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What is Territorial Cooperation?

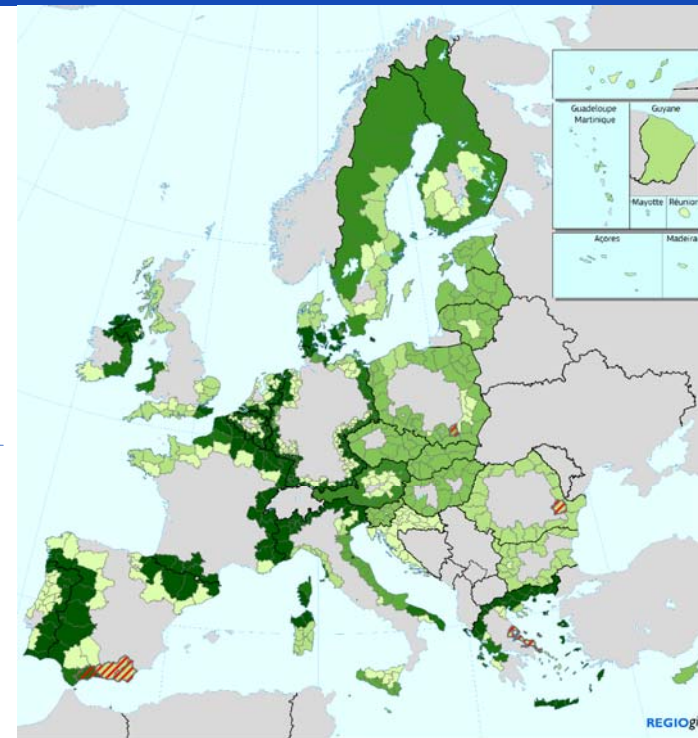
Interreg is a key European Union (EU) instrument that strengthens cooperation between regions and countries within the EU. As part of the EU's Cohesion Policy, Interreg plays a vital role in promoting **regional development, cohesion, and reducing economic disparities.**

For the 2021-2027 period, Interreg is focused on addressing current challenges like climate change, digital transformation, and social inclusion.

Evolution of eligibility since 1990...

Cross-border cooperation only

No major changes for post 2020



Cross-border cooperation 1989 - 2020





What is the added value of territorial cooperation?

Standalone countries or territories ↓

- High levels of interdependence and integration in the European Union;
- Current challenges, from economic development to environmental protection, can no longer be fully addressed in individual countries or territories;
- Issues extend beyond national and administrative borders;
- Decisions at different administrative/territorial units need to be coordinated, for highest impact;
- Functional border areas require a holistic approach to minimise the “border effect” and best serve the needs of the population living there;



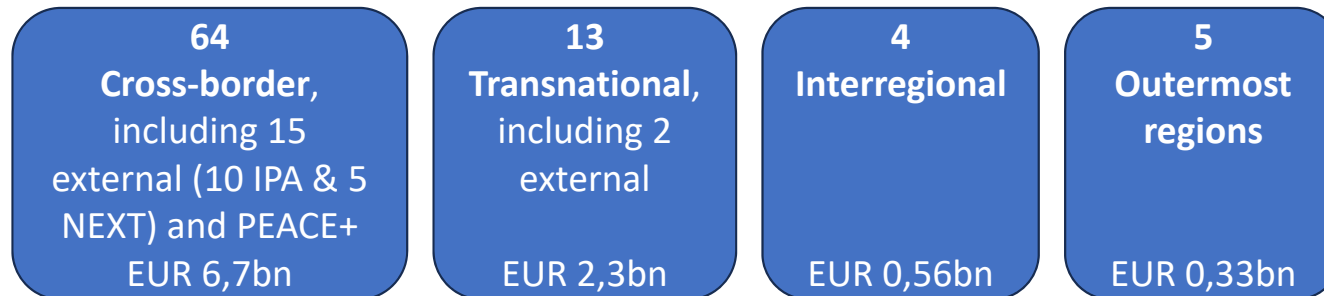
European territorial cooperation ↑

- offers a **unique governance system** that brings people living in EU’s borders areas closer together;
- identifies and **addresses border obstacles** hampering EU integration and seeks to **overcome location disadvantages** in peripheral border areas;
- allows EU countries to **look beyond their own territory, prepares candidate countries** for accession and **forges closer links** with neighbouring countries;
- **creates new communities** of common interest and **reinforces solidarity and resilience** of people living in border areas.

