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Parallel tutorial sessions

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AGENDA

1. Improving Structural Funds programmes
2. Public administrations as main target group
3. Mobilising stakeholders
4. Capturing results

1. Improving Structural Funds programmes



(ERDF + ESF = **Structural Funds**) + Cohesion Fund
= **The Funds** + EAFRD + EMFF = **ESI Funds**
(European Structural and Investment Funds)

Why? rationale



Objective set in the ETC Regulation - Article 2(3)(a) for interregional cooperation:

‘to reinforce the effectiveness of cohesion policy’

‘identification and dissemination of good practices with a view to their transfer principally to operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal but also, where relevant to cooperation programme’

**Goal 1:
Investment for growth & jobs
EUR 340 billion**

**Goal 2:
European Territorial Cooperation
EUR 10.2 billion**



**INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m**

How is it reflected at project level?

Policy instruments addressed to be specified in application form

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| B.2 Main policy instruments addressed and territorial context | |
| How many policy instruments are addressed by the project? | |
| B.2.1 Policy instrument n°1 | |
| • Definition | |
| Please describe the policy instrument addressed (e.g. name, objective, characteristics). If possible, please specify the specific measure / priority which is addressed. | |
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At least half of the policy instruments addressed by a project need to be related to Structural Funds programmes

How do you improve policies?

- Support **new projects**
- Change programme **governance**
- Change programme **structure**

2. Public administrations as main target groups



Why? Rationale

INTERREG EUROPE: dedicated to improving policy instruments



Public administrations: organisations responsible for policy design and implementation



Public administrations: core target group of INTERREG EUROPE

How is it reflected at project level?

Participation of public administration: pre requisite

e.g. When Structural Funds programme addressed,
Managing Authorities (MA) / Intermediate Bodies (IB)
should be involved

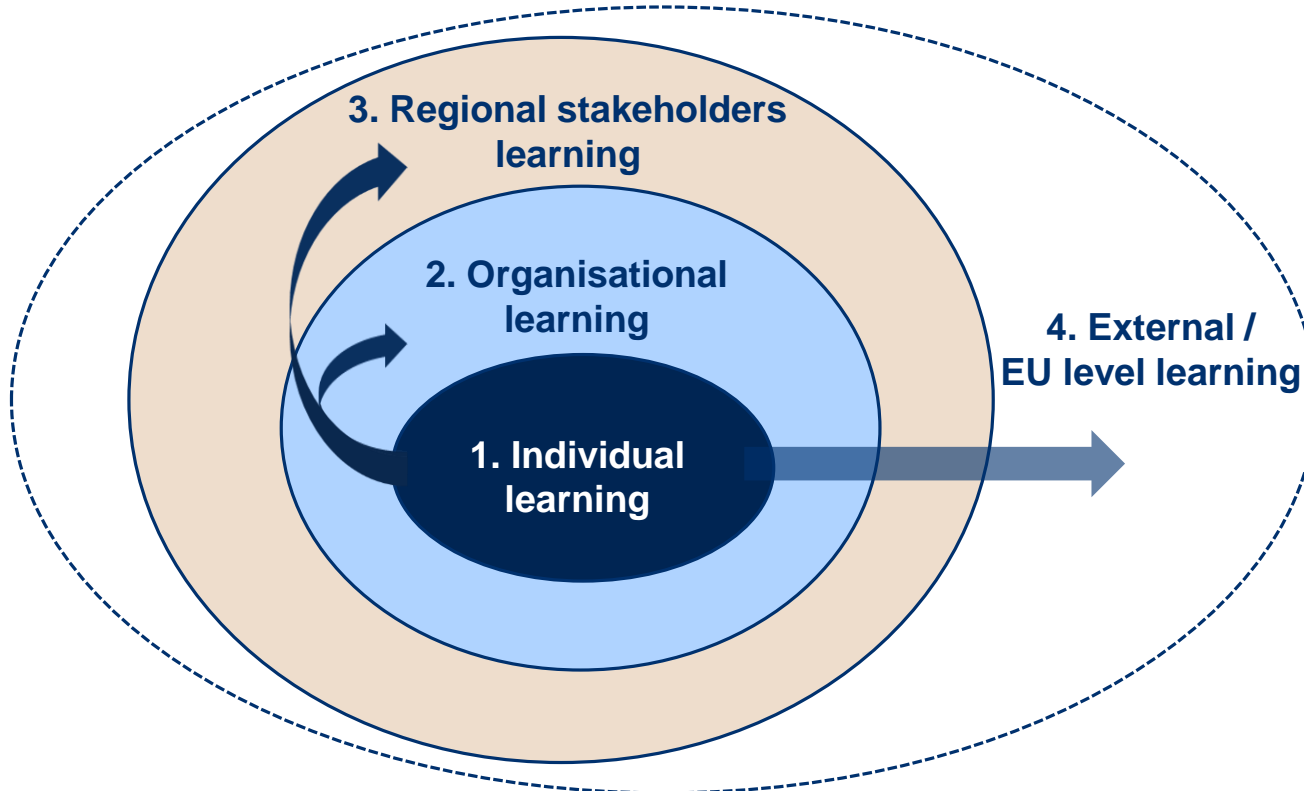
If organisation responsible for the policy instrument addressed
is not a partner, it should provide a letter of support

