

Partnership models in Interreg projects

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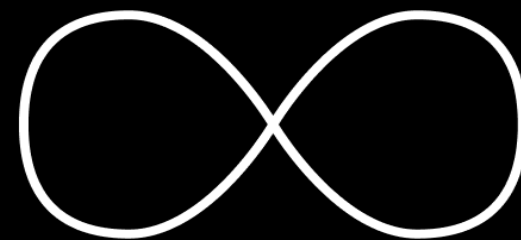
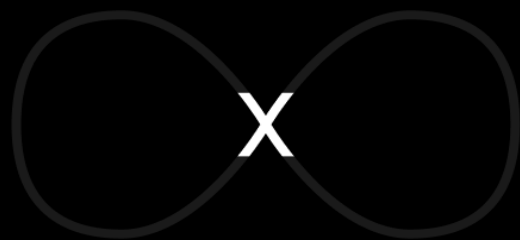
Calls for action and why to bother?

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From programme's experience...

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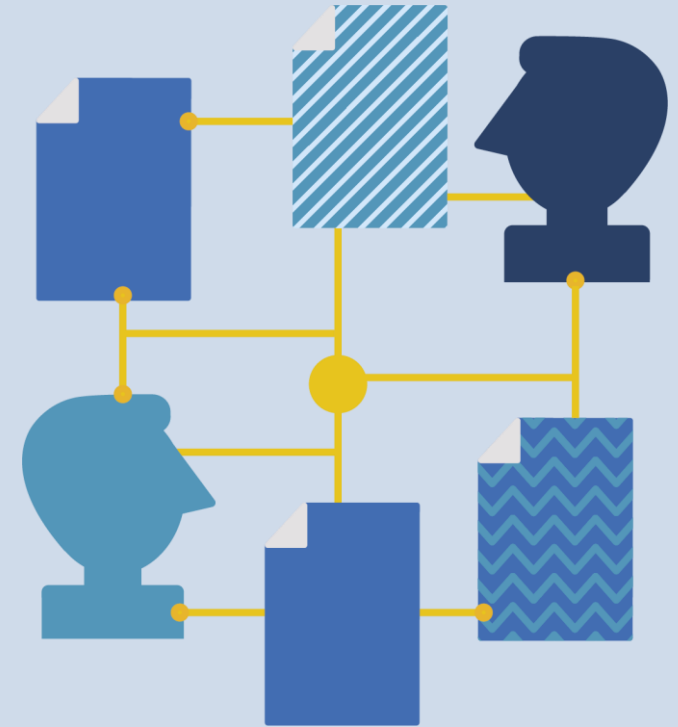
Q&A



Zoom out

“New partnership models in Interreg” is about ...

