

**Interreg
Europe**



European Union | European Regional Development Fund

Interreg Europe Achievements and future

Marie Guitton, Policy Officer, Interreg Europe

09 December 2021

Online briefing | Danube Region Strategy Water Quality

Follow us on social media:



1.

What
is Interreg Europe?



What makes Interreg Europe unique?

Member of the Interreg family but

The only Interreg

- With focus on **policy improvements**
- Exclusively dedicated to policy **learning**

Focus on regional development policies (in particular Structural Funds)

As a result

- Core target groups = **public authorities**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**

Means: identification and transfer of good practices

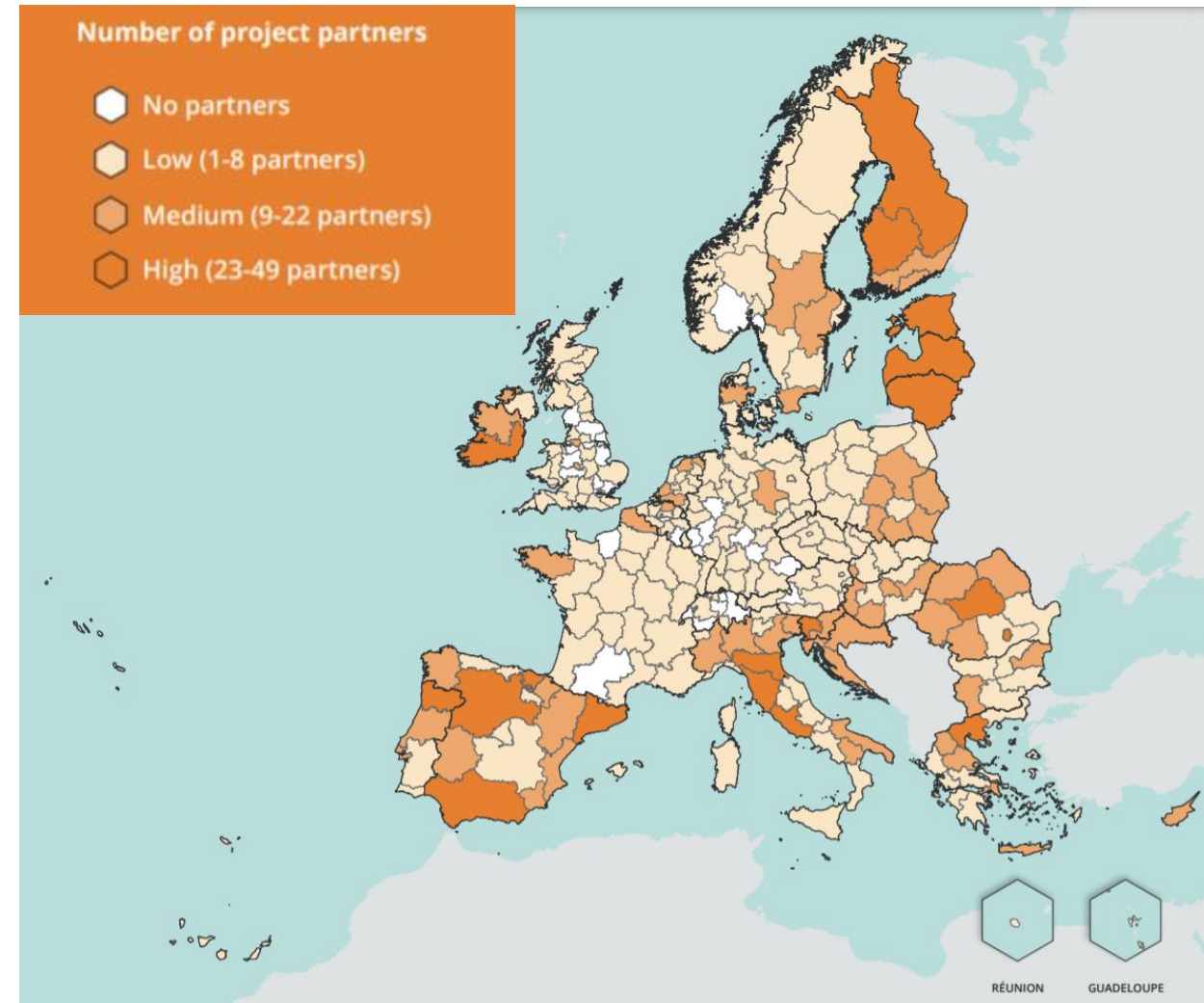
What makes Interreg Europe unique?


