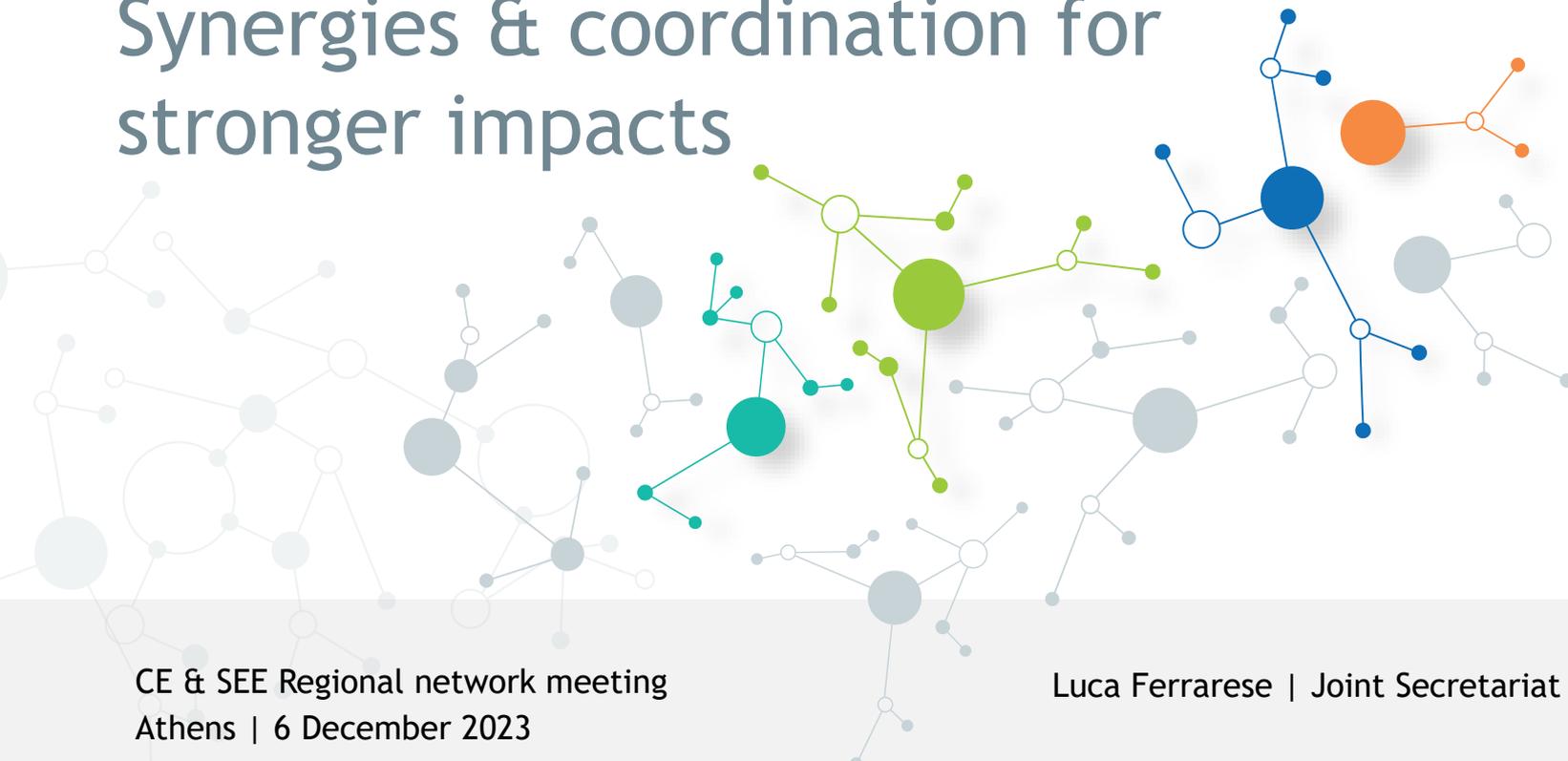




Synergies & coordination for stronger impacts



CE & SEE Regional network meeting
Athens | 6 December 2023

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Talking about synergies & coordination

- Yes let's do that!
- We did it already and we will continue
- I will send you the link once our call is published!



