



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

Insight into Interregional Cooperation

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1. Programme context
2. Programme state of play
3. The RTF project
4. Future of interregional cooperation

INTERREG IVC main features

Eligible area:

- EU 27
- Switzerland & Norway

ERDF funding: € 302 m

2 priorities

- Innovation & knowledge economy
- Environment and risk prevention

2 types of interventions

- Regional Initiative Project
- Capitalisation Project



Overall objective

to improve

the effectiveness of regional development policies

by

matching less experienced and more advanced regions
enabling **exchange of experiences** and knowledge

in the fields of

**Innovation and the
knowledge economy**

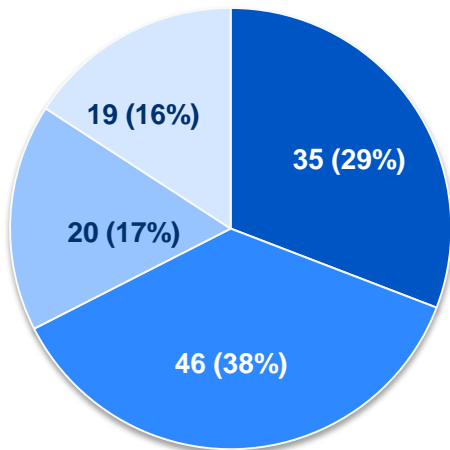
**Environment and risk
prevention**

Approved projects

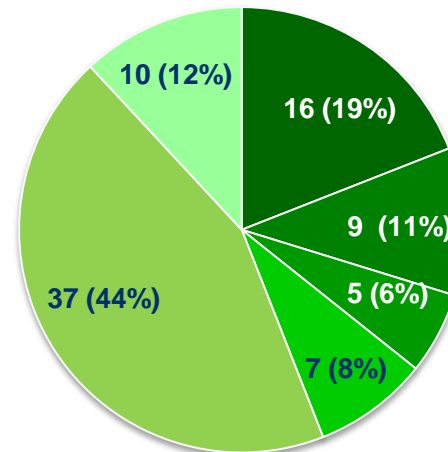
204
projects

2 276
partners

ALL funds (302 M€) committed

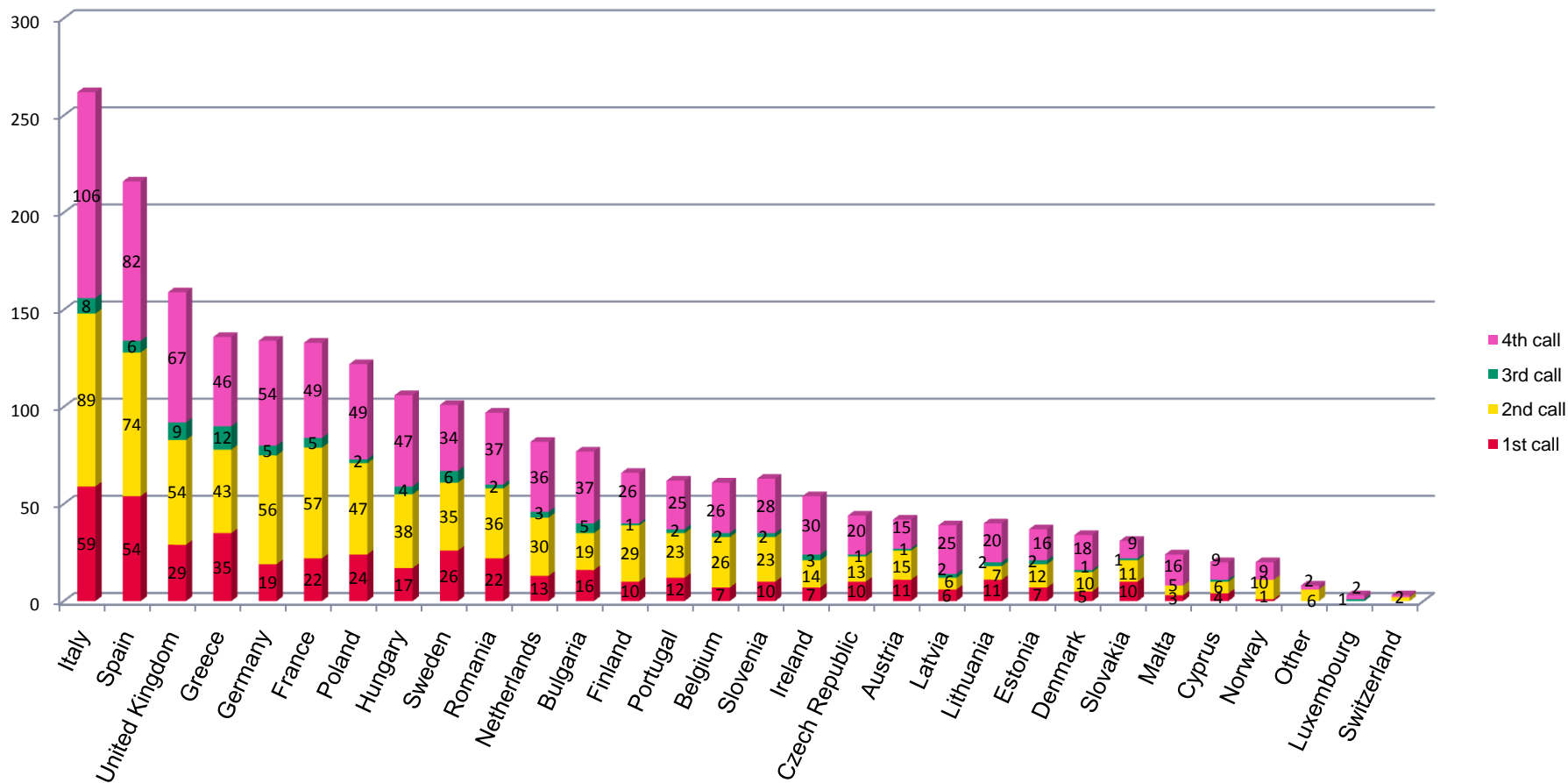


- Innovation, research and technology development
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Information Society
- Employment, human capital and education



- Natural and technological risks
- Water management
- Waste management
- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
- Energy and sustainable transport
- Cultural heritage and landscape

Project partners per country – all calls



Programme Capitalisation

To better **exploit projects results** for the benefit of local and regional authorities in Europe

Experienced thematic experts will analyse the projects in order to

- identify synergies & complementarities
- discover innovative approaches & make them available to all EU regions
- draw policy recommendations for national & EU levels

12 capitalisation topics

106 projects

Priority 1

1. Innovation capacity of SMEs – 8
2. Innovation Systems – 9
(triple helix & open innovation)
3. Eco-innovation – 7
4. Creative industries – 10
5. Entrepreneurship – 9
6. E-government services – 6
- 7. Demographic change – 9**
8. Rural development – 8

Priority 2

1. Climate change – 7
2. Energy efficiency – 13
3. Renewable energy – 6
4. Sustainable public transport – 14

Timeline of implementation

Date	Activity
April – June 2010	Experiment in programme capitalisation in subtheme: “Innovation, research and technology development”