Geographical coverage

The only Interreg covering

EU 27 + NO & CH & UK

90% of NUTS2 regions involved
in Interreg Europe actions





What has
Interreg Europe 2014-2021
achieved?

Thematic areas covered



2013-2020 topics



**Research
and innovation**



**SME
competitiveness**



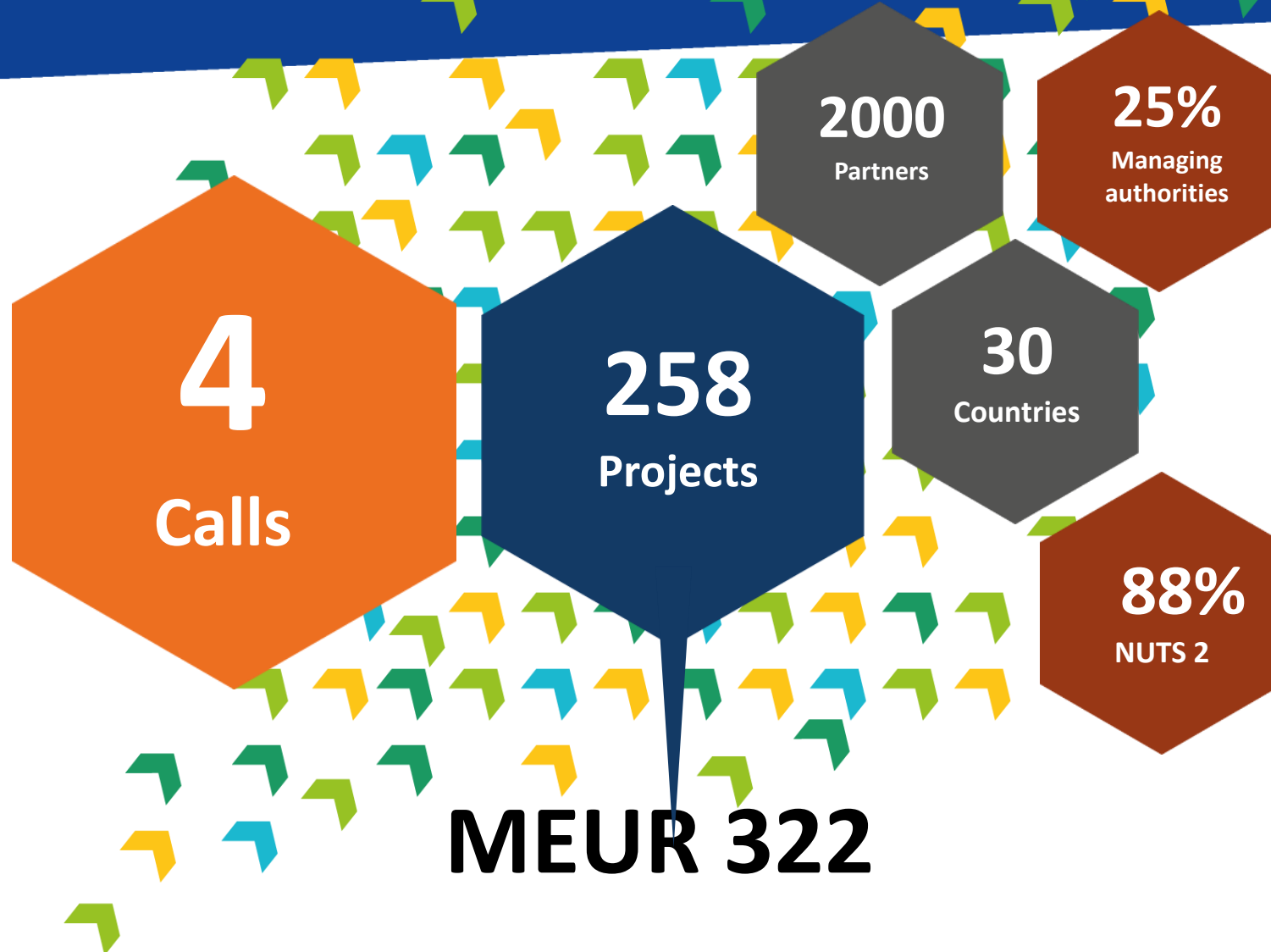
**Low-carbon
economy**



**Environment and
resource efficiency**

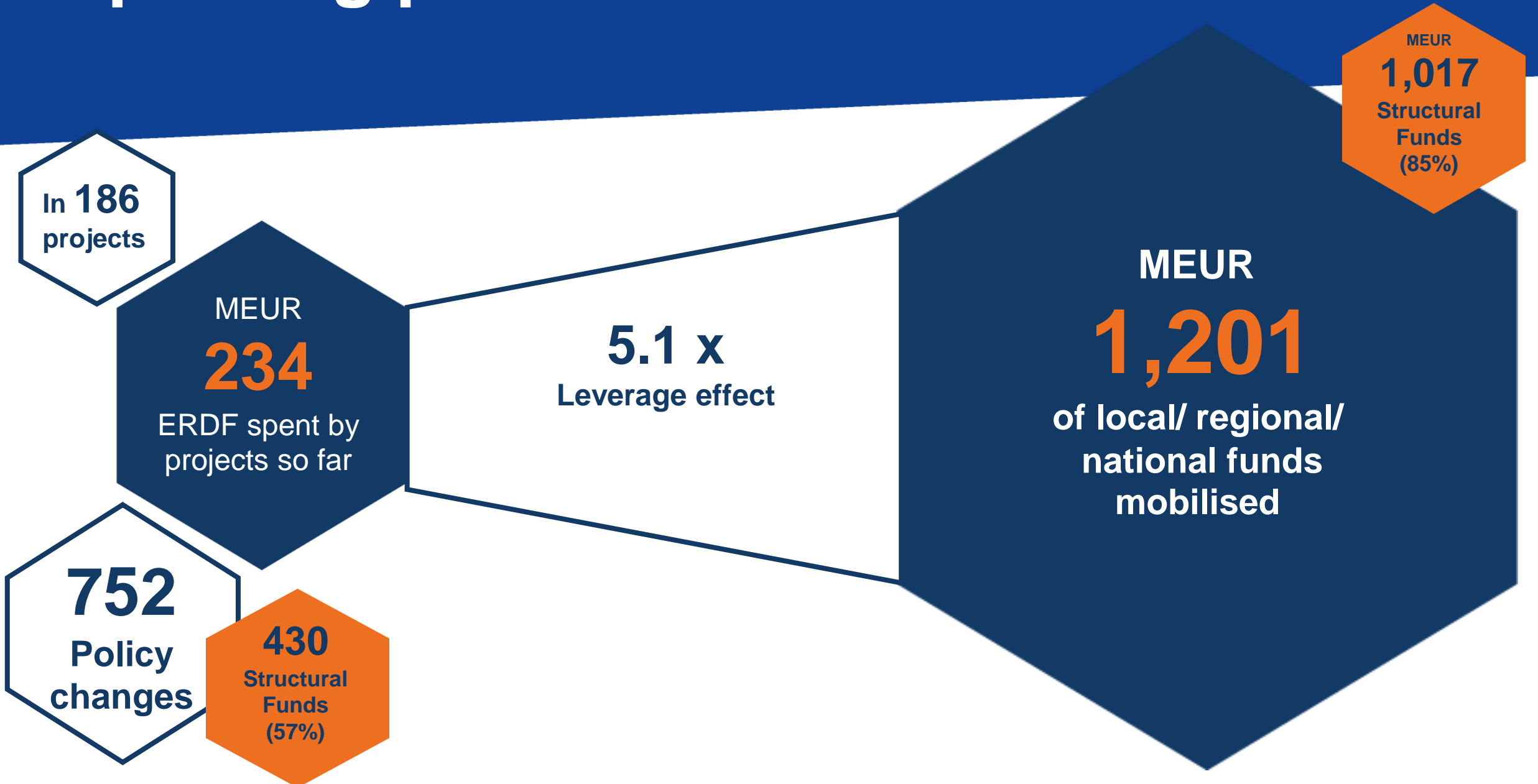


Projects



Improving policies

validated as of 07 December 2021



Projects on water



Improving the European Rivers Water Quality through Smart Water Management Policies



Sustainable heritage management of WATERway REGions



Water reuse policies advancement for resource efficient European regions



European Network of Lindane waste affected regions working together towards a greener environment



Floating Cultures in River Deltas



Sustainability of the land-sea system for eco-tourism strategies



Water Technology Innovation Roadmaps



Policy Learning Platform

the story so far...



