

**Interreg
Europe**



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*Sharing solutions
for better regional policies*

Interreg Europe

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Summary

- **key programme features**
- **first call results**



KEY PROGRAMME FEATURES



Interreg Europe rationale

Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation:

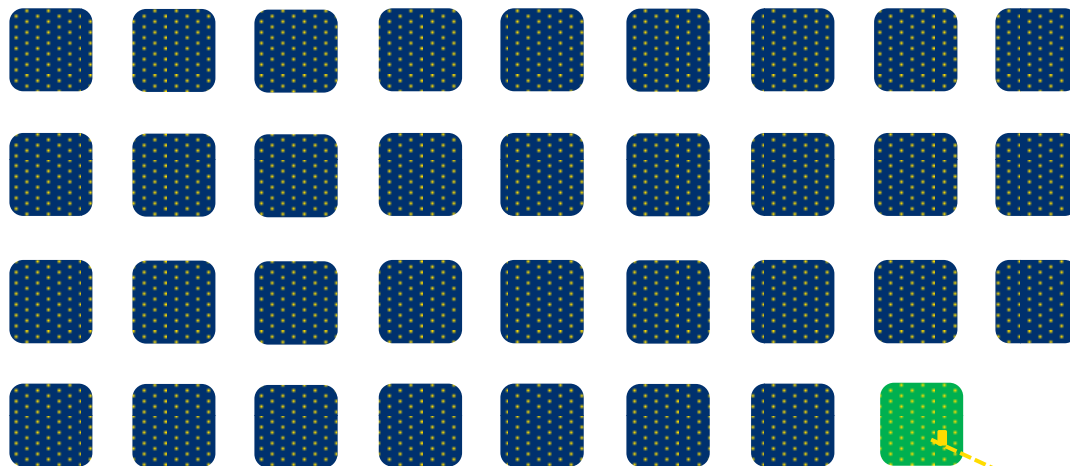
- “to reinforce the effectiveness of **cohesion policy**”
- “identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer principally to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs** goal but also, where relevant, to cooperation programmes”



Interreg Europe rationale

Exchange of experience to improve performance of policies for regional development, in particular **Structural Funds** (SF) programmes

EU Cohesion policy



Goal 1:
Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 340 billion

Goal 2:
European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 10.2 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m



How can you improve a policy?

Different possibilities

- Implement **new projects**
 - Change programme **governance**
 - Change programme **content**
- } May not require funding!



Implement new projects



Practice:

Research & development Card: advisory & financial support to SMEs for the development of innovative products

From: Västra Götaland (SE) To: Lower Silesia (PL)



5.4 million zł (MEUR 1.35) financed from the ESF Operational Programme of Lower Silesia

Change programme governance

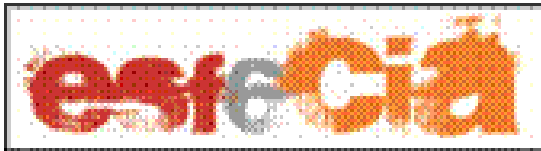


Modification of the monitoring system for the evaluation of the innovation measures in the regional operational programmes of:

- Bretagne (FR)
- PACA (FR)
- Puglia (IT)
- Wielkopolska (PL)



Change programme content



Partner

Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Improved policy

Bulgarian ESF development programme

ESF 'Development' programme tackling unemployment after mass redundancies in enterprises. Thanks to the project, the programme was modified to include preferential treatment to people age 50+.



Geographical & thematic focus

The only Interreg covering
EU 28 + NO & CH

A thematic programme

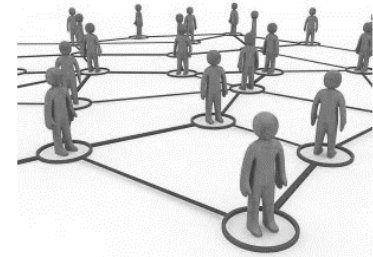




Supported actions

Projects

- Involving limited number of regions
- 2 phases
- Stakeholder groups
- Action Plans



Policy learning platforms

- Open to all
- Closely related to projects





Target groups

**Managing
authorities**

**Regional / local
authorities**

**Agencies, institutes,
private non-profits**



Learn from each other
to improve policies



Projects: features

Implementation in 2 phases

Phase 1



Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years) ending with production of 1 **action plan** per region

Phase 2

Monitoring of action plan implementation (2 years) + possible pilot actions

Focus on Structural Funds

At least half of policy instruments addressed must be SF



Project partnership requirements

- Min 3 countries represented (including 2 EU MS)
 - Recommendation: between **5 to 10 partners**
- Involvement of policy responsible organisations
 - Directly as partners
 - Indirectly through support letters (and through participation in stakeholder groups)
- Creation of stakeholder groups
 - Contribute to success of learning process by involving all relevant organisations
 - Reduce obstacles to action plan implementation



Projects: who is eligible?

