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Interreg Europe in a nutshell

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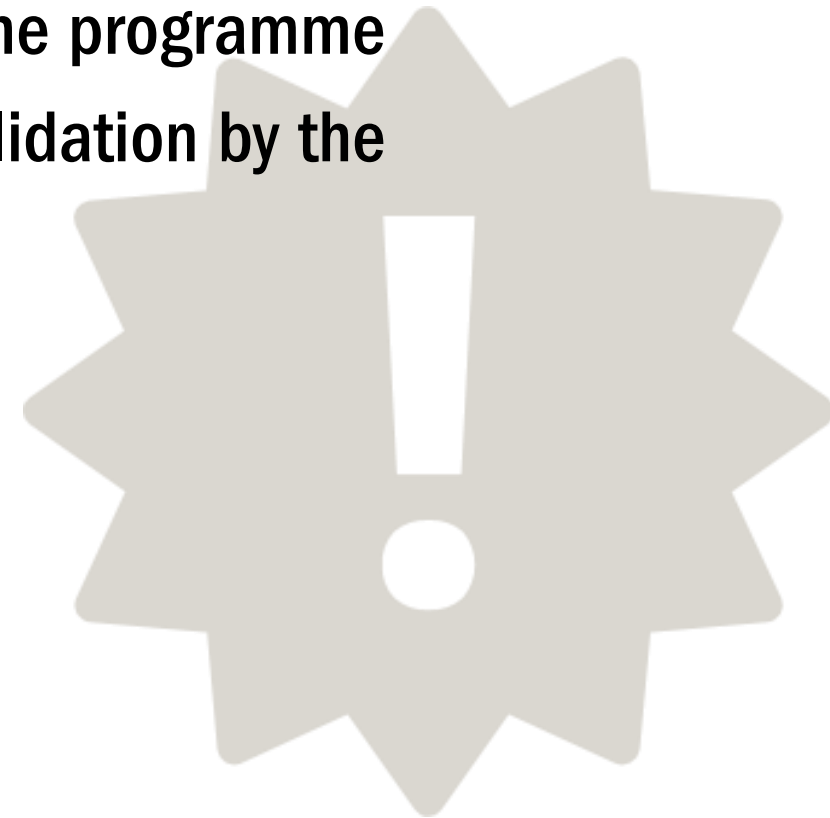
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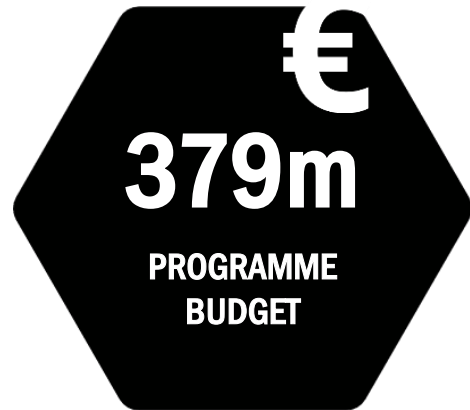


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Interreg Europe **key features**

Sharing solutions for better regional policy



Interreg Europe **objective**

To improve **regional development policy instruments** (including Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes)

How?


Through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building (in relation to the identification & transfer of good practices)


- Primarily dedicated to **policymakers**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

Interreg Europe policy instruments LU (examples)


 LE GOUVERNEMENT
DU GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG
Ministère de l'Économie
et du Commerce extérieur



Grand-Duché de Luxembourg



Objectif
 « Investissement pour l'Emploi et la croissance »
 2021-2027

REF: CCI 2021LU16FFPR001

Durée du programme (Éligibilité) : 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2029

[Version 03 du 14.04.2022](#)

**Circular Economy
Strategy Luxembourg**
 Strategie Kreeslafwirtschaft Lëtzebuerg

EN

**PNM
2035**
 Plan national
de mobilité



Wiltz, den 9. Februar 2018

CHARTA FÜR DIE „ECONOMIE CIRCULAIRE“

Die Gemeinde Wiltz verpflichtet sich, zukünftig die „Economie Circulaire“ bei allen Projekten und Tätigkeiten anzuwenden, um einen positiven Fußabdruck in der Ardennenregion zu fördern und somit Verantwortung gegenüber nächsten Generationen zu übernehmen.