Interreg Added Value ->> the value resulting from an EU intervention which is additional to the value that would have been otherwise created by Member State action alone’ (EC)



Interreg 2021-2027: Programmes adoption



- 4 strands
- Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/74 – list of programmes + amounts (as per Article 11 IR)
- All 86 Interreg programmes adopted by the end of 2022
 - (incl. 6 programmes with participation of Ukraine and Moldova; 10 programmes with Russia and Belarus discontinued)
- 3% of the cohesion policy budget, ca EUR 10 billion (incl. external funds)



Interreg 2021-2027: POs to implement EU priorities across the borders



Policy objectives to implement EU priorities across the borders



Let's practice capitalisation!

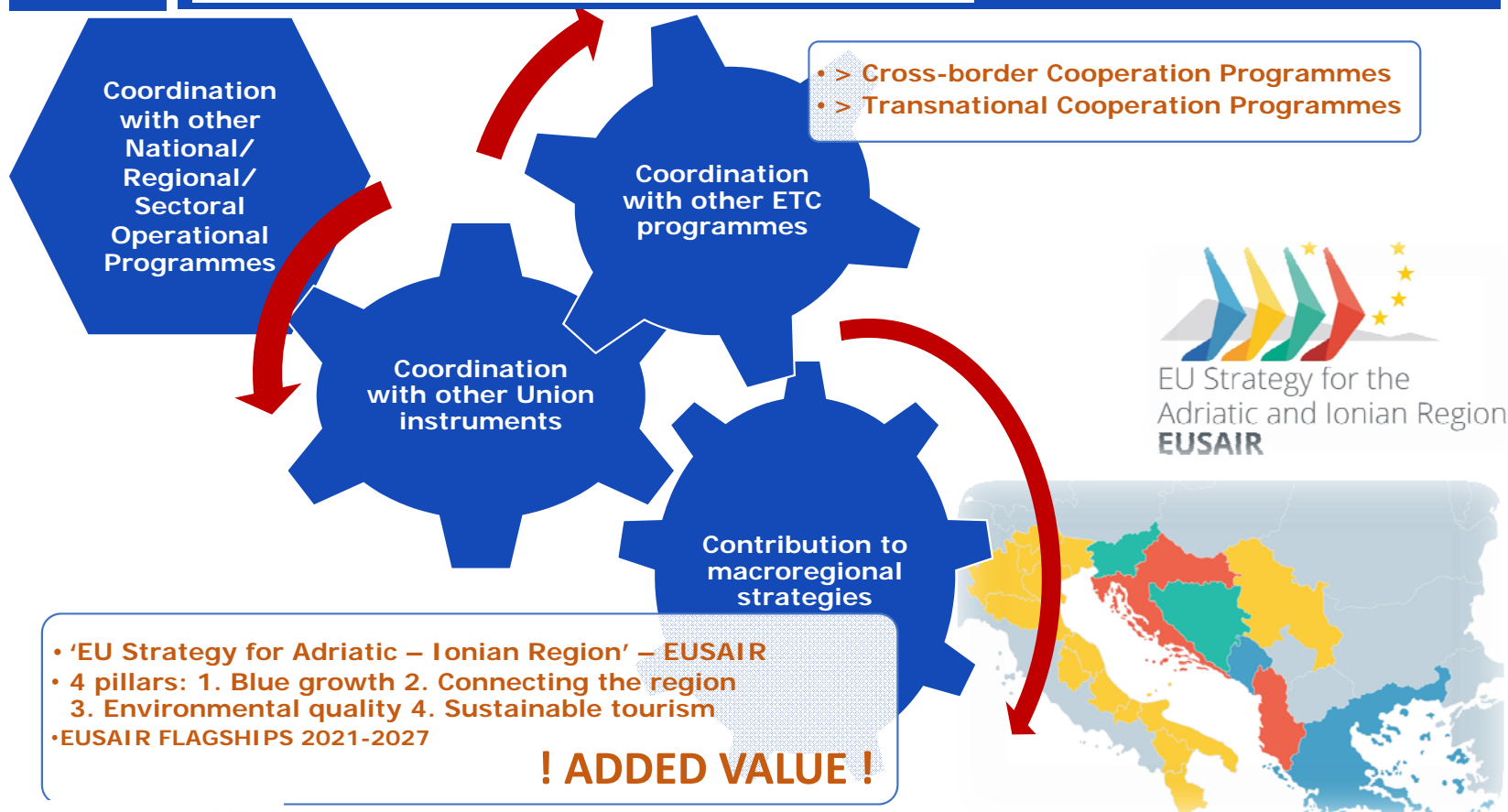
Capitalisation is defined as 'a process of collecting, analysing, exchanging, and transferring/ adapting good practices and experiences gained in a specific field of territorial development policy'.

Main objectives:

- Making the knowledge and results generated by projects more accessible, thus improving transfer of knowledge;
- Obtaining additional results through the benchmarking and detailed content analysis, building on existing knowledge and experience;
- Promoting the re-use and/ or transfer of this knowledge and these