- Public bodies (main target group)
(e.g. local, regional, national authorities)
- Bodies governed by public law (Directive 2004/18/EC)
- Private non profit bodies

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
85% ERDF	Public or public equivalent from EU
75% 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



Projects: simplifications

Online (OLF) system

- Application, report, request for changes

More budget flexibility

- 20% flexibility rules within approved budget
- No financial reporting per component

Fewer control steps

- No reconfirmation of partnership cost on lead partner level

Simpler administration

- Lump sum preparation costs (EUR 15,000)
- Flat rate administration costs (15% of staff costs)



Platforms: definition



Research and
innovation



SME
competitiveness



Low-carbon
economy



Environment and
resource efficiency

A service provided per priority axis via:

Online collaborative tool

- With relevant functionalities



Expert team

- Content & coordination





Platforms: services provided

Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platforms at www.interregeurope.eu

Services accessible to all public

Services accessible to registered accepted members

**Knowledge &
Education center**

**Networking & partnering
opportunities**

**Expert
policy helpdesk**

**Expert support for
policy change**

Indicatively:

- Analysis and benchmarking of the results of the Interreg Europe projects
- Thematic and policy updates
- Latest EU news and targeted newsletters
- Policy recommendations
- Good practices Database
- Networking & partnering tools and activities
- Calendar of events
- Advanced search facilities

Indicatively:

- Answer requests for information, data and policy advice
- Capacity building/ policy learning events and activities (proactively)
- Peer reviews, benchmarking exercises, thematic events and policy learning activities (upon demand)
- Database of CVs of practitioners and Good Practices owners

Promotion & Communication
Coordination with other EU platforms & Programmes

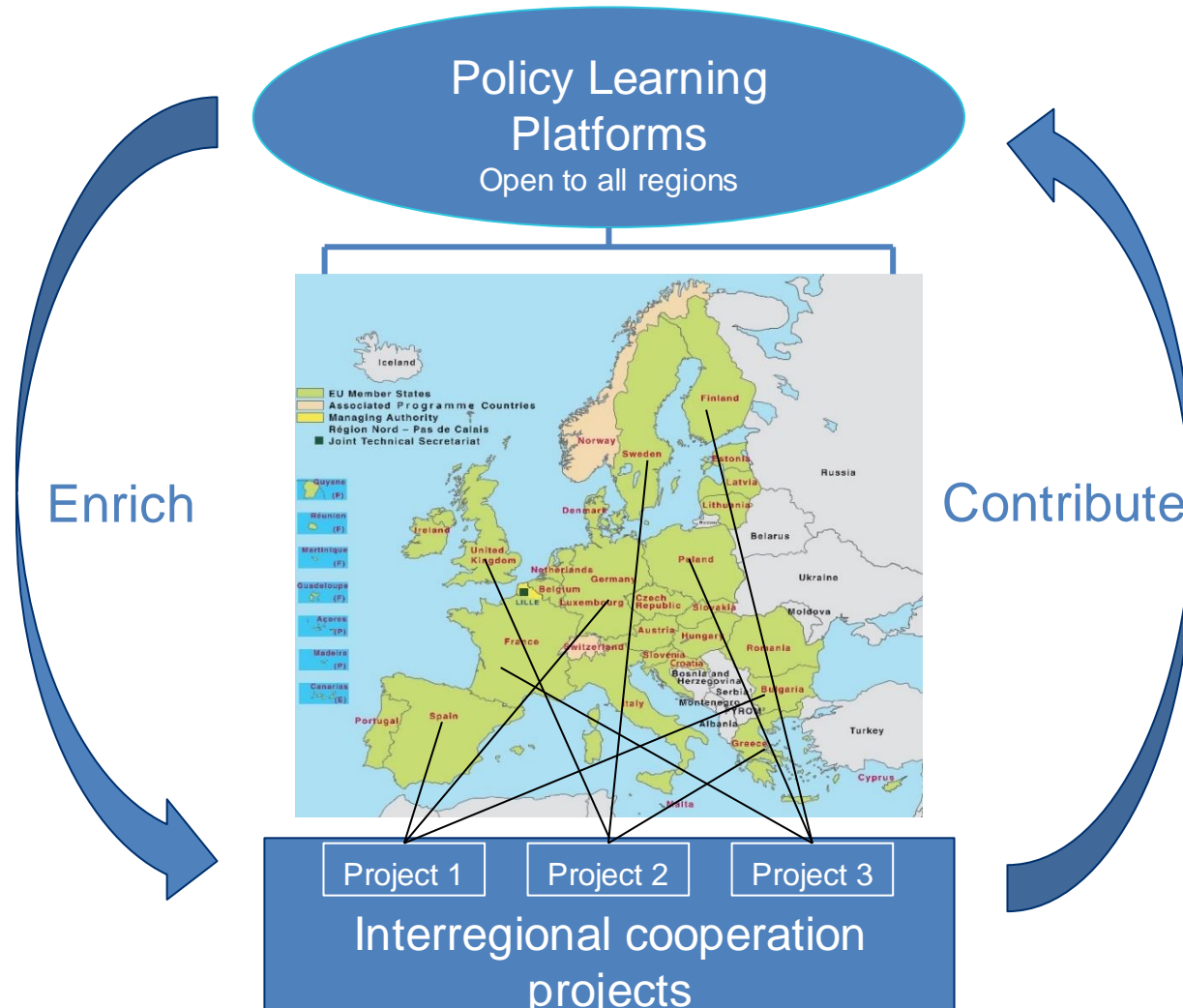
Overall management & quality assurance
Evaluation of results & impact

