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Overview of INTERREG IVC

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Presentation

- Programme's main features
- Programme state of play
- Irish Participation in Interreg IVC Programme.

Overall Objective

- Improve the **effectiveness of regional development policies**

by



- Enabling **exchange of experiences** and knowledge
- Matching less experienced and more advanced regions

in the fields of

- **Innovation and the knowledge economy**
- **Environment and risk prevention**

Programme Priorities

Priority 1: Innovation and the knowledge economy

- Innovation, research & technological development
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Information society
- Employment, human capital and education



Programme Priorities

Priority 2: Environment and risk prevention

- Natural and technological risks; climate change
- Water management
- Waste prevention and management
- Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage; air quality
- Energy and sustainable transport
- Cultural heritage and landscape

Eligible partners

- **Regional and local authorities** as main 'target group'
- In justified cases, also bodies governed by public law
e.g. universities, institutes, science parks, etc.
See Directive 2004/18/EC on public procurement rules, Art. 1
- In case of doubt, National Contact Points
are responsible for confirming the legal status
of partners based on their territory

Regional Initiative Projects

- ⇒ Classic type of interregional cooperation projects
- ⇒ Intensity of cooperation from networking activities to joint transfer of practices and development of new approaches (i.e. pilot actions)
- ⇒ Interregional exchange of experience and good practices, development of tools and instruments of regional policies
- ⇒ NB! The only type of project allowed in the 4th call!
- ⇒ No longer possible to submit mini-programmes



Requirements for activities

- **Relevance to the programme**

Activities have to be in line with the programme's overall objective - contributing to the improvement of policies

- **Interregionality**

Joint implementation of interregional activities

In case of pilot experimentation: transfer from one region to another, but benefiting all partners

- **Additionality**

Activities would be different from the normal and regular tasks of the partners involved



Main activities

- Preparatory activities
- Management and coordination
- Communication and dissemination
e.g. conferences, publications, website
- Exchange of experience (at policy level)
e.g. thematic seminars, workshops, conferences,
study visits, staff exchange, joint training sessions, etc.
- Pilot actions
pilot transfer of good practice, benefiting all partners



Regional Initiative Projects

Size of the partnership	Recommended number of partners depends on the level of intensity of cooperation e.g. basic level: max of 20 medium level: max of 15
Duration	36 months (incl. project closure)
Budget	Expected average ERDF budget: €1-2 million

Co-financing

75% ERDF	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
85% ERDF	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
50% NO funding	Norway

Finances: good to know

- No pre-financing! Eligible costs are later reimbursed
- Own financing can come from public sources at national, regional, or local level; not other EU funding!
- Staff costs count as cash contribution (if properly paid out)
- Recommendation: avoid shared costs!
- Public procurement: EU, national, and internal rules apply
- Equipment costs considered exceptional