Insbesondere möchte die Gemeinde Wiltz:

- ein Arbeitsumfeld schaffen, das es allen Gemeindediensten ermöglicht, ihre Aufgaben auf sozial und ökologisch verantwortliche Weise zu planen und zu organisieren.
- die Aufwertung der verschiedenen materiellen Ressourcen und menschlichen Potentiale in Sinne der Economie Circulaire verstärken, um kontinuierliche Ströme in Anlehnung an die Natur auf ihrem Gemeindegebiet zu etablieren.
- neue Organisationsformen menschlicher Tätigkeit unterstützen, wie beispielsweise kooperative Lebensweisen (Coworking, gemeinschaftliches Wohnen, Wohngemeinschaften, ...), gemeinschaftliche leistungsfähige Produktion (FabLab, Do-It-Yourself, Maker-Space, ...) sowie die gemeinschaftliche Nutzung von Gütern und Dienstleistungen (Sharing, Fahrgemeinschaften).
- die Biodiversität aktiv bei der Entwicklung Ihrer Projekte fördern.
- die Rahmenbedingungen schaffen, welche die Einrichtung eines nationalen Kompetenz- und Bildungszentrums rund um die Kreislaufwirtschaft in Wiltz ermöglichen.
- die „Economie Circulaire“ progressiv in ihre Bauvorschriften integrieren, umso Design und Bau von Gebäuden mit hohem Mehrwert und positiven Auswirkungen auf das Umfeld zu fördern.
- eine proaktive Kommunikationsstrategie für alle Beteiligten mit Themen rund um die „Economie Circulaire“ umsetzen.
- eine partizipative und integrative Herangehensweise unter Einbeziehung aller Akteure fördern, um die Ausrichtung der Gemeindeentwicklung zu bestimmen und so ihre Attraktivität für die Zukunft zu garantieren.
- die regionalen Wirtschaftsakteure ermutigen, kontinuierliche Kreisläufe zu entwickeln, welche den Wert und die inhärente Qualität der Ressourcen in jeder Phase ihres Nutzungszyklus erhalten.
- Pilotprojekte entwickeln, durch die Modelle oder Methodologien erarbeitet werden, die später auch in einem größeren Maßstab und anderswo anwendbar sind.

Die Unterzeichnung dieser Charta für die „Economie Circulaire“ durch den Gemeinderat Wiltz ist eine starke politische Geste, die darauf abzielt, auf ihrem Territorium einen verantwortungsvollen Ansatz zu schaffen und zu einer nachhaltigeren Welt beizutragen.

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www.wiltz.lu

Programme **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building



six topics



Concentration principle (80%)

Two actions



Projects

Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring experience on a shared regional development issue



Policy Learning Platform

Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

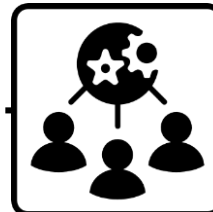
Platform in brief

Provides **continuous policy-learning** opportunities
through access to:

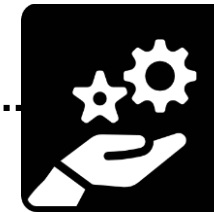
Knowledge



People



Expert support



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2. About the **Projects**

Project **objective**

Improve the **policy instruments** of the participating regions

- Public interventions at local, regional or even national levels can be addressed
- At least **one** policy instrument per project must be an **Investment for jobs and growth goal programme**



Project **activities**

- Learning by **exchanging experience** (e.g., workshop, seminars, study visits, peer reviews) – **good practices** identification & transfer
- Learning by **doing: pilot actions** from the start of the project or at mid-term (max one per region)

➔ **increased capacity** of people and organisations

Implementation of activities

2 phases over 4-year implementation

CORE	FOLLOW UP
3 years	1 year
Exchange of experience to achieve policy improvements	Monitor policy improvements

Who is **eligible**?