- 2,500 good practices
- 77 policy briefs
- 192 articles on policy trends
- 21 thematic newsletters



- + 2,000 members from MAs
- 21 thematic workshops
- 40 webinars for policymakers



- 26 peer reviews (8 upcoming)
- 25 matchmaking sessions
- 111 helpdesk advices

Knowledge
hub

Community

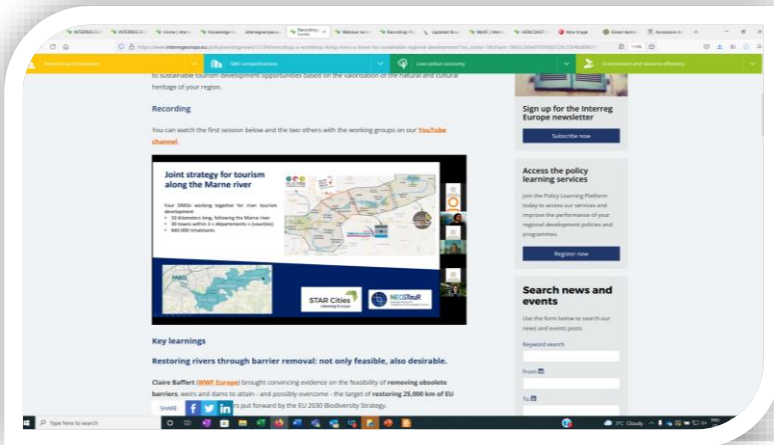
Expert
support



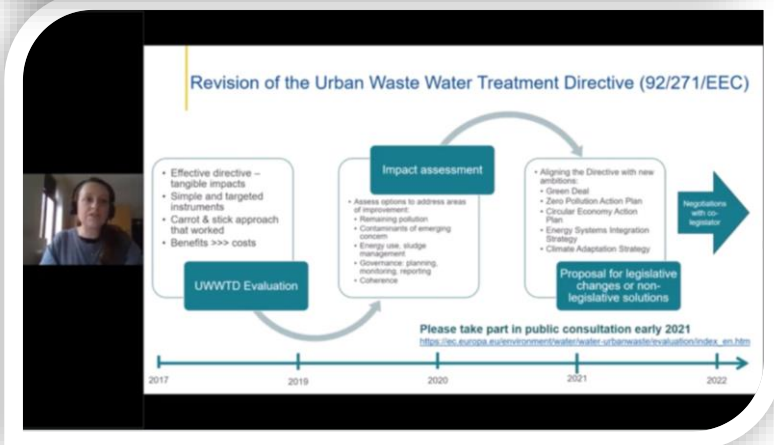
Demand-driven
'capitalisation'

Capitalisation in Policy Learning Platform

Thematic webinars



Living rivers:
a driver for
sustainable
regional
development



Water reuse and
the European
Green Deal

Protection and sustainable
management of heritage in
coastal and fluvial regions

A Policy Brief
Environment

Rivers and wetlands:
drivers of sustainable
regional development

Policy briefs

Sustainable Water
Management
in the Circular Economy

A Policy Brief from the Policy Learning Platform on
Environment and resource efficiency



Good practices

3.

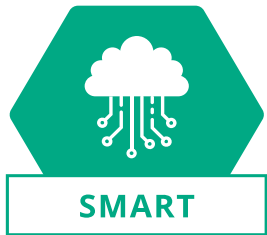
Interreg Europe

2021-2027



Cooperation scope

1 cross cutting priority on capacity building → **6 main 'topics'**



Concentration principle (80%)

2 types of actions supported

PROJECTS



**POLICY LEARNING
PLATFORM**



Interregional cooperation projects



WHY?

They look for **good practices** and **tested solutions**, which can help them solve their regional policy challenges.

Partnerships of European regions



WHO?

Partners from **different European countries**



HOW?

