



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

Interregional cooperation

State of play and perspectives

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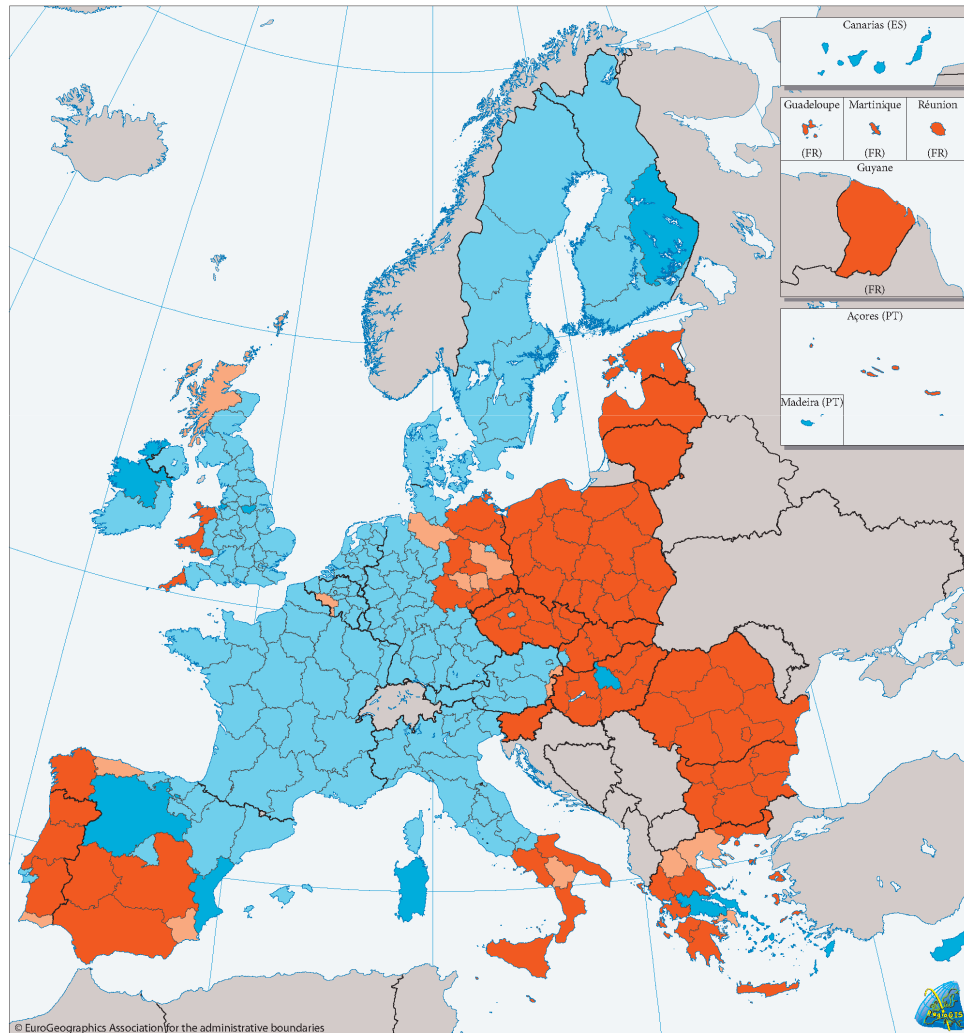
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1. Programme context
2. Programme state of play
3. Water management in INTERREG IVC
4. Future of interregional cooperation

EU Cohesion and Regional Policy

Reducing disparities

-  Convergence Regions
-  Phasing-out Regions
-  Phasing-in Regions
-  Competitiveness and Employment Regions



