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Key programme features

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Cohesion policy & Interreg programmes

- 4 strands, each strand with its own scope and objectives
- 86 programmes, 10 billion euros ERDF

A	Cross-border	64 programmes EUR 6.7 billion	
B	Transnational	13 programmes EUR 2.3 billion	
C	Interregional	4 programmes EUR 560 million	Interreg Europe Urbact, Interact, Espon
D	Outermost regions	5 areas EUR 330 million	

MEUR 394

PROGRAMME
BUDGET



Interreg Europe **objective**

To improve **regional development policy instruments**
(including Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes)

How?

Through 'exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building' (based on the identification & transfer of good practices)

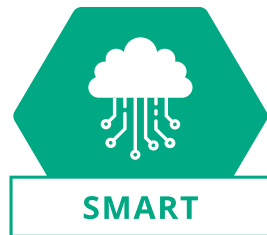
- Primarily dedicated to **policymakers**
- Focus on **exchange of experience**



Different from cross-border or transnational cooperation

Programme **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building → **six topics**



Concentration principle (80%)

Two actions



Projects

Limited number of regions exchanging and transferring experience on a shared regional development issue



Policy Learning Platform

Further exploiting projects' achievements and opening up the programme benefits to all

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Policy Learning Platform services

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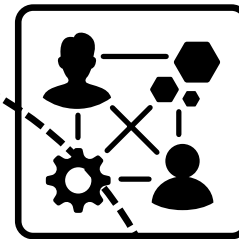


Platform in a nutshell

Policy-learning services through access to:

Knowledge

Find **policy solutions**
*(good practice database,
thematic publications)*



People

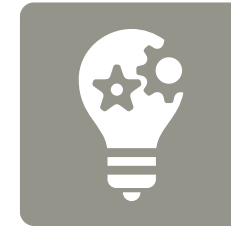
Meet our **community**
(thematic events, webinars)



