

**Interreg
Europe**



European Union | European Regional Development Fund

Interreg Europe: state of play

Erwin Siweris

Programme Director | Interreg Europe

e.siweris@interregeurope.eu

3 July 2019 | RETRACE final conference, Brdo pri Kranju - SI





Sharing solutions for better regional policy

30
countries involved



359m
euros invested in policy learning





An accelerator for regional development

At the heart of EU cohesion policy:

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

Based on local needs: Importance of stakeholders

Focus on results: 2 phases of projects (Exchange of experience + implementation)

Innovative: Lump sum for phase 2 (4th Call projects)

Interregional cooperation projects



PERFECT
Interreg Europe

PERFECT supports the many benefits of green infrastructure by planning strategic urban and rural areas which will deliver the policy goals of the European Green Deal and the Sustainable Development Goals.

www.interreg.eu/perfect

An interregional cooperation project for improving natural and cultural heritage policies.

Project Partners:
Municipality of Poreč (HR)
Municipality of Šibenik (HR)
Municipality of Zadar (HR)
Municipality of Rijeka (HR)
Municipality of Dubrovnik (HR)
Municipality of Makarska (HR)
Municipality of Trogir (HR)
Municipality of Šibenik-Kvar (HR)
Municipality of Zadar County (HR)
Municipality of Rijeka County (HR)
Municipality of Dubrovnik-Neretva County (HR)
Municipality of Makarska Region (HR)
Municipality of Trogir Region (HR)
Municipality of Šibenik Region (HR)

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

EPICAH
Interreg Europe

EPICAH aims for a more efficient management of crossborder natural and cultural heritage using the border as a tourist attraction factor in border territories.

www.interreg.eu/epicah

An interregional cooperation project for improving natural and cultural heritage policies.

Project Partners:
Municipality of Poreč (HR)
Municipality of Šibenik (HR)
Municipality of Zadar (HR)
Municipality of Rijeka (HR)
Municipality of Dubrovnik (HR)
Municipality of Makarska (HR)
Municipality of Trogir (HR)
Municipality of Šibenik-Kvar (HR)
Municipality of Zadar County (HR)
Municipality of Rijeka County (HR)
Municipality of Dubrovnik-Neretva County (HR)
Municipality of Makarska Region (HR)
Municipality of Trogir Region (HR)
Municipality of Šibenik Region (HR)

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

ENHANCE
Interreg Europe

ENHANCE supports public authorities to identify and implement incentives for organisations to adopt Ecomanagement and audit scheme (EMAS) as a tool for resource efficiency in the context of the transition towards a circular economy.

www.interreg.eu/enhance

An interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economy policies.

Project Partners:
Ministry of Territory and Sustainability, Government of Catalonia (ES)
Municipality of Aguilles, Tarragona, Government of Catalonia (ES)
CIBER, Council Environmental Information Agency (ES)
Basque Government Institute Technological Agency (ES)
Municipality of Aguilles, Tarragona (ES)
Sant Joan School of Technology (ES)
Sant Joan School of Advanced Studies (ES)

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

ECO

ECO supports territorial authorities to reduce the food waste and to adopt a more sustainable strategy.