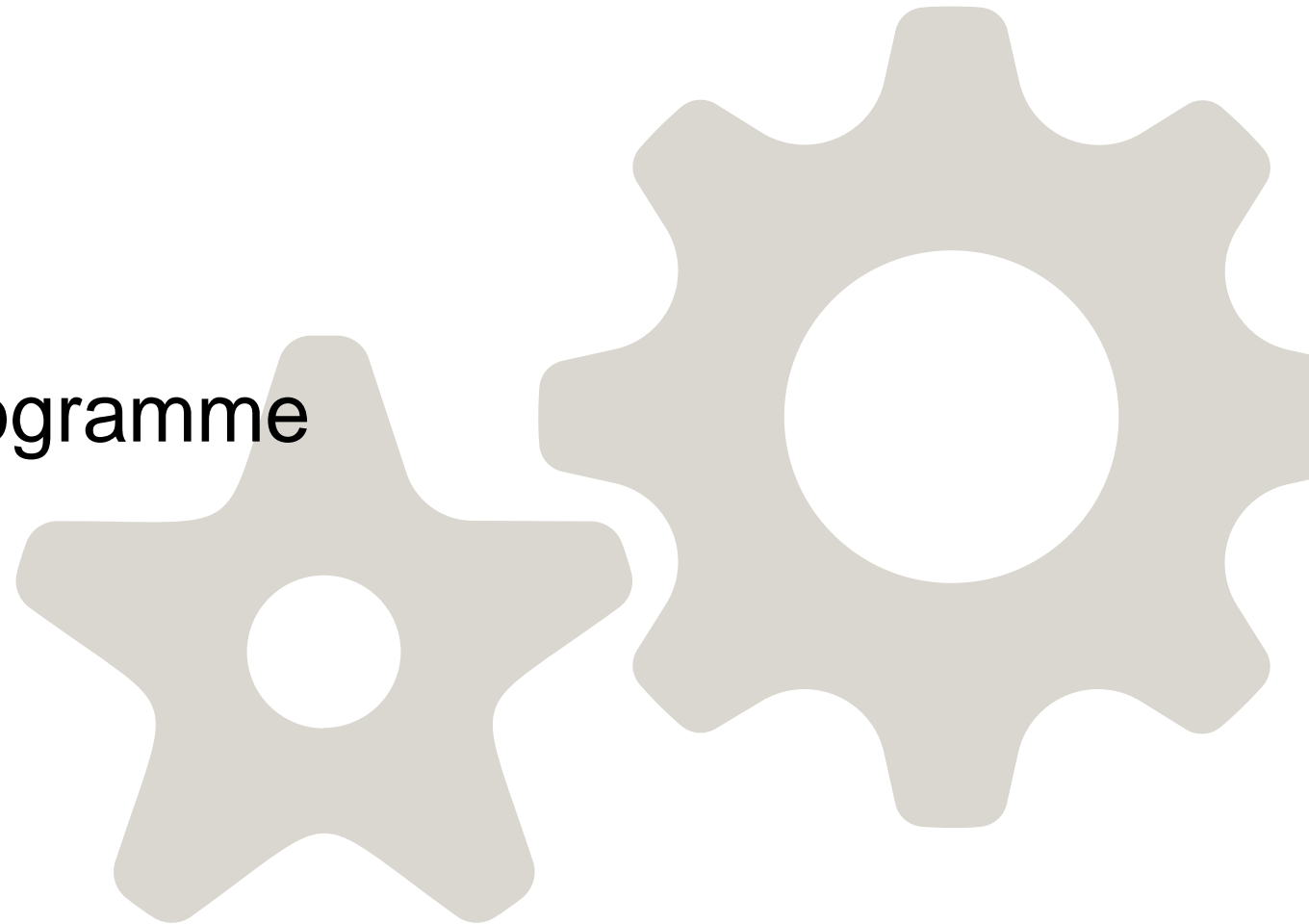
Workshops, study visits, staff exchanges, or peer reviews.

The partners work together for 4 years.