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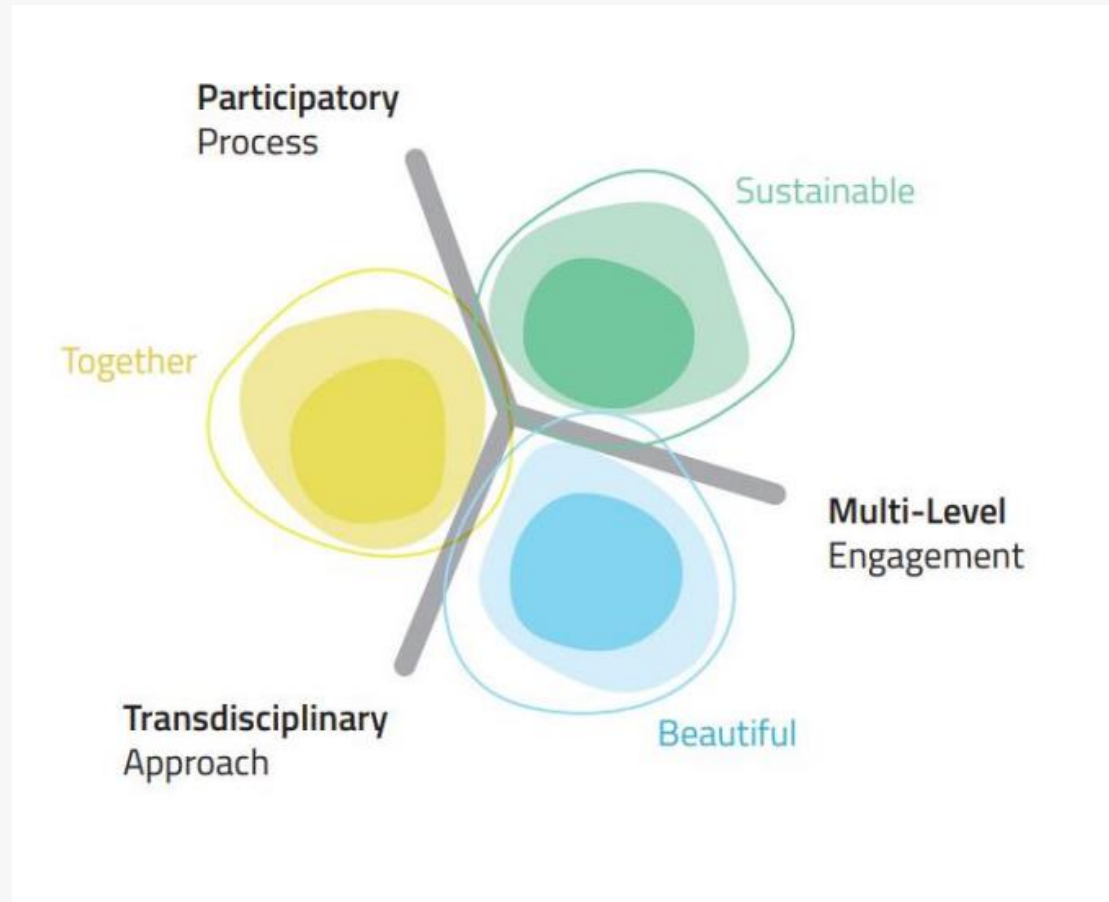
The principle of partnership in 2021-2027 legal framework

Recital (14) CPR:

*The **principle of partnership** is a key feature in the implementation of the Funds, building on the **multi-level governance approach** and ensuring the **involvement of regional, local, urban and other public authorities, civil society, economic and social partners and, where appropriate, research organisations and universities**. In order to provide continuity in the organisation of partnership, the European code of conduct on partnership for Partnership Agreements and programmes supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds established by the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 (the ‘European code of conduct on partnership’) should continue to apply to the Funds.*

New Bauhaus Initiative

Call for new partnership models



PO5 - Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of all types of territories

Call for new partnership models

- ✓ Mobilisation and empowerment of local and regional actors
- ✓ Participatory approach & integrated strategy
- ✓ More freedom to territorial and local strategies to address their needs
- ✓ Territories setting up their strategies and defining key projects to implement the strategy