Expertise

Get **policy advice**
*(peer reviews, matchmakings,
policy helpdesk)*

Access to **KNOWLEDGE**



- Wealth of **policy solutions** available



Database **of good practices** from all EU

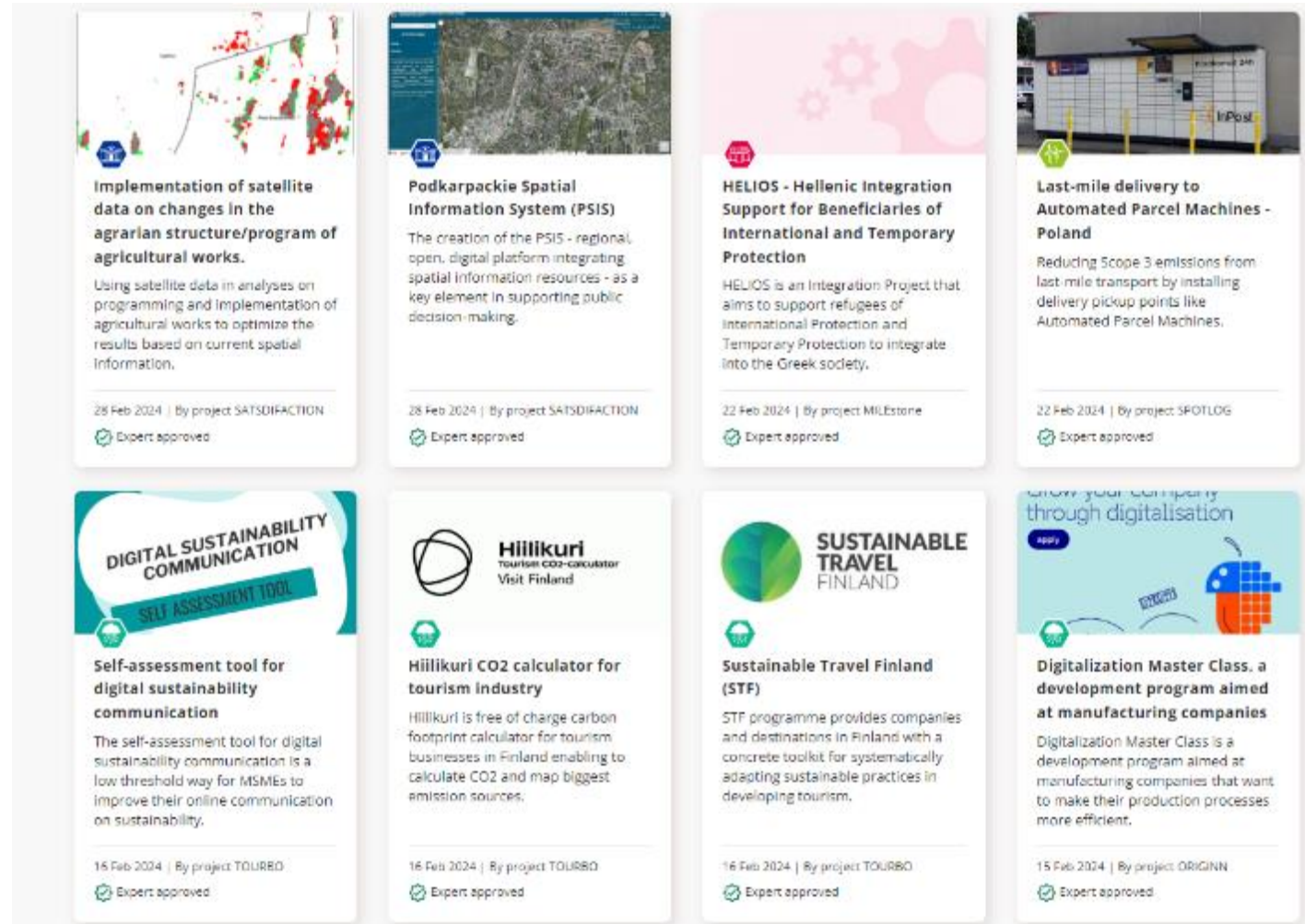


Analytical **policy briefs**, news and publications

<https://interregeurope.eu/policy-solutions>

KNOWLEDGE: Good practice database

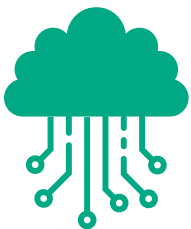
Over **3,200**
expert-validated
good practices
are available
online



KNOWLEDGE: Policy brief example

Digital transformation of public services

- Presents a general overview of the most relevant EU initiatives, regulations, and strategies which are **shaping Europe's digital future**
- Features **good practices in public authorities' involvement** in digital transformation processes and **interoperability** among EU's Member States



KNOWLEDGE: Policy briefs for download

All policy briefs
are available
online

POLICY BRIEF

Digital transformation of public services

This policy brief provides a general overview of the most relevant initiatives, regulations, and strategies of the European Union, which are shaping Europe's digital future.

28 March 2024 | By Platform

POLICY BRIEF

Sustainable and circular construction

This policy brief provides an overview of EU initiatives to inspire local and regional authorities and showcase practical examples of stimulating the transition to a circular and sustainable building sector.

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POLICY BRIEF

Research valorisation

In this policy brief, you will find policy recommendations to inspire policymakers in designing and delivering effective policies for research valorisation.

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POLICY BRIEF

The social dimension of culture

Explore the social dimension of culture and learn how cultural initiatives and CCIs can impact social policies on the ground in this policy brief.

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POLICY BRIEF

Cultural and Creative Industries

In this policy brief, you will find policies to promote strategic development of CCIs, to facilitate access to funding, and to foster innovation-friendly infrastructure and environments.

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POLICY BRIEF

Smart energy management

In this policy brief, you will discover how smart energy management can help you make informed decisions, optimise consumption, reduce waste and lower costs!

