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for better regional policies*

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Interreg Europe aims to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular Investment for Growth and Jobs and ETC through exchange of experience and policy learning.



A pan-European programme



30

countries
involved



83%

of NUTS 2 regions
participating

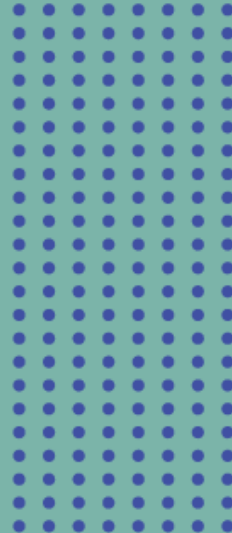
359m

euros invested
in policy learning



184

projects



309

policies
addressed



1 500

organisations
cooperating

100s

good practices
identified so far



14 000

community
members



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What the programme does?



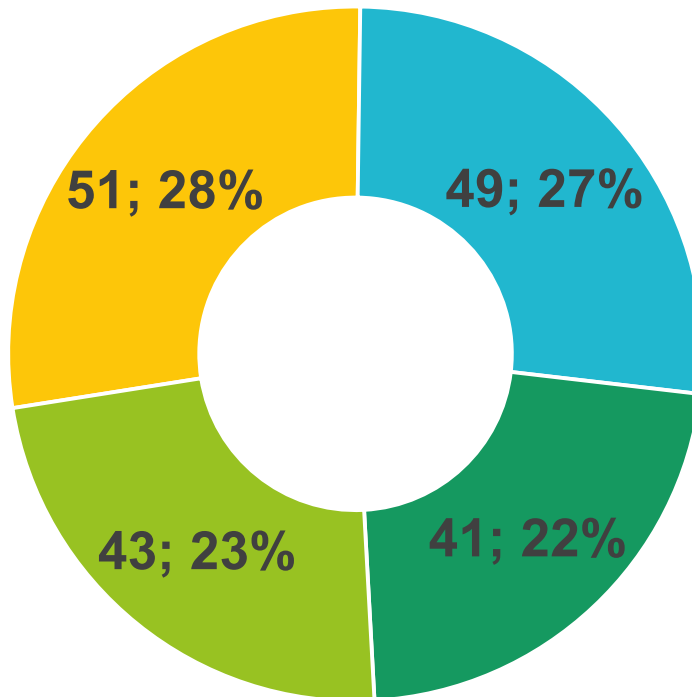
Projects overview

Three calls

26%
success
rate

**EUR
254
million**

706 applications => 184 projects approved



- Research and innovation
- SME competitiveness
- Low carbon economy
- Environment and resource efficiency

4 projects related to Agri-Food

- 30 partners from 15 Partner States
- ERDF MEUR 4,6



Building innovative food value chains in regions



Strengthening regional innovation policies to build sustainable food chains

3rd Call – Start June 2018



Innovation-driven agri-food sectors for a European industrial renaissance



Regional strategies for food 4.0 Revolution



An interesting cooperation arose between members of the local stakeholders' groups from 4 NICHE regions: **West Region - Romania, Kujawsko-Pomorskie - Poland, Crete - Greece and Border - Ireland**. They share the same goal - to **create greater value for local honey and for consumers' knowledge about the honey source and quality**, by providing at the same time **support to small honey producers for testing and certifying the quality** of their honey and bring it on the international market at a fair price.

Everything started in **Donegal, Ireland**, when based on the "**Active honey**" research project conducted by the **Institute of Technology Sligo** end 2013, a group of Irish entrepreneurs launched the "**Active Irish Honey**" brand which has gained very rapidly a high recognition of the local community. Initially the

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evaluating the medicinal properties of local Irish honey comparative to New



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Interreg Europe and S3 Platform



- Cooperation agreement (November 2017)
 - Areas of cooperation: Communication, Projects, Policy learning services, Other.
- Policy Learning Platform can support S3P policy learning events




