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# Interregional cooperation

*State of play and perspectives*

***PRE-WASTE final conference  
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# Summary

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  - Reminder of the context
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  - Achievements
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3. Future of interregional cooperation

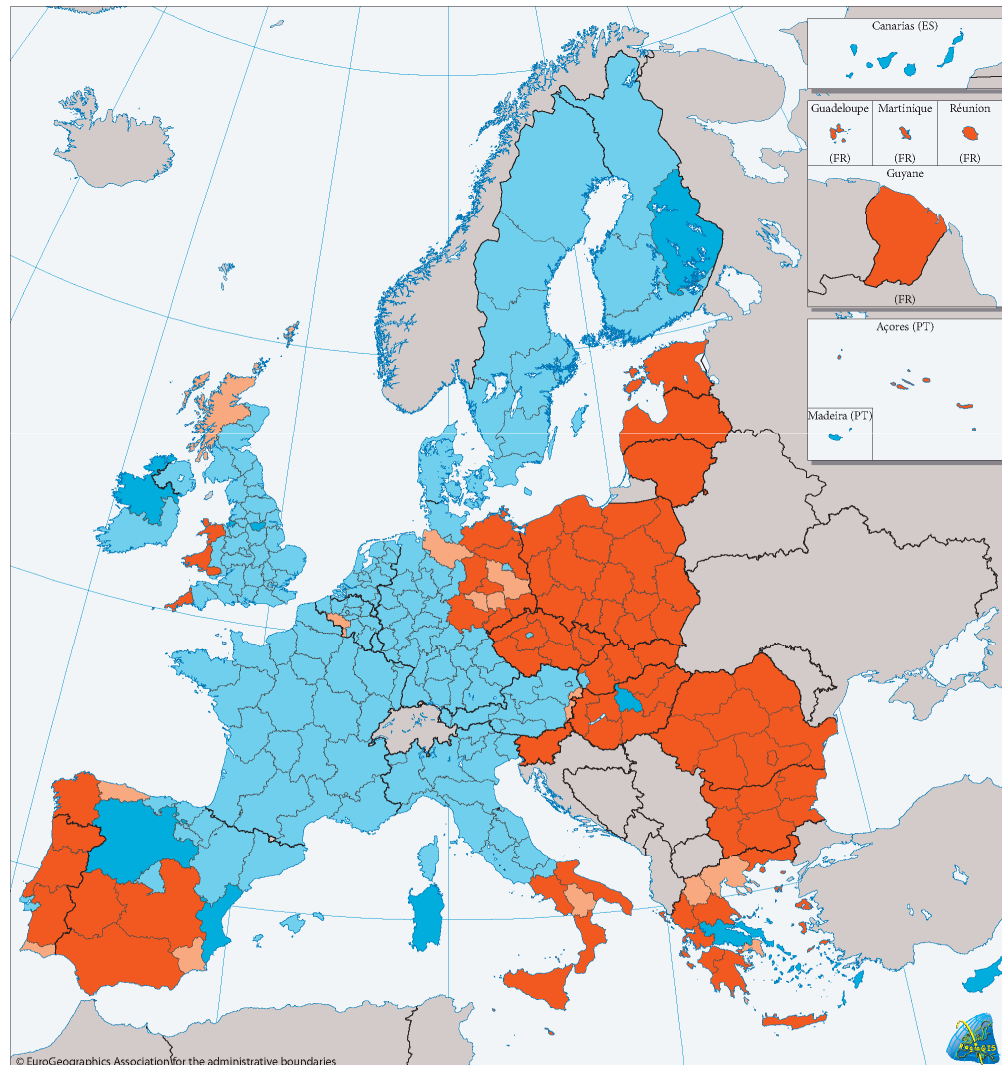
# 1. The INTERREG IVC programme



## EU Cohesion and Regional Policy

*Reducing disparities*

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



## Eligible area

- EU 27
- Switzerland
- Norway



## INTERREG IVC in a nutshell

*‘Learning by sharing’*

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

in the fields of

**Innovation and the knowledge economy**

**Environment and risk prevention**

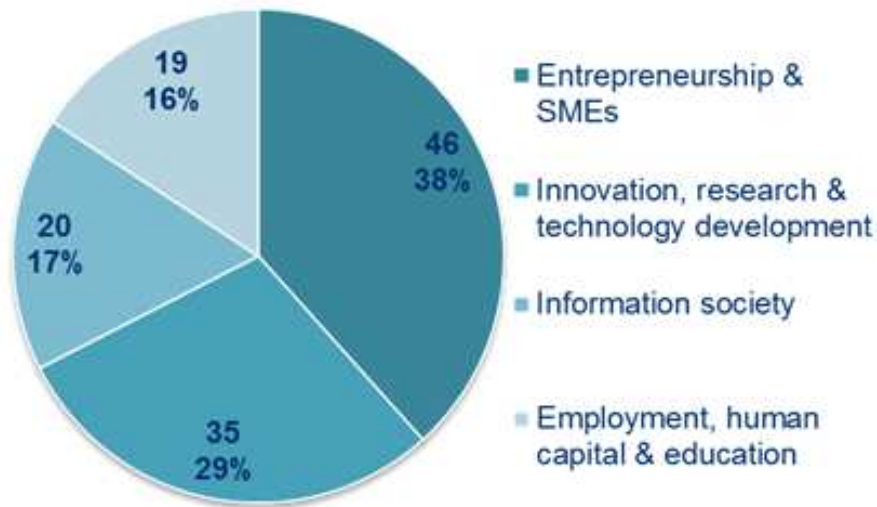
## Overview approved projects

**204**  
projects

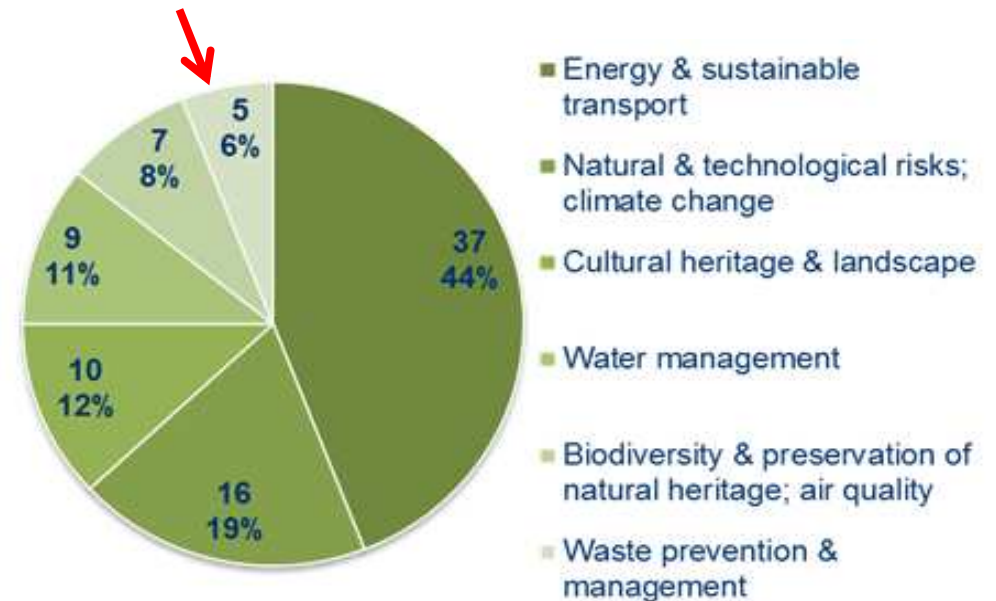
**2 274**  
partners

**All funds  
committed  
= 302 M EUR**

### Innovation & knowledge economy



### Environment & risk prevention





## Main achievements (as of December 2011)

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

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

**4,046**  
staff with  
increased  
capacity

**154**  
'spin-off  
activities'

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

**3,026**  
good practices  
identified

**202**  
successfully  
transferred

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)**

## Examples of policy improvement

### Sub-theme: Information Society

**Project:** PIKE

**Partner concerned:** Bologna Municipality (IT)



**Policy improved:** Revision of the Emilia Romagna Regional Telematic Plan 2011-2013 which now includes the 'Guidelines for Local Wireless Communities' coming from PIKE

### Sub-theme: Natural & technological risks; Climate Change

**Project:** GRaBS

**Partner concerned:** London Borough of Sutton (UK)



**Policy improved:** Revision of the 'Sutton's Adaptation Action Plan' which now integrates GRaBS findings on community and stakeholders engagement into Climate Change policies