Programme state of play



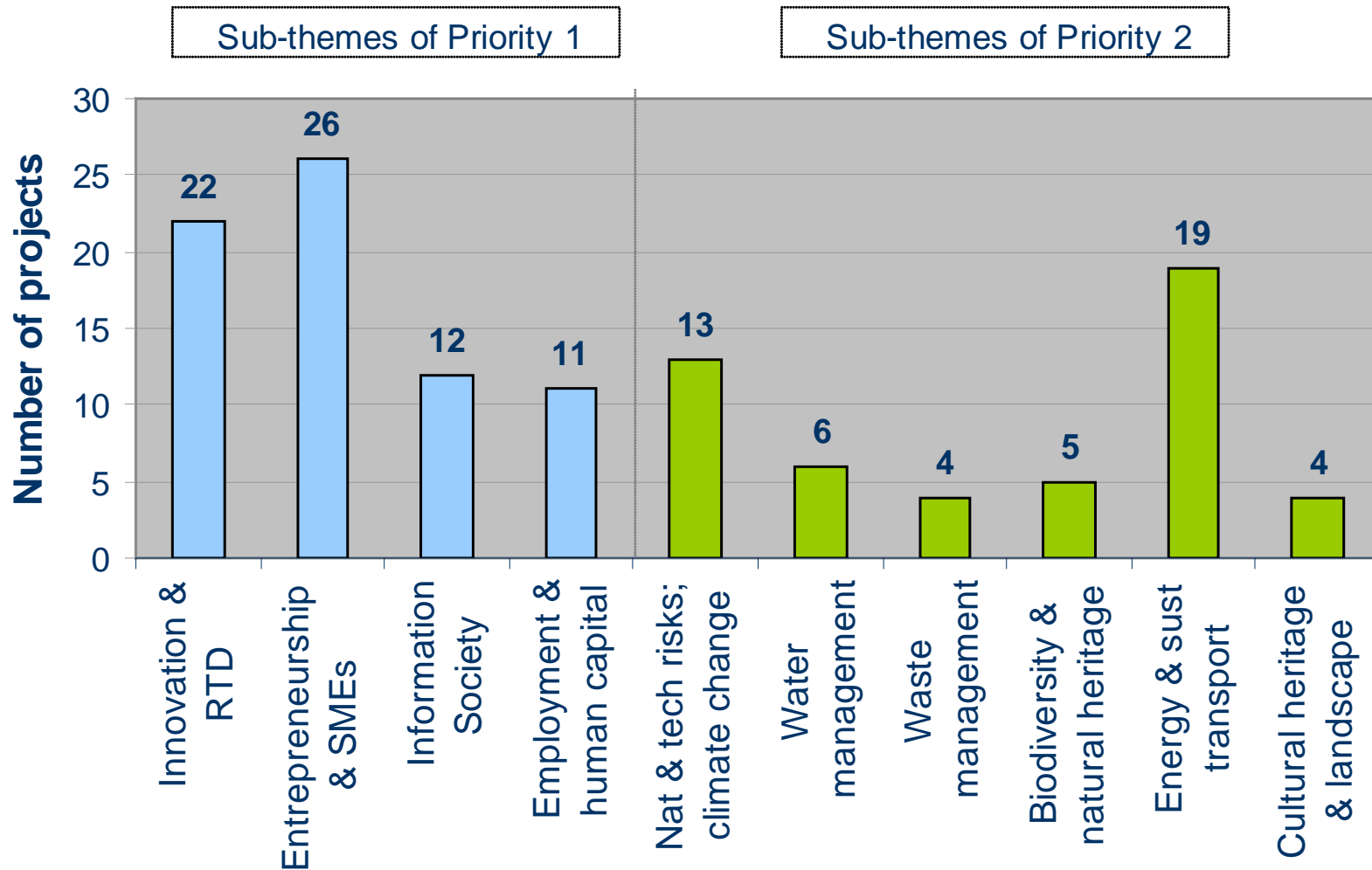
Statistics of previous calls

Projects	Submitted	Approved	ERDF committed
Regional Initiative Projects	934	102	€ 171,997,496
Capitalisation Projects	68	20	€ 30,046,472
TOTAL	1002	122	€ 202,043,968

