

Interreg Europe: state of play

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## An accelerator for regional development



#### At the heart of EU cohesion policy:

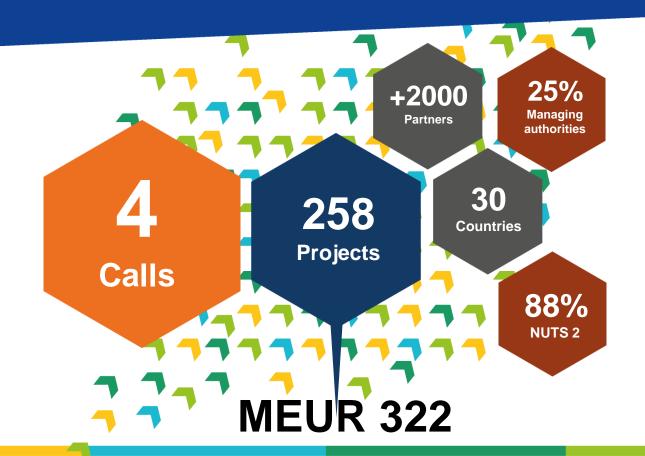
- Improving regional development policies (in particular Structural Funds)
- Mix of more and less advanced regions
- High participation of peripheral regions

Based on local needs: Importance of stakeholde

Focus on results



## Interregional cooperation projects



## Outputs achieved (validated as of 1 January 2021)

3,513
Good practices identified

2,060
Good practices
PLP





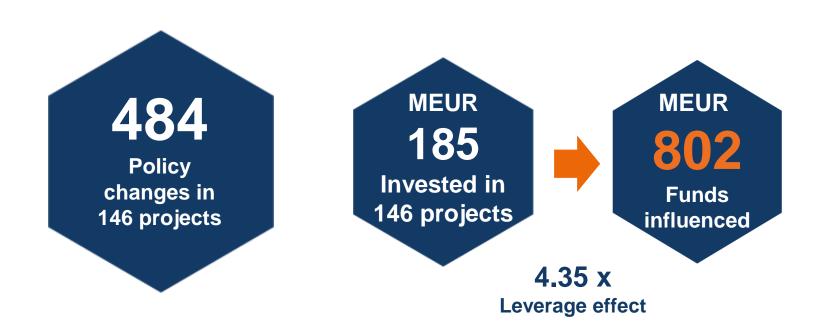
103 %

98 %

% of target in the CP reached

158 projects have finished phase 1

## Improving policies (validated as of 1 January 2021)



# **Policy Learning Platform**

#### **Community of peers**

+ 18,000 members



#### **Good practice database**

+ 1900 good practices



**Expert policy support** peer reviews, helpdesk



#### Knowledge hub

Policy briefs & news





## **COVID** challenges – Interreg Europe solutions

https://www.interregeurope.eu/covid-19/

Check the new **COVID-19** section on our website in order to:

- COVID-19 keyword!
- Discover good practices from all across Europe that can help you mitigate the pandemic's effects;
- Join our online thematic activities that will inspire you and help you find solutions to common challenges;
- Request tailored support from our Policy Learning Platform experts;
- Find out related news and events published by us, our projects and other institutions.
- Possible call for additional activities in 2021



#### Possible call for additional activities in 2021



- New opportunities to face and recover from the COVID-19 crisis
- Open to 258 approved projects (but primarily relevant to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> call projects);
- Focus on exchange of experience activities and pilot actions if justified
- Monitoring Committee final decision expected in March.

#### **Balanced**

**Environment and resource efficiency** 

67

Low-carbon economy

60



Research and innovation

65

SME competitiveness

66

Cooperation on innovation infrastructures Partner role - Project connections Regions represented in the projects O Partners Regions not represented in the projects North Sea Atlantic Ocean Renalssance

12 Projects

## Only project addressing innovation in textile







CLUTEX - Cluster Technical Textiles (CZ) Saxony Institute Textile Research (DE)

Textile Research Institute - AITEX (ES) Centre of European Textile Innovation (FR Municipality of Prato (IT)

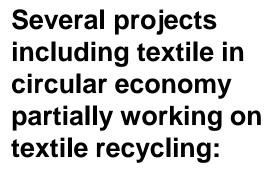
Technological Centre for Textile and Clothing of Portugal (CITEVE) (PT) National Research & Development Institute for Textiles and Leather (RO) Textile Center of Excellence (Huddersfield & District Textile Training Company Ltd) (UK)











- CirCE
- CircPro
- WINPRO

## **Strengths of RESET**

Textile at the crossroads : covid-19 textile equipments,
 Green Deal, circular economy, Industry 4.0

 Clear focus on Structural Funds programmes (all policy instruments)

Achievements so far: 45 people with increased capacity,
 10 policy improved, 6M+ euros influenced

Active contribution at programme level



Webdocumentary





### What about the future?

- May 2018: Interreg Europe not present in the EC draft regulations
- May 2019: EP and Council asked for Interreg Europe to be back
- December 2019: first Programming Committee meeting <u>https://www.interregeurope.eu/about-us/2021-2027</u>
- To be continued.... (finalisation of regulation, budget decision)



#### No revolution...but evolution

# Key features remain:

- 1. Pan-European
- 2. Similar overall objective
- Regional development policy makers as core target groups
- 3. Similar means to achieve the objective
- Main focus on capacity building
- 1. Focus on Structural Funds lightened

### **Proposals:**

- 2. Learning by doing: pilot actions
- 3. Only one single priority in the programme
- Better reflect the core nature of the programme (capacity building)



# Thank you!

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