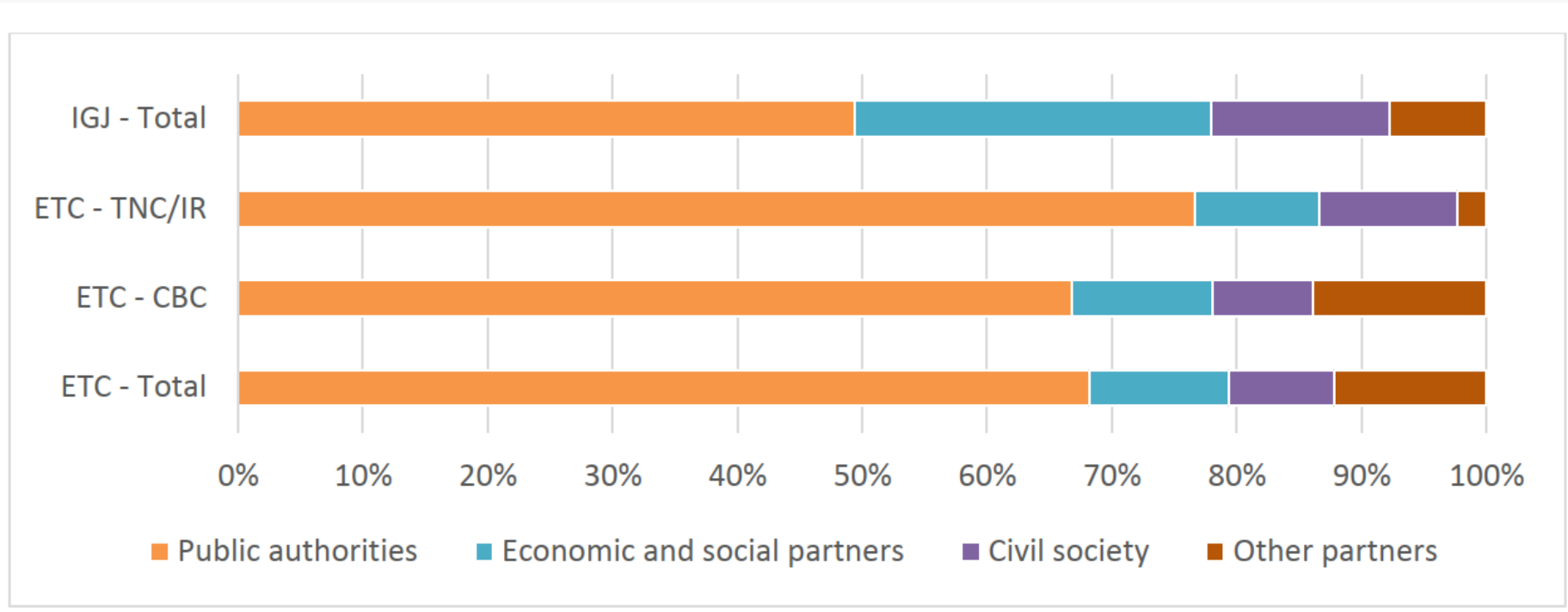
ISO1 – A better Interreg governance

Call for new partnership models

- ✓ Enhancing the institutional capacity of public authorities and of stakeholders
- ✓ Enhancing efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation, and cooperation between citizens, civil society actors and institutions
- ✓ Building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions (strand A), sustainable democracy and by supporting civil society actors and their role in reforming processes and democratic transitions (all strands)

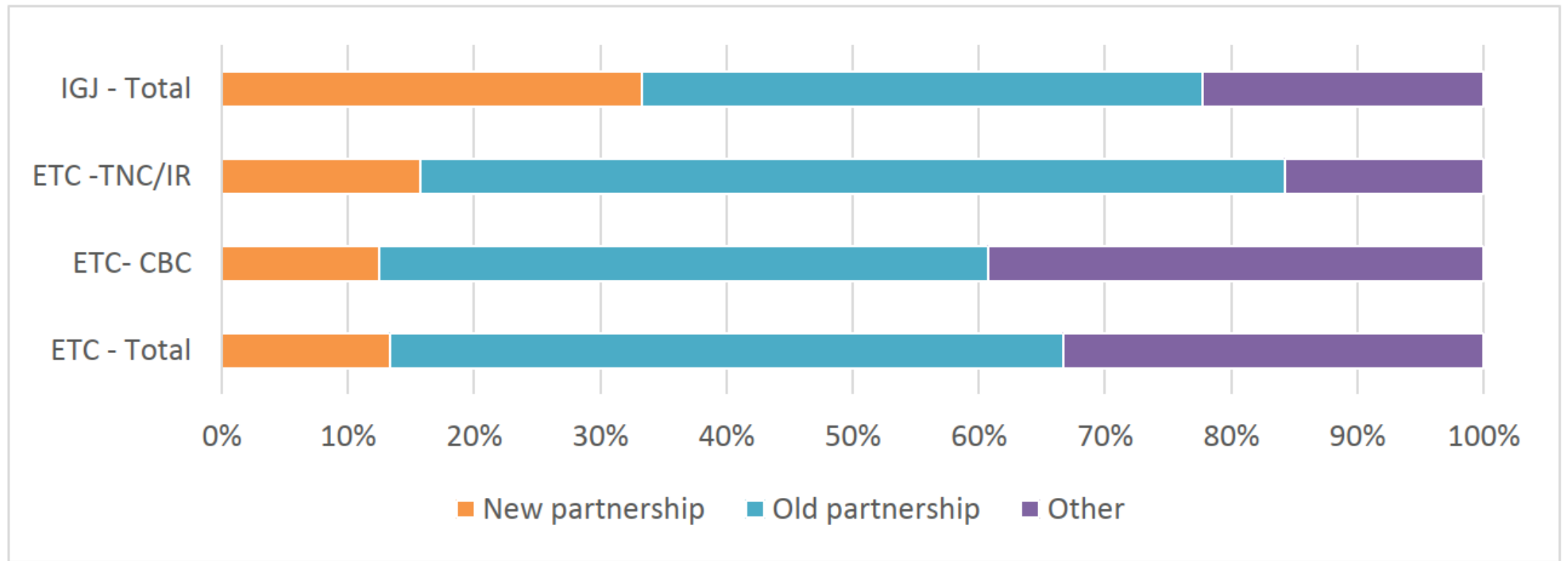


Share of different types of partners in the Interreg partnerships



Source: Implementation of the partnership principle and multi-level governance in 2014-2020 ESI Funds, Sweco & Spatial Foresight & Nordregio, 2016