www.interreg.eu/eco

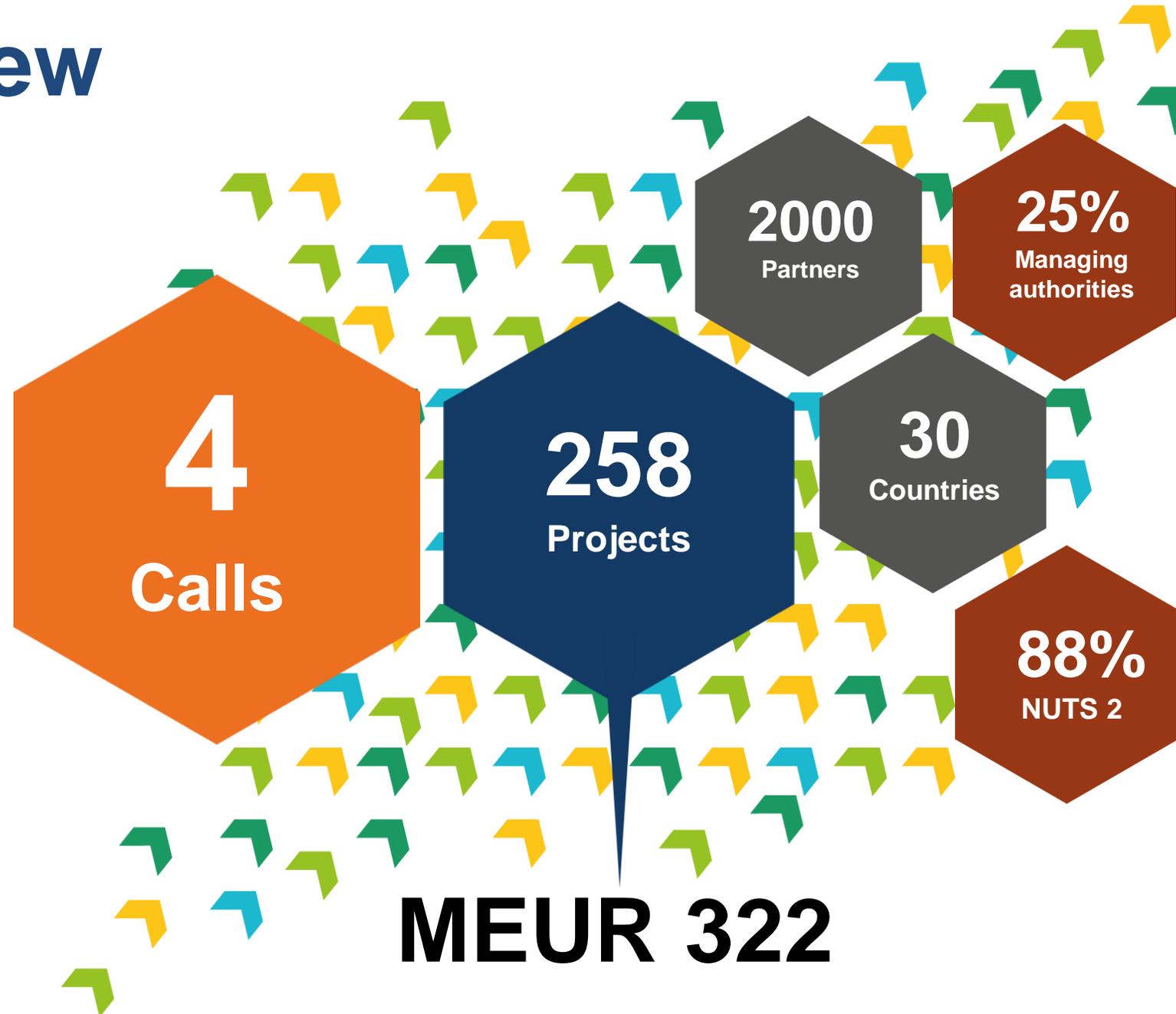
An interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economy policies.

International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies Regional Development (ITC-AMAS)

Regional Council of the Balearic Islands

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

Overview





Balanced

Environment and
resource efficiency

67

26%



25%



Research and
innovation

65

Low-carbon
economy

60



23%



26%

SME
competitiveness

66

Outputs achieved (validated as of June 2019)



