

Public procurement in Interreg

# Introduction – welcome

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# Working agreement

- a) Question policy – **speak up**
- b) Be open to sharing – **opinions, issues your programme confronted, examples of projects**
- c) Please use the mobile for a couple of exercises – we use **Mentimeter**

# Agenda/ day one

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A quick introduction to legislation and rules on public procurement

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Public procurement challenges

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How to make Interreg more green

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Green Public Procurement, legislation and practice

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Green Public Procurement, challenges in practice

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Visit to Cyprus Institute and walking tour to EU-funded projects in Nicosia centre

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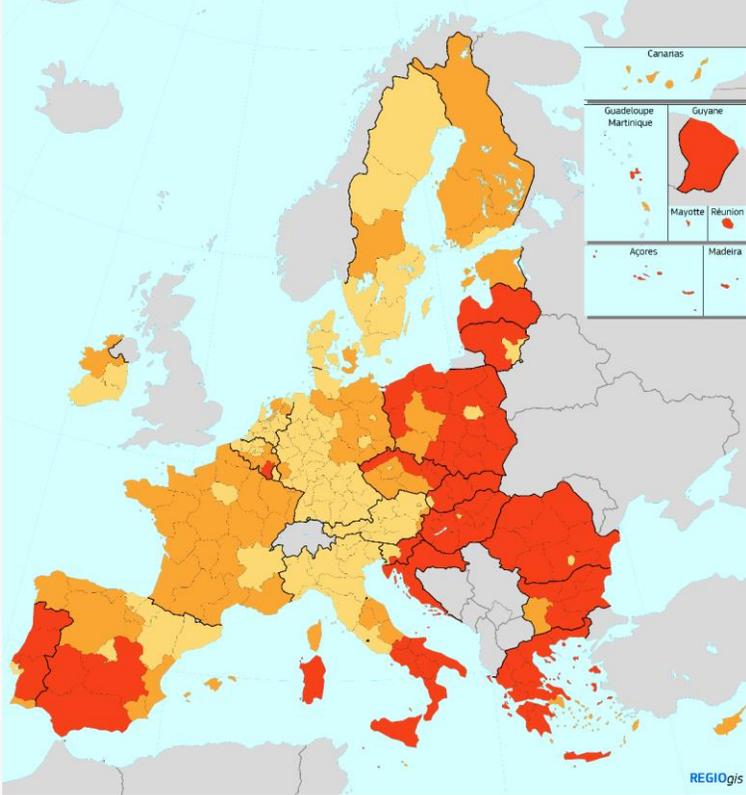
Networking dinner

# Head Up

Mentimeter

Pick up your mobile directly go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com)

Use the code **6363 8886** and answer the question "**What does Green Public Procurement mean?**"



Investment for jobs and growth goal (ERDF and ESF+) eligibility, 2021-2027

# How to mach Green Public Procurement

Cohesion policy 2021-2027



# Cohesion policy 2021-2027

## What is new for 2021-2027?

Nearly 1/3 of the EU budget (European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Social Fund +, proposed Just Transition Fund) to:

Reduce disparities between Europe's regions, strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion

Contribute to EU priorities

### 5 Policy Objectives

(i) a more competitive and smarter Europe

(ii) a greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero-carbon economy and resilient Europe

(iii) a more connected Europe

(iv) a more social and inclusive Europe

(v) a Europe closer to citizens

# New Regulations INTERREG 2021-2027

**EU Cohesion Policy 2021-2027**  
**Interreg**  
Agreed: 02/12/2020

#EUinmyRegion

## Priorities

- Integration of outermost regions** in their neighbouring environment
- NEW: 'PEACE PLUS' programme** to support cooperation under the Good Friday Agreement between Ireland and Northern Ireland
- Interregional & cross border cooperation** including across EU external borders
- Trans-national strategies**, such as macro or sea basins ones

European Commission | Department of Regional and Community Development

# New Regulations INTERREG 2021-2027

Provisions on thematic concentration, including an **obligation to support measures contributing to the achievement of the European Green Deal** as well as measures falling under the European Social Fund Plus Regulation, between internal land borders.



# Cohesion Policy in the European Green Deal



“Cohesion Funds play a crucial role in supporting our regions and rural areas from East to West, from South to North to keep up with the transformations of our world.

In this transition, we must recognise and respect that we do not all start from the same point. We all share the same ambition but some may need more tailored support than others to get there.”