Officially



Behind the scene

- Yes let's do that! But you go first...
- Nice to have but I have no time
- I have 4 people in my team
- Oh no! Again after 3 programming periods?
- What for exactly?
- How exactly?
- Why do you want my money?

What is synergies & coordination about?

It is not about:

- Communication outside a strategic framework
- A tick-box in the project assessment grid



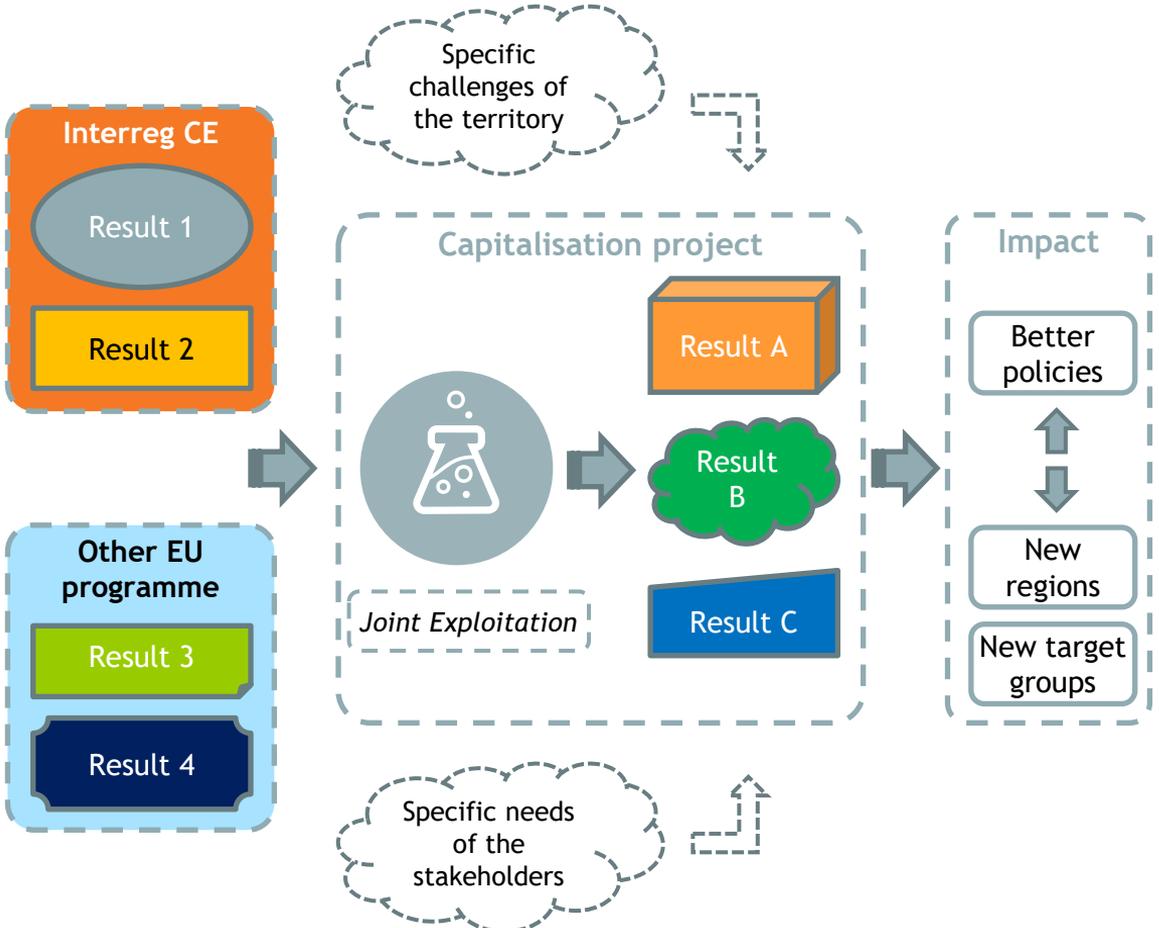
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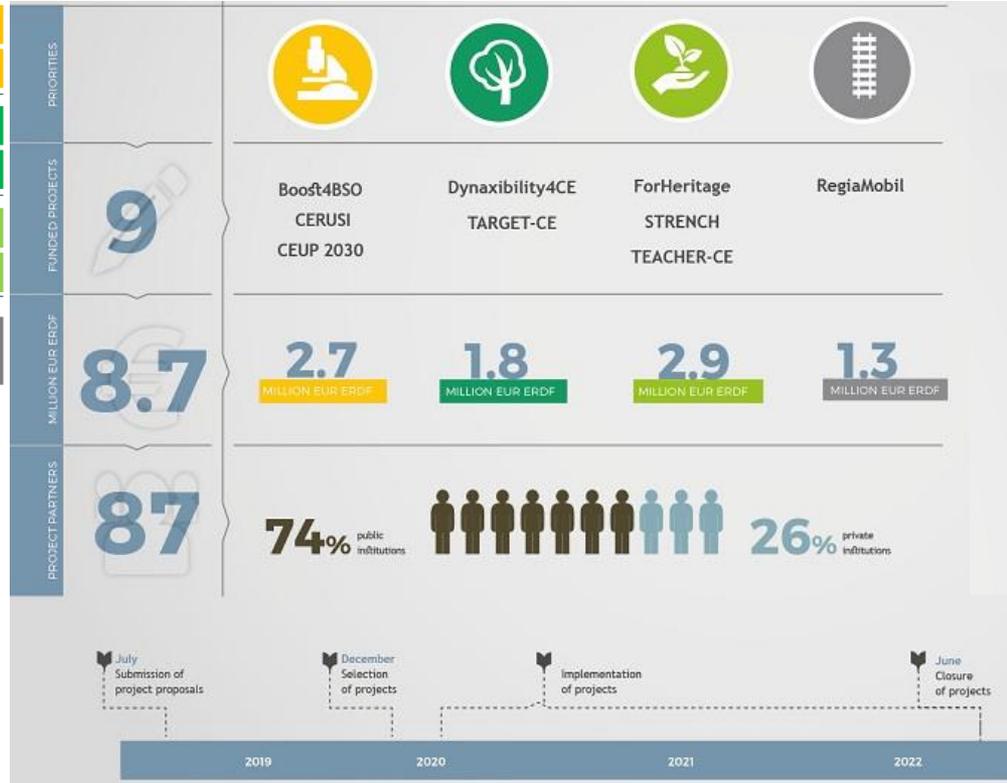
- Strengthening territorial impact of EU funding
- Avoiding “bad” duplications