Cooperation with S3P Agri-food



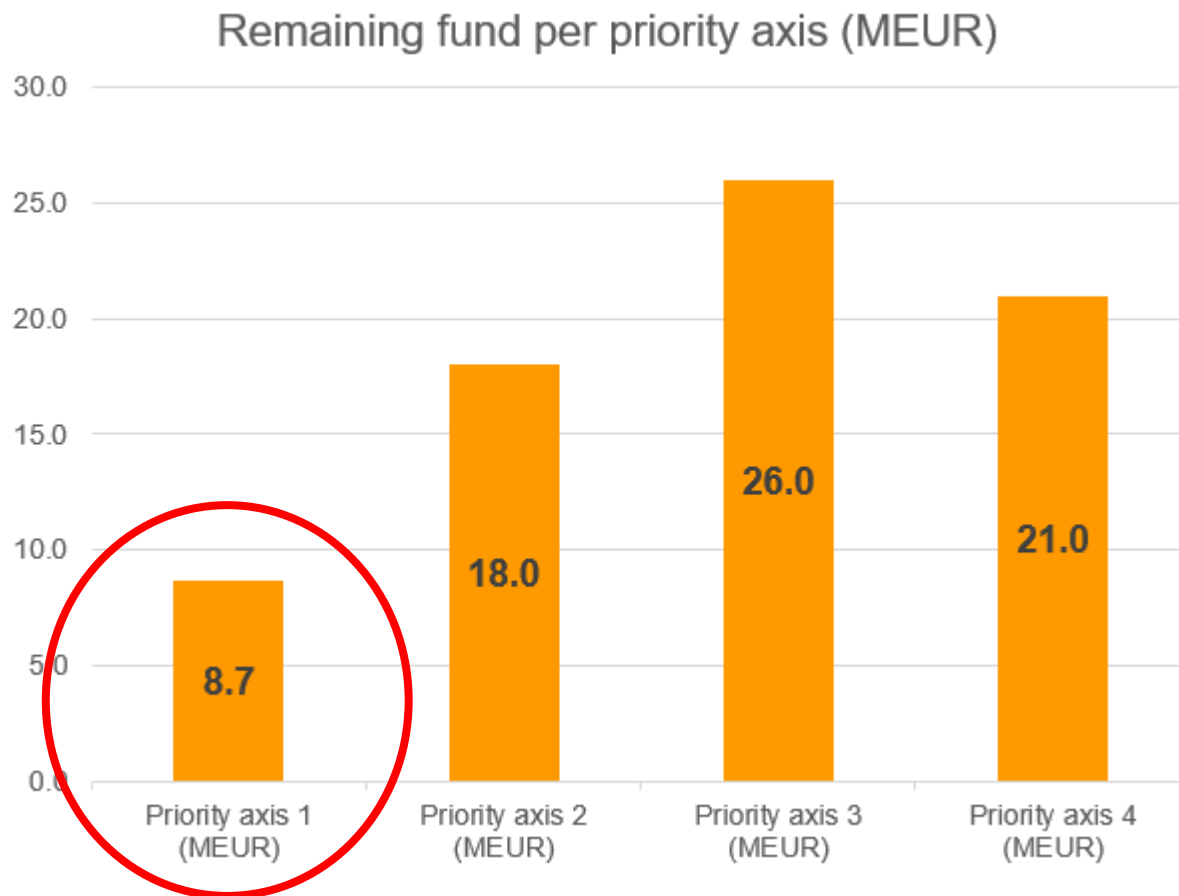
Common points :

- Similar objective & target groups:
 - IR-E projects: preparation for strategic investment (*first stage of 'investment pipeline'?*)
 - Focus on regional development policy makers and stakeholders
- S3P Agri-food can enrich projects scope and activities
- Possible pilot actions in projects: evidence of success for co-investment?
- Policy Learning Platform can support S3P Agri-Food policy learning events

Get ready for the fourth call for project proposals

- Dates: opening: 7 May 2018 (iOLF available)
closing: 22 June 2018 at **12:00 CEST** 
- 7 weeks (shorter duration than 3rd call)
- All investment priorities open
- Decision on the call: end of 2018 at the earliest
- Duration of phase 2 reduced from 2 years to 1 year

All remaining ERDF budget (MEUR 74)



Remaining Norwegian funds: around KEUR 270

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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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