June 2011	MC decision for thematic programme capitalisation
March - June 2012	Selection and contracting of external topic experts
July 2012	Briefing of external topic experts & start of data collection
October - November 2012	Thematic workshops with projects
Spring 2013	Annual topic reports/ publication/ presentations

First programme achievements

Good practices transferred

2,675 good practices identified



110 successfully transferred

(Data up to 30/06/2011)

First programme achievements

Already **102** national/ regional/ local policies improved:

Priority 1

67 policies improved

Priority 2

35 policies improved

Programme overall objective:
“Improvement of regional and local policies”

Telemedicine services

- unique focus within IVC
- included in the capitalisation topic ‘demographic change’

Healthcare & telemedicine topic
in other IVC projects:

- PEOPLE (TCares)
- DART
- IMMODI
- DLA
- *Health4Growth*
- *CASA*



A partnership of clear interest



- 5 out of 9 partners public authorities
 - the policy relevance of the other partners is also demonstrated
- partners from 9 Member States
 - representing all corners of Europe
 - including 2 new Member States (Estonia, Poland)



Results achieved so far

(based on PR4)

- 26 staff members with increased capacity
- 5 good practices transferred (out of 20 identified)
 - to ES, SE, FR, DK and IT
- 1 policy improved (Scotland)
- 2 spin-offs
 - e-Medic (IVA project) – Estonia
 - Cooperation among PL & EE health clusters

Framework for the future: the EU2020 strategy

3 priorities

7 « flagship » initiatives

Smart growth

Innovation Union
Youth on the move
A digital Agenda for Europe

Sustainable growth

Resource efficient Europe
An Industrial Policy for the globalisation area

Inclusive growth

An agenda for new skills and jobs
European Platform against poverty

11 ‘thematic objectives’ / ‘investment priorities’

in the general and ERDF draft regulations

Three options for the next programme

A/ Improved integrated programme (IVC-like)

No revolution

INTERREG philosophy kept (based on projects)

B/ Support programme to Regional Operational Programmes (ROPs)

A fundamental change

Idea of strategic learning platforms

C/ Combination of A and B

Thank you for your attention!