



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

Introduction to **INTERREG EUROPE**

Consultation workshop

Lille, 15 April 2014

Objective set in the regulations



Focus on EU cohesion policy

*‘to reinforce effectiveness of **cohesion policy**’:*

*‘identification and dissemination of good practice with a view to its transfer **principally** to operational programmes under the **Investment for growth and jobs** goal but also, where relevant, to programmes under the **European Territorial Cooperation** goal’*

Concentration principle

Concentration of ERDF investments

 Energy efficiency & renewable energy
  Research & innovation
  Competitiveness of SMEs



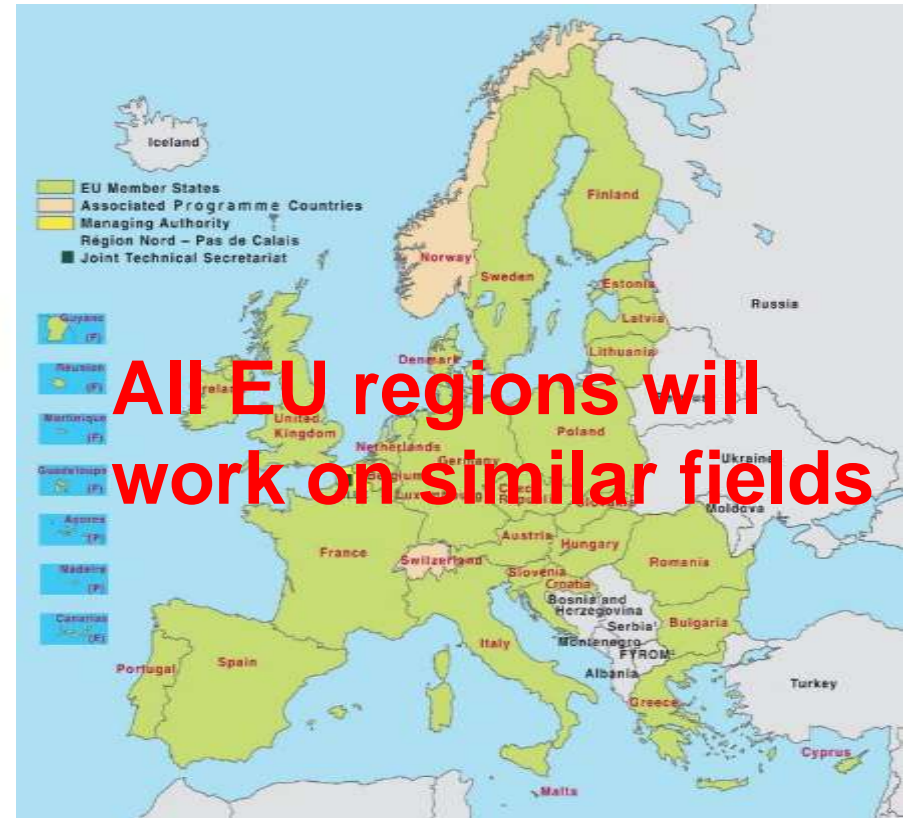
More developed & transitional regions



Less developed regions



Unique source of capitalisation



S3

Cooperation: core element of S3

“**Looking beyond regional administrative boundaries:** the outward dimension of smart specialisation” (part of step 1 of S3 development)

“Region to identify its competitive advantages through **systematic comparisons with other regions**, mapping the national and the international context in search of **examples to learn from**, or to mark a difference with, and performing effective benchmarking.”

Future of interregional cooperation



Eligible area

30 countries

- EU 28
- Norway
- Switzerland



Thematic focus

Four thematic objectives (TO) selected

**Strengthening research,
technological
development &
innovation**

**Enhancing
competitiveness of SME**

**Shift towards low
carbon economy**

**Protecting environment
and promoting resource
efficiency**

Two actions

A. Interregional Cooperation

Projects



B. Policy Learning Platforms



Rationale



- **Build on the current IVC experience:**
 - ✓ Exchange and transfer of experience at policy level
 - ✓ Result oriented approach

- **Improve certain programme's features**
 - ✓ Monitoring beyond the exchange of experience
 - ✓ Ensuring the (policy) relevance of implementation related activities

Definition



Exchange of experience project where partners from different countries work together on a shared regional policy issue within the scope of the selected Investment Priorities