The “capitalisation through coordination” approach

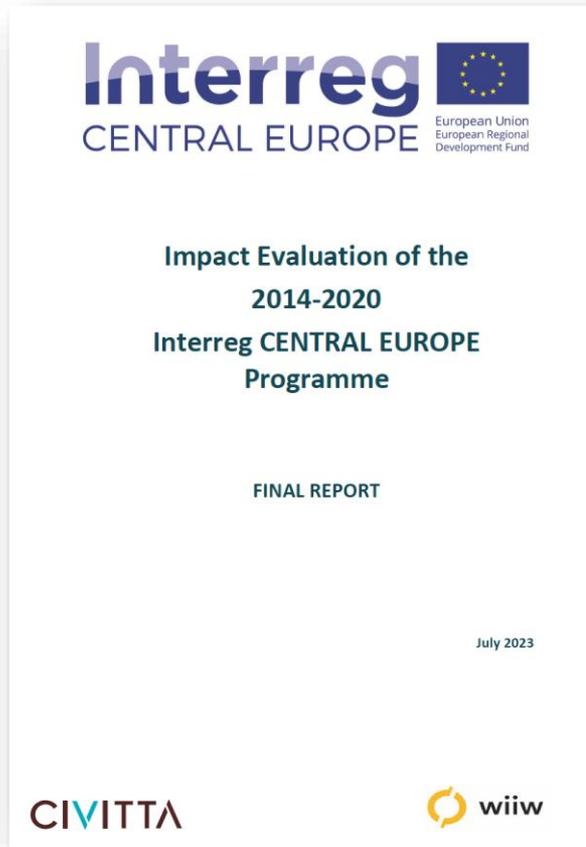


Tested in 2014-2020 with Horizon 2020

 P.1 INNOVATION	I. Industry 4.0/advanced manufacturing II. Social entrepreneurship
 P.2 LOW-CARBON	III. Energy efficient renovation of public buildings IV. Low-carbon mobility and urban air quality
 P.3 ENVIRONMENT & CULTURE	V. Climate change adaptation and risk prevention VI. Cultural heritage sites and buildings at risk
 P.4 TRANSPORT	VII. Accessibility of peripheral and border regions to TEN-T CNC networks/nodes



How did it go?



