



**INTERREG IVC**

INNOVATION & ENVIRONMENT  
REGIONS OF EUROPE SHARING SOLUTIONS



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# Interregional cooperation

*State of play and perspectives*

***FLOOD-WISE final conference – 23/24 October 2012***

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# Summary

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- State of play
- Achievements

## 2. The FLOOD-WISE project

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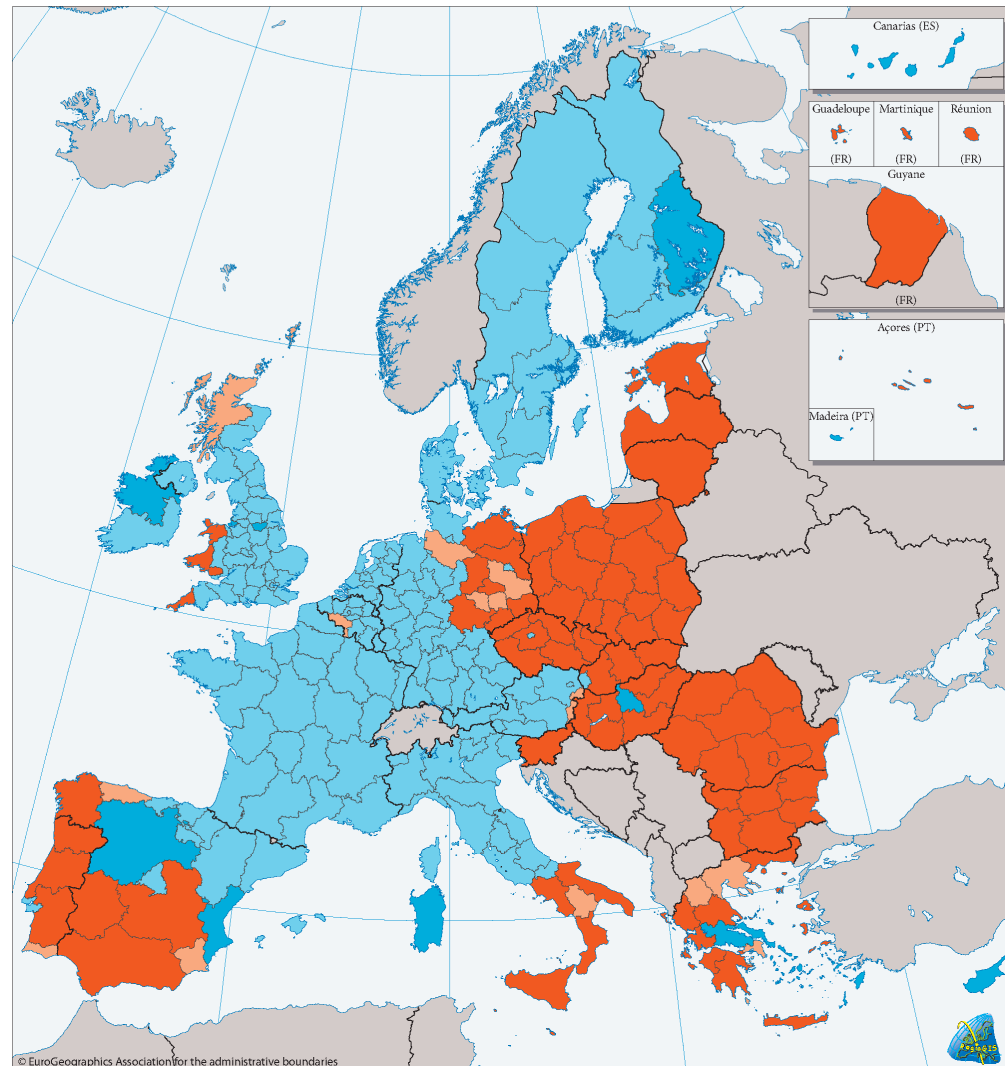
# 1. The INTERREG IVC programme