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**



Overview approved projects

204

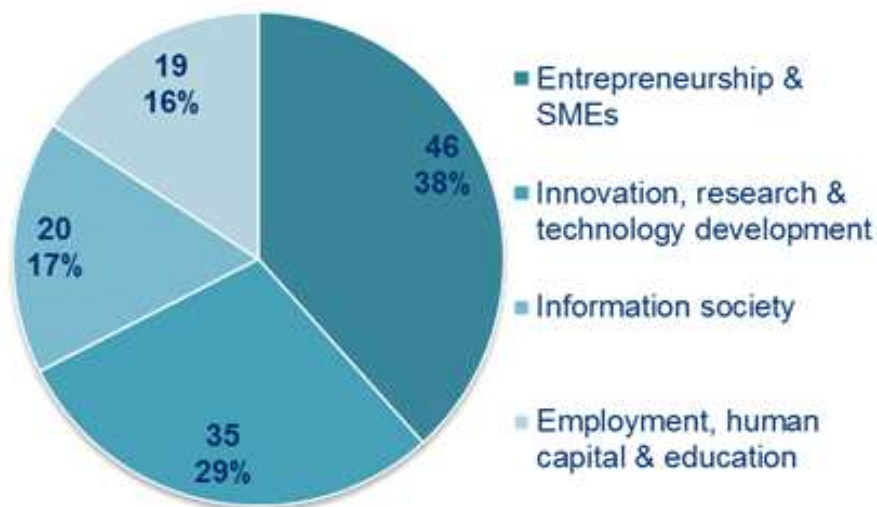
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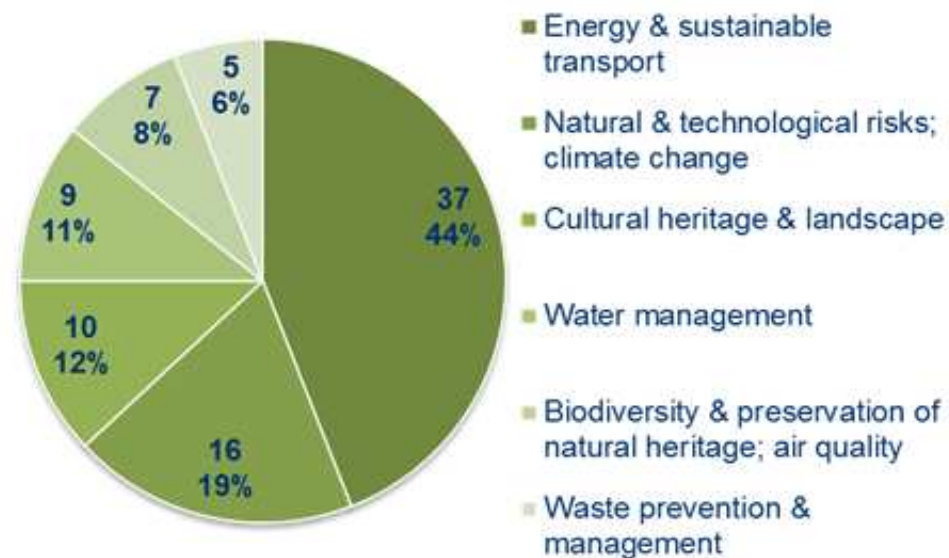
partners

