

**Interreg
Europe**



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The Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

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Exploring opportunities for collaboration on green policy challenges



An accelerator for regional development

At the heart of EU cohesion policy

- Improving regional development policies (in particular Structural Funds) through exchange and transfer of practices
- Mix of more and less advanced regions
- High participation of peripheral regions



Interregional cooperation projects

State of play



Improving policies (validated as of 1 September 2021)

680

Policy
changes in
176 projects

MEUR

1,327

Funds
influenced



5,9 x

Leverage effect
(225 MEUR ERDF spent
on projects so far)

Meet the thematic experts



Marc
Pattinson

Arnault
Morisson

Katharina
Krell

Simon
Hunkin

Luc
Schmerber

Mart
Veliste

Astrid
Severin

Marco
Citelli

Rene
Tõnnisson



Online learning possibilities



A rich agenda
with webinars,
workshops &
community events



2,480 good practices
from all over Europe
validated by our
experts



Policy briefs
with insights into
key factors for
successful policy making



Policy Digest
a collection of
relevant policy
making resources

Good practices and policy briefs



Port carbon footprint
assessment and methodology
Tuscany (Italy)



Rivers and wetlands: drivers
of sustainable regional
development



Groningen Seaports
renewable energy production
(NL)



Championing sustainable
energy in SMEs



Teaming up for marine litter



**Webinar organised by our environmental experts
on 3 June 2021**

- Partnership with the EU Green Week
- Complementary perspectives on the subject:
 - Good practice owners
 - Key-note speech by SYSTEMIQ – a world-leading company and think tank
- Interactive approach
- Virtual helpdesk sessions



“A great opportunity to share experiences!” (feedback survey)

Peer learning in practice



- 27 peer reviews implemented
7 peer reviews in the pipeline
- 14 matchmaking sessions



Open call – online submission

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/peer-review/>



Peer reviews in practice

Region Hauts-de-France – November 2020



Development of smart ports

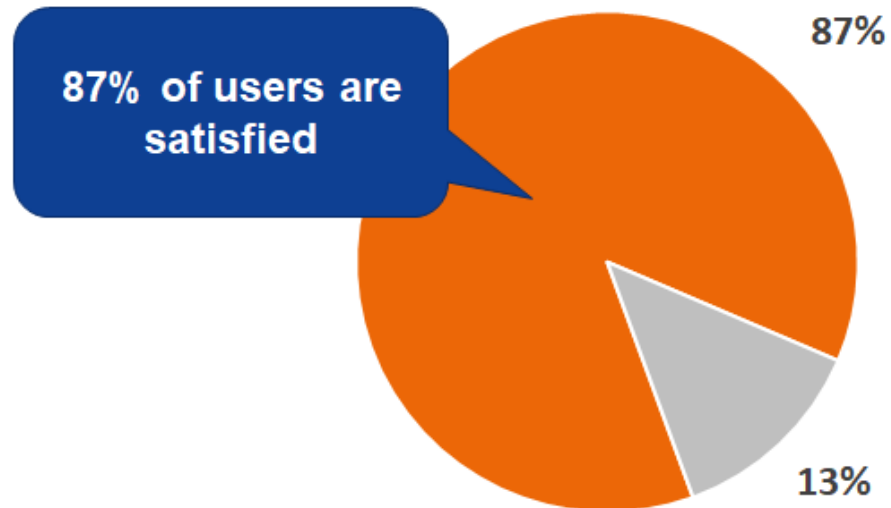
Santander (Spain)
Thessaloniki (Greece)
Livorno (Italy)
Hamburg (Germany)



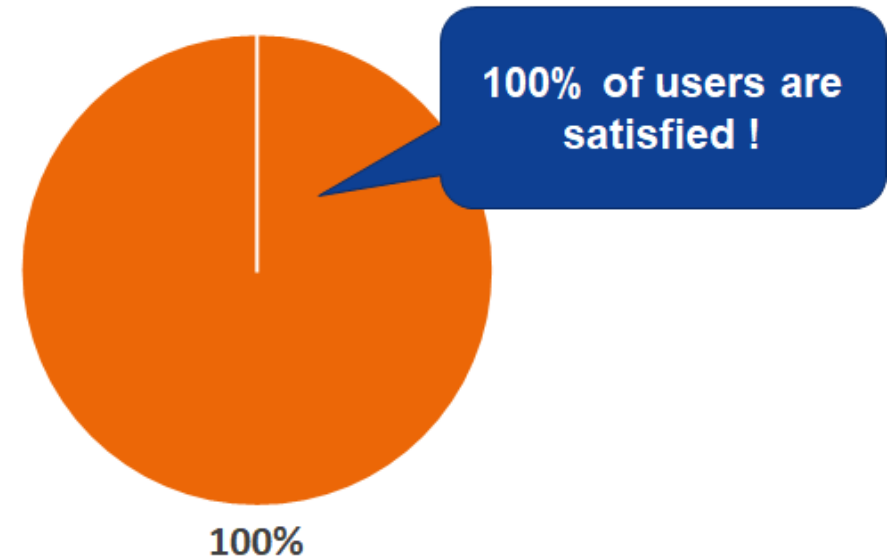
Encouraging feedback



all platform services



expert support services



Focus on future policy experts

Pilot with Zuyd University of Applied sciences – Oct 2020



79 participating students

Integration of IR-E's peer review concept
in the curriculum of the study programme



What you can expect

- Interreg Europe's wealth of policy solutions at hand
- Hands-on advice and inspiration – from practitioners for practitioners
- Easily accessible expert support for free!
- An active and committed expert team at your disposal
- An active voice to co-shape the platform's agenda



IR-E 2021-2027: timetable

- December 2019: first Programming Committee (PC) meeting
- February 2021: PC approved draft Cooperation Programme
- March to April 2021: public consultation
- Spring & summer 2021: final approval by Partner States
- Approval by EC expected early 2022
- **First semester 2022: first call launched**



No revolution... but evolution

Key features remain

1. Pan-European
2. Similar overall objective & budget
Regional development policy makers as core target groups
3. Similar means to achieve the objective
Focus on capacity building

Some evolution

1. Focus on Structural Funds lightened
2. More flexibility on pilot actions
3. Only one single priority: better reflect core nature of the programme (capacity building)



Thank you!

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