Identification of partnership according to documents

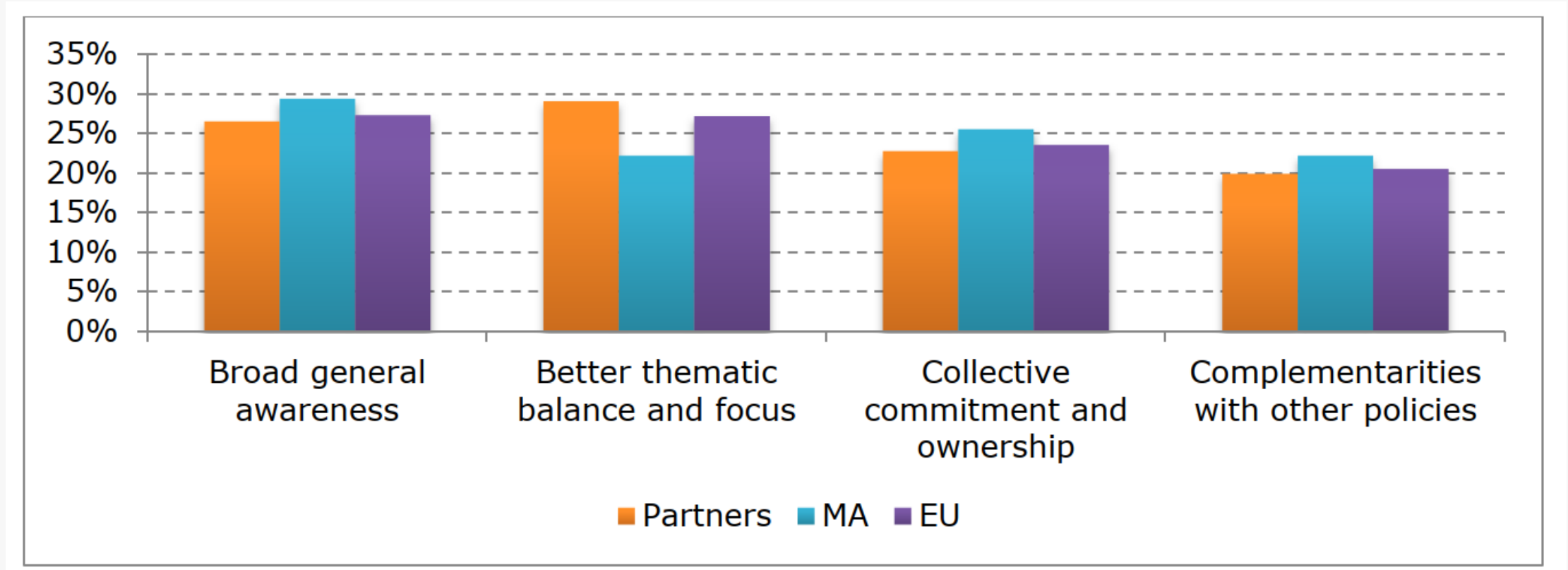


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General findings – Partnerships in Interreg