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POLICY BRIEF

Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation

Explore EU initiatives and ways to mitigate climate change in this policy brief. You'll also discover a selection of good practices with a high degree of replicability in other municipal contexts.

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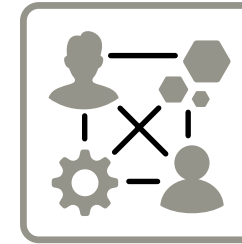
POLICY BRIEF

Circular transition in SMEs

Explore the Interreg Europe community's experience regarding regional circular economy strategies and roadmaps, circular economy hubs and collaborative frameworks in this policy brief!

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Access to **PEOPLE**



- Policy inspiration from practitioners to practitioners



14,000+ Interreg Europe
community members



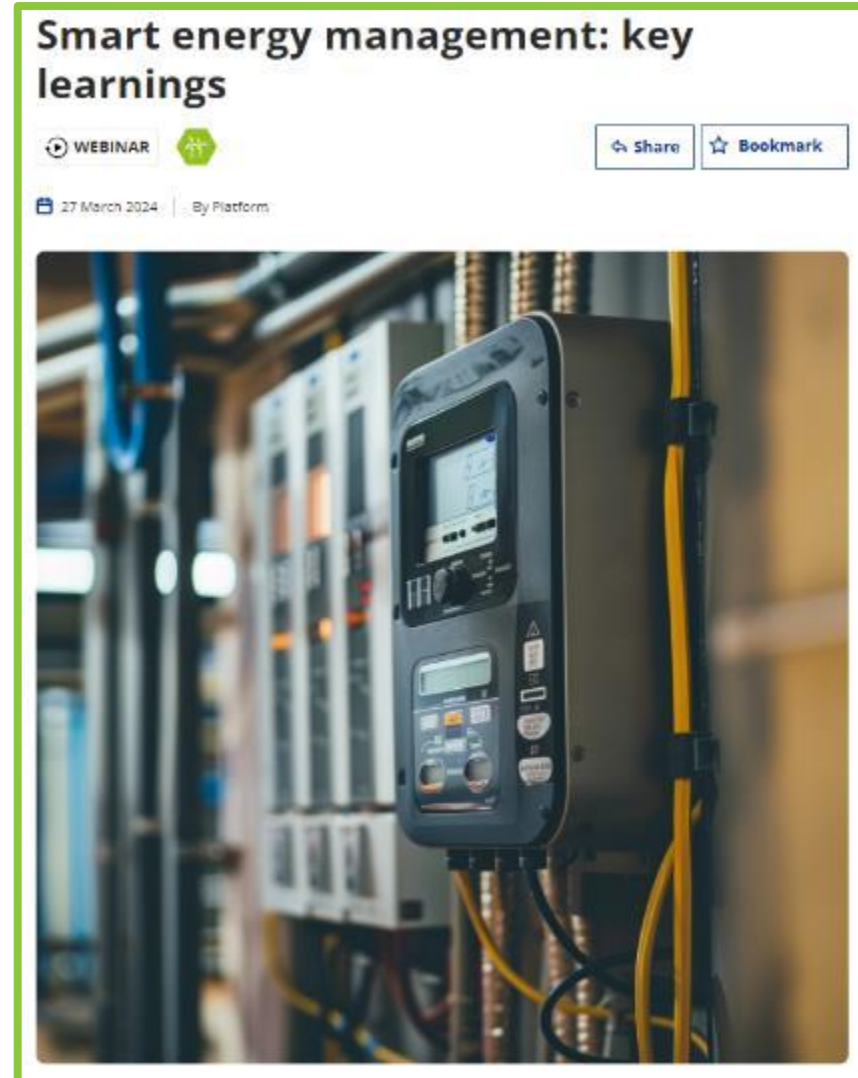
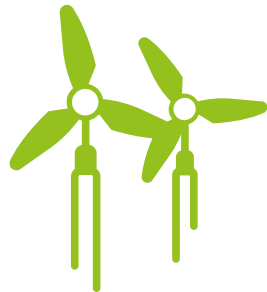
Thematic **policy-learning** events

