



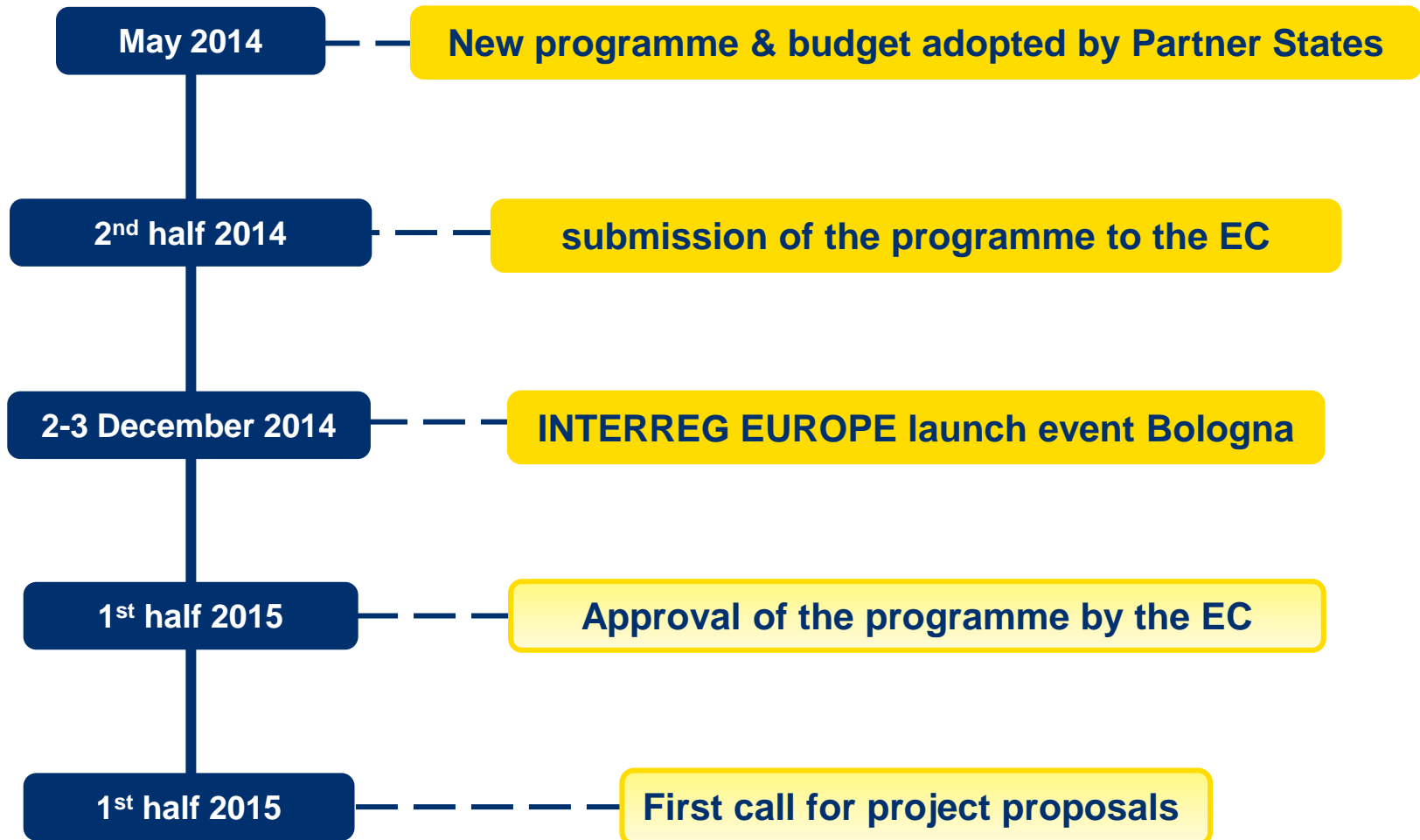
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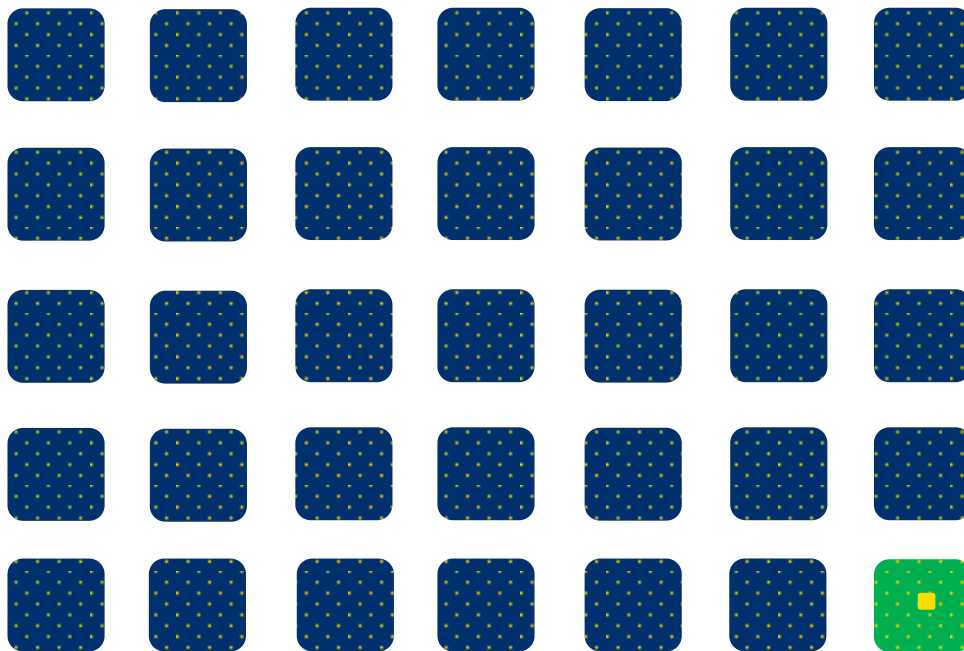
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Programming – Indicative timeline



Policy learning among public authorities
to improve performance of policies & programmes for regional development,
in particular **Structural Funds programmes**

EU Cohesion policy



Goal 1:
Investment for growth & jobs (G&J)
EUR 340 billion

Goal 2:
European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)
EUR 10.2 billion

INTERREG EUROPE
EUR 359 m

Eligible area

EU28 + Norway & Switzerland



Thematic focus



2 actions supported

Policy Learning Platforms



Interregional Cooperation Projects





A. Policy Learning Platforms

EU-wide capacity building on:



A **service** provided per theme via:

Online collaborative tool + **Expert team**





INTERREG IVC
capitalisation

Origin



S3 platform
Seville



Objective

Objective: To contribute to policy learning across EU in particular on Structural Funds implementation

- ➔ Better exploiting projects' results
- ➔ Opening up programme results to anyone interested





Examples of services

- ❑ **Advice** regional stakeholders and running projects
- ❑ Organise and facilitate **peer reviews** among regions
- ❑ Organise and facilitate **thematic workshops**
- ❑ Analyse and disseminate the **content of projects** through dedicated events & publications
- ❑ Facilitate **knowledge sharing** and networking among regions on the collaborative tool





Users

Bodies involved in management and implementation of Growth & Jobs and European Territorial Cooperation programmes

Bodies involved in policy implementation relevant to the four programme themes

Beneficiaries of G&J and ETC programmes

Two access levels

- Public** information for all users
- Restricted** area for registered users for extra services





B. Interregional Cooperation Projects

1. Implementation in **2 phases**

Phase 1

Policy exchange of experience (1 to 3 years)
ending with production of 1 **action plan** per region

Phase 2

Monitoring of action plan implementation (2 years)
+ possible **pilot** actions

2. Creation of local '**stakeholder groups**'

- + **involve** all organisations linked to policy process
- + **reduce** administrative/legal obstacles





Who should get involved?

**Managing
Authorities**

Find tried and tested measures to implement in your programme

**Regional/local
authorities**

Share and implement good practices coming from across Europe

**Agencies, institutes,
private non-profit
bodies**

Get involved with your policymaker and contribute to better policy implementation

Confirmation of the eligibility status: check with your contact point





Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
85% ERDF	Public or public equivalent from EU
75% ERDF	Private non-profit from EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland





Four features of INTERREG EUROPE projects

1. Improving Structural Funds programmes ([video](#))
2. Public administrations as main target group ([video](#))
3. Mobilising stakeholders ([video](#))
4. Capturing results ([video](#))



All features derive from the **result oriented approach**



1. Improving Structural Funds programmes



Why? rationale

EU cohesion policy

Structural Funds = ERDF + ESF implemented through

Goal 1:
Investment for growth
and jobs programmes

Goal 2:
European Territorial
Cooperation





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 programmes**’*





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How is it reflected at project level?

Policy instruments addressed to be specified in application form

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.	

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**:

*a commitment to fully support and closely follow the project
implementation*



Letter of support

Required for a partner when:

- Structural Funds programme is addressed, but the MA/IB (or other relevant bodies) in charge of the management of this Structural Funds programme is not directly involved in the project as a partner
- Another policy instrument (outside Structural Funds) is addressed, but the organisation responsible for this instrument is not directly involved in the project





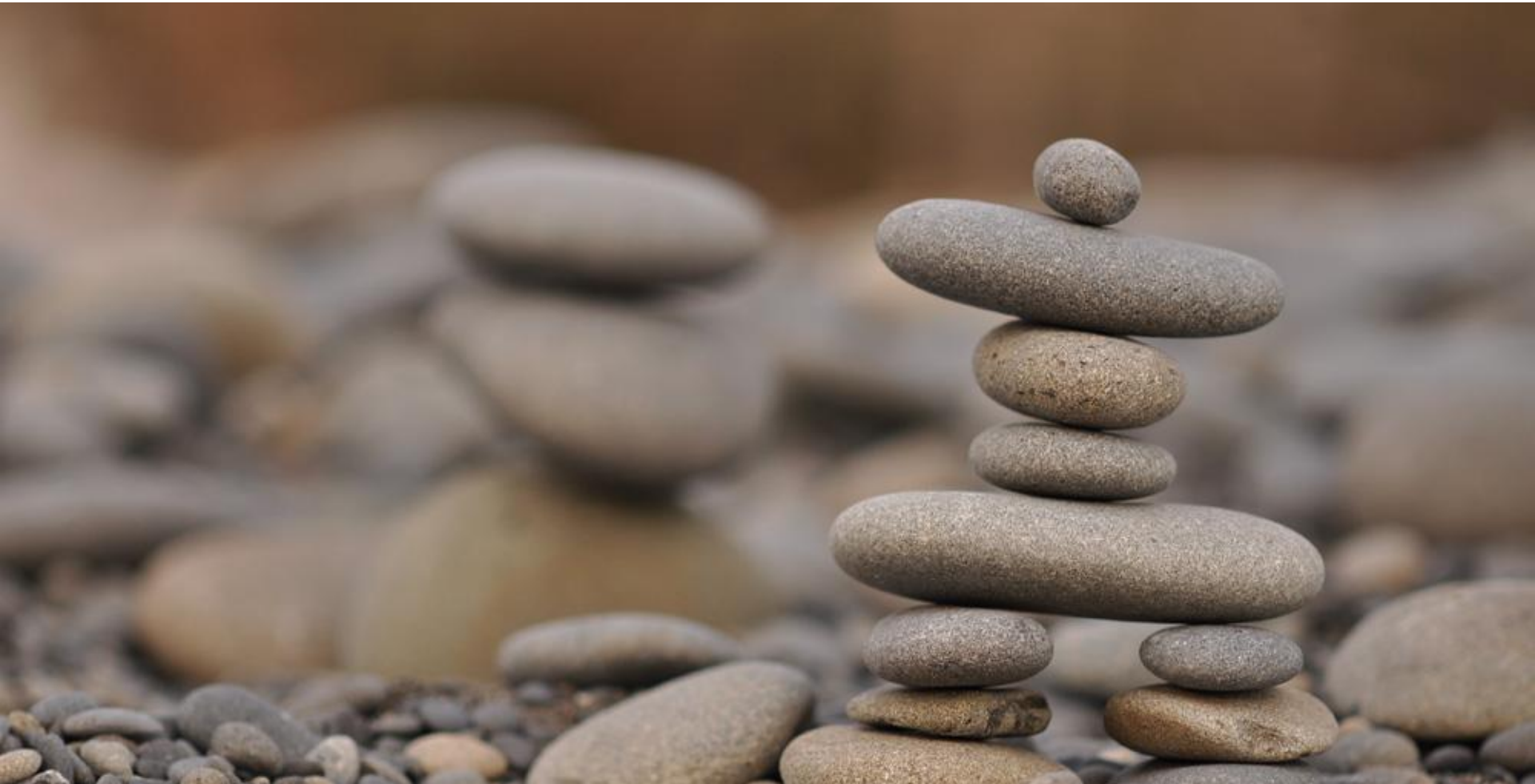
A new role for MAs/IBs of SF programmes

- Active participation as project partners
- Political endorsement as providers of letters of support
- Active involvement in phase 2 of projects (roll-out of the action plan)
- Strategic communication to relevant stakeholders
- Active use of policy learning platforms





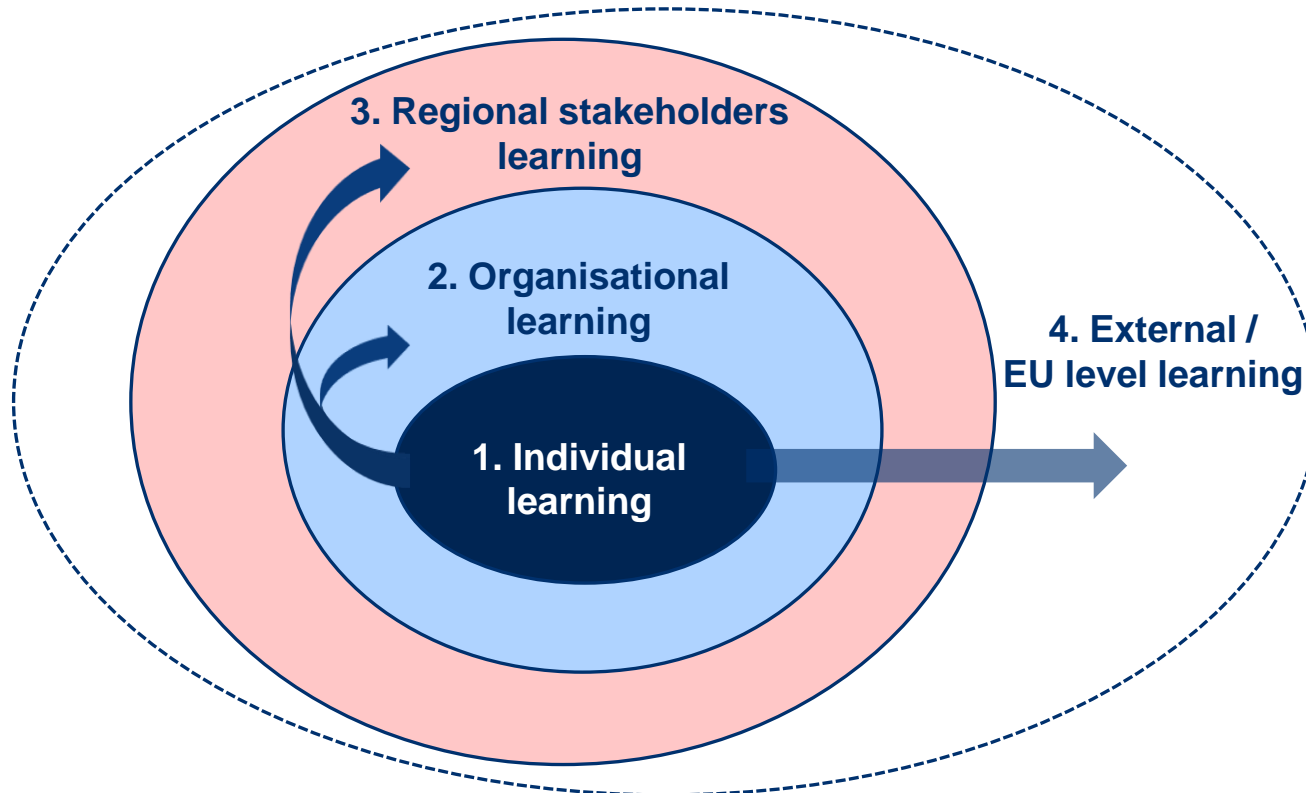
3. Mobilising stakeholders





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





Projects: structure and duration

Implementation in 2 phases

Phase 1
Learning



From 1 to 3 years

Phase 2
Monitoring



Fixed to 2 years



Maximum duration: **5 years**



Phase 1

Projects: structure 'Interregional learning'

Interregional exchange of experience

e.g. seminars, workshops, site visits, staff exchanges, peer reviews



1 Action Plan per region

Measures to be implemented
Timeframe
Work steps
Responsible players
Costs and funding resources (*if applicable*)





Projects: structure

Phase 2

‘Monitoring the action plan implementation’

- **Monitor** the implementation of the different action plans
- Pilot actions (only in justified cases)



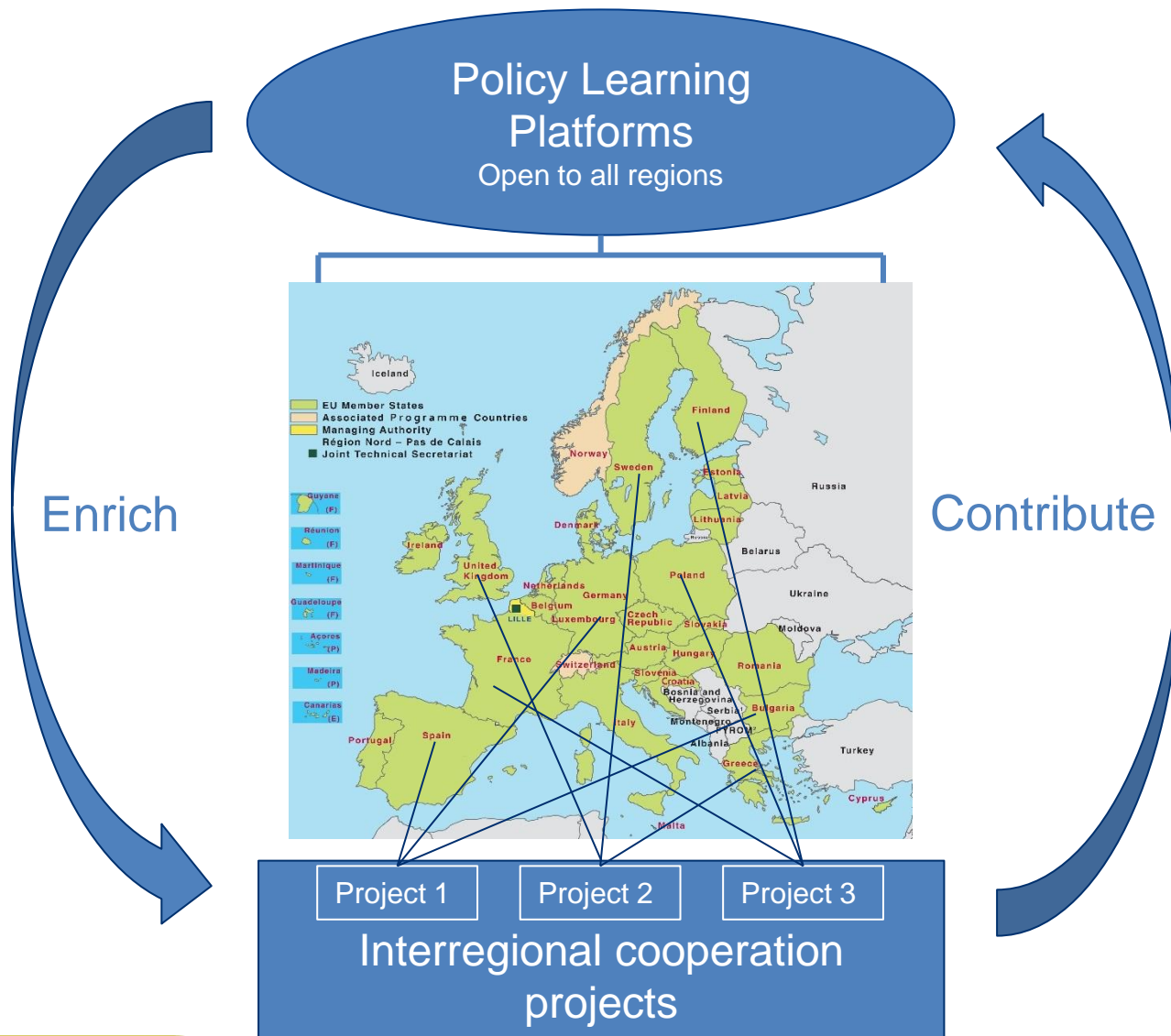


Insight into phase 2

- 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)



2 interrelated actions



	INTERREG IVC	INTERREG EUROPE
Rationale	Regional development policies	Regional development policies, principally SF programmes
Area	EU-27, NO+CH	EU-28, NO+CH
Eligibility	Public & public law bodies No private	Public & public law bodies Private non-profit bodies
Co-financing	75%-85% (country)	85% public or equivalent 75% private non-profit
Actions	1-phase project + CAP	2-phase project + PLP



Next step

1st call for proposals for Interregional Cooperation Projects

- **Provisional timing:**
 - March – June – 1st call information campaign
 - June – July – 1st call for proposals open
- No **thematic** restrictions: call open to all Investment priorities
- No specific requirement in terms of **geographical** coverage
- One third **ERDF** budget available: MEUR28 per priority axis
- Procedure: **on-line system**





time for **questions**

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