## 2. The PRE-WASTE project



### Project strengths

#### FOCUS

Exchange of Experience  
at policy level

#### MANAGEMENT

committed  
management team

#### COMMUNICATION

EU wide dissemination of the results  
Innovative tools  
(e.g. Low environmental impact  
event guide)



#### PARTNERSHIP

geographic coverage  
10 partners – 9 MSs  
(3 new member  
states)  
4 areas represented

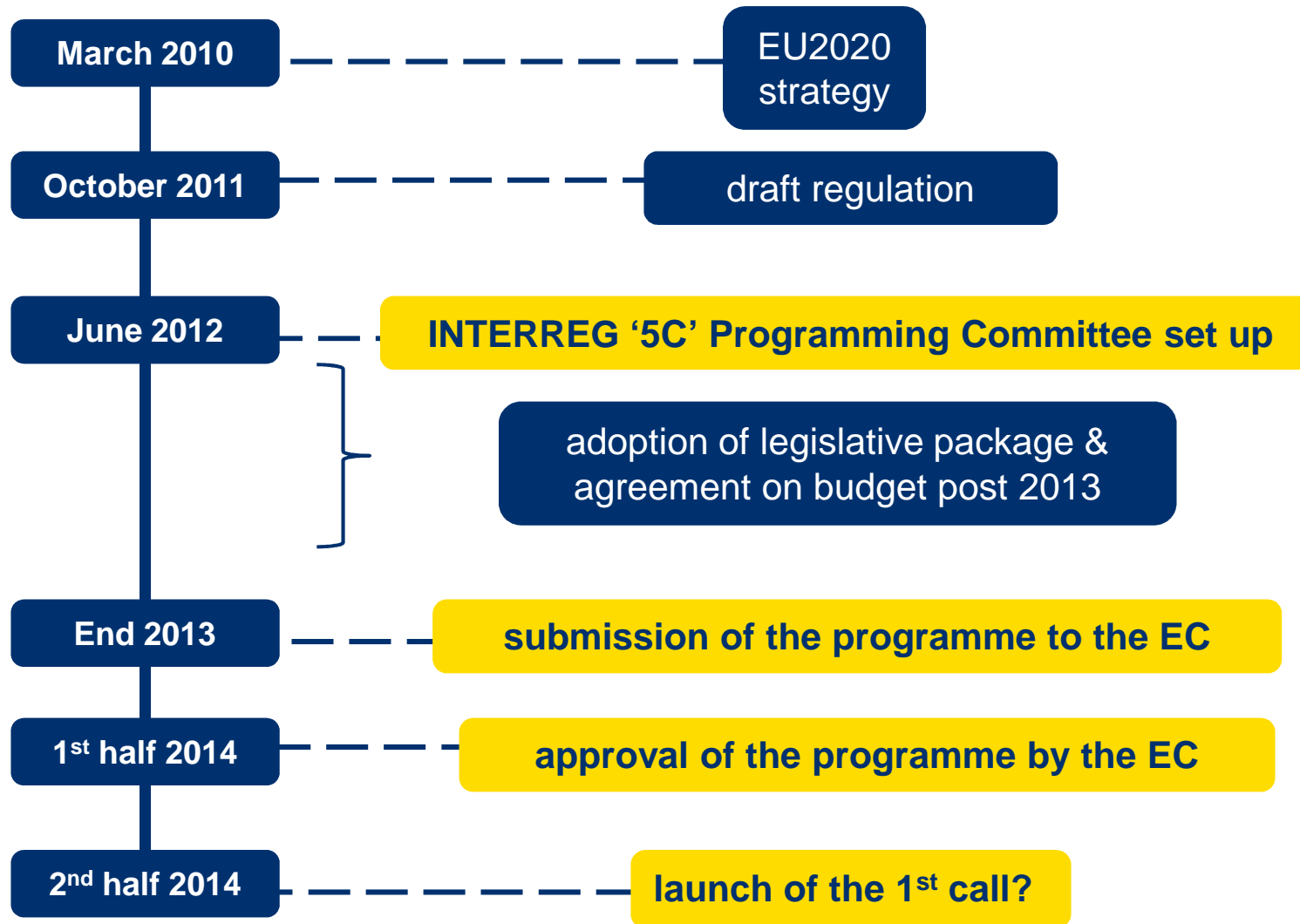
#### RESULTS

(PR4 - up to 1/12/2011)  
25 staff members with  
increased capacity  
85 GPs identified