What

How



Two interrelated actions



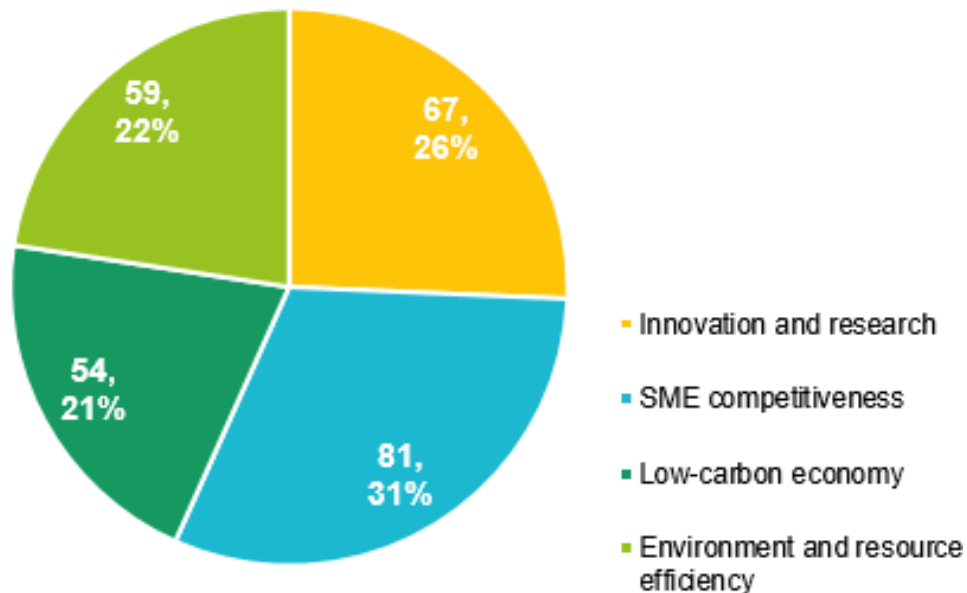


FIRST CALL RESULTS

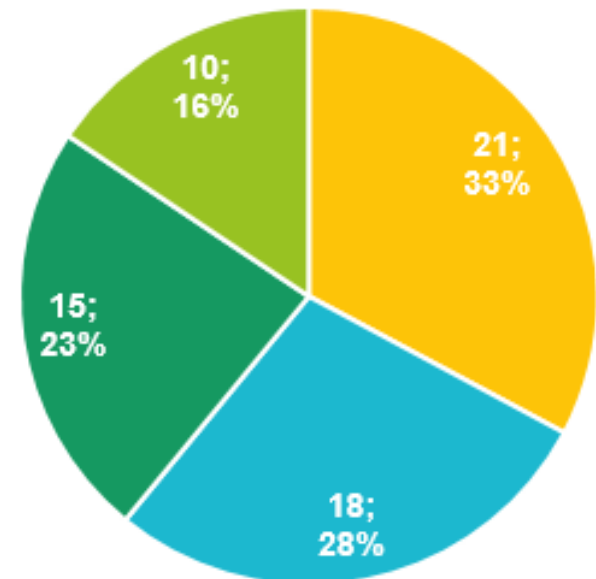
Submitted/ recommended projects



261 projects submitted



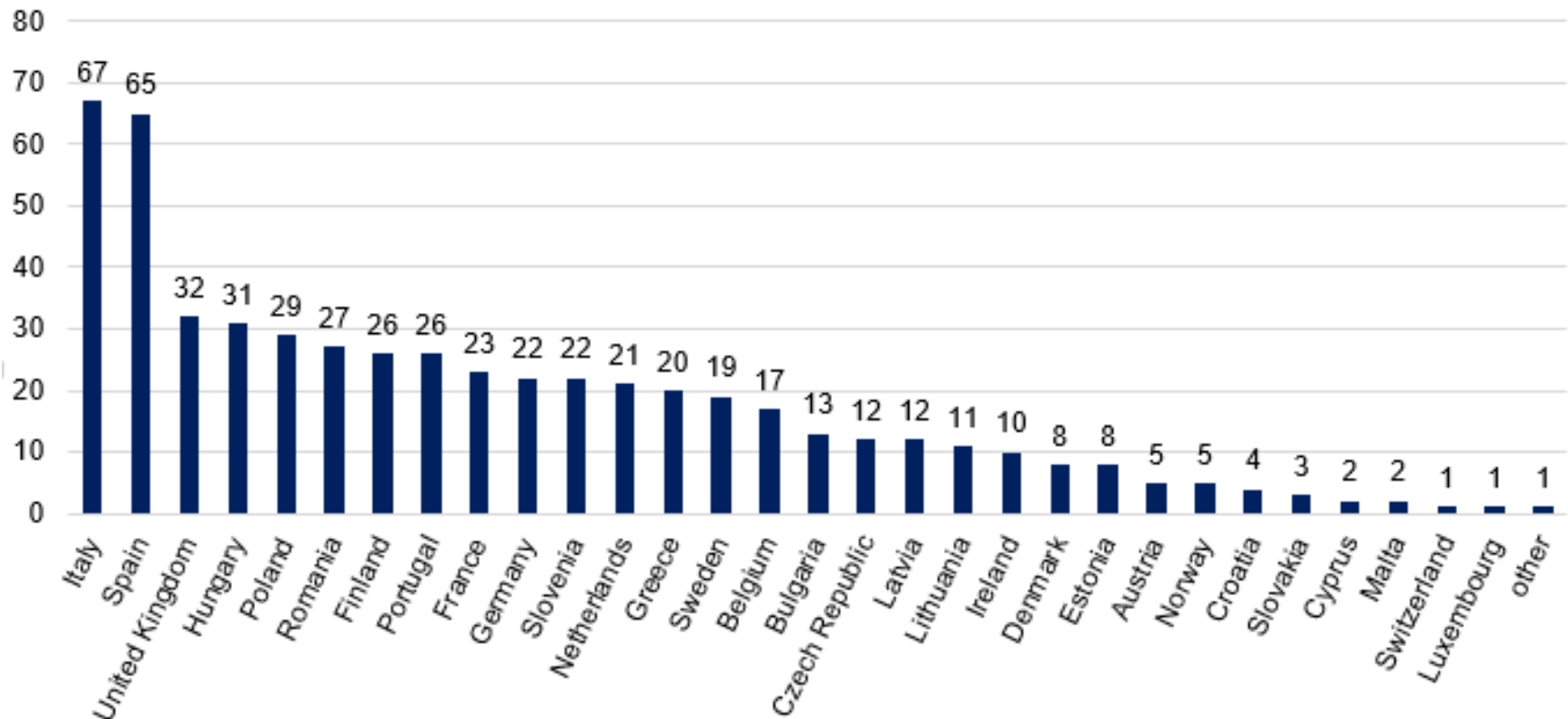
64 projects recommended