- **Public authorities**
- **Public law bodies** (bodies governed by public law)
- **Private non-profit bodies**



Policy relevance of partnership

Policy responsible authorities must be involved in the project

- **As partners for at least 50% of the policy instruments addressed**
- **As ‘associated policy authorities’ for the remaining policy instruments**

Creation of a **stakeholder group** in each region

What is an **'associated policy authority'**



Main features:

- Officially included in the application form
- No budget - travel & accommodation costs covered by relevant project partner
- Declaration provided at the application stage
- Involvement regularly monitored during project implementation

Innovative character

What is the **added value** of your project?

Remember to check:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/search-approved-projects>



Simplified financial rules

Cost categories	Simplification
Preparation costs	Lump sum €17,500
Staff	Fixed % of the real gross employment cost
Office & administration	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs
Travel & accommodation	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs (real cost reporting only in specific justified cases)
External Expertise and Services	
Equipment	
Infrastructure and Works	For pilots only

Co-financing rates

Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% ERDF*	Public or public equivalent from the EU
70% ERDF*	Private non-profit from the EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

* ERDF – European Regional Development Fund

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About the
First call for proposals

Call main features

1. When? **5 April – 31 May 2022, 12 noon (CEST Paris time)**
Decision expected by end of 2022
2. How much? **Up to 130 MEUR**
3. About what? **all topics open**
4. From where? **all corners of the programme area**

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Geographical coverage

- **Four areas to be covered**

Geographical areas	Countries covered
North	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg , Netherlands, Switzerland



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How to participate? From idea to project...

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Point of Contact Luxembourg

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Interreg North-West Europe and Interreg Europe 2021-2027
- New opportunities for stakeholders from Luxembourg -
Luxembourg

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Our topics




Discover what we offer in the topic that interests you. Join a project idea. Find policy solutions or get in touch with community members.

 103 projects

 51 project ideas

 1256 good practices

 715 members

<https://www.interregeurope.eu>

Insight into **topics**



Within 80%

- **Energy efficiency** and reduction of greenhouse emissions
- **Renewable energy**
- **Smart energy systems**, grids and storage
- **Climate change** adaptation, disaster risk prevention, resilience
- Access to **water** and sustainable water management
- Circular and **resource efficient** economy
- Protection and preservation of **nature and biodiversity**, green infrastructures, pollution reduction
- **Sustainable urban mobility** for zero carbon economy

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About the
Projects



Steps to **project development**

1. **Check relevance**
2. **Get inspired**
3. **Share project idea**
4. **Find partners**
5. **Ask for feedback**

Check **relevance**

Is Interreg Europe for you?