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/community>

PEOPLE: Webinar example


Smart energy management

- Webinar focusing on the monitoring, controlling, and optimisation of **energy systems** and infrastructures through information and communication technologies and **data-driven strategies**
- Presented good practices from three Interreg Europe projects



PEOPLE: Policy-learning events online

- All community members can **register and join**




23 APR 2024

Online

From biowaste to resource I: exploring methods to increase biowaste collection

On 23 April 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is hosting the first episode of the webinar series from waste to resource: biowaste collection and treatment. Join us for the first session on exploring methods to increase biowaste collection from 14:00 to 15:30 CEST.

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30 APR 2024

Online

From biowaste to resource II: innovative biowaste treatment solutions

On 30 April 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is hosting the second episode of the webinar series from waste to resource: biowaste collection and treatment. Join us for the first session on innovative biowaste treatment solution from 14:00 to 15:30 CEST.

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22 MAY 2024

In person

Promoting sustainable materials and circularity in construction

On 22 May 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is pleased to invite you to a workshop on promoting sustainable materials and circularity in construction in Vienna, Austria!

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23 MAY 2024

In person

Enabling the renovation wave

On 23 May 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is pleased to invite you to a workshop on enabling the renovation wave in Vienna, Austria!

By Platform




29 MAY 2024

In person

Entrepreneurship in rural areas with population decline

On 29 May 2024, the Policy Learning Platform is pleased to invite you to a workshop on entrepreneurship in rural areas with population decline in Burgos, Spain!

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05 JUN 2024

In person

Digital transformation of public sector services

The Policy Learning Platform will host a workshop on the digital transformation of public sector services. Let's meet in Vilnius, Lithuania on 5 June 2024.

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Access to **EXPERTISE**

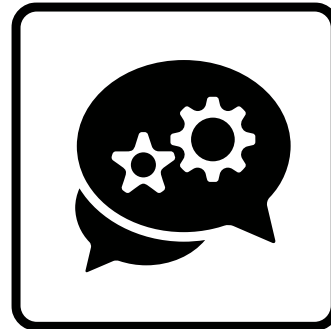


- **Policy advice services** from our thematic experts



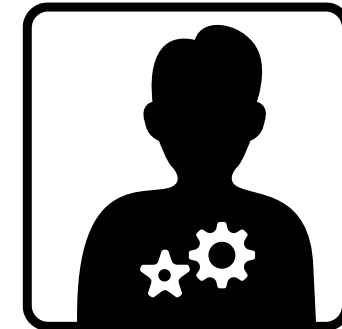
Peer reviews

in-dept analysis and peer recommendations



Matchmakings

Ideas on how to resolve a policy challenge



Policy helpdesk

Ideas on how to resolve a policy challenge

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/get-policy-advice>

Peer learning **IN PRACTICE**

📍 **72 peer reviews** implemented since 2019
8 peer reviews in the pipeline

📍 **44 matchmaking** sessions

Apply to benefit from expert support any time

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/get-policy-advice>



Matchmaking: Project bundling for photovoltaic on public buildings

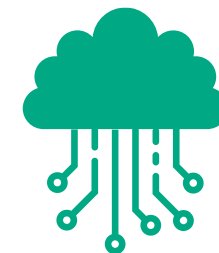
► Azores region, Portugal

Peers from: **Portugal, Spain**

Recommendations:

- Renewable energy projects have become commercially viable over time
- Photovoltaic projects have a relatively short payback time
- Individual photovoltaic rooftop projects have a higher cost than large scale projects

More information available [here](#)



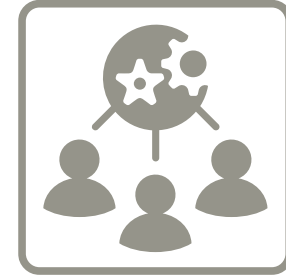
Ask for your **PEER REVIEW!**



- Contact the Platform expert
- Apply any time
- Assessment of your application within 1 month
- Expertise tailored to your needs!

