



EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND

Interregional cooperation

State of play and perspectives

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Summary

1. The INTERREG IVC programme

- Reminder of the context
- State of play
- Achievements

2. F:ACTS! project

3. Future of interregional cooperation

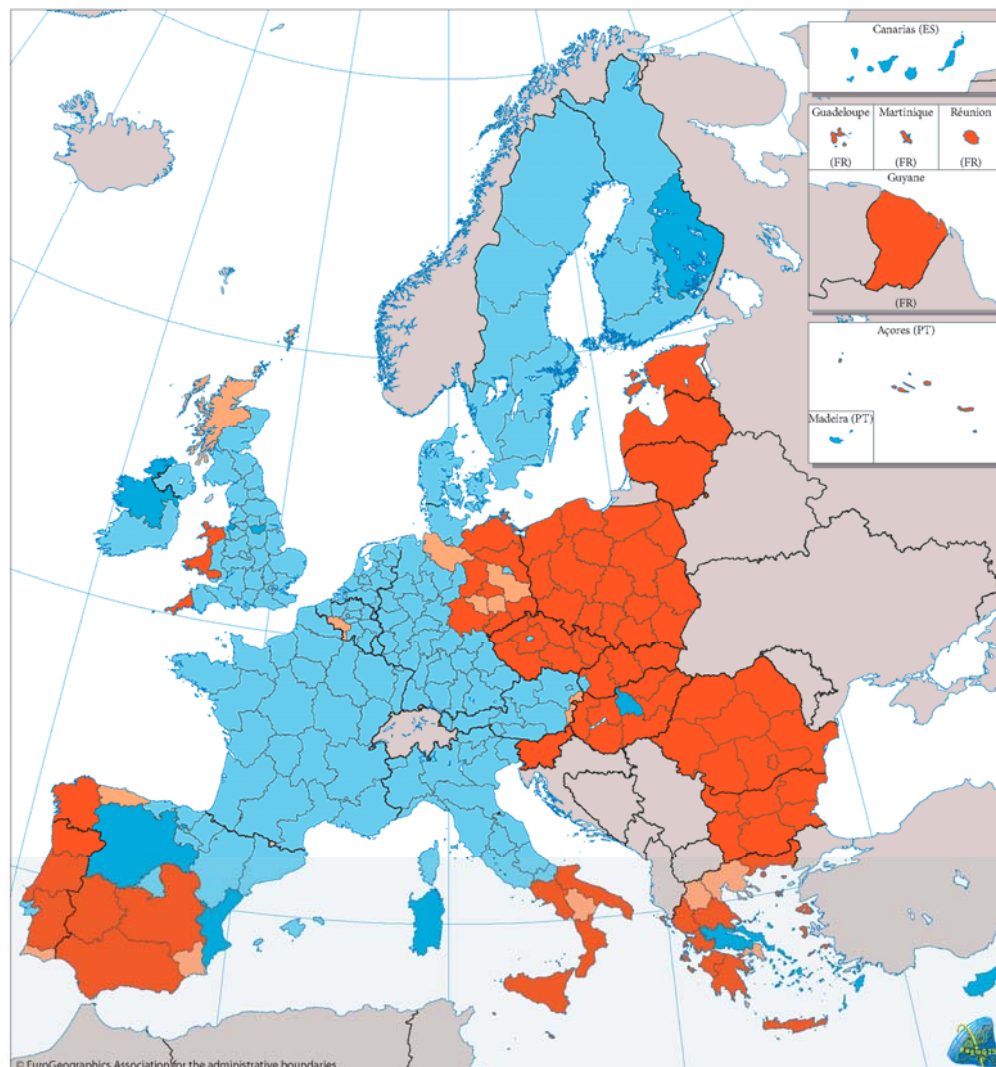