36 %



12 %

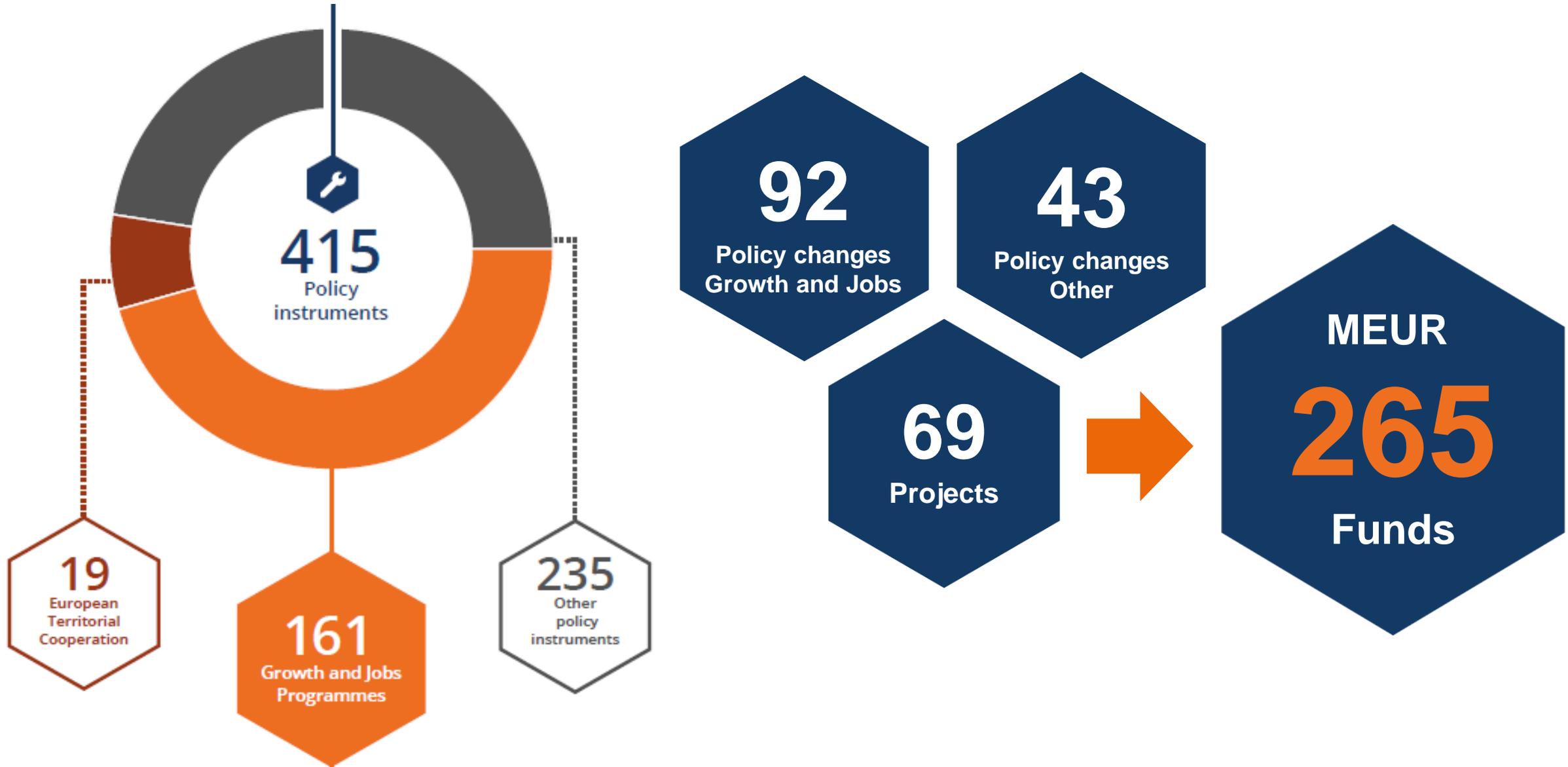


13 %



76 projects have finished Phase 1

Improving policies (Validated as of June 2019)



Policy Learning Platform





4

services

#policylearning

Good practice database

~ 700 Good practices

Expert policy support

8 peer reviews

Community of peers

+ 16,000 members

Policy briefs & news

35 policy briefs

Circular economy – 11 projects



RETRACE
Interreg Europe

RETRACE aims at promoting systemic design as a method allowing local and regional policies move towards a circular economy when waste from one productive process becomes input in another, preventing waste being released into the environment.

www.interregeurope.eu/retrace

An interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economy policies

Project Partners

Azaro Foundation (ES)
BEAZ (ES)
Association for Environment and Safety in Aquitaine - APESA (FR)
Higher School of Advanced Industrial Technology - ESTIA (FR)
Piedmont Region – Directorate for regional system competitiveness (IT)
Politecnico di Torino (IT)
North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)
Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (SI)



- **BIOREGIO**
- **CECI**
- **CESME**
- **CirCE**
- **CircPro**
- **Color Circle**
- **REDUCES**
- **REPLACE**
- **SYMBI**
- **TRIS**



Strengths of application



- **Topic** high on EU agenda (transition to circular economy)
- Clear focus on **Structural Funds** programmes (all policy instruments)
- High potential for results to be adopted by other regions **beyond the partnership** (via Policy Road Map)



APPROVED



Partners: Piedmonte Region (IT)
and Politecnico di Torino (IT)

Policy change:

ERDF Operational Programme, Piemonte 2014-2020 (IT)

- **Improved call on Innovation Clusters**

How? Direct link made between vertical R&D lines and "Smart" and "Resource efficiency" horizontal trajectories

Result? Cluster projects focus on CE processes, irrespective of vertical domains

Inspiration from: *Strategic R&I Partnerships, Slovenia*

Active contribution at programme level



Policy change exhibition



16 good practices published
on Good Practice Database!



Matchmaking sessions
and peer reviews



Thematic webinar on Circular
Economy Business Models



Thank you!

www.interregeurope.eu



interregeurope