“The call delivered impacts at the territorial level by capitalising on existing knowledge of various EU funds”

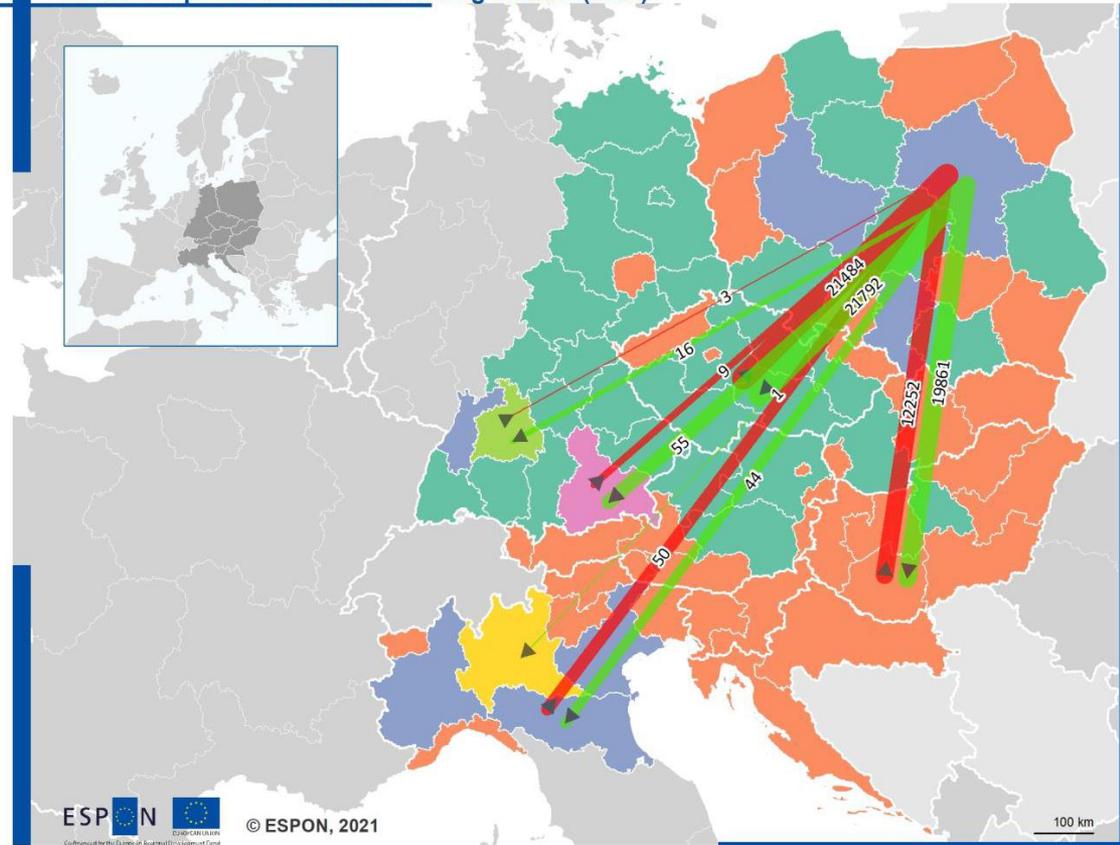
“The call is a successful implementation mechanism” to support sustainability of existing results for better impacts at the territorial level”

Need for synergies in CE

CE is a complex functional area...

with common territorial, economic and social features

Manufactured goods and transportation flows in the CE Area Cluster: Specialised manufacturing cluster (east)