Focus on Structural Funds

1 policy instrument

per project must be
an Investment for
Jobs and Growth programme



Project implementation

- 2 phases

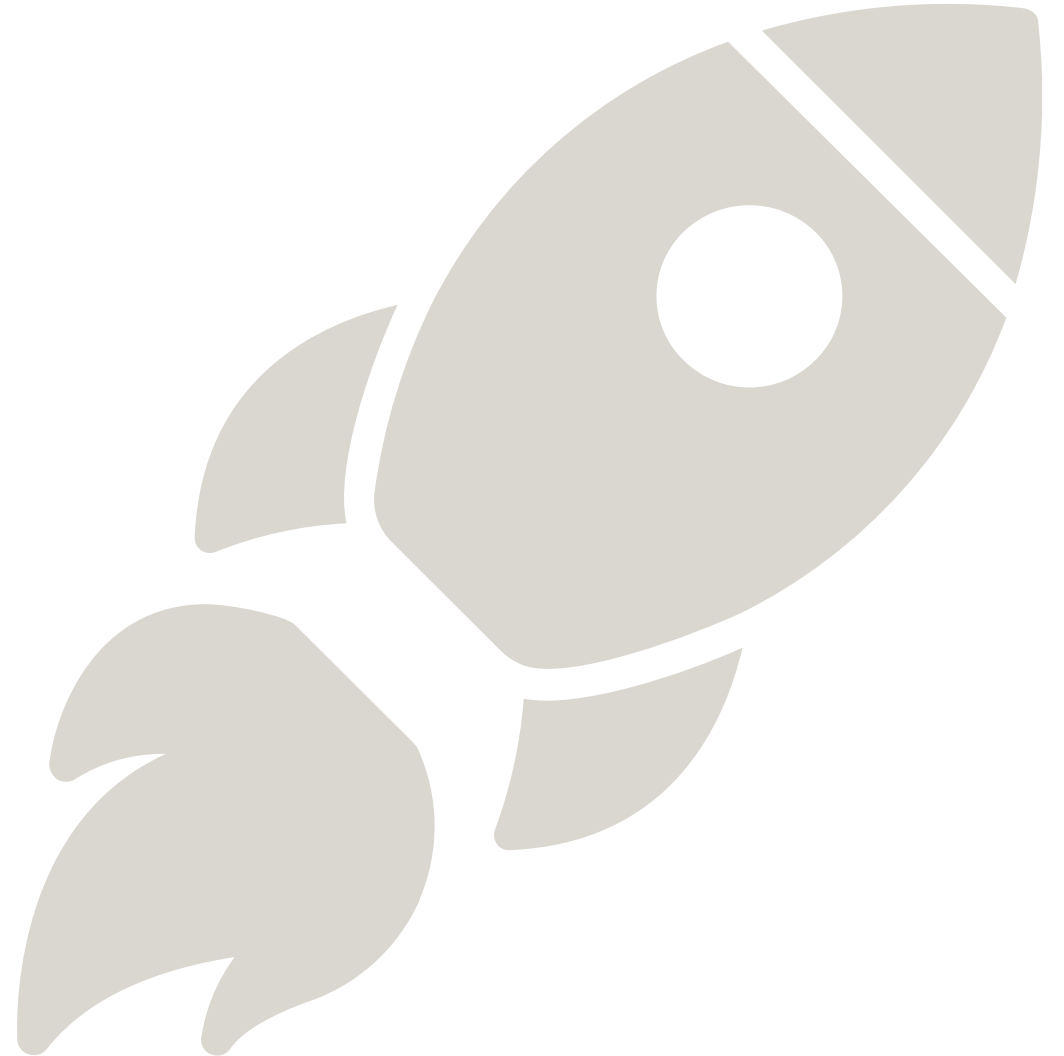