## EU Cohesion and Regional Policy

*Reducing disparities*

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



## EU Cohesion and Regional Policy

REGIONAL / NATIONAL  
PROGRAMMES

**Objective 1:**  
Convergence

**81.54%**  
**€ 282.8 billion**

**Objective 2:**  
Regional Competitiveness and  
Employment

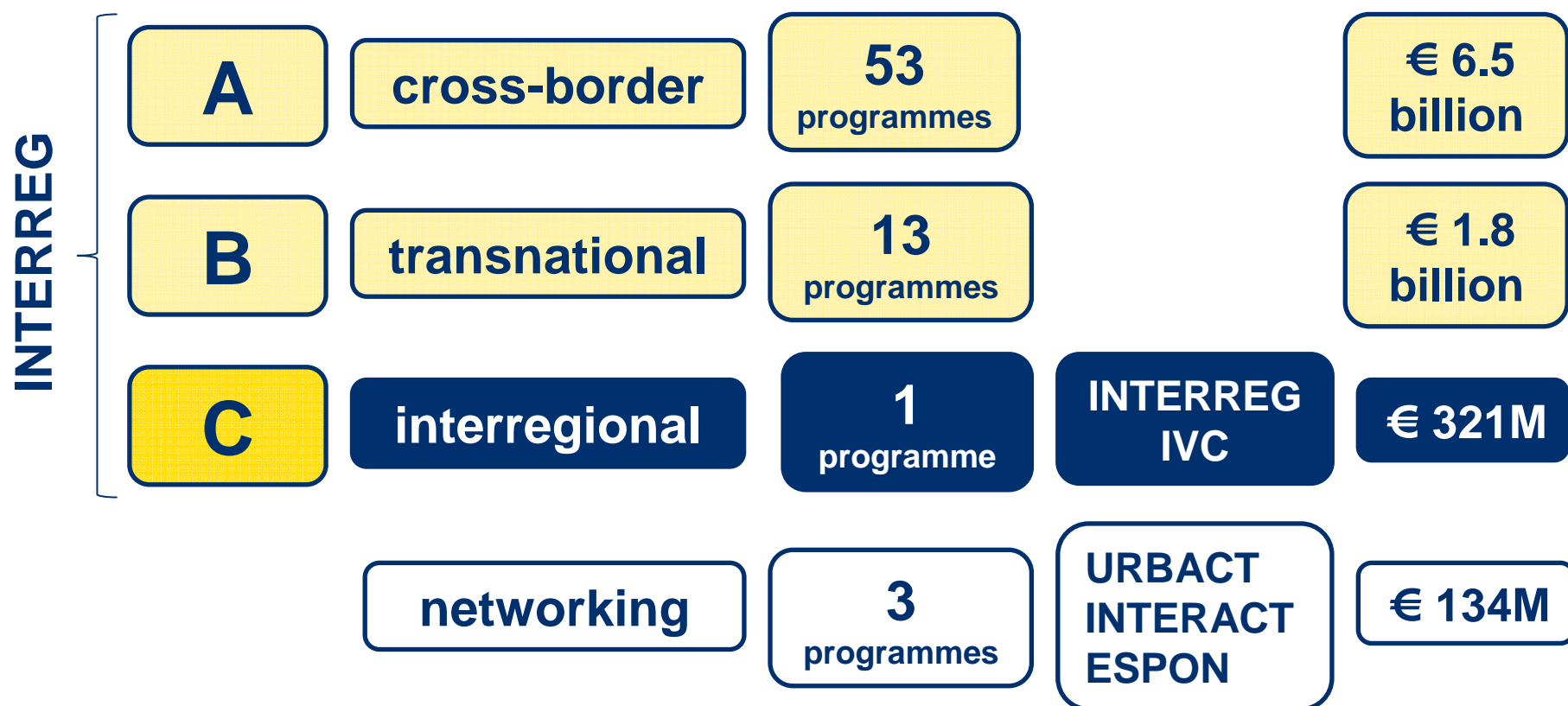
**15.95%**  
**€ 55 billion**

**Objective 3:**  
European Territorial Cooperation

**2.52%**  
**€ 8.7 billion**

## Objective 3: European Territorial Cooperation

**INTERREG: 3 strands and 67 different programmes**



## Eligible area

- EU 27
- Switzerland
- Norway



## INTERREG IVC in a nutshell

### *‘Learning by sharing’*

Allows **local / regional authorities** to **access the experience** of others in Europe facing similar issues in order to renew their **practices / policies**

in the fields of

**Innovation and the  
knowledge economy**

**Environment and risk  
prevention**



## Four calls for proposals



Around **1,350 applications** received

involving **14,000** public entities of all Europe (and beyond)!