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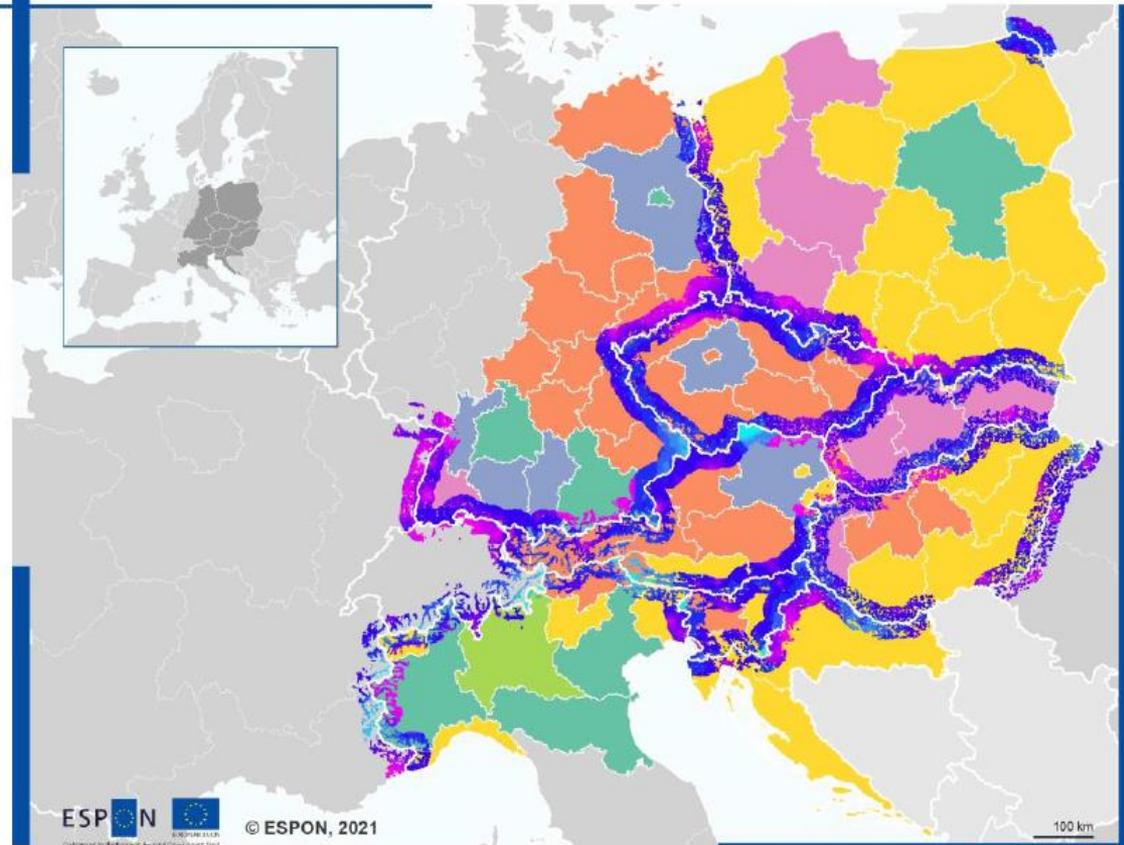
Source: ESPON [CE-FLOWS](#) (2021)

Territorial level: NUTS 0,2 (version 2013)
Source: CE Flows, 2021
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Need for synergies in CE

...crossed by 15 inner borders...