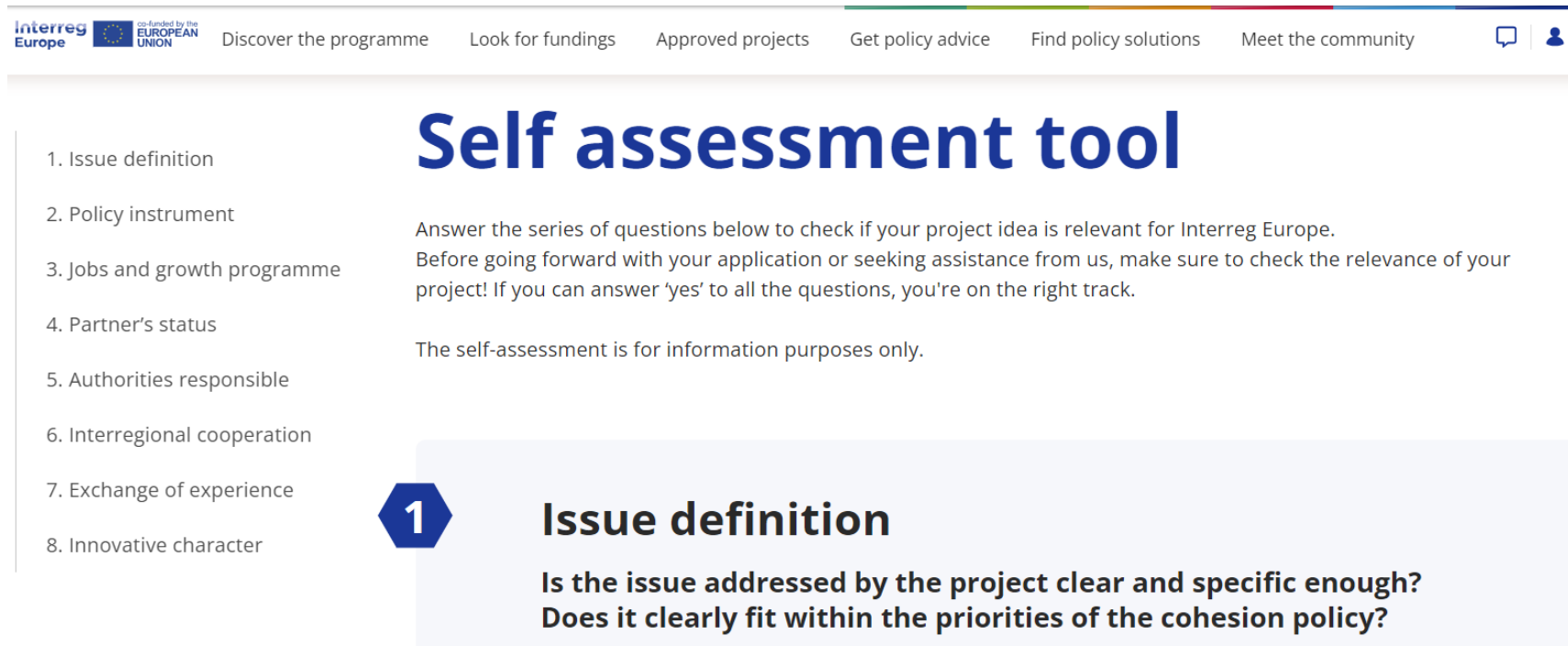
⇒ **Are you involved in regional development policies?**

⇒ **Are you looking for new solutions?**

⇒ **Are you ready to work with partners from other European countries?**

Check **relevance**

Self-assess your idea before asking for our feedback



The screenshot shows the website for the Interreg Europe self-assessment tool. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Interreg Europe logo and the text "co-funded by the EUROPEAN UNION". The navigation menu includes: "Discover the programme", "Look for fundings", "Approved projects", "Get policy advice", "Find policy solutions", and "Meet the community". There are also icons for a chat bubble and a user profile.

Self assessment tool

1. Issue definition
2. Policy instrument
3. Jobs and growth programme
4. Partner's status
5. Authorities responsible
6. Interregional cooperation
7. Exchange of experience
8. Innovative character

Answer the series of questions below to check if your project idea is relevant for Interreg Europe. Before going forward with your application or seeking assistance from us, make sure to check the relevance of your project! If you can answer 'yes' to all the questions, you're on the right track.

The self-assessment is for information purposes only.