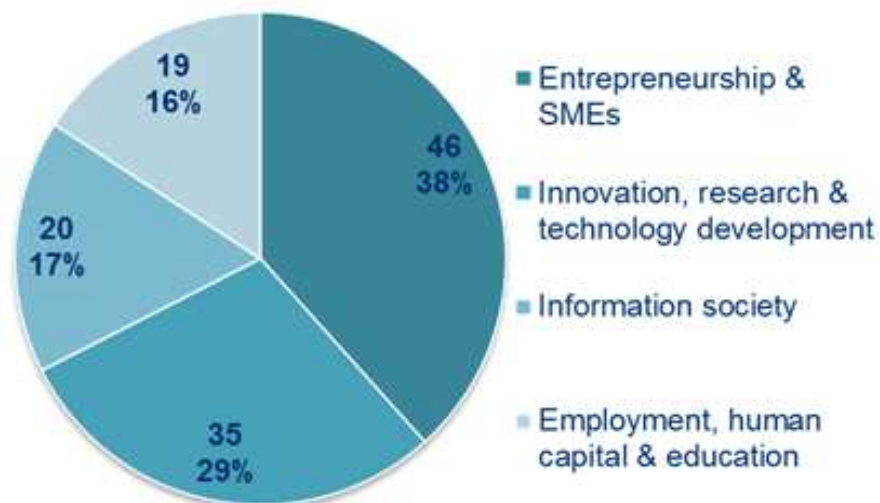
## Overview approved projects

**204**  
projects

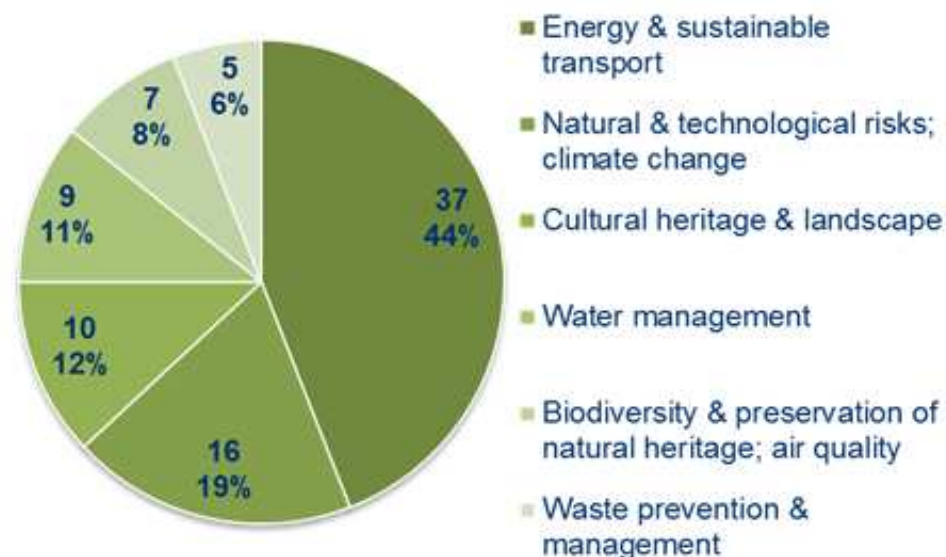
**2 274**  
partners

**All budget committed**

### Innovation & knowledge economy



### Environment & risk prevention



## 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



## 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

**See illustrations of results in the programme Annual Report!**

## Example of transfer

**Project:**



**Practice:**

‘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)**

## Examples of policy improvement

### Sub-theme: Information Society

Project: PIKE

Partner concerned: Bologna Municipality (IT)

Policy improved: Revision of the Emilia Romagna Regional Telematic Plan 2011-2013 which now includes the 'Guidelines for Local Wireless Communities' coming from PIKE



### Sub-theme: Natural & technological risks; Climate Change

Project: GRaBS

Partner concerned: London Borough of Sutton (UK)

Policy improved: Revision of the 'Sutton's Adaptation Action Plan' which now integrates GRaBS findings on community and stakeholders engagement into Climate Change policies