New features

1. Focus on Structural Funds



2. Two phases implementation

3. Local stakeholder groups



4. Contribution to thematic platforms



Focus on Structural Funds

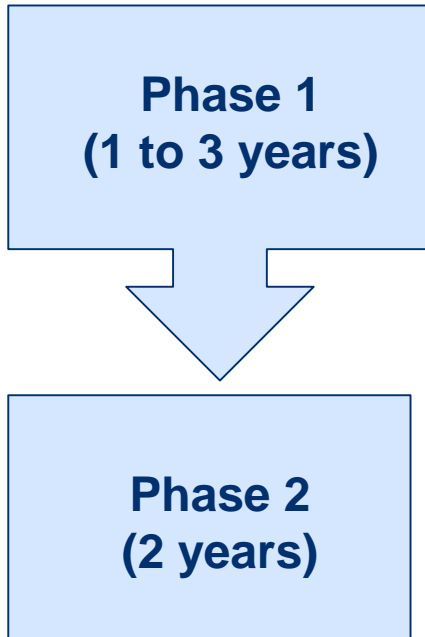


Structural Funds (SF) programmes addressed by **at least half** of the regions involved in a project

For those addressing SFs programmes:

- direct involvement of Managing Authorities
- If no, letter of support

2. Two phases implementation



Exchange of experience ending up with the production of 1 action plan / region

Monitoring of the action plan implementation
+ possible pilot actions

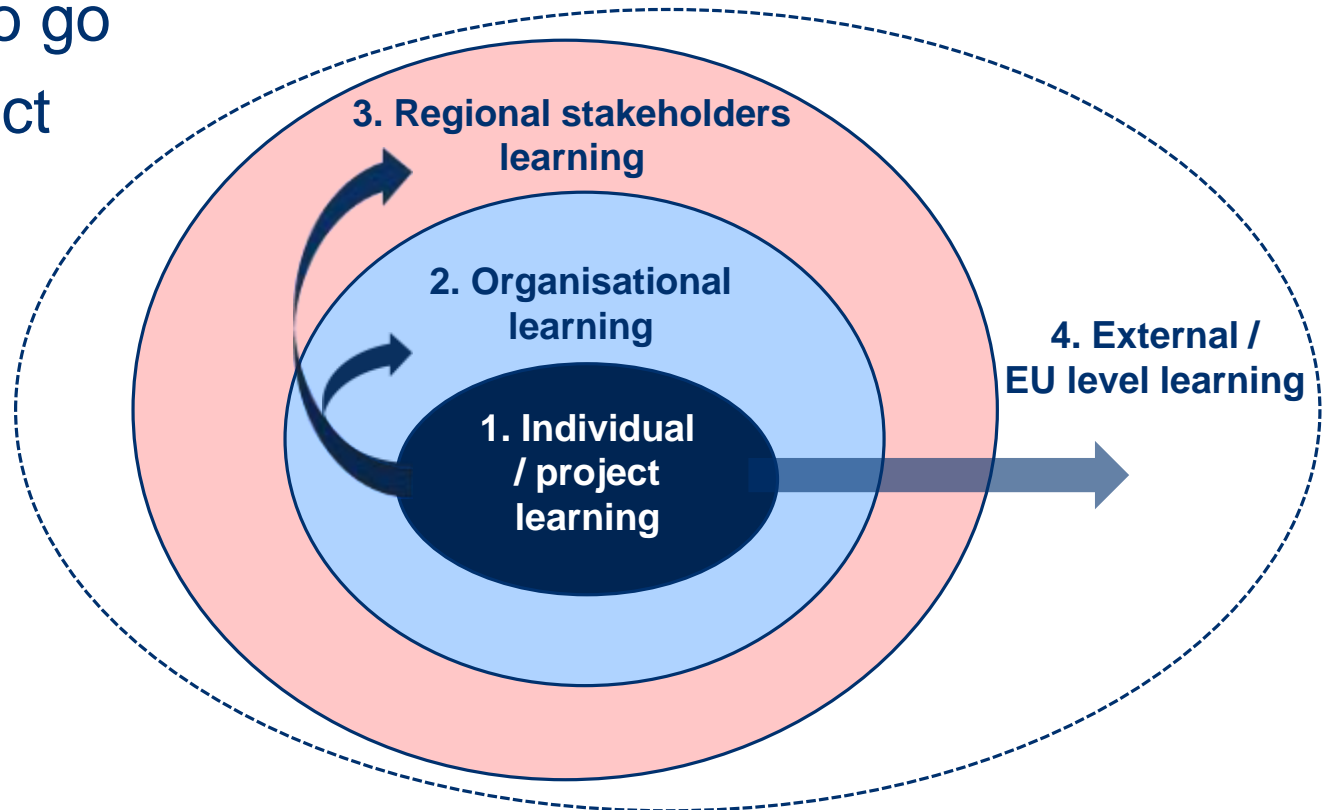
Phase 2 ‘Monitoring the impact of cooperation’

- **Monitor** the implementation of the different action plans
Minimum requirements:
 - Partners collect information and LP consolidates the ‘results’
 - Organisation of one joint meeting per year
- **Pilot actions** (in justified circumstances)

1 local stakeholder group per region

Importance to go beyond project learning!

4 levels of learning



Policy Learning Platform Objectives



Overall objective: To ensure policy learning across EU

Specific objective:

- a) To contribute to EU wide capacity building } 'External capitalisation'
- b) To optimise the exploitation of projects' results
- c) To improve the quality of the programme's content } 'Internal Capitalisation'

What is it?



Service per Thematic Objective embodied through:

- **On-line collaborative tool**
With relevant functionalities
- **Expert team**
Content and coordination role



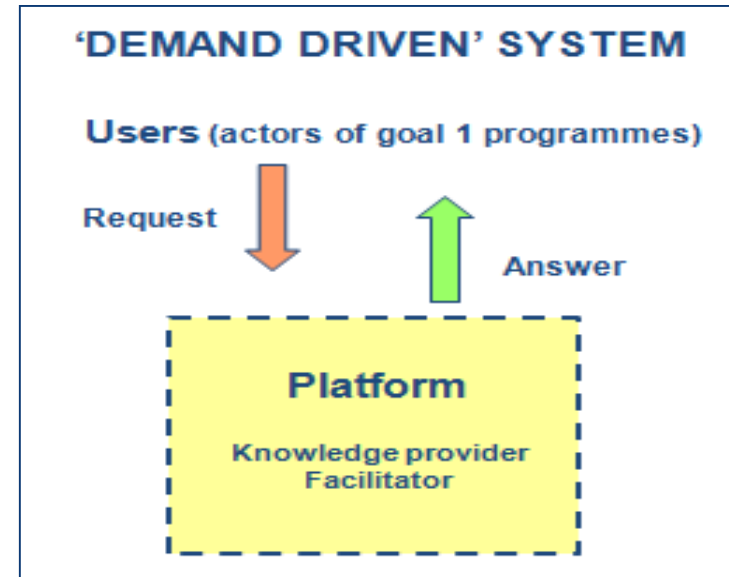
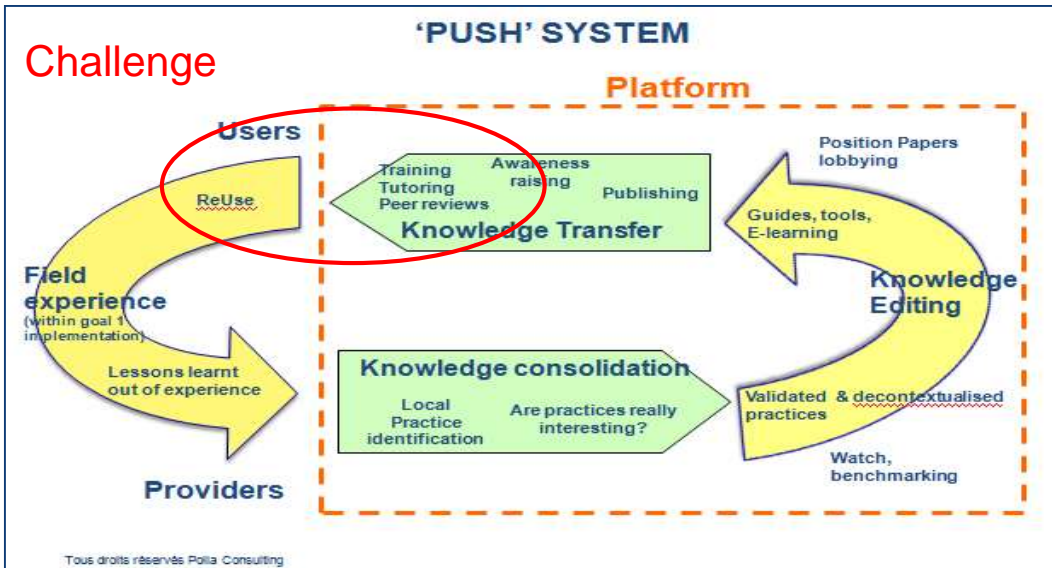
Knowledge management



From



To



Policy Learning Platforms

Open to all regions



Thanks for your attention
Any questions?

