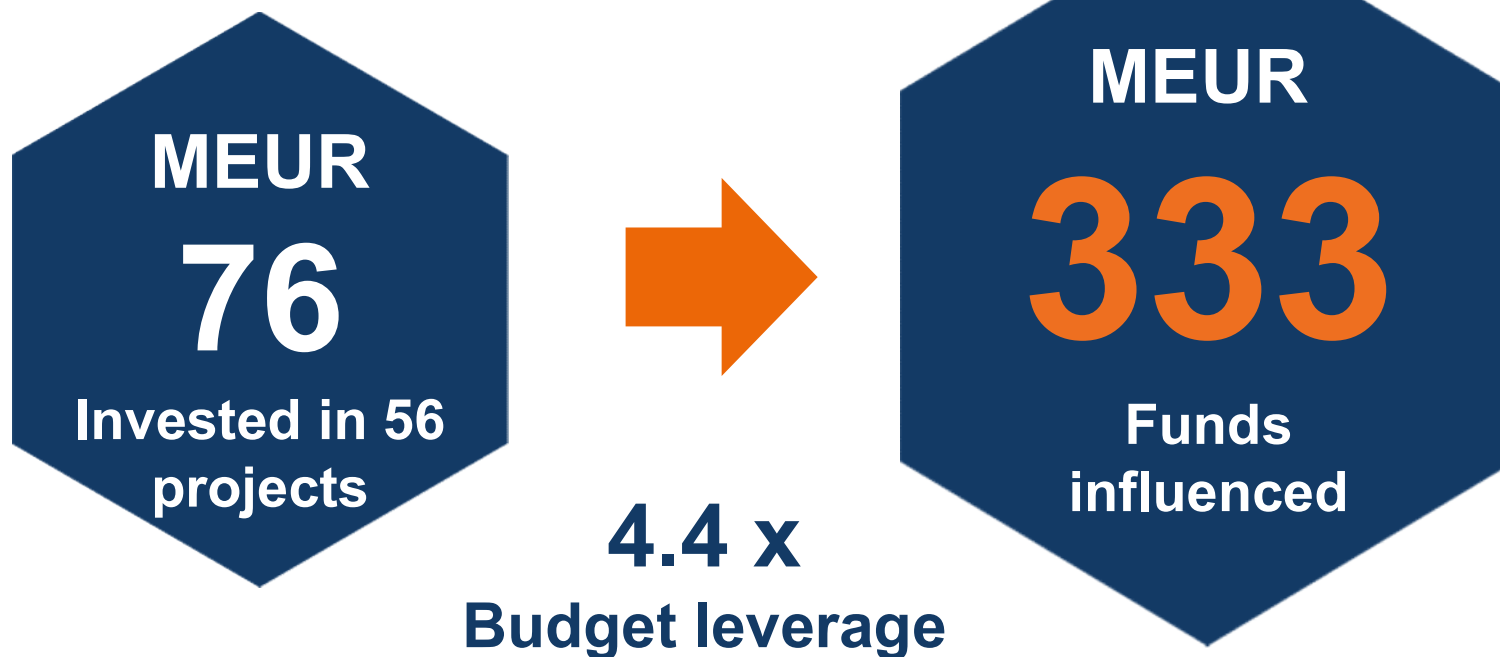
% of target reached

**93 projects have finished phase 1**

# Improving policies (validated as of September 2019)



## Policy changes



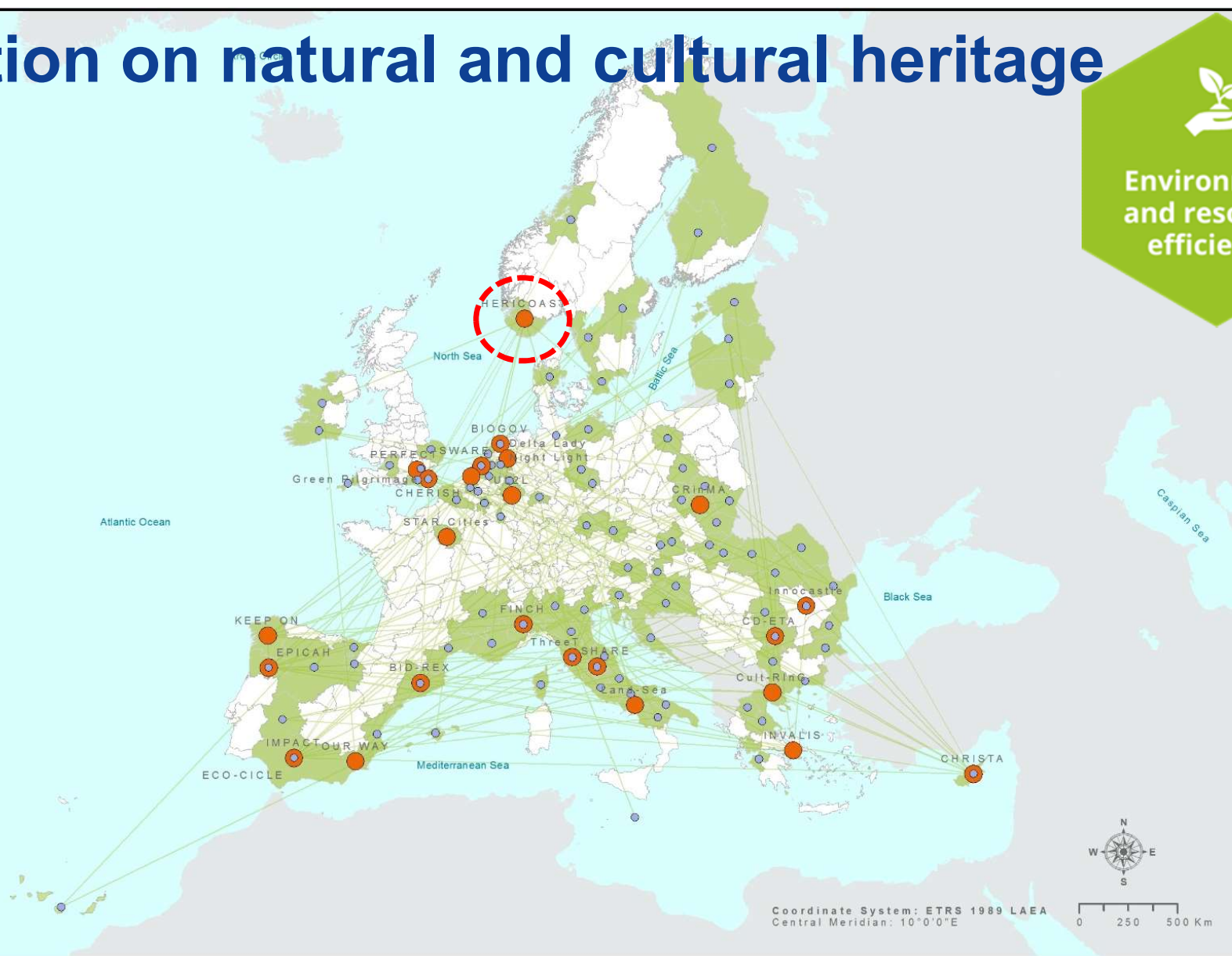


# Cooperation on natural and cultural heritage



Environment  
and resource  
efficiency

36  
Projects

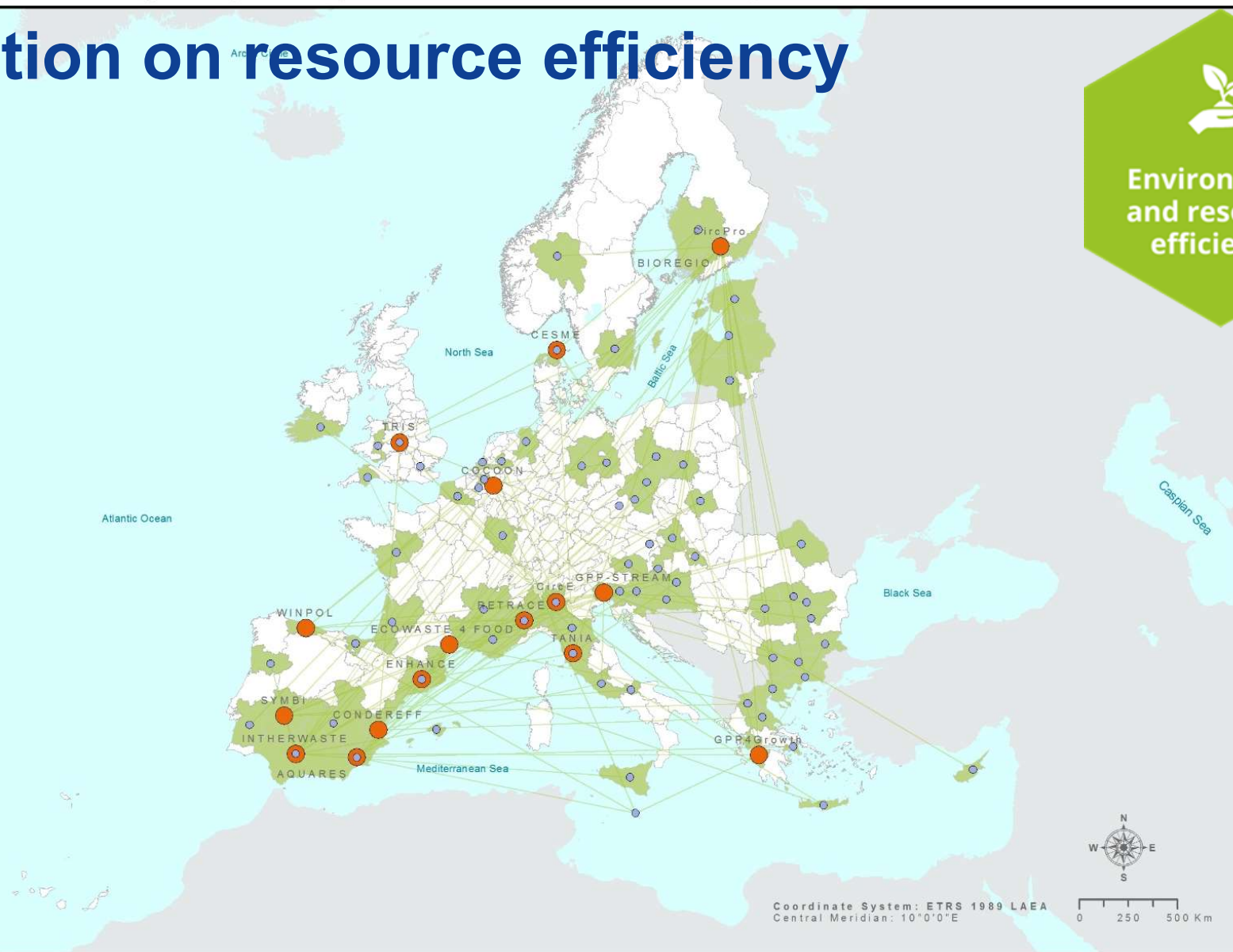


# Cooperation on resource efficiency

31  
Projects



Environment  
and resource  
efficiency



# 5 projects dedicated to promote natural and cultural heritage in coastal areas and rivers