## 2. The FLOOD-WISE project



### Project strengths

#### Topic and approach

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- European added-value of the topic tackled
  - Focus on exchange of experience within and between river basins
  - 4 pilot teams working on joint cross-border approaches of flood risk management

#### Results

- good practices identified: 8
- good practices transferred: 1
- staff with increased capacity: 51

### Project strengths



#### Partnership

- Specificity of river basins partner regions
- Wide geographical coverage: 15 partners from 7 Member States & 3 from outside EU

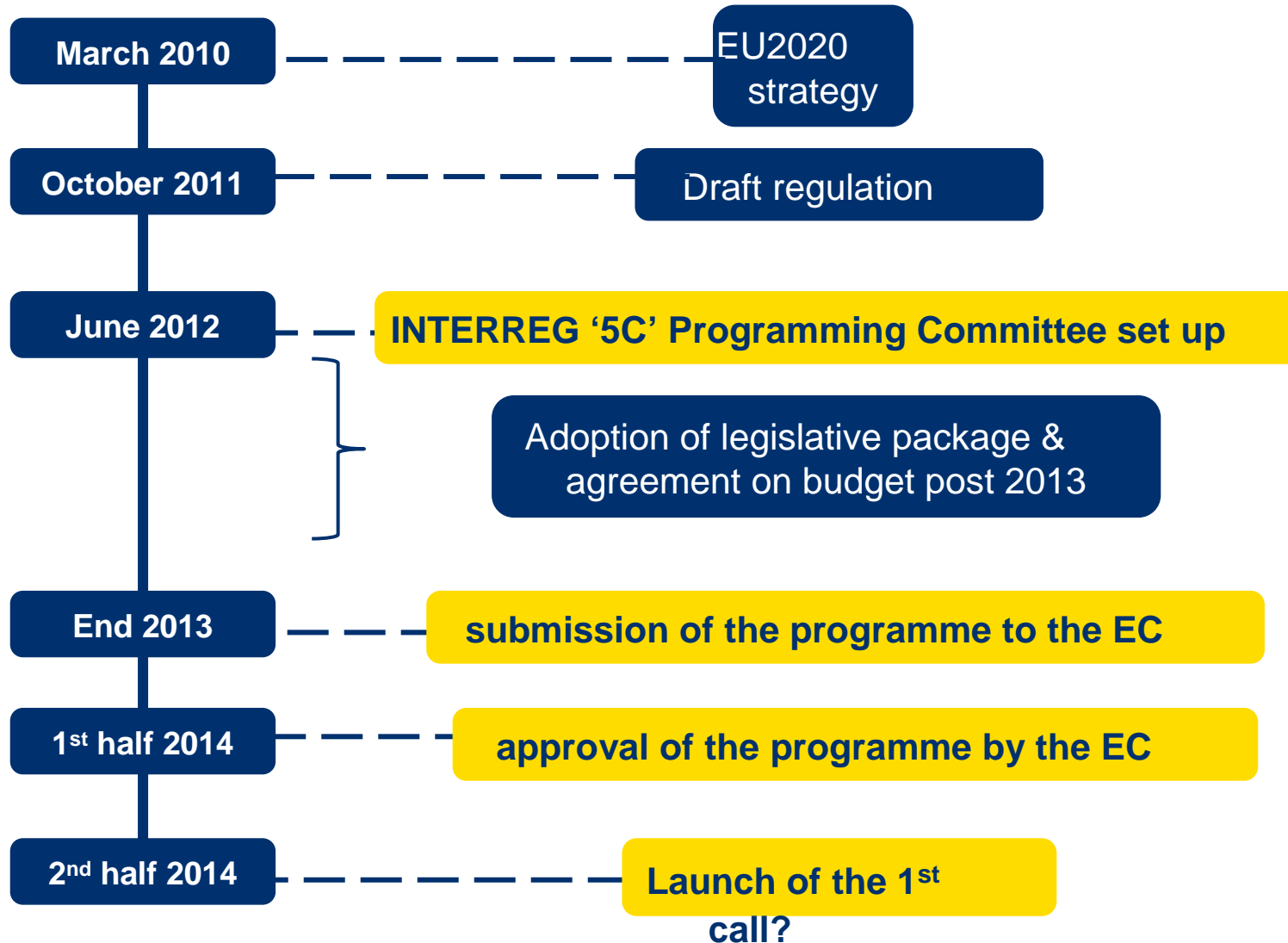
#### Management

- Close cooperation with JTS
- Reactive Lead Partner

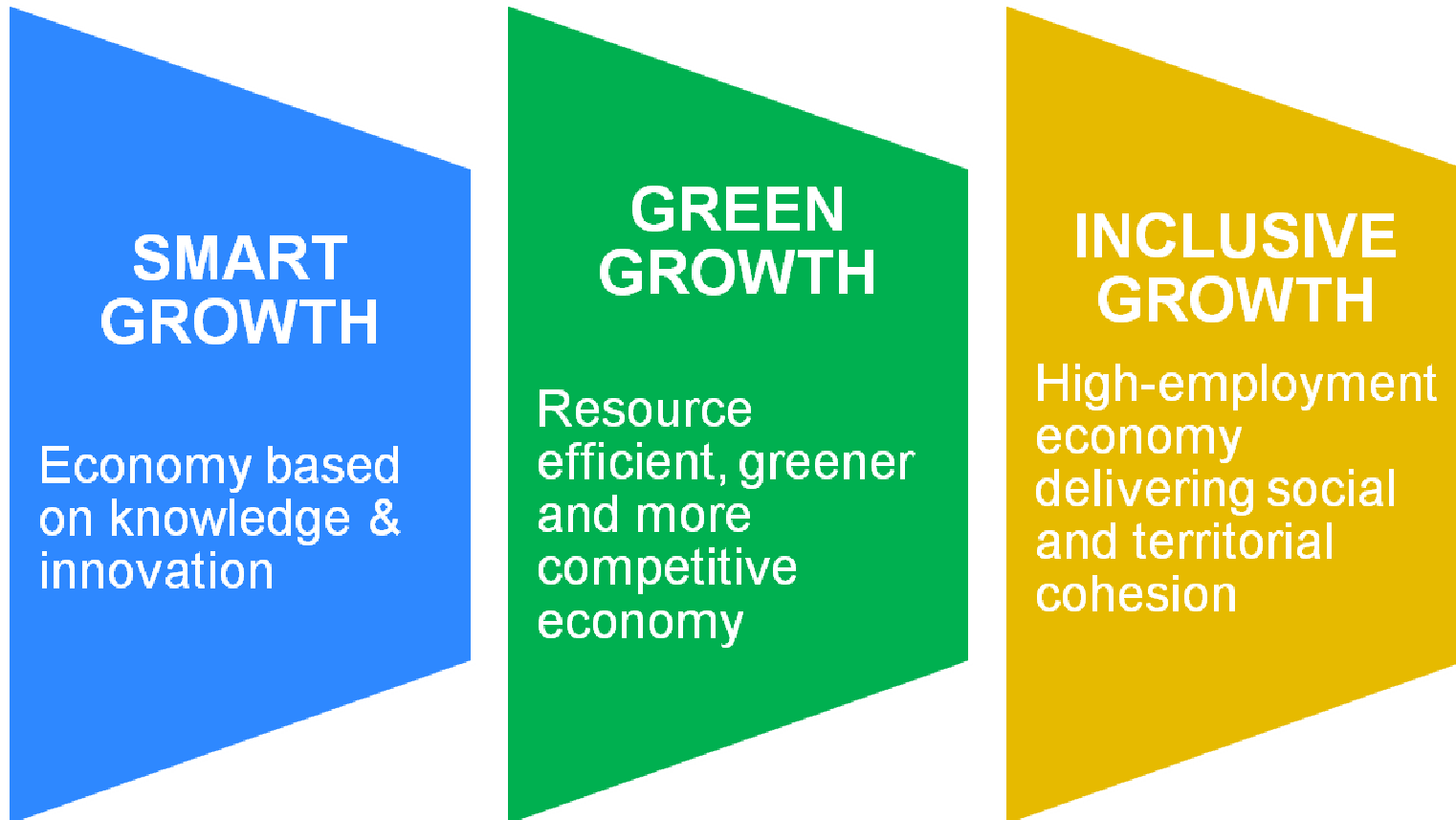
### 3. Future of interregional cooperation



### 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*”  
(11<sup>th</sup> investment priority)
- **Thematic concentration?**

## 2 scenarios currently discussed (scenarios not mutually exclusive)

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



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