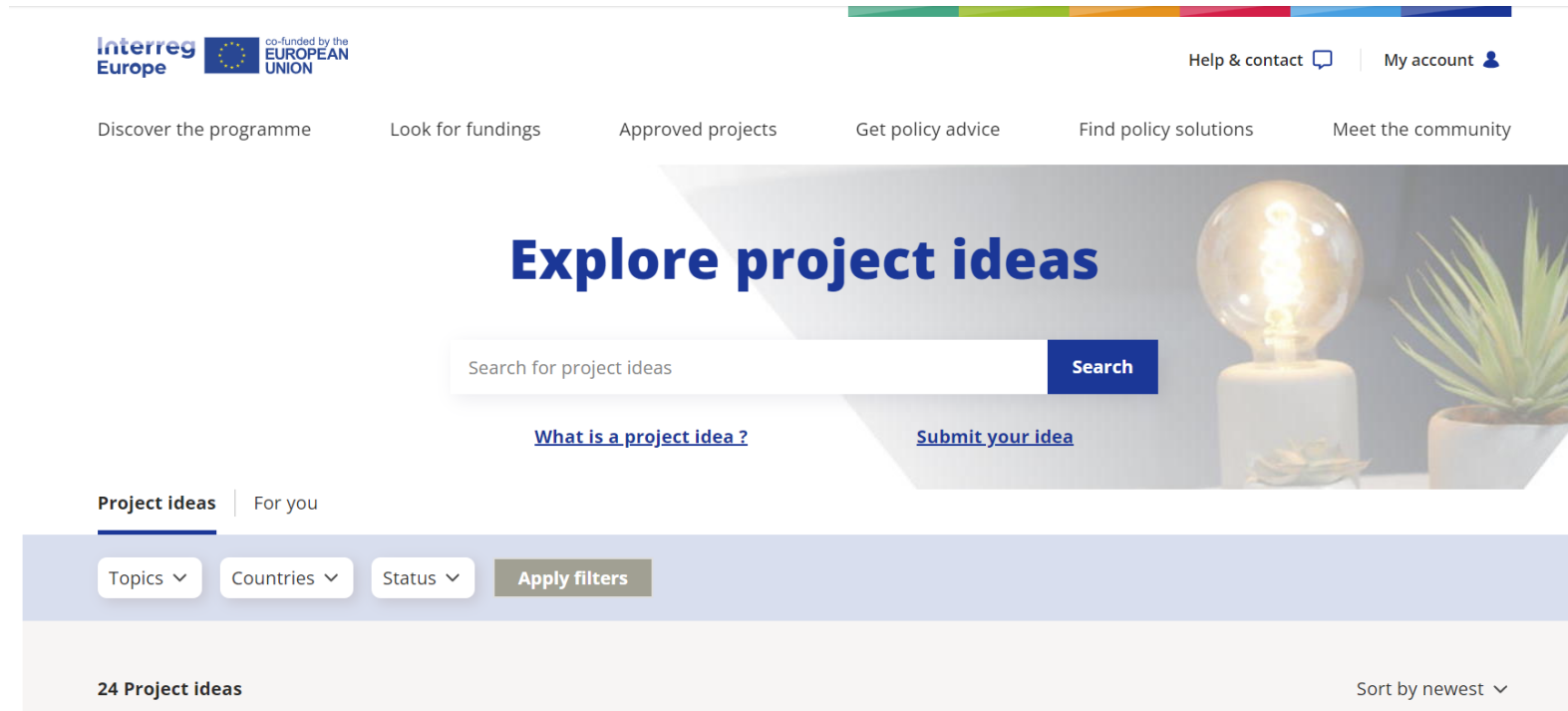
1 Issue definition

**Is the issue addressed by the project clear and specific enough?
Does it clearly fit within the priorities of the cohesion policy?**

www.interregeurope.eu/self-assessment-tool

Get **inspired** by other project ideas

- Check what project ideas already exist and search for partners



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www.interregurope.eu/project-ideas

Project ideas online

- Search for project ideas
 - By topic
 - By country

Explore project ideas

Search for project ideas

[What is a project idea?](#) [Submit your idea](#)

Project ideas

Topics Countries

130 Project ideas Sort by newest

<p>Boosting social economy as a mean for local development</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>ILIARTIDA AMKE - KALOTROPID</p> <p> Greece</p>	<p>Mission for Regional Start Up Scene Expansion</p> <p>Looking for peers</p>	<p>Improving management tools to increase environmental quality of coastal habitats in Europe</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Gesplan</p> <p> Spain</p>	<p>LifeLong Learning in Rural areas: boosting employment and capacities</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Fundación General de la Universidad de Burgos</p> <p> Spain</p>
<p>LifeLong Learning in Rural areas: boosting employment and capacities</p> <p>Looking for peers</p>	<p>Telerehabilitation in rural areas and islands</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Lječiliste Veli Losinj</p> <p> Croatia</p>	<p>Spatial planning & energy transition</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Province of Antwerp</p> <p> Belgium</p>	<p>Tourism in Continental areas</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Agency for European Integration and economic Development</p> <p> Croatia</p>
<p>Local Social governance in transnational experience</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Smitēnes novada pašvaldība</p> <p> Latvia</p>	<p>Sustainable Community Garden in urban environment</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Smitēnes novada pašvaldība</p> <p> Latvia</p>	<p>Remote Healthcare for Silver Europe (CARES)</p> <p>Looking for peers</p>	<p>West Ialomita Business Hub</p> <p>Looking for peers</p> <p>Primăria orașului Fierbinti-Târg</p> <p> Romania</p>