All budget committed

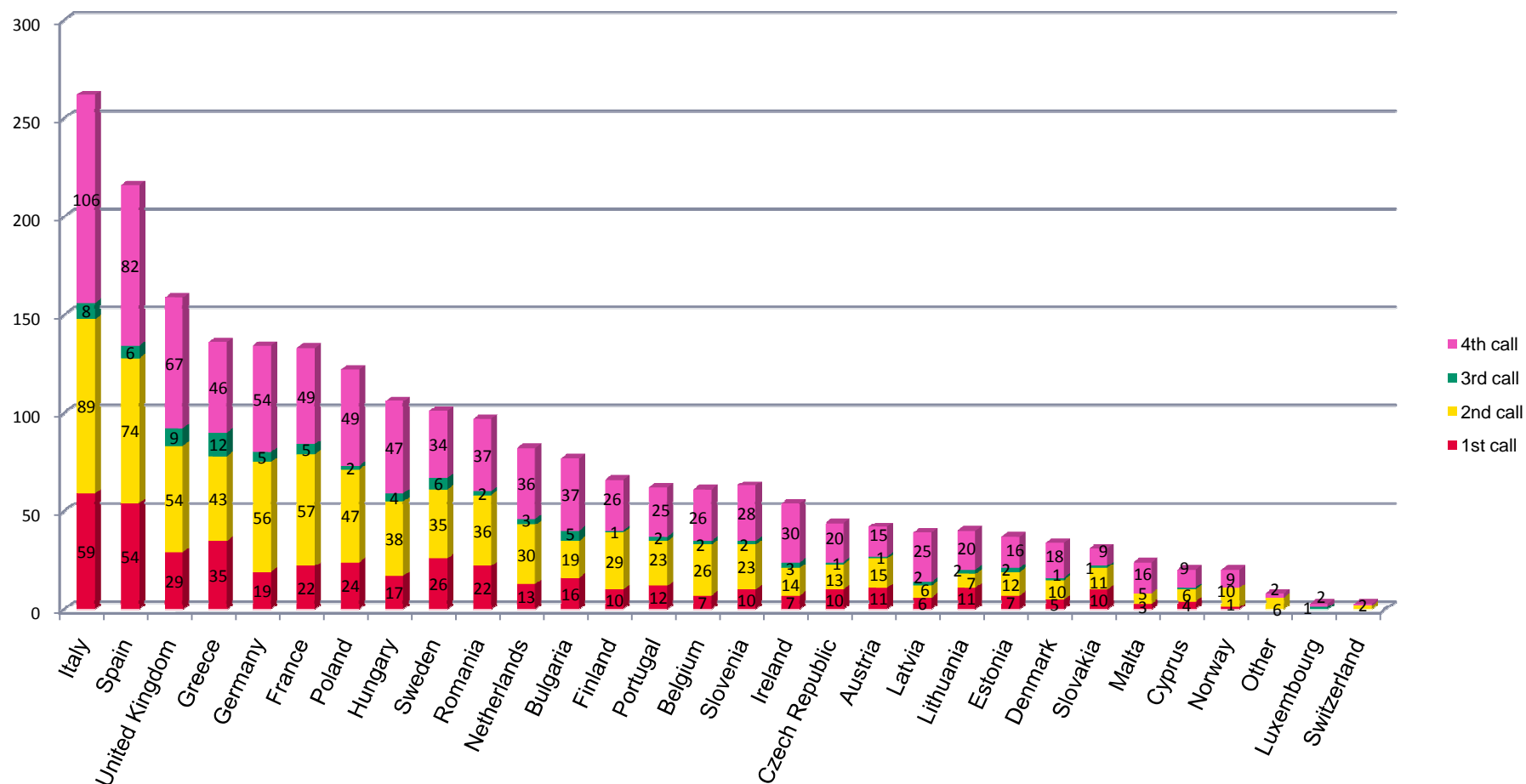
Innovation & knowledge economy



Environment & risk prevention



Project partners per country – all calls



Results achieved (as of June 2011)

Objective:

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

**90% of EU
NUTS 2
regions
covered**

**3,549
staff with
increased
capacity**

**88
'spin-off
activities'**

Objective:

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

**2,835
good practices
identified**



**151
successfully
transferred**

Overall objective:

**Improvement of regional and
local policies**

**1,250
policies
addressed**



**118
policies
improved**

Water CoRe

**Water scarcity and droughts -
coordinated actions in European
regions**



- Successful GP transfer between Hessen and Romania
- Educational materials for children
- „Adventures of a Travelling Water Droplet” & „Plitsch and Platsch – Brook Adventures”



WF - Waterways Forward

Integrated management of regional inland waterways



- Preparation of Regional Action Plans & GP transfers
- Ireland/Northern Ireland: restoration of Ulster Canal
- Draft planning documents enhanced by environmentally sensitive restoration practices of British Waterways



- Preserving groundwater reservoirs for future generations
- Joint spin-off activity between Lower Silesia and Saxony
- Modeling of climate change impact on transboundary river basin
– recommendations for sustainable cbc water management
- Supported by ETC CBC programme PL-Saxony in 2012-2014

APPROACH

Networking project
achieving tangible results

MANAGEMENT

close and results-oriented
cooperation with the JTS/IP



PROGRAMME

contribution to programme
activities (GP Fair, exchange
of experience seminar)

PARTNERSHIP

geographical coverage
benefit for small communities
high policy relevance, emphasis on direct
involvement of policy-makers