that hamper functional flows and the overall development of the area



Potential international road accessibility

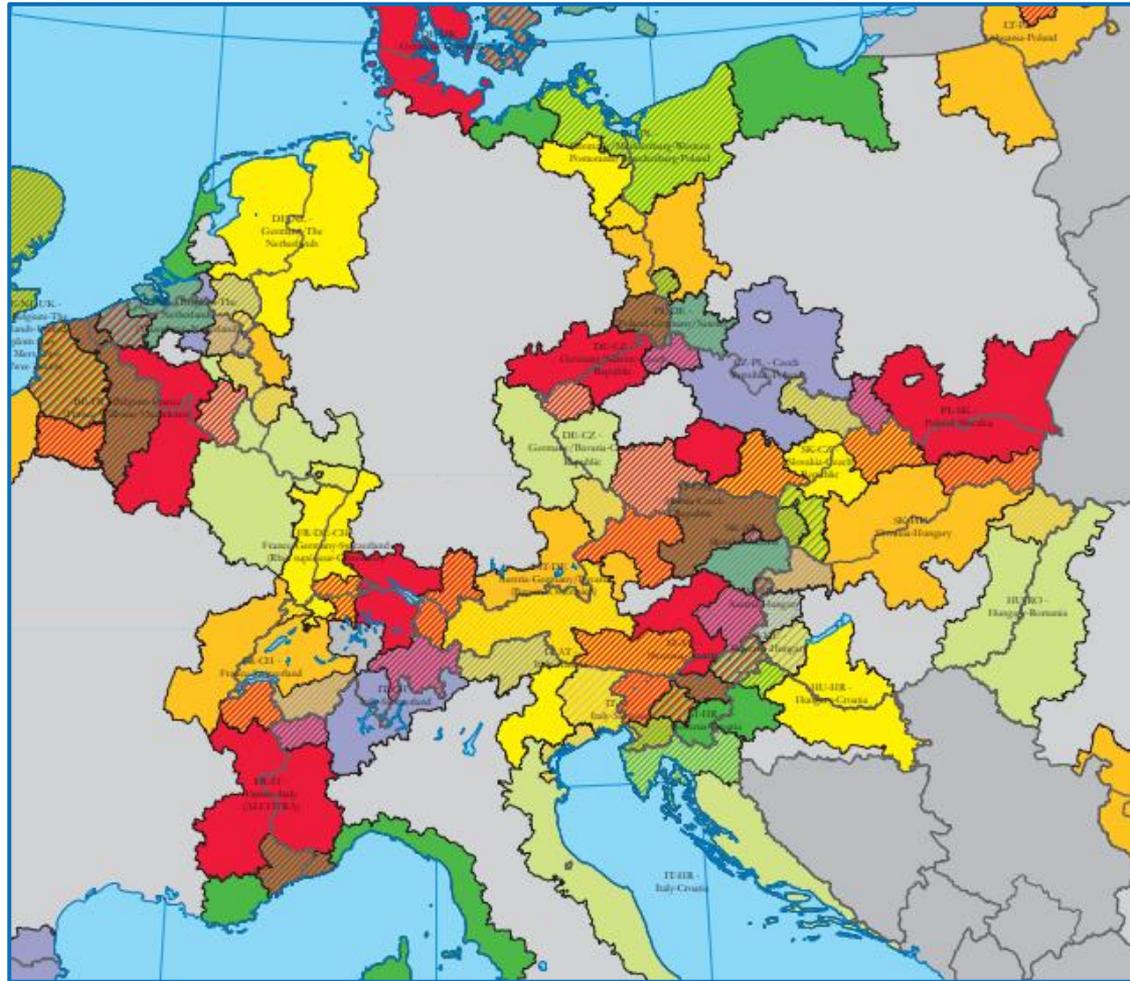


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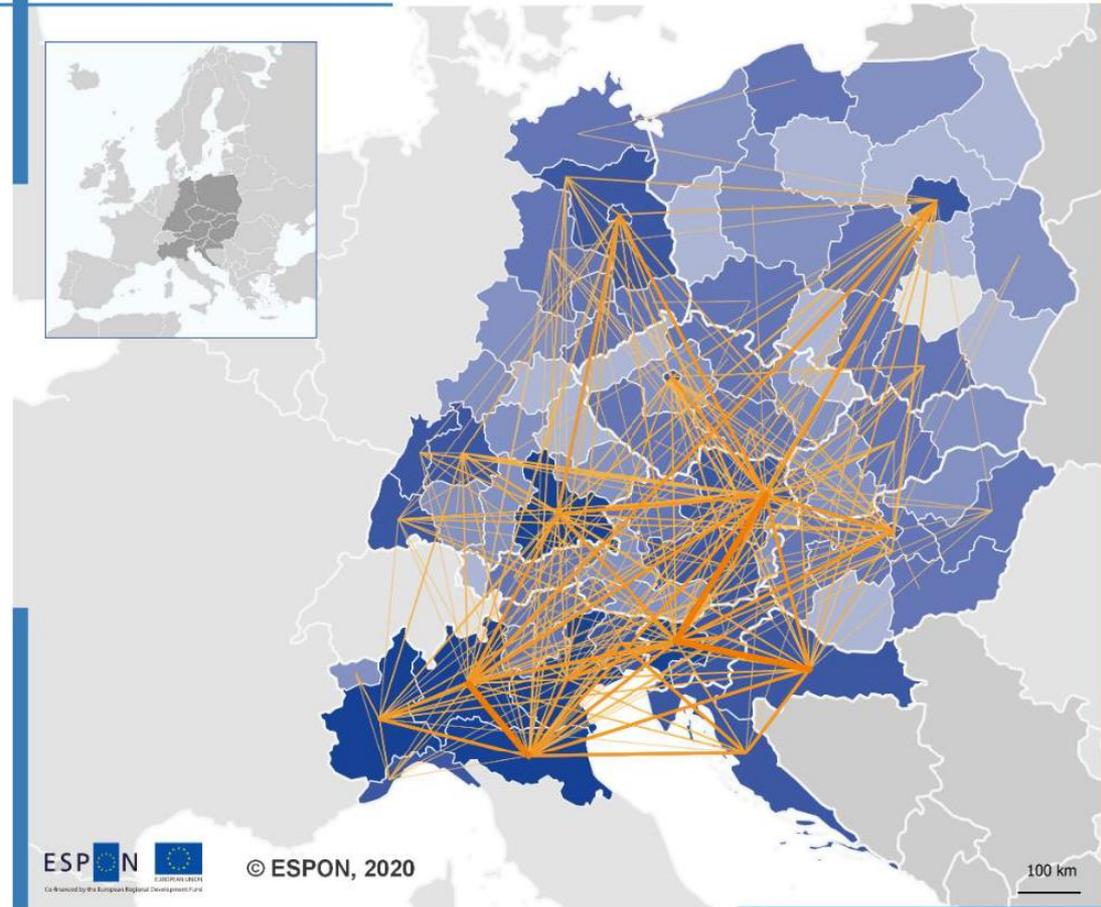
...in which border obstacles are tackled by 20 CBC programmes...
often acting as islands