Partners in recommended projects



N° of partners per country

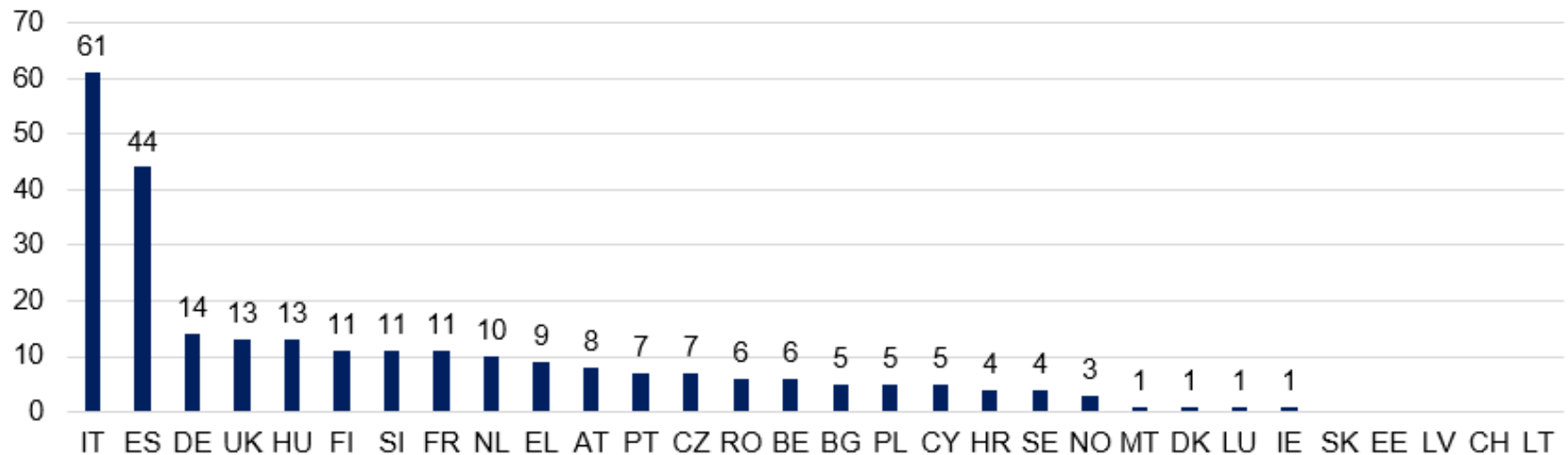


All partner states represented in the first call projects



Lead partners in projects

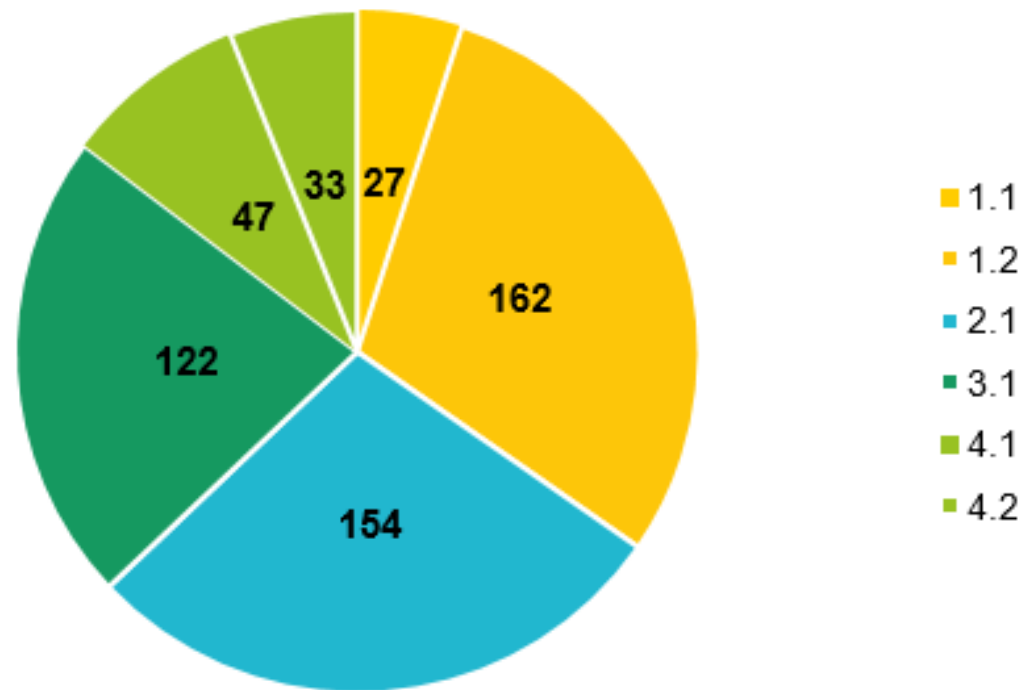