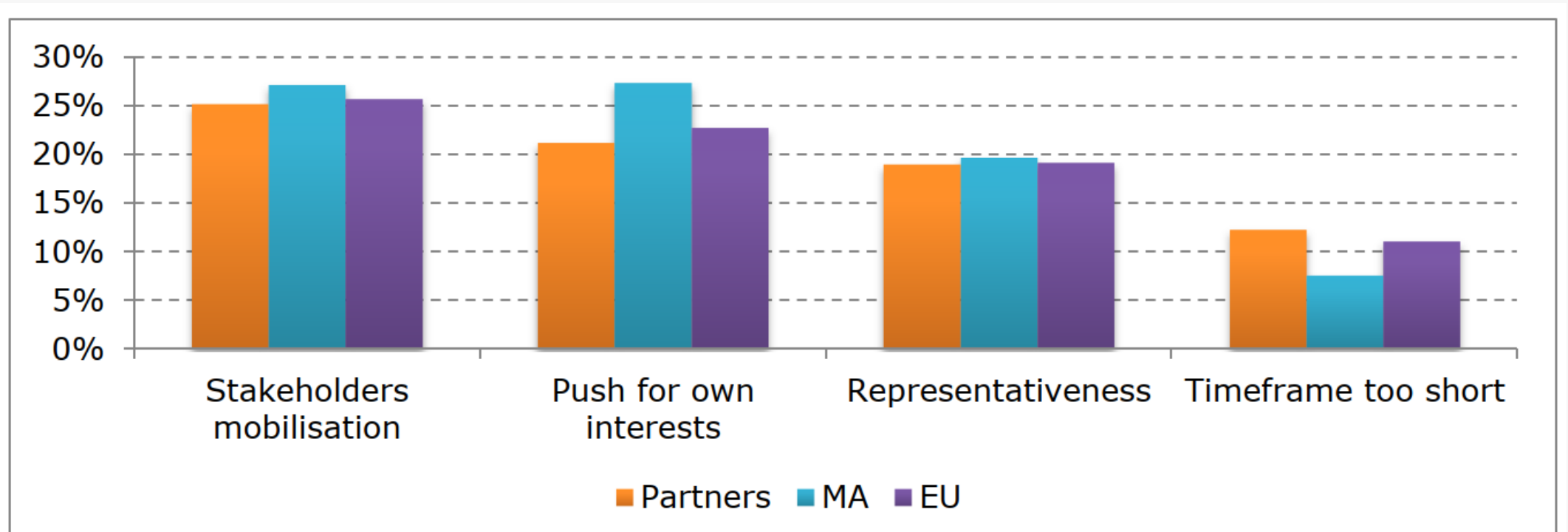
- ✓ Partnerships mainly build on previously established structures. There are several cases, where a small group of public authorities have a significant influence on the composition of the partnership.
- ✓ Partners have been in general directly involved in the drafting process, even if some programmes mention a lack of institutional capacity and a low level of commitment among partners as limitations.
- ✓ Partner involvement through topical expert groups & capacity-building actions
- ✓ Civil society and social/economic partners are involved to a lesser degree.
 - ✓ *Civil society - environmental partners, NGOs, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, gender equality and non-discrimination.*
 - ✓ *Social and economic partners - as representatives from business associations or chambers of commerce and representatives from social partners; i.e., employer organisations and trade unions.*

Main benefits of partnership



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Main challenges of partnership