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/project-ideas>

Project idea example

About the project

Project idea owner

Partners we are looking for



Sustainable territorial planning & development for ground water resource protection

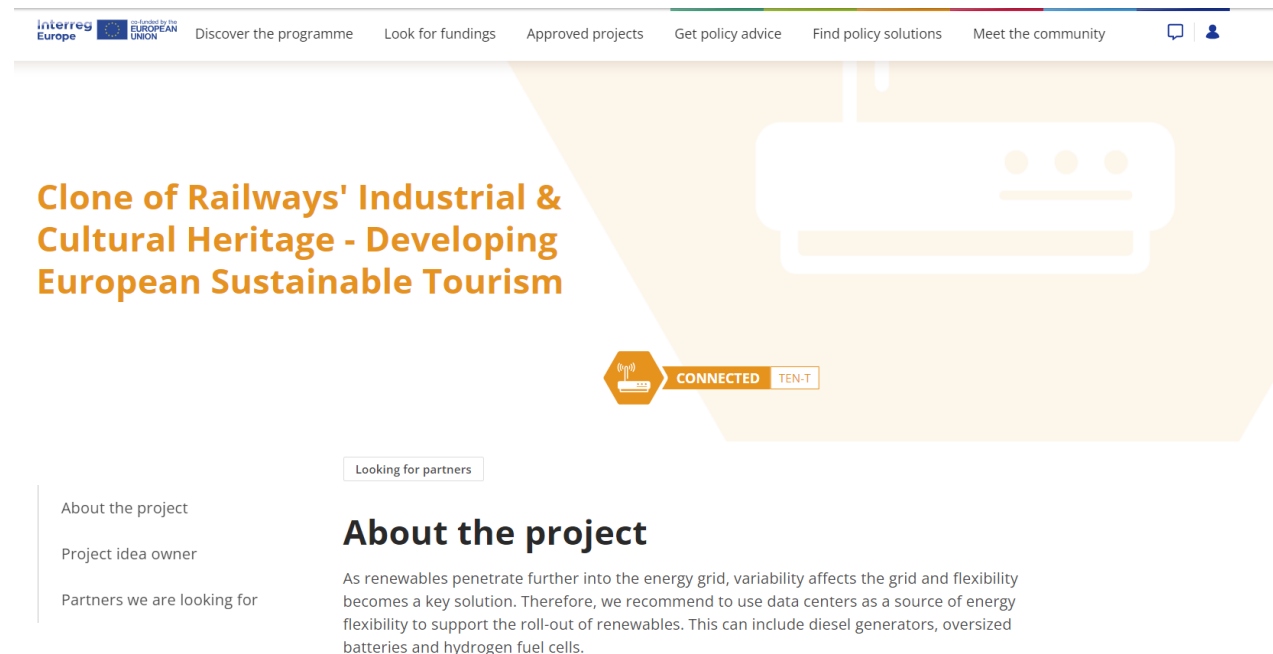
Looking for peers

Métropole Européenne de Lille (MEL)

 France

Share **project idea**

- **Publish your project idea on our website to tell others:**
 - ⇒ **what you'd like to do**
 - ⇒ **what partners you are looking for**



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Clone of Railways' Industrial & Cultural Heritage - Developing European Sustainable Tourism

CONNECTED TEN-T

Looking for partners

About the project
Project idea owner
Partners we are looking for

About the project

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Find partners

- Search for people or organisations to find project partners

The screenshot shows the 'Find the right people' section of the Interreg Europe website. At the top left is the Interreg Europe logo, which includes the text 'co-funded by the EUROPEAN UNION' and the European Union flag. To the right of the logo are links for 'Help & contact' and 'My account'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: 'Discover the programme', 'Look for fundings', 'Approved projects', 'Get policy advice', 'Find policy solutions', and 'Meet the community'. The main heading is 'Find the right people' in large blue font. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search for members or organisations' and a blue 'Search' button. Under the search bar are two links: 'Tell us more about your need' and 'How to find the good project partners?'. Below the search bar is a filter bar with tabs for 'Members', 'Organisations', and 'For you'. The 'Members' tab is selected. The filter bar contains dropdown menus for 'Topics', 'Countries', 'Interested in', and 'Organisation type', followed by an 'Apply filters' button. Below the filter bar is a list of members, with the word 'Members' on the left and 'Sort by newest' on the right. The list shows four member cards, each with a person icon.

www.interregeurope.eu/members

From idea to project



Post your project idea

Create an account then share your project idea. Explain where you are and your project.