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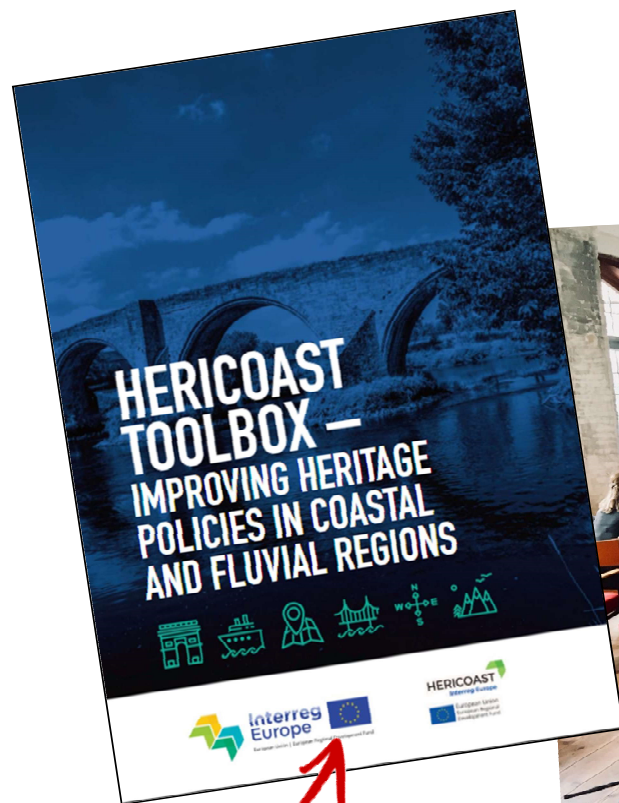
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**Land-Sea**  
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**WaVE**  
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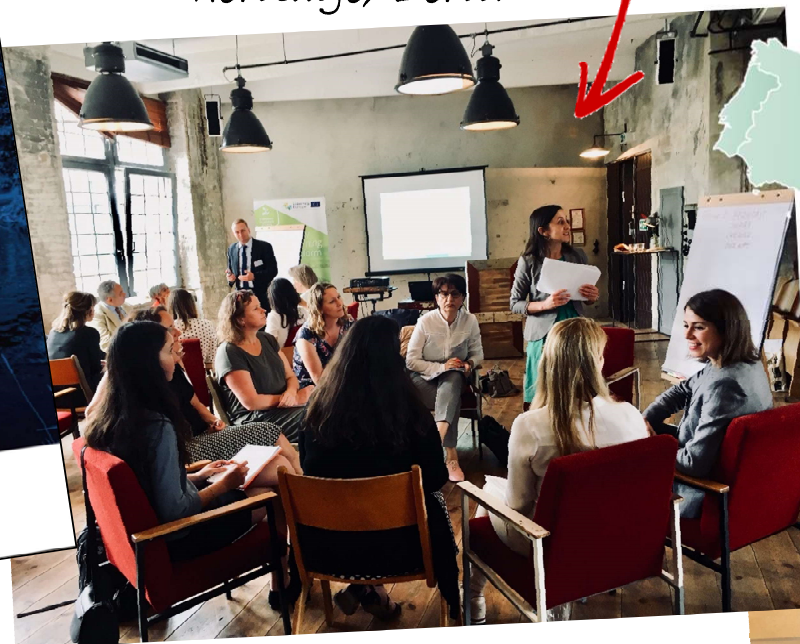


# Active contribution at programme level



Presentation of the toolbox, webinar on cultural heritage

PLP workshop on cultural heritage, Berlin



PLP event on protection of natural heritage and sustainable management, Bucharest



17 good practices published on Good Practice Database!



## Example of results already achieved (and more are yet to come!)



Policy improved: “*National programme for value creation and cultural heritage*”

- New project (“Uthavner som besøksmål”) supported by Vest-Agder County Council for exploiting cultural heritage of the historical outport of Agder
- Based on HERICOAST learning (in particular experience from Basque country)
- Amount of funds influenced: 245,000 EUR

# 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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