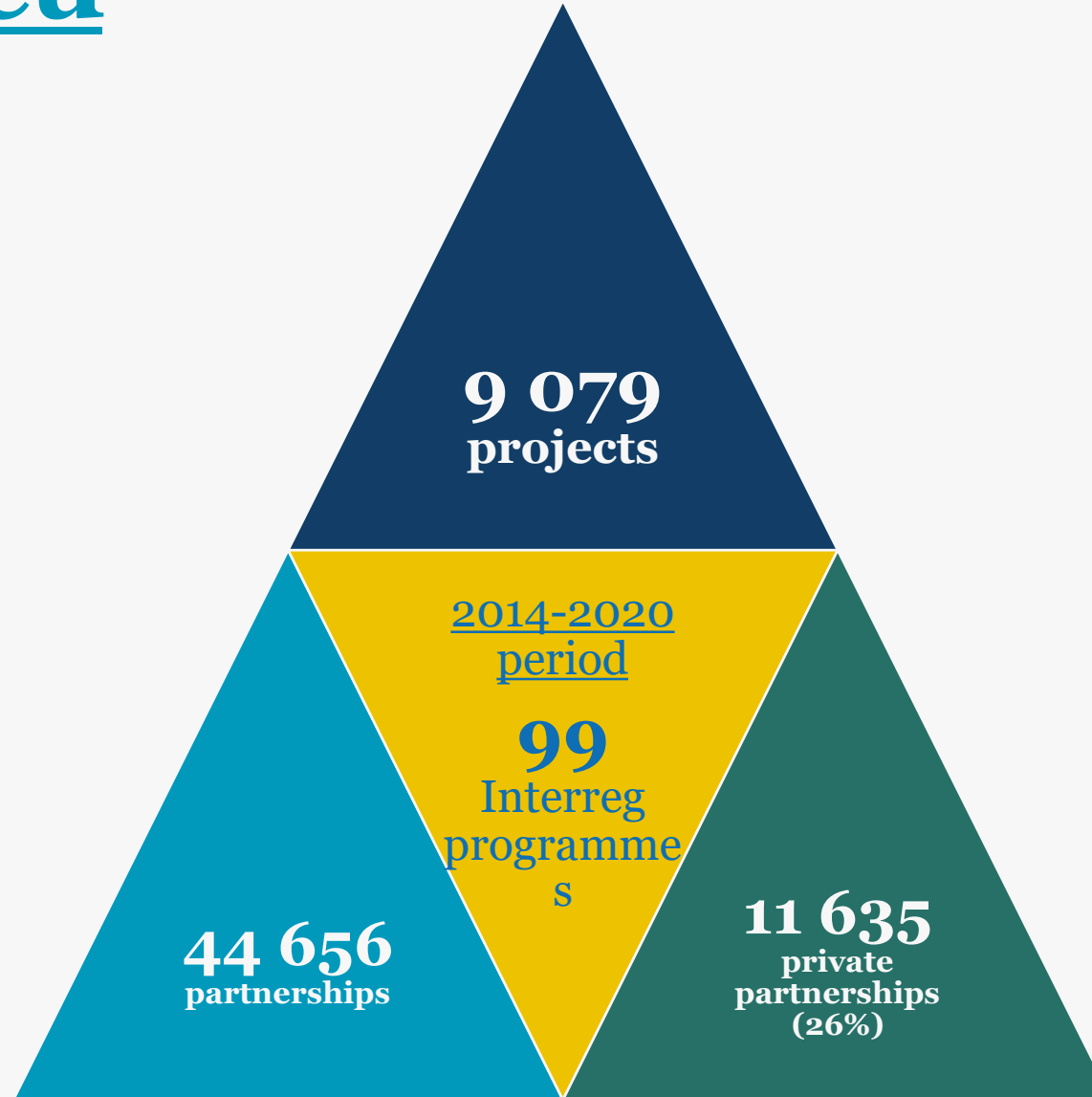


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Partners with economic activities

- ✓ The State rules in Interreg (GBER Art. 20 and Art. 20a) are very lenient in comparison to regional programmes
- ✓ Under Art. 20a EUR 22 000 can be granted
- ✓ Under amended Article 20 max. partner budget public contribution up to EUR 2,2 million
- ✓ De minimis thresholds will be higher as of 2024
- ✓ If a project is eligible and all the conditions (incl. State aid) are met, there is no more legal requirement to carry out quantification of net revenues generated by the project

Keep.eu



**An organisation taking part in two different Interreg projects will be one single partner in keep.eu, and two different partnerships.*

New partnership models in 2021-2027 – HOW?

SPF
(Article 25 IR)

Small-scale
projects
(Article 24 IR)

Open projects

PO5
P2P projects

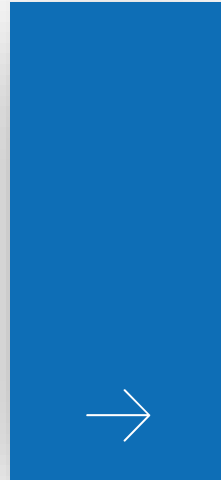
ISO1
New types of
governance
projects

Integrated
territorial tools
(CLLD, ITI, JAP)

Others ...



Experience sharing

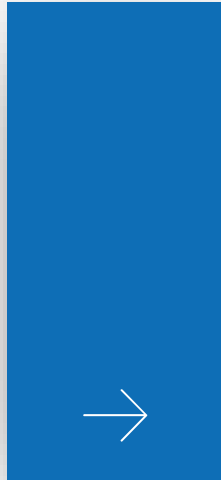


A dialogue with a pioneer programme in SMEs/ private partners involvement in Interreg projects

Mr Piet Boomsta



Experience sharing



Open partnerships and SPF in Interreg
Belgium – the Netherlands programme

Mr Stef Peeters



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