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/peer-review>

Get a **PEER REVIEW**: Step 1



APPLY - define your need:

- Contact our thematic experts
- Define with them the main policy challenge you want to address
- Submit a **short online application**



<http://www.interregeurope.eu/peer-review>

Get a **PEER REVIEW:** Step 2



PREPARE and select peers:

- Draft a thematic background paper about your challenge
- Select your peers from the list prepared by our experts
- Join an online meeting to finalise your peer review agenda
- Book the meeting venue
- Invite your relevant local stakeholders



Get a **PEER REVIEW**: Step 3



HOST your peer review:

- **2-day meeting** in your region
- Our experts moderate and facilitate
- You present your policy challenge (optional - interviews with your key stakeholders)
- Our experts and the peers propose **policy recommendations and “to-do-list”** for your region
- Recommendations are presented to you and your key decision-makers for feedback



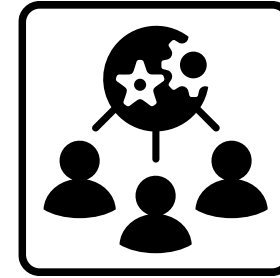
Get a **PEER REVIEW**: Step 4



FOLLOW-UP:

- Draft a **short report** with the solutions identified and the follow-up actions
- Reply to our **evaluation** survey
- Discuss in a **follow up interview** with our experts about the results (a few months later)






Peer review **KEY FEATURES**

Costs covered by the platform:

- For hosts:
 - Catering, interpretation and local transport (if needed)
- For peers:
 - Travel and accommodation costs
 - Flat Daily Allowance (FDA) of EUR 350 for up to three working days (upon request per organisation)

EXPERTISE: Over 70 peer reviews delivered

Reports with recommendations **available** online




PEER REVIEW

Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) within a multi-level perspective in East Flanders

The Policy Learning Platform conducted a peer review for the Province of East Flanders in Ghent, Belgium, held on 6-7 March 2024. The Province of East Flanders sought inspiration for the effective implementation of its Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) within a multi-level perspective.

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PEER REVIEW

CO2 impact assessment methodologies for applicants and funding program owners

On 30-31 November 2023, the Policy Learning Platform held an onsite peer review for the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy, Transportation, and Housing from German State of Hesse, which requested advice regarding their policy challenge on assessing applicants for funding based on the potential CO2 impact of the projects.

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PEER REVIEW

Challenge-driven innovation to promote university-industry collaboration

The Policy Learning Platform conducted a peer review for the Autonomous Region of the Azores, Portugal, held on 30-31 January 2024. The Azores government sought inspiration to promote challenge-driven innovation policies for university-industry collaboration.

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PEER REVIEW

Financing and incentivising energy renovation of condominiums

On 31 January – 1 February 2024, the Policy Learning Platform organised a peer review for the Métropole Européenne de Lille (MEL), France, which requested advice on 'Financing and incentivising energy-efficient renovation of condominiums'.

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Learn more in our **PUBLICATION**



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Peer review

A fast track to policy solutions



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could do for your region!

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the publication



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Hyödyllisiä kotimaisia linkkejä:

Aineistot kevään 2024 infotilaisuudesta:

<https://rakennerahastot.fi/interreg-ohjelmien-tapahtumat> :

- **kolme videota, joissa kerrotaan suomalaisia kokemuksia hankeyhteistyöstä sekä Peer Review-vertaisarvioinnista**



Peer Review / projektipäällikkö Harri Kuusela, Päijät-Hämeen liitto:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSTiwyQ1DgM>

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