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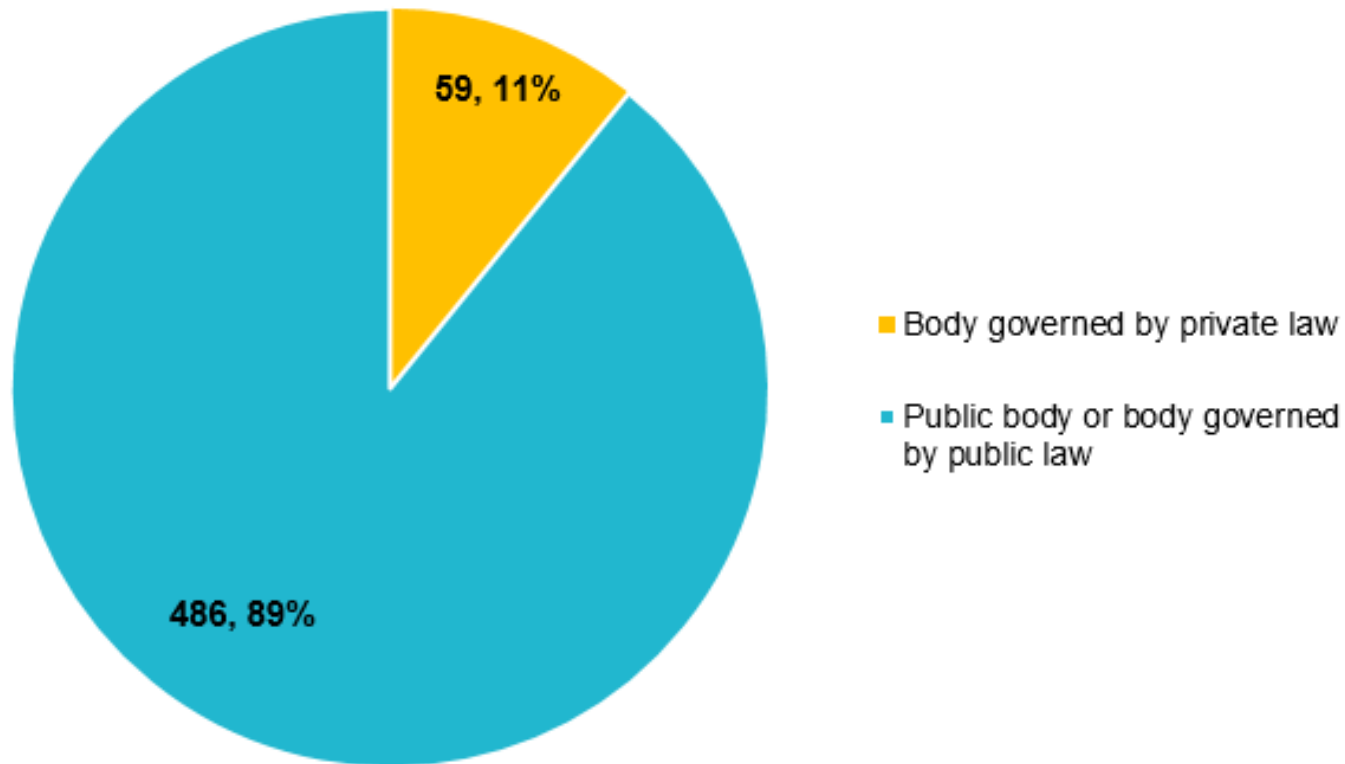


Partners per topic

N° of partners in recommended project per topic



Partners in projects by legal status





For more information

Programme website

- www.interregeurope.eu

Programme manual

- www.interregeurope.eu/help/programme-manual/

Interreg Europe community

- www.interregeurope.eu/account/dashboard/

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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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