- **Action plans** only when results not achieved by end of core phase

Innovative approaches

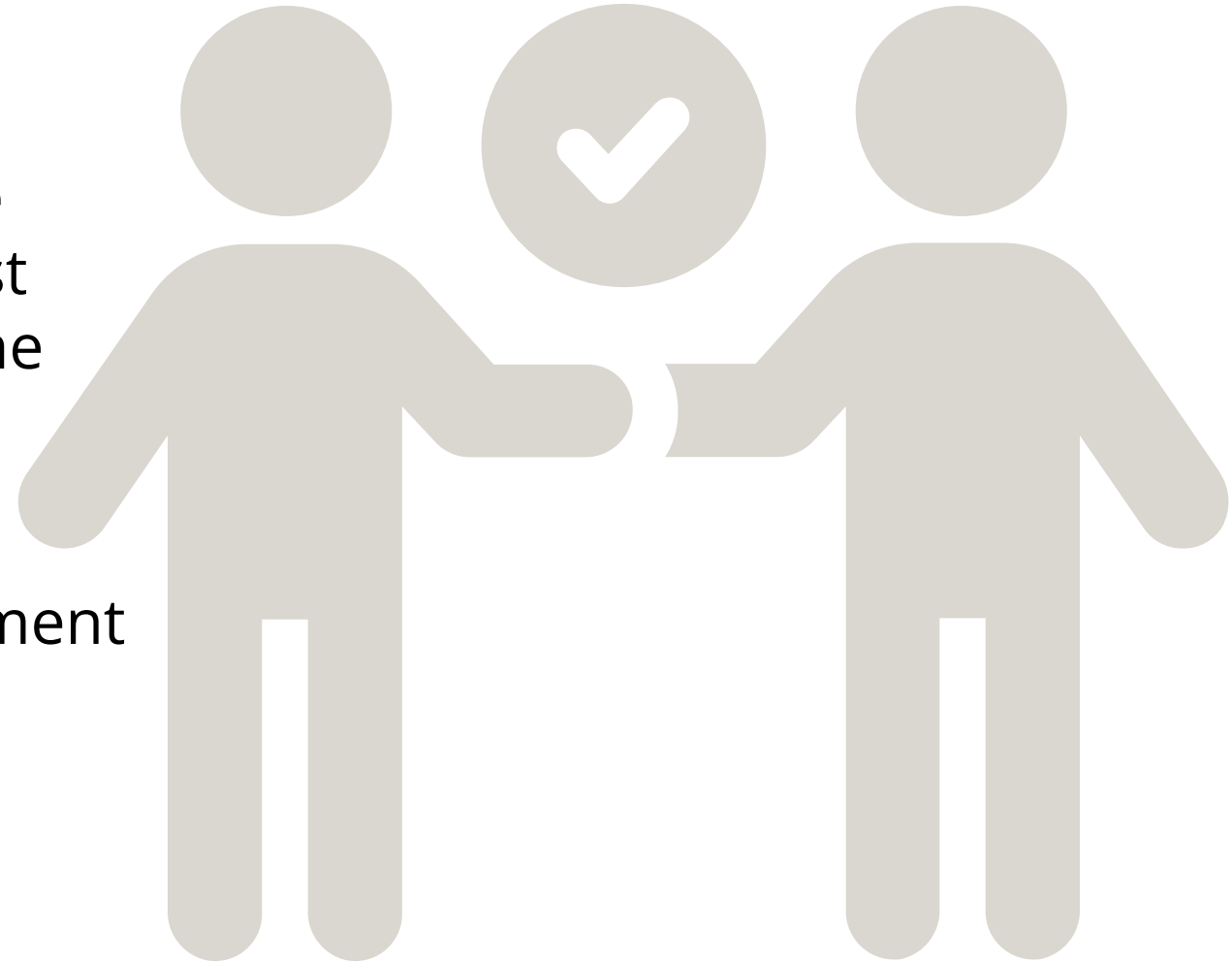
Pilot actions possible:

- From the start of the project
- At midterm



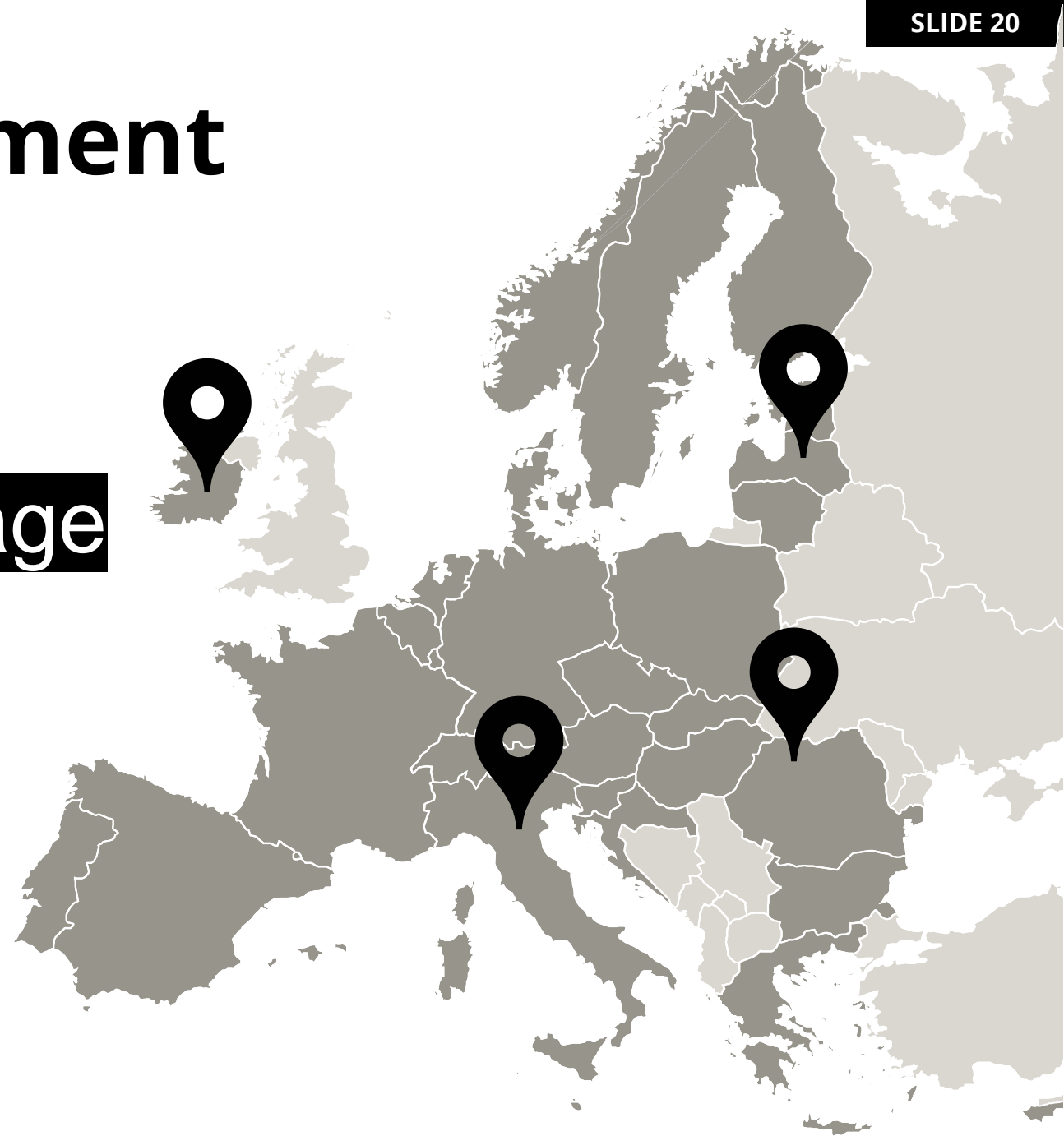
Core target group to be involved

- Participation of **policy responsible authorities as partners** for at least 50% of the policies addressed by the project
- For the remaining policies, involvement as '**associated policy authority**' (new status created)



Partnership requirement

Min **geographical coverage**
to be eligible

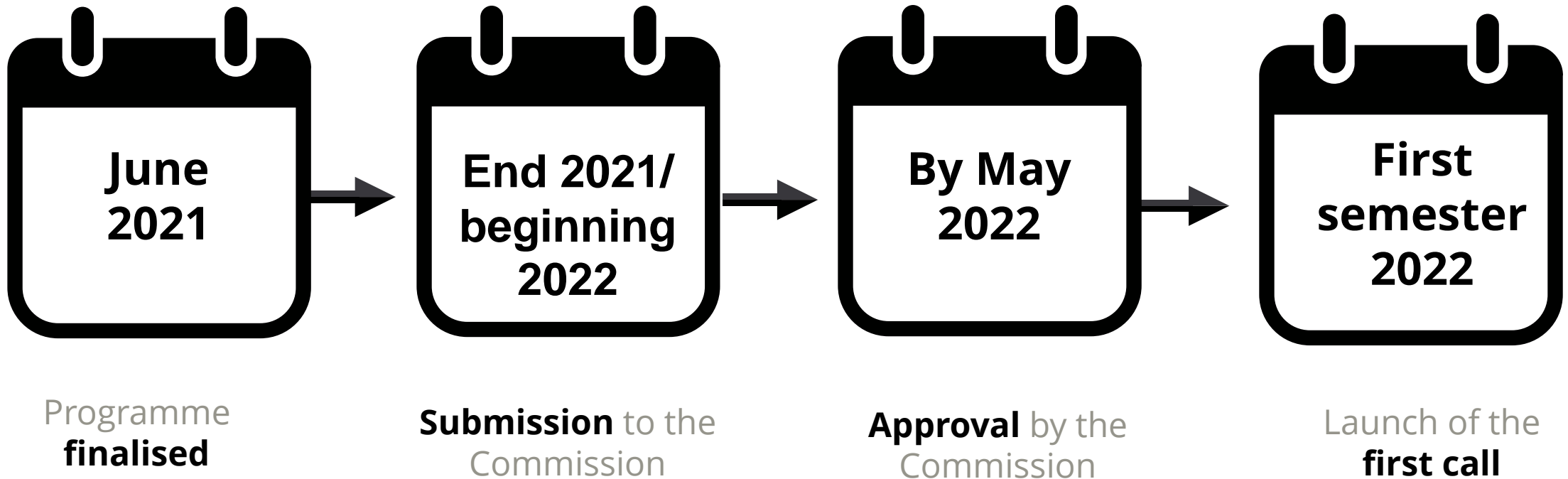


Co-financing rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% ERDF*	Public or public equivalent from EU
70% ERDF*	Private non-profit from EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from NO
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from CH

* ERDF - European Regional Development Fund

Provisional **timeline**



www.interregeurope.eu/about-us/2021-2027

Interreg Europe



European Union | European Regional Development Fund

Thank you!

Follow us on social media:

