

INTERREG VI Hydrogen Industry Cluster

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Overview

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Interreg - the basics



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What is an Interreg project?

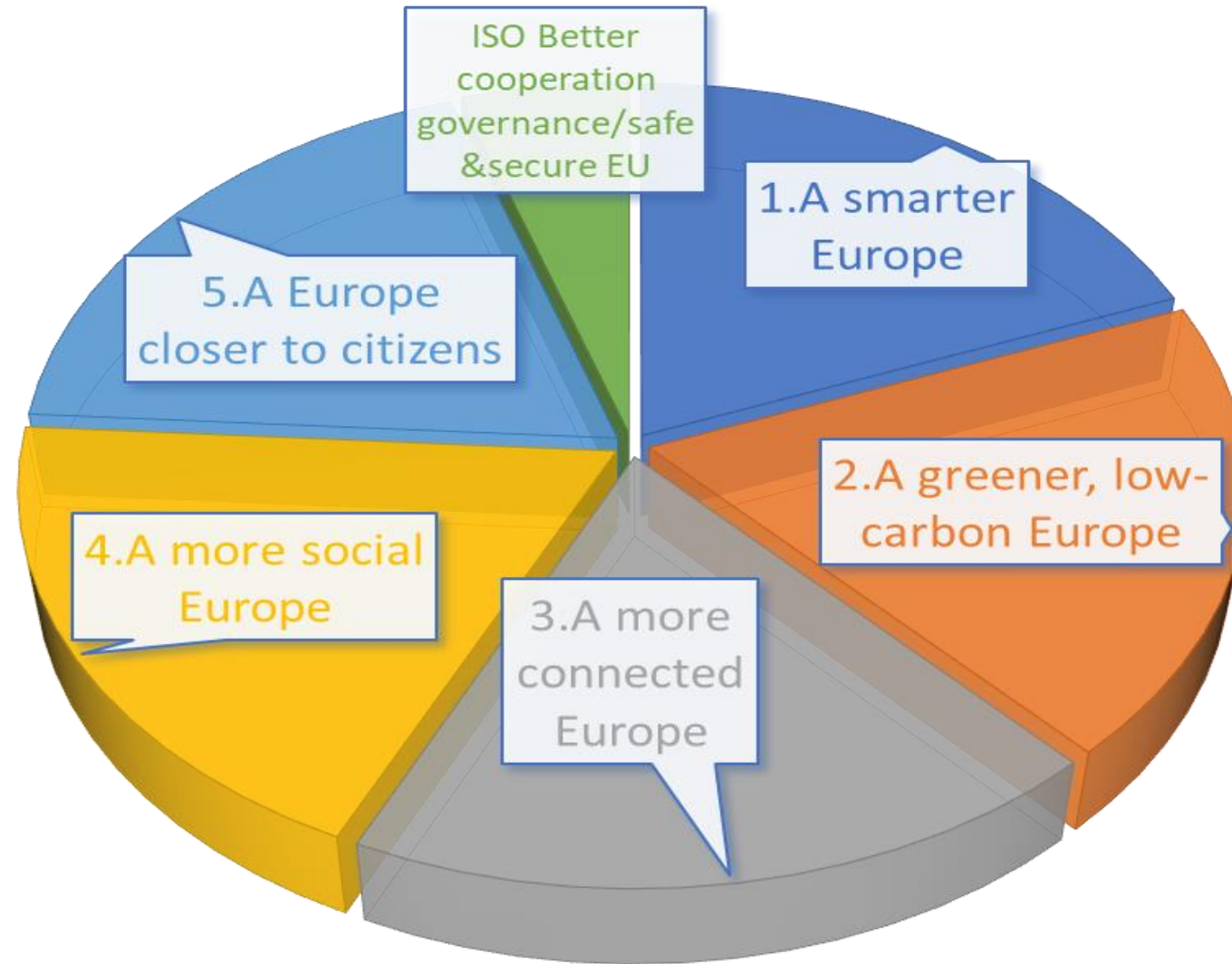
- **Crossborder/interregional** cooperation (with complementary expertise/contributions)
- Within **defined geographical areas** for each programme – collaboration with partners outside area possible if necessary
- Tackling **societal challenges**: climate mitigation & adaptation, health, biodiversity, circular economy, labour market/skills, border obstacles, ...
- **Quadruple helix** partnerships: bringing together government, knowledge institutions, private enterprises (focus on SME's), NGO's, ... working “close to citizens”





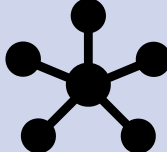



What is an Interreg project?

- Typically **3 to 4 years** running
- Diverse range of **project budgets**: € 1 - 8 mio, average € 2-3 mio, or small scale projects
- Diverse range of **interventions**: R&D innovation (TRL 4-8/9), infrastructure (not large-scale or roll-out), cooperation, demonstration, pilots, living labs, SME voucher schemes, ...
→ often mixed in one project

EU options menu

5 EU policy goals



<p>Crossborder</p>	 <p>A Smarter Europe – R&D&I capacity / RIS3</p>	 <p>Greener, Low Carbon Europe</p>	 <p>skills for “smart” & “climate” / Life Long Learning, ...</p>	 <p>Sustainable tourism</p>	 <p>Better cooperation, governance</p>
<p>Transnational</p>	 <p>Greener, Low Carbon Europe</p>		 <p>A Smarter Europe - R&D&I capacity / RIS3</p>	<p>“Niche” topics Transn. governance by government & intermediates, sustainable transport, health,...</p>	
<p>Interreg Europe</p>	<p>Smart/green/inclusive regional policy</p>				
<p>Urbact - UIA</p>	 <p>Smart/green/inclusive cities</p>				

Only neighbouring countries (action-oriented/implementation)

Flanders-The Netherlands



Meuse-Rhine



France-Wallonie-Flanders

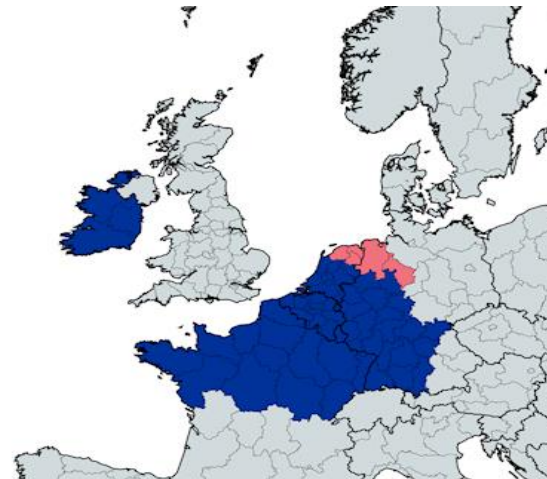


Grouping multiple EU countries (action-oriented/implementation)

North Sea Region



North West Europe



EU 27

(Mostly policy learning, platforms...)

Interreg Europe

Urbact

Urban Innovative Actions



EFRO-budget – in mio €	2014-2020	2021-2027
EFRO INTERREG		
<u>Crossborder</u>		
Border region Flanders-The Netherlands	152.6	205
Euregion Meuse-Rhine	96	125
France-Wallonie-Flanders	170	286
<u>Transnational</u>		
North Sea Region	167.2	176,5
North West Europe	396	310
<u>Interregional</u>		
Interreg Europe	359	379
Urbact	74	79.7
Urban Innovatieve Actions	372	300

Project Life Cycle

Av. 3-4 years

Approx. 1 year

Project idea

Project development

Step 1 – Expression of interest/concept application

Step 2 – Full application *(if selected step 1)*

Implementation & reporting *(if selected step 2)*

Closure & future perspectives

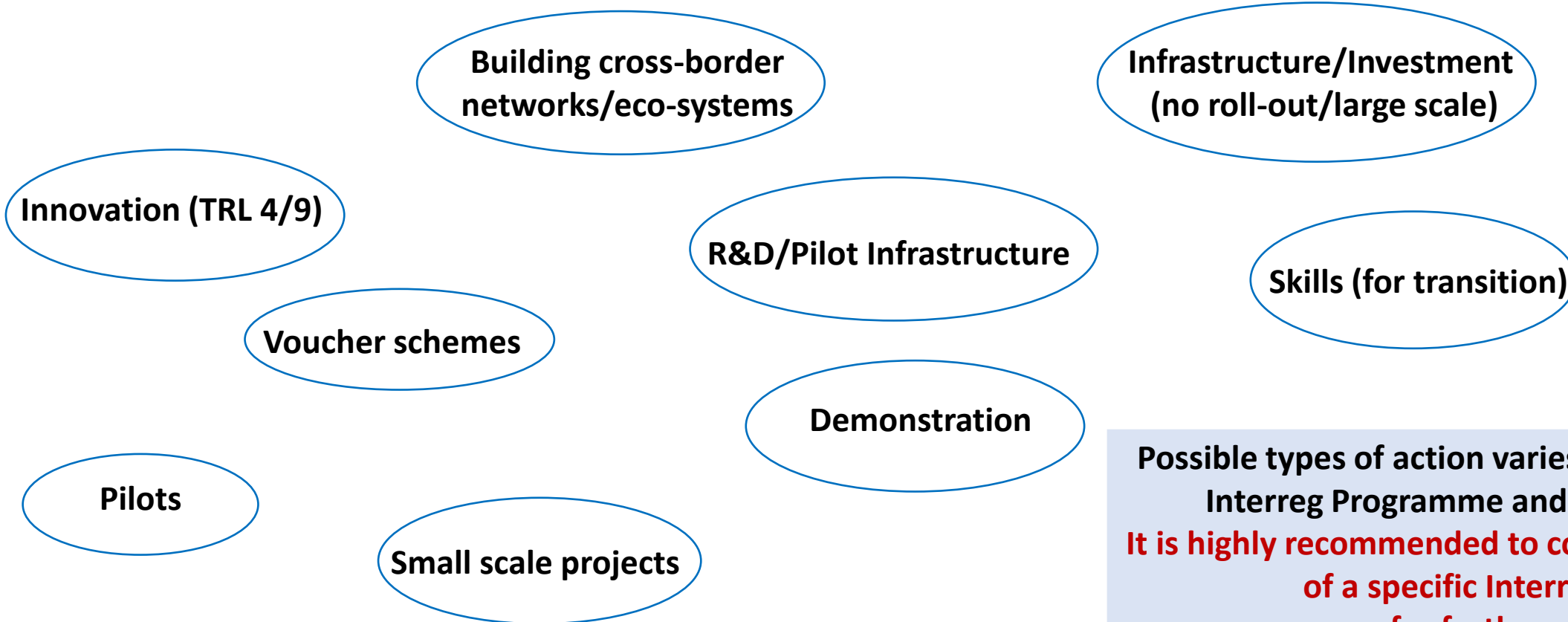
Interreg VI & the H2-Industry Cluster



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Types of actions/interventions

Different types of actions/interventions can sometimes be combined in one project



Possible types of action varies according to Interreg Programme and priority. **It is highly recommended to consult the NCP of a specific Interreg programme for further guidance.**

IP's & H2-Industry Cluster strategic vision

H2-Ind. Cluster focus	Possibilities in Interreg cfr H2-Ind. challenges
Domestic production	E.g. R&D TRL4-8/9, small scale pilots, no large-scale production/roll-out
Import	E.g. roadmapping, small scale infrastructure, pilots, partnerships
Distribution & storage	E.g. pilots, local open-access infrastructure, no large-scale interconnections
H2 in industry	E.g. R&D TRL4-8/9, pilots in industry
H2 in transport	E.g. demonstration, no large-scale implementation
H2 in built-up area	E.g. roadmapping, pilots, R&D TRL 4-8/9, demonstration
H2 power generation	E.g. R&D TRL 4-8/9, demonstration
Research & Innovation	Yes, for all topics; but with SMART/tangible outputs "visible" for citizens, no basic or fundamental research but "valorisation" into products, services...required, no standalone 'research-only' projects

! Cross-border/transnational cooperation & complementary added value as a pre-requisite for all projects

- **Each projectpartner** in the project consortium **has it's own budget** as part of the overall project budget, covering the cost for its contribution to the project outcomes
- **Wide array of eligible costs:** staff, overhead, external expertise/services, travel costs, communication, infrastructure, equipment, ... or combinations thereof
- Use of **simplified cost options:** flat rates, unit costs, lump sums, ...
- On average **max. 50-60% financing rate by programmes.**

- **Additional public cofinancing possible** by (regional) government up to 80% (art 20 GBER) or 100% (De-minimis or no state aid) of eligible project costs covered
- **State Aid** applies to Interreg funding, but ample **solutions available**
 - Art 20 GBER: max. 80% fin. rate for up to € 2 mio per partner per project & for all types of costs / indirect support to non-projectpartners up to 20k euro per undertaking per project
 - De-minimis (“multiple” de-minimis – ceiling 200k euro per country per 3 fiscal years)
- **Prefinancing** of eligible costs **by project partners**
- **Audit** procedures (first level, second level control, ...)

Calendar & support



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Calendar Interreg calls

NOW OPEN calls for projects

Deadline	Programme	Type
07/03/2022	North Sea Region	Expressions of interest & small-scale projects
22/04/2022	North Sea Region	Full applications
31/03/2022	Flanders-The Netherlands	Step 1 (“Aanmeldingen”)

Calendar Interreg calls

Expected calls for projects

Deadline	Programme	Type	Status
20/05/2022	Interreg Europe	First step AF	opening April 5th 2022
? June	North West Europe	Step 1	opening 22nd March 2022 (tbc)
? 2nd half 2022	Meuse-Rhine, France-Wallonie-Flanders, Urbact		

Calendar Interreg events

Programme events

Date	Programme	What
11th Februari '22	Flanders-The Netherlands	Info 1st call (digital)
February-March '22	Interreg B	VLAIO <i>digital road show</i> (04/02 Bruges, 08/02 Leuven, 10/02 Ghent) & <i>live</i> 23/03 Hasselt
30th March '22	NWE	Info 1st call (digital)
5th April '22	Interreg Europe	Info 1st call (digital)
25th May '22	NSR	NSR conference – Interreg VI (Bruges, live)
2nd half 09/22	Flanders-The Netherlands	Launch (location tbd, live)
Tbd later in '22	Maas-Rijn, Urbact, Fr-Wall-VI	Launch events

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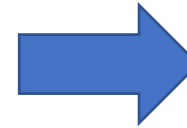
Role

1 on 1 support from idea to Interreg proof project application,

Partner search & match-making

Technical support during implementation

Liaison with Joint Secretariat (JS) ...

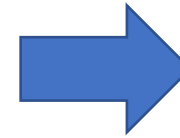


Available support

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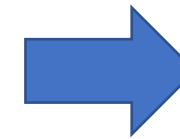


Role

General strategy & coordination

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Role

Strategy & interest advocacy

Representation in Committees

Project selection

Programme evaluation

EU & national compliance

Beschikbare ondersteuning

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