3. Mobilising stakeholders



Why? Rationale

4 levels of learning in interregional cooperation



Key success factor to interregional learning: to go beyond individual / organisational learning

How to optimise learning?

Creation of stakeholder groups:

- 1 group per partner region
- Members:
 - organisations competent in the field tackled by the project (e.g. for innovation: research centres, universities, agencies, SMEs)
 - body in charge of policy instrument addressed (in case this body is not a partner)
- Involved in the interregional learning process

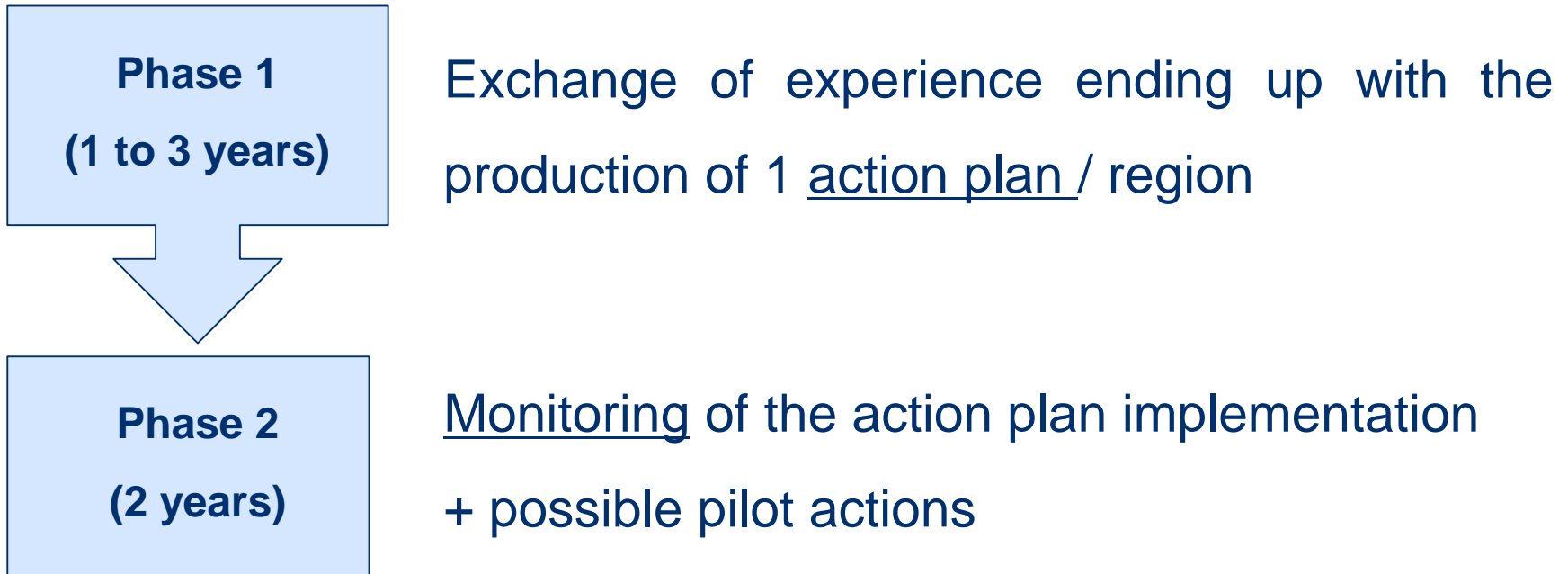
4. Capturing results



Why? Rationale

- Importance to demonstrate results beyond policy changes
- Impacts of cooperation can take time
- Tackle the pilot action ‘paradox’: pilot action cannot be known at the application stage

How? Project organised in 2 phases



Insight into phase 2

- Primarily dedicated to monitoring the Action Plan implementation
- Activities pre-defined by the programme (i.e. 2 partner meetings, 1 dissemination event, website update and reporting activities)



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