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Waste  
Management

Environment



# Cohesion Policy in the European Green Deal

Investing in place-based innovation and smart economic transformation

Deploying technological and social innovation on a large scale

Facilitating phase-out of unsustainable practices

Ensuring a just transition for all regions

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raw  
materials

Consumption

Waste  
Management

Environment



# The European Green Deal



The EU as a global leader

A European Climate Pact



# A coordinated Cohesion Policy for a greener, low-carbon Europe

PO2: A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

## A low-carbon (and low air pollution) Europe

SO I - promoting energy efficiency measures  
 SO II - promoting renewable energy  
 SO III - developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level

## A greener Europe

SO IV - promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience  
 SO V - promoting sustainable water management

## How achieving this Europe

SO VI - promoting the transition to a circular economy  
 SO VII - enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution

# Cohesion Policy Objective 2

## Seven specific objectives:

- i. promoting energy efficiency measures;
- ii. promoting renewable energy;
- iii. developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level;
- iv. promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience;
- v. promoting sustainable water management;
- vi. promoting the transition to a circular economy;
- vii. enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution;

# Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience

Joint knowledge development and planning, including joint monitoring, forecasts, alignment of climate change adaptation strategies

Prevention, including joint management of cross-border forests, rivers, coastal zones, joint awareness-raising campaign

Preparedness, including cross-border early warning systems, interoperability of civil protection units, facilitation of sharing of assets

Disaster risk management planning: Member States need to report on “priority prevention and preparedness measures” for “key risks having crossborder impacts” (Union Civil Protection Mechanism Decision, Art. 6)

# Interact publication

## Interreg addressing Climate Change: the power of cooperation for a Greener Europe



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# Project examples on GPP (1)



## Carbon Smart Communities (CaSCo)

*The CaSCo project highlights CO<sub>2</sub> reduction potential by showing how regional timber supply chains can contribute to emission reductions in the Alpine Space*

Increasingly complex material flows in the timber industry spanning ever greater distances considerably contribute to climate change. CaSCo raises awareness for low carbon timber amongst public authorities, architects and SMEs and makes the case for the role of low carbon timber in Green Public Procurement. While public sector orders result in a large proportion of these flows, public purchasers rarely take the climate impact of their practices into account. In the Alpine Space, timber plays an important role in public procurement but is often associated with long transportation routes. By sourcing timber locally, the public procurement sector can go a long way towards reducing emissions resulting from shipping.

€ 2.291.187,39€

11 partners

01.11.2016  
30.04.2020

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Alpine Space

[www.alpine-space.eu](http://www.alpine-space.eu)  
[www.alpine-space.eu/projects/casco/en/home](http://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/casco/en/home)



# Project examples on GPP (2)



## STEPPING

*STEPPING contributes to Greener Cities by supporting public authorities in the energy renovation of their buildings*

€ 1.943.112,50 €



9 partners

01.11.2016  
31.10.2019



Are Energy Performance Contracts (EPC) the best solution for energy efficiency plans of public buildings in the Mediterranean region MED area? And how to increase their diffusion? These were the main questions addressed by STEPPING (Supporting The EPC Public Procurement IN Going-beyond).

70 local authorities, engaged via a technical assistance service, signed a formal agreement for the preparation of energy efficiency investments. A wide involvement of policy makers and stakeholders led to the release of policy recommendations and the EPC MED Guidelines. 20 municipalities and 94 buildings are now involved in 4 approved Investment Plans: an energy saving of several gigawatt hours per year and thousands of tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided in the near future.

<https://www.interreg-med.eu/>  
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# Project examples on GPP (3)

## BEGIN

BEGIN reduces urban flood risk by substituting traditional grey infrastructure such as concrete for blue-green infrastructure (BGI) like parks, rivers, and lakes. BGI can bolster cities against extreme weather events whilst enhancing liveability.

Project partners in BEGIN are implementing BGI in 28 pilots in Germany, UK, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden and Norway. To enhance social benefits of blue-green infrastructure, BEGIN is involving thousands of citizens and stakeholders in the design of new parks and water bodies in their local area.

Preliminary results indicate a flood risk reduction of over 30%. BEGIN's partner cities expect to generate long-term benefits worth over €430 million.



*Using blue-green infrastructure to help cities adapt to climate change whilst boosting public health and liveability*

€ 8.800.000,00 €

16 partners

01.09.2016  
31.07.2021

# Cooperation works

All materials will be available on:  
Interact Library at [www.interact-eu.net/library](http://www.interact-eu.net/library)