Need for synergies in CE

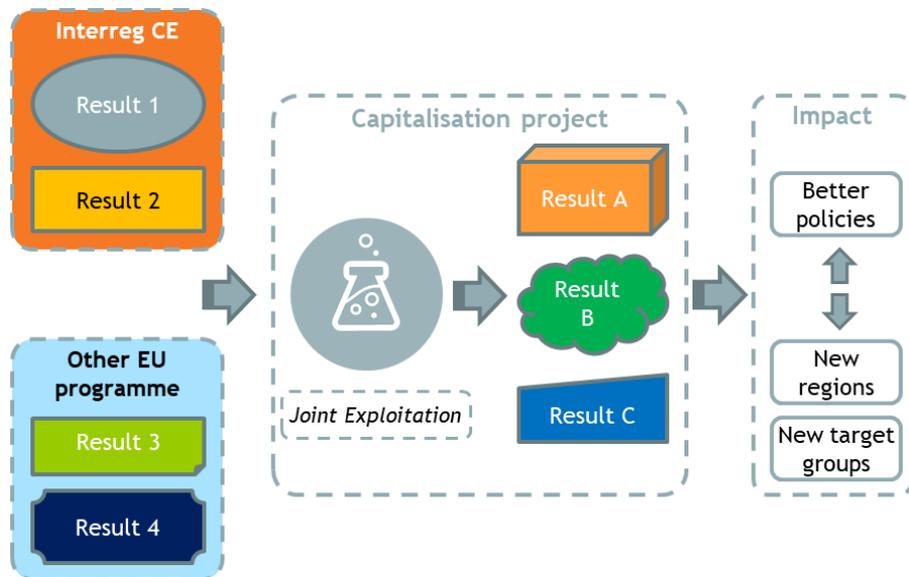
...often without exploiting existing TN solutions in full.

missing an opportunity to scale up the issue of obstacles determined by “formal” and “non-formal” borders



A vision for the new capitalisation call

Tackling border obstacles in transnational functional areas



The new capitalisation call as an opportunity

For cross-border programmes

- To bring border issues and existing CBC results to the policy level (upstream)
- To transfer existing CBC results to other border areas facing similar problems

For transnational programmes

- To reinforce the local and regional added value of existing TNC results (roll out)



Stronger impact of Interreg as a whole, for the benefit of the transnational functional area



Preparatory work in 2024

January-October

November



Territorial analysis

To identify challenges and needs hampering functional flows across the CE area and affecting more CE borders



Direct consultation of national, regional and CBC stakeholders

CE cross-border forum

Validation of analysis results and feedback to the capitalisation call concept