Find partners

Specify the partners you are looking for and constitute a team.



Feedback from community

Get visibility and feedback from the community on your project idea.



Feedback from Interreg Europe

Use the self-assessment tool to do a first relevance check of your idea. Submit your project idea to Interreg Europe and get guidance before applying.



Apply for the call

When the call opens, apply!



Implement your project

Get support funding and help to implement your project.

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Further information

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- Programme manual
- Terms of reference for the first call for project proposals
- Project development webinars (recording)
- FAQ
- Q & A online hours on Fridays organized by the Joint secretariat

National Point of Contact – get in touch

- **On topics of your interest that would benefit from being addressed in a crossborder/transnational/interregional context**
- **To discuss a project idea**
- **If you look for partners abroad**
- **For any other question related to Interreg**

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About the

Policy Learning Platform

Platform in a nutshell



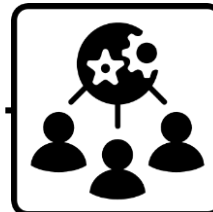
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through access to:

Knowledge



People



Expert support



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Access to **knowledge**



- **Wealth of policy solutions available**



**Database of good practices
from all EU**



**Analytical policy briefs, news
and publications**

Good practices




2014 - 2020

Cultural and Creative Sectors Guarantee Facility

The CCS GF offers improved access to finance for SMEs and small public enterprises in the cultural and creative sectors

25 May 2020 | By project RegionArts

 Expert approved




2014 - 2020

Guideline for good lighting in outdoor spaces

National guideline for good lighting infrastructure in outdoor spaces to avoid light pollution and to raise energy efficiency.

12 Jan 2020 | By project Night Light

 Expert approved



2014 - 2020

Bummelbus: dial-a-bus service occupying long-time unemployed people

Bummelbus is a dial-a-bus service occupying long-time unemployed people.

31 Jan 2018 | By project LAST MILE

 Expert approved

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions/good-practices>

Good practice example

[Home](#) > [Find policy solutions](#) > [Good practices](#) > Guideline for good lighting in outdoor spaces

Guideline for good lighting in outdoor spaces



GREEN

Biodiversity preservation



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Policy briefs



Fostering the digital transformation of SMEs

Discover practical examples of how to foster the digital transformation of SMEs from different perspectives.

12 April 2022 | By Platform



Approaches for a rural low-carbon economy

Explore regional approaches that can help you support e-mobility and the transition to a low-carbon transition in your region!

06 April 2022 | By Platform



Preserving and restoring biodiversity

Explore this policy brief to discover what role do public authorities across Europe play in the development of a sustainable and low-carbon economy, and what transformations are needed in every sector and area of public life.

05 April 2022 | By Platform



Open, social, and responsible innovation

This policy brief explores the importance of open, social, and responsible innovation to promote transformative changes.

