



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

Interregional Cooperation

State of play and future perspectives

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INTERREG IVC programme

Summary

1. The INTERREG IVC programme
 - Reminder of the context
 - State of play
 - Achievements
2. The YES project
3. Future of interregional cooperation

1. The INTERREG IVC programme



Eligible area:

- EU 27
- Switzerland & Norway

ERDF funding:
€ 302 million

- C-strand of the ETC objective
i.e. cooperation at distance



INTERREG IVC in a nutshell *'Learning by sharing'*

Local / regional authorities access the experience of others in Europe facing similar issues in order to improve their practices / policies



Innovation and the knowledge economy

in the fields of



Environment and risk prevention

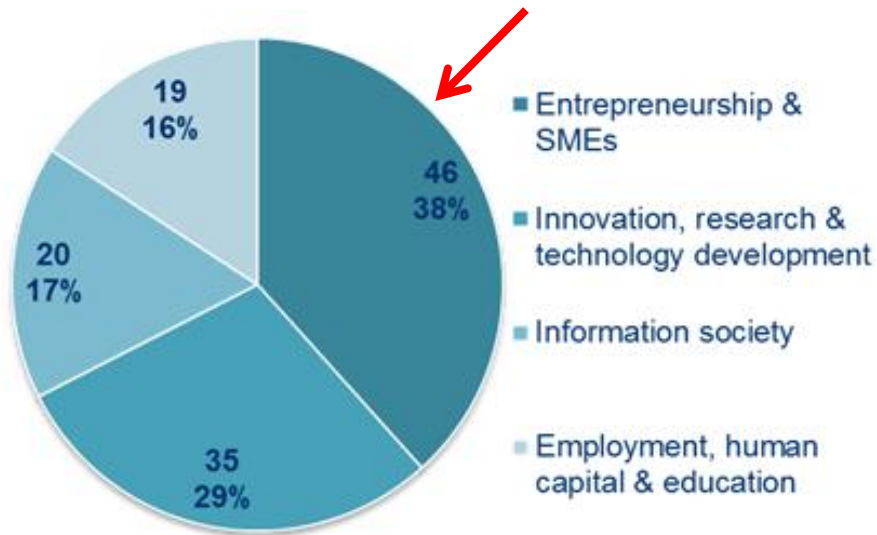
Overview approved projects

204
projects

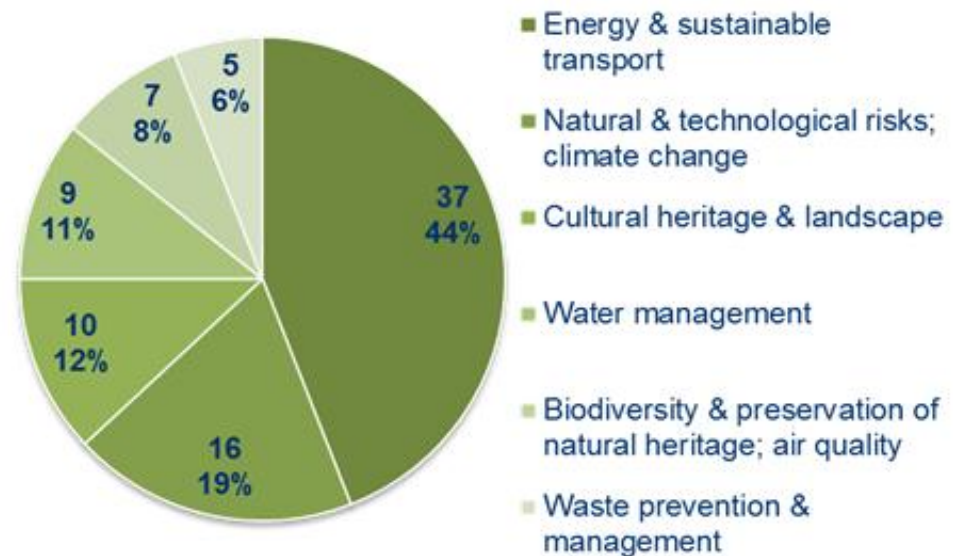
2 274
partners

Whole budget committed

Innovation & knowledge economy



Environment & risk prevention



New initiative: Programme Capitalisation

before



after



Thematic Programme Capitalisation

To exploit and build on knowledge
from projects working on a similar topic
for the benefit of local and regional authorities all around Europe

Experienced thematic experts analyse projects in order to

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





12 capitalisation topics

111 projects

Priority 1

-  Innovation Systems – **10**
(triple helix & open innovation)
-  Innovation capacity of SMEs – **7**
-  Eco-innovation – **7**
-  Creative industries – **14**
-  **Entrepreneurship** – **8**
-  E-government services – **6**
-  Demographic change – **9**
-  Rural development – **9**

Priority 2

-  Climate change – **7**
-  Energy efficiency – **12**
-  Renewable energy – **7**
-  Sustainable transport – **15**

Projects focusing on 'youth entrepreneurship'



www.entredi.eu



www.young-entrepreneurs.eu

Results achieved (as of June 2011)

Objective:
**EU wide exchange of
experience / capacity building**

90% of EU
NUTS 2 regions
covered

4,046
staff members with
increased capacity

Objective:
**Identification / sharing /
transfer of good practices**

3,026
good practices
identified



202
successfully
transferred

Good practice database: www.interreg4c.eu/findGoodpractices.html

Overall objective:
**Improvement of regional and
local policies**

1,250
policies
addressed



224
policies
improved

Example of transfer

Project

Practice



‘Summer entrepreneur’ – Stimulate entrepreneurial mindset among young people through the creation of their own business during summer vacation



From: Mid Sweden region

To: Flevoland region (NL)

Example of policy improvement under Priority 1 Sub-theme: Innovation, Research & Technology Development



TOPIC
clearly relevant
to IVC

MANAGEMENT
committed
management team

YES

Youth
Entrepreneurship
Strategies

PARTNERSHIP
wide geographical coverage
8 partners, 8 countries incl. 3 NMS

ACHIEVEMENTS
- 40 GP identified
- 19 staff members with
increased capacity
- Impact on policy level...

Framework for the future: EU2020 strategy

SMART GROWTH

Economy based
on knowledge &
innovation

GREEN GROWTH

Resource
efficient, greener
and more
competitive
economy

INCLUSIVE GROWTH

High-employment
economy
delivering social
and territorial
cohesion

➔ Draft regulation 2014-2020: 11 thematic objectives

2 scenarios currently discussed (not mutually exclusive)

1. Improved integrated programme (similar to INTERREG IVC), more closely related to EU cohesion policy
 - INTERREG IVC philosophy kept
 - Improvements & simplification (e.g. 1 type of projects only)
2. Support programme to national / regional Operational Programmes under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal
 - More fundamental change (less bottom up)
 - 'Service provider' to Managing Authorities (*similar to the Smart Specialisation Platform in Seville*)



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