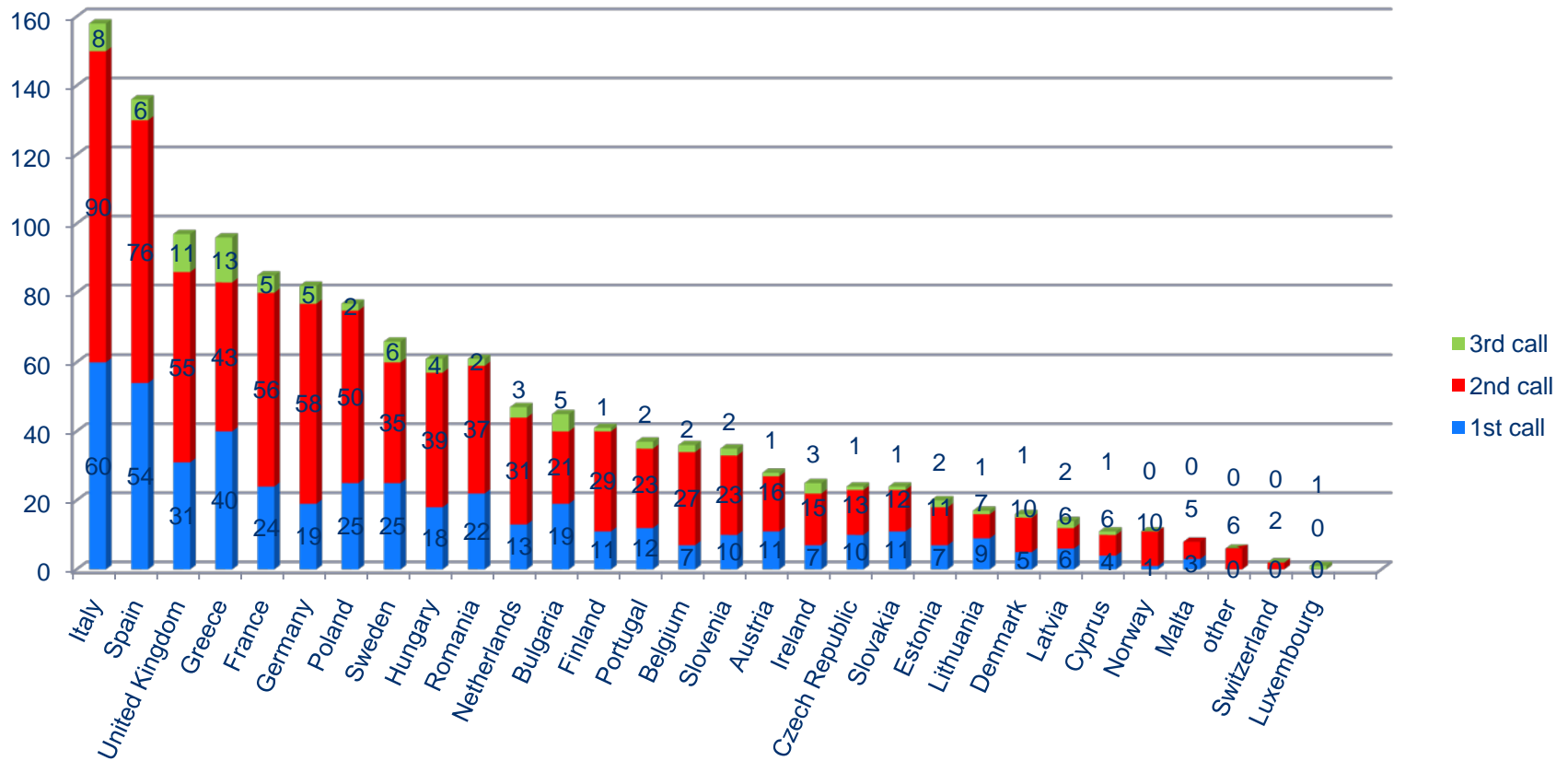
≈ 67% of available ERDF budget



Approved projects by sub-theme (1-3 Call)



Country representation in approved projects



Statistics on Regional Initiative Projects (RIP)

- No. of RIPs approved (without mini-programmes): 90
- No. of active partners: 1003 (incl. 10 partners from Norway and 1 partner from Switzerland)
- Average no. of partners per project: 11.14
- Total amount of ERDF: EUR 132,723,066
- Average ERDF budget per project: EUR 1,474,700
- Average ERDF budget per partner: EUR 133,793.



Irish Participation in Interreg IVC following three public calls for proposals

Project	Theme	Irish Partner	Partner Budget €
Sharing Experiences EU – SEE	Innovation Policy	Design Centre, IT Sligo	89,400
FLIPPER	Transport/ICT/ Eco Mob.	Carlow/Kilkenny Rural Transport	278,000
MITKE	Industry & ERA inclusion	Shannon Development Udaras Na Gaeltachta	176,350 200,600
PIKE (Capitalisation)	Innovation/Knowledge Econ.	ERNACT Donegal Co. Council Galway Co. Council	331,777 176,503 149,107
SUATAIN	Coastal Management	University College Cork	151,369
FRESH	Environmental Technologies	Mid West Regional Authority South West Regional Authority University of Limerick	205,139 207,439 154,540
DLA	Digital Local Agenda policy	Midland Regional Authority	131,048
B-TEAM	Brownfield sites – Policy	Dublin City Council	181,551
YES	Youth Entrepreneurship	South East Regional Authority	192,936
ICER	Eco Tourism/Accommodation	Shannon Development	260,600
Waterways Forward (WF)	Inland Waterways develop.	South Tipperary Co. Council	112,000
E-Citizens II	E- Govt applications for public	South West Regional Authority	206,806
DART	Declining Aging in Regions	West Regional Authority	140,000
ICT-VN	ICT promotion in SMEs	Westbic Border Regional Authority	166,964 82,236
BIO-En-AREA	Regional Bio-Energy Policy	South East Regional Authority	400,000
PIMMS (Capitalisation)	Sustainable Transport	Southern & Eastern Assembly	138,048
CO2 Free (Capitalisation)	Energy Efficient ICT	ERNACT	269,418



Development of a Platform and a set of support tools between regions for Business Managers to ensure the sustainability of Business Areas and Industrial Parks as drivers of SME competitiveness

Total Budget of €1.92m

Partnership: (11 partners) Lead Partner: Spanish, (Sprilur S.A) other partners from Hungary, Poland, Romania, Italy, Ireland & the UK.

Irish Partner: Udaras Na Gaeltachta
Shannon Development.



Mobility Management aims to reduce reliance on the car by encouraging travellers to use other modes of transport thereby reducing congestion & pollution of our towns & cities. Incorporates 'soft measures' (Information & co-ordination) which enhance effectiveness of 'hard measures' of traffic planning – tram lines/new roads/bicycle tracks for example. Ultimate goal of more efficient & free flowing transport systems.

Total Budget: €1,761.710

Partnership: (18 partners) – Lead Partner German, (Frankfurt Public Transport Authority) others from Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, UK, Greece, Sweden & Bulgaria

Irish Partner: Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly, Waterford.



Addressing demographic change in regions & especially declining population density & its effects on public services provision and economic sustainability of regions

Total Budget: €2,050,098

Partnership: (14 partners), German Lead (Investitions Bank des Landes Brandenburg) & other partners drawn from Finland, Ireland, Spain, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland & Romania

Irish Partner: West Regional Authority.



Focussing on three sectors : Agrifood, Commercial services & Tourism, ICT-VN aims to promote joint networking among SMEs in 9 EU countries using ICT to help improve competitiveness in these sectors.

Total Budget: €2,227,594

Partnership: (10 partners) led by Spanish Foundation for Info Society with other partners from Italy, Malta, Denmark, Hungary & Ireland.

Irish Partners: WESTBIC
Border Regional Authority.



B-TEAM provides policy support in the regions that contribute to the development of brownfield sites. In particular to encourage the adoption of new policies & approaches to revitalise urban areas & stimulate the economies of cities & large urban areas.

Total Cost: €2,046,791

Partnership: (14 partners) Lead Partner: Belfast City Council with partners from Hungary, Spain, Finland, Italy, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Poland, Norway, Ireland Austria & Italy

Irish Partner: Dublin City Council.

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