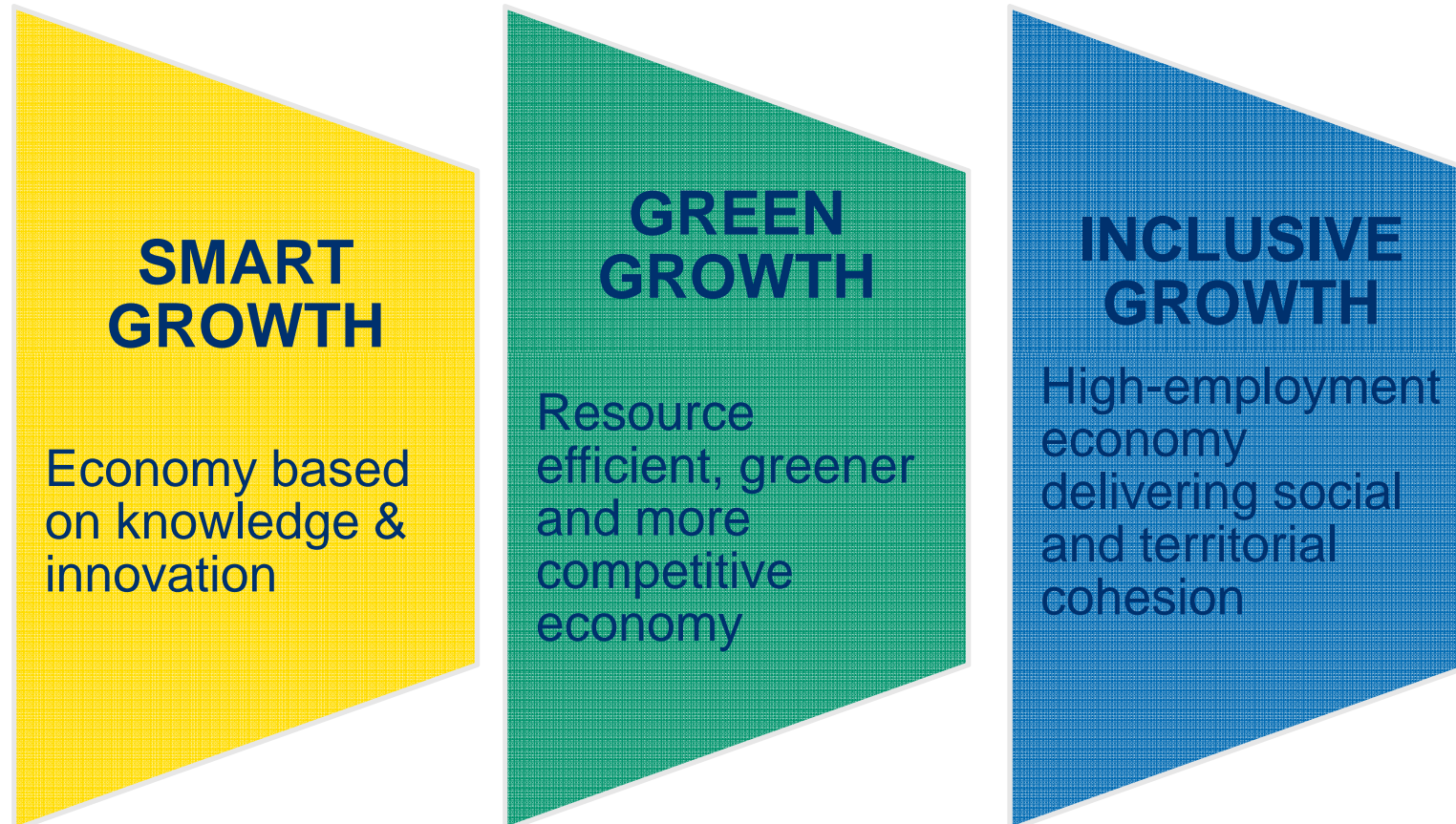
## 3. Future of interregional cooperation



## Indicative time line



## Framework for the future: EU2020 strategy





## Draft regulation 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*”  
(11<sup>th</sup> thematic objective)
- **Thematic concentration?**

### 2 scenarios currently discussed

1. Keeping current approach, improved and simplified
2. Support 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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