03 March 2022 | By Platform

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions/policy-briefs>

Access to **people**



- **Policy inspiration from practitioners to practitioners**



**Community of
practitioners**



**Networking and policy-
learning events**

Access to **expert support**



- Expert support services for free

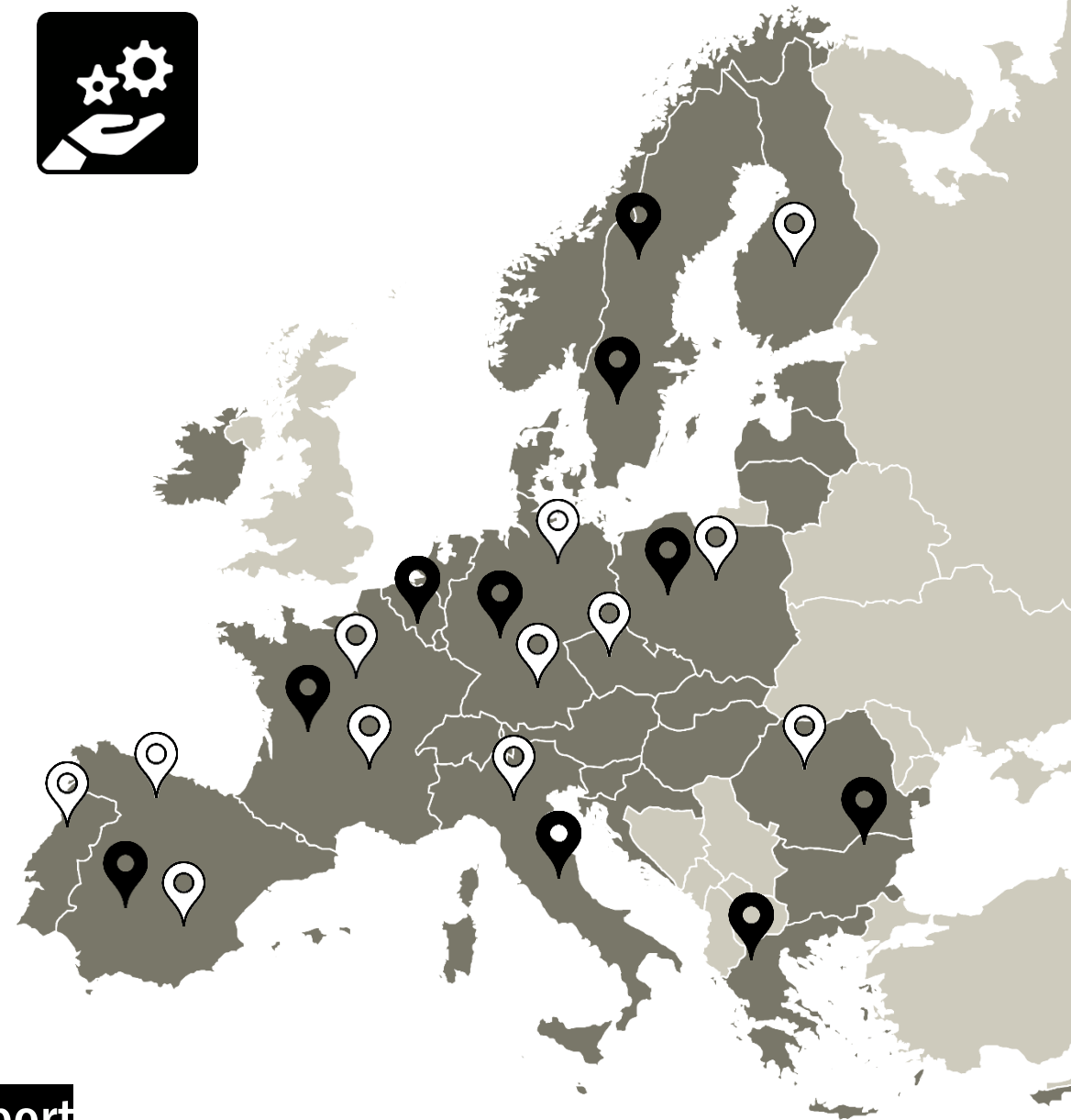
 Peer reviews

 Matchmaking sessions



Policy helpdesk

Apply to benefit from expert support any time



www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/expert-support

Example of **peer review**



For Naturpark Our Luxembourg

Governance and management of Natura2000 park

Peers from Estonia, the Netherlands, Greece, Romania and the UK

Policy challenges addressed:

- **Stakeholder coordination**
- **Financial instruments**
- **Cross-border management of the site**

Example of **matchmaking**



For Region of Western Macedonia, Greece

Resource and energy efficiency support schemes for SMEs

Peers from Germany and Sweden shared their expert experiences on:

- **How to design a new support programme for the SMEs in the region**
- **On measures to increase SME competitiveness while greening their operations**

What you can **get**

- **Interreg Europe's wealth of policy solutions at hand**
- **Hands-on advice and inspiration from practitioners to 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**



Time for questions



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