RESULTS

6 good practice transfers
1 policy improvement
3 spin-offs

4. Future of interregional cooperation



Proposed investment priorities for the programming period 2014 – 2020

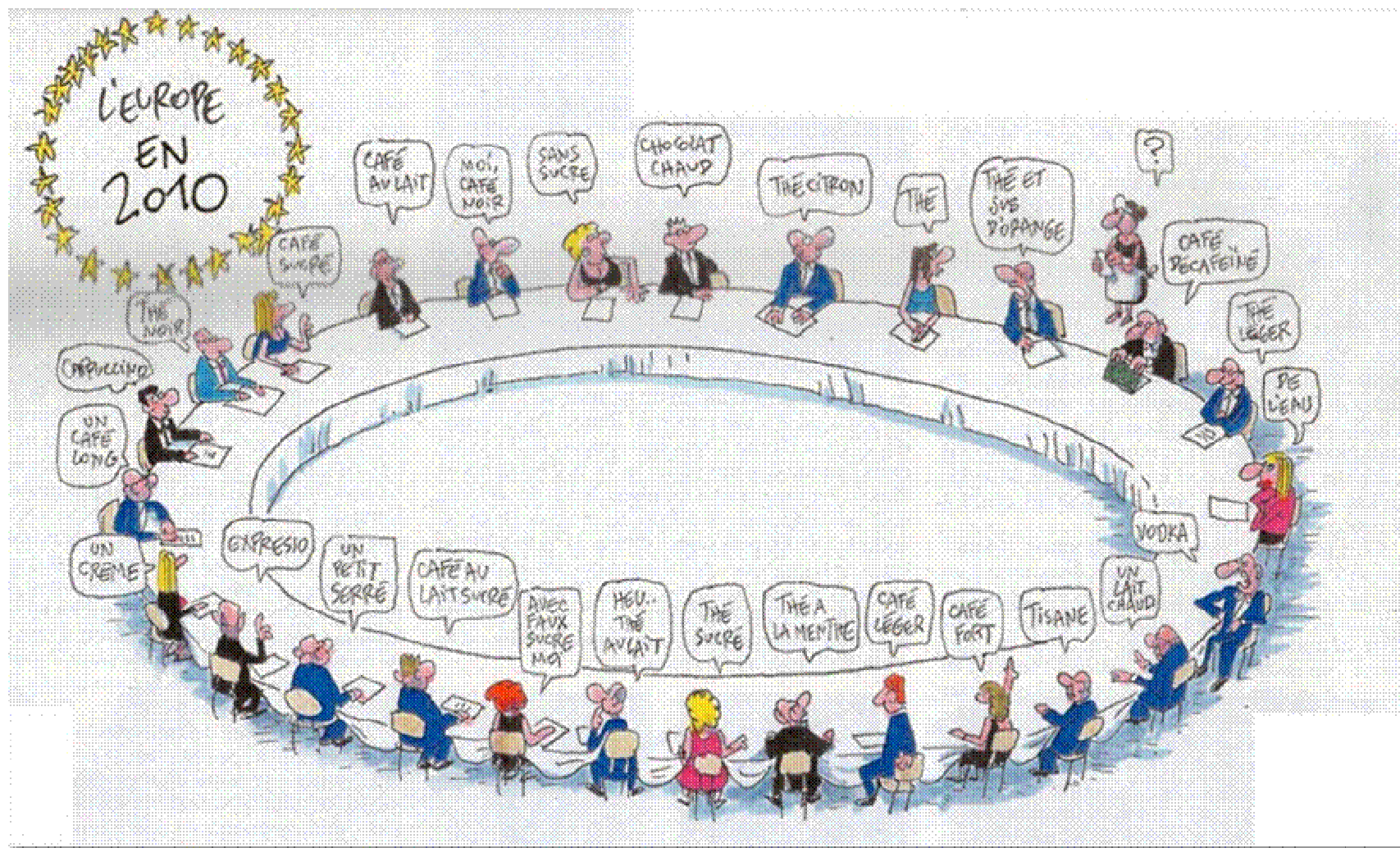
1. strengthening research, technological development and innovation
2. enhancing access to and use and quality of ICTs
3. enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs (...)
4. supporting the shift towards low-carbon economy in all sectors
5. promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
6. protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
7. promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key networks
8. promoting employment and supporting labour mobility
9. promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
10. investing in education, skills and lifelong learning
11. enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration

Draft regulation for ETC 2014-2020 on interregional cooperation

- **Link to EU cohesion policy** reinforced
Transfer good practices into “*operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal*”
- Role to play in **capacity building**
“*institutional capacity & efficient public administration*”
(11th investment priority)
- **Thematic concentration?**

2 scenarios currently discussed (scenarios not mutually exclusive)

- 1. Improved integrated programme (similar to IVC)**
 - No revolution: INTERREG 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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