1. The INTERREG IVC programme



EU Cohesion and Regional Policy

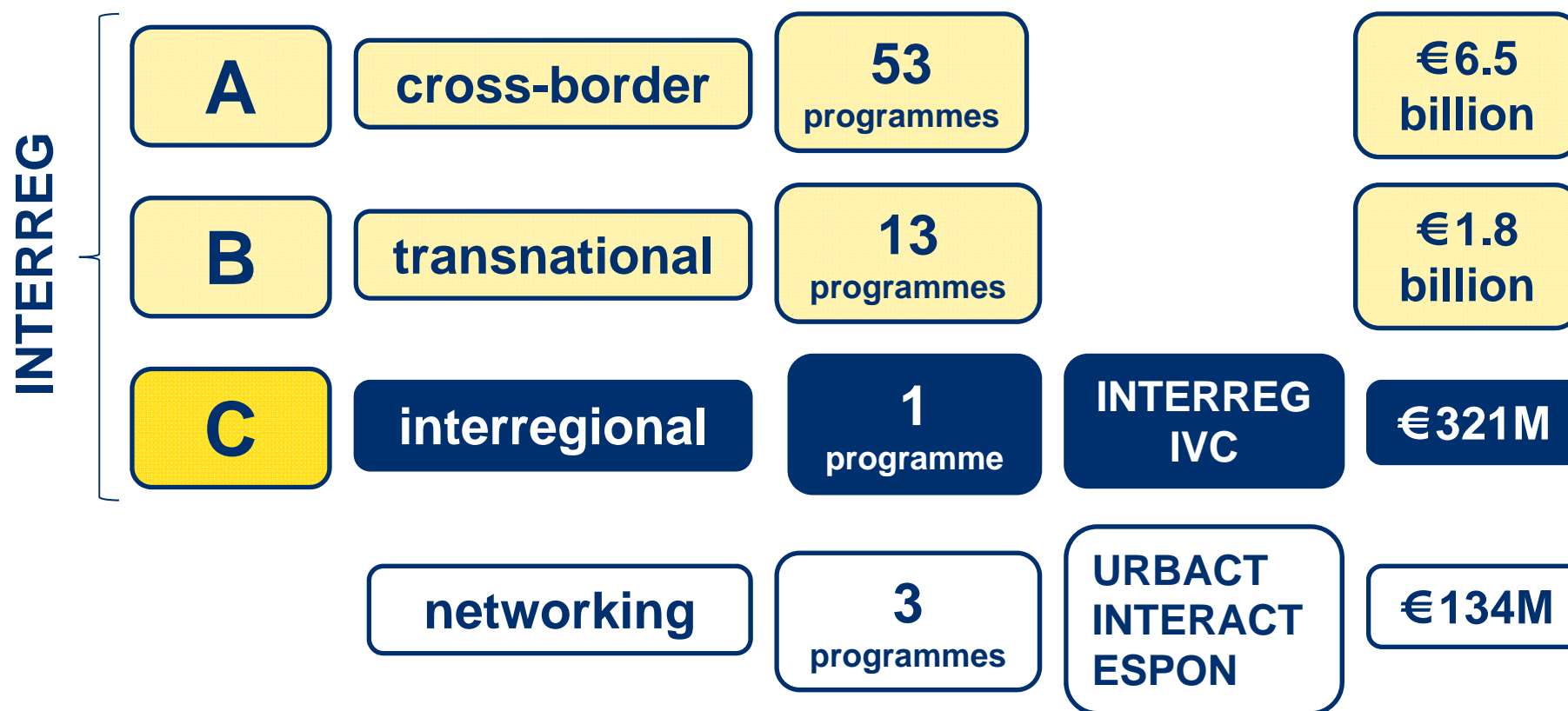
Reducing disparities

-  Convergence Regions
-  Phasing-out Regions
-  Phasing-in Regions
-  Competitiveness and Employment Regions



Objective 3: European Territorial Cooperation

INTERREG: 3 strands and 67 different programmes



INTERREG IVC in a nutshell

‘Learning by sharing’

Local / regional authorities access the experience of others in Europe facing similar issues to improve their practices / policies

in the fields of

Innovation and the knowledge economy

Environment and risk prevention

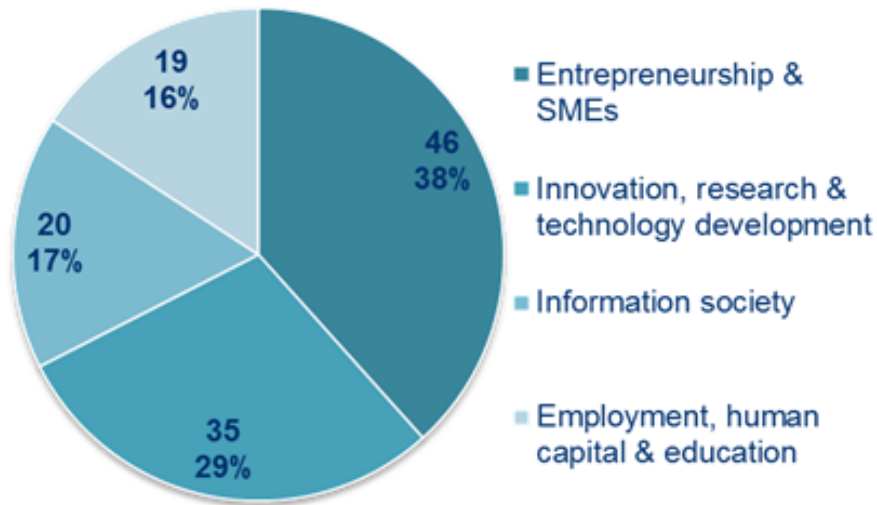
Overview approved projects

204
projects

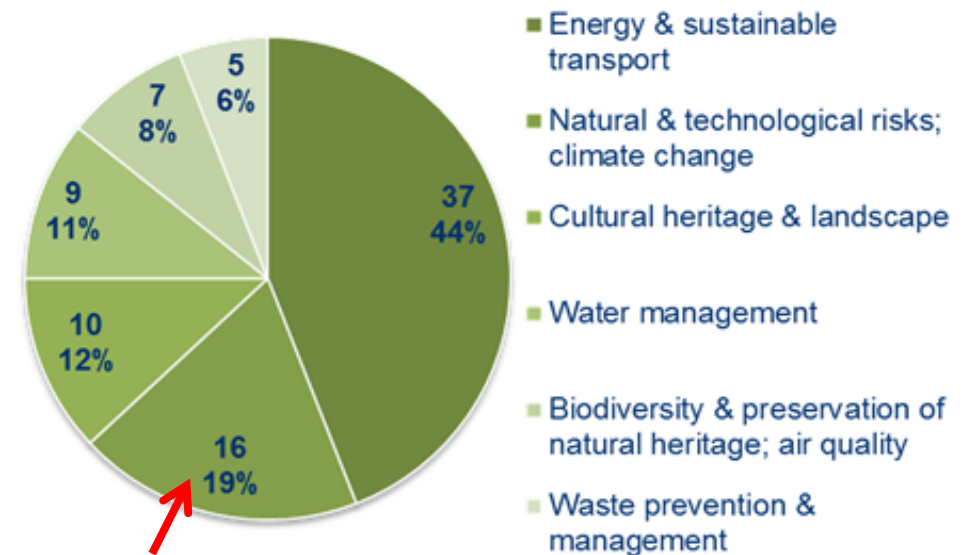
2 274
partners

**All funds
committed**

Innovation & knowledge economy



Environment & risk prevention



Main achievements (as of December 2011)

Objective:
**EU wide exchange of
experience / capacity building**

90% of EU
NUTS 2
regions
covered

4,046
staff with
increased
capacity

154
'spin-off
activities'

Objective:
**Identification / sharing /
transfer of good practices**

3,026
good practices
identified



202
successfully
transferred

Overall objective:
**Improvement of regional and
local policies**

1,250
policies
addressed

224
policies
improved

Example of transfer under Priority 1

Sub-theme: Innovation, Research & Technology Development

Practice:

Project:



‘Summer entrepreneur’ – Stimulate entrepreneurial mindset among young people through the creation of their own business during summer vacation



From: Mid Sweden region



To: Flevoland region (NL)

Example of policy improvement under Priority 2

Sub-theme: Natural & technological risks; Climate Change

Project:



Partner concerned: Regional Environment Centre for Eastern Europe (SK)

Policy improved: Thanks to the expertise gained from GRaBS, Bratislava's Strategic Development Plan 2010-2020 now refers to climate change mitigation and adaptation issues in its Priority 'Quality of the Environment and of Urban Spaces' Strategy adopted by the local government on 1 July 2010.

New initiative: Programme Capitalisation

before



after



Programme Capitalisation

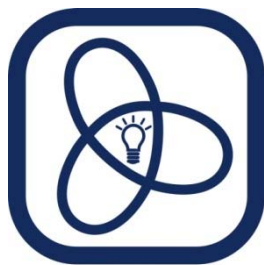
To better exploit results from projects working on a similar topic for the benefit of local and regional authorities in Europe

Experienced thematic experts analyse projects in order to

- identify synergies & complementarities
- discover innovative approaches & make them available to all EU regions
- draw policy recommendations for regional, national & EU levels

12 capitalisation topics - 108 projects

Priority 1



Innovation systems

9



Innovation capacity of SMEs

8



Eco-innovation

7



Creative industries

11



Entrepreneurship

8



E-government services

6



Demographic change

9



Rural development

9

Priority 2



Climate change

7



Energy efficiency

12



Sustainable transport

7



Renewable energy

15

7 projects tackling 'Climate Change'



Representing **100** partners from **21** EU Member States
(CZ, DK, FI, IE, LU, LV not represented)

2. The F:ACTS! project

f:acts!

Project strengths

TOPIC AND APPROACH

- Topic of EU-wide relevance
- Exchange of experience focus
- 5 pilot actions

PARTNERSHIP

- wide geographic coverage (14 partners from 10 MS)



MANAGEMENT

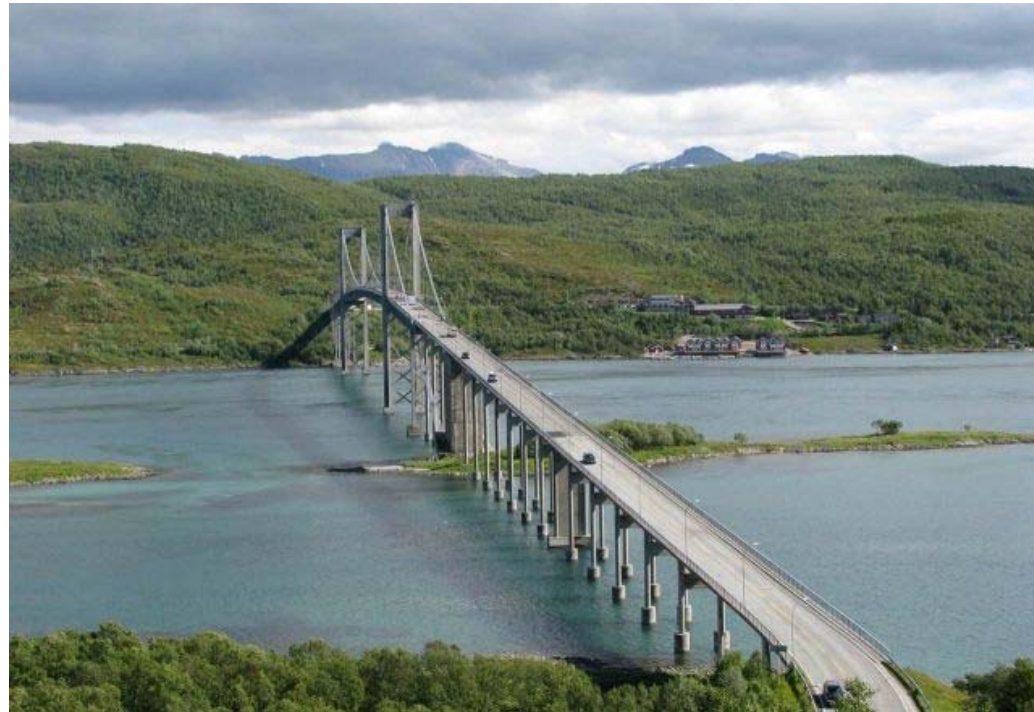
- close cooperation with JTS
- reactive and committed Lead Partner

RESULTS (incl. PR4)

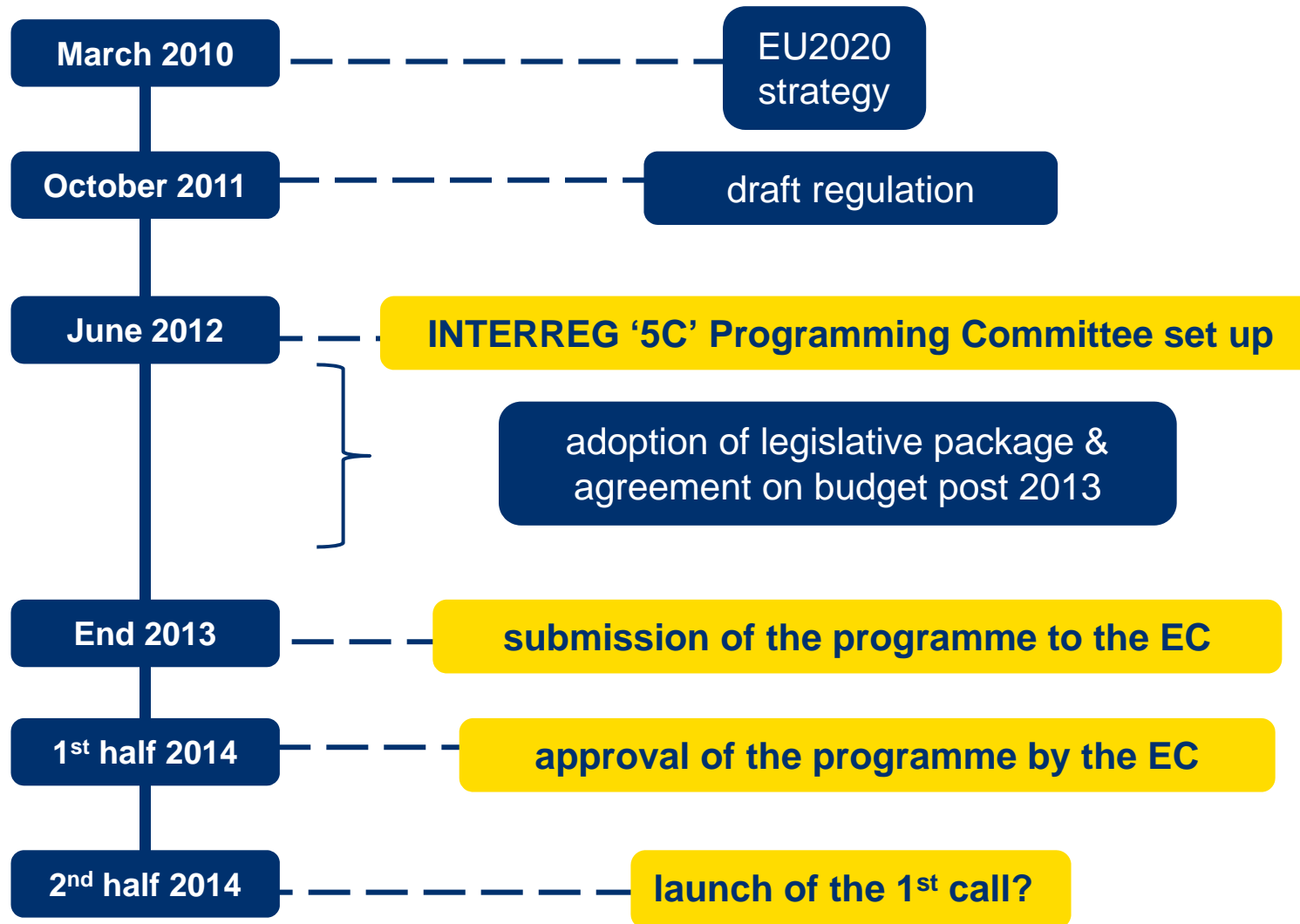
- 37 staff with increased capacity
- 29 GPs identified
- 4 GPs transferred
- 1 policy improved
- Further results to come!



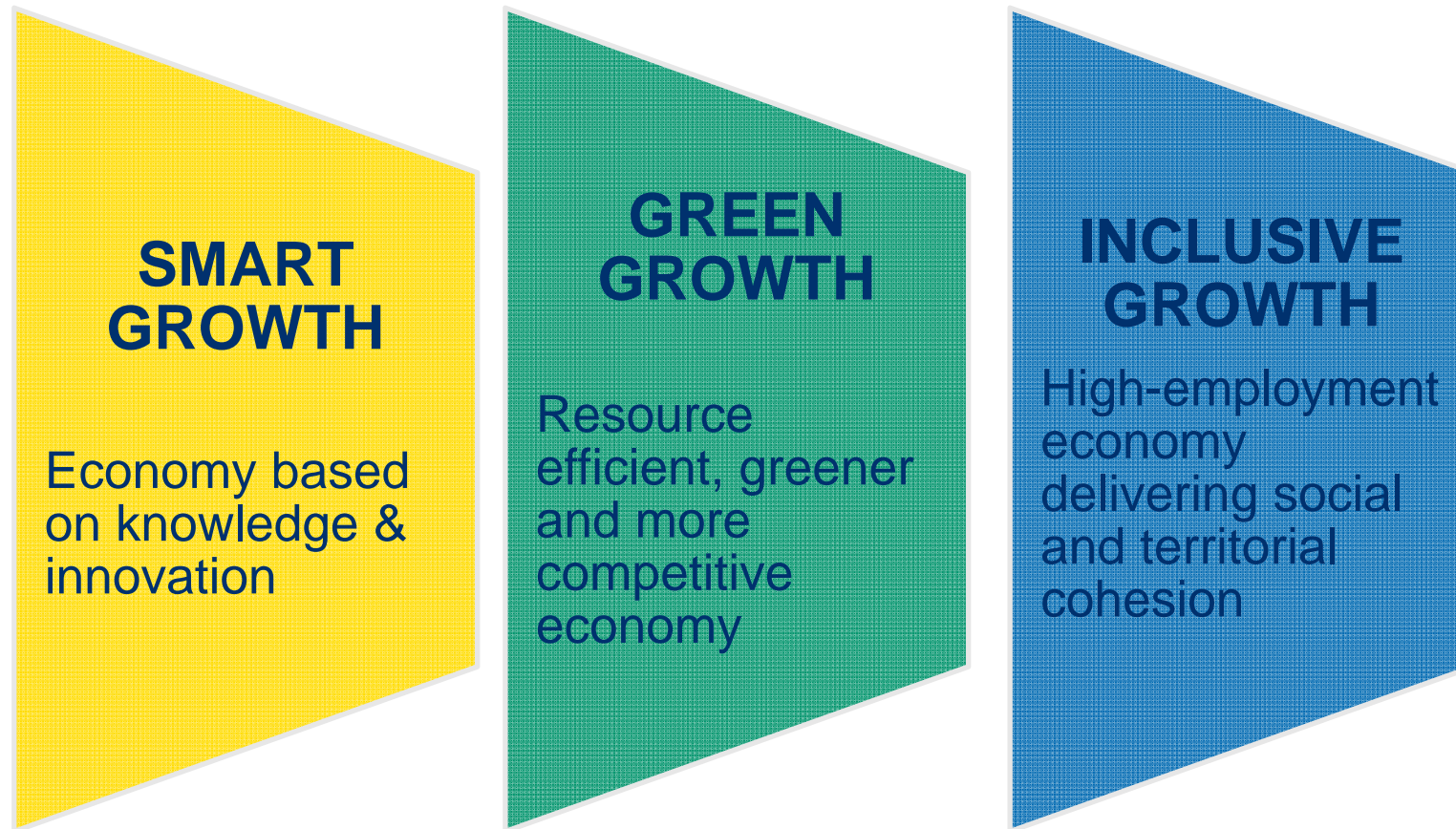
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Indicative time line



Framework for the future: EU2020 strategy



Draft regulation 2014-2020: 11 thematic objectives

Draft regulation 2014-2020 on interregional cooperation

- **Link to EU cohesion policy** reinforced
Transfer good practices into “*operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal*”
- Role to play in **capacity building**
“*institutional capacity & efficient public administration*”
(11th thematic objective)
- **Thematic concentration?**

2 scenarios currently discussed (not mutually exclusive)

1. Improved integrated programme (similar to IVC)
 - No revolution: INTERREG philosophy kept
 - Improvements & simplification (e.g. 1 type of project only)

2. Support programme to national / regional Operational Programmes under the investment for growth and jobs goal
 - More fundamental change (less bottom up)
 - 'Service provider' to Managing Authorities (similar to the Smart Specialisation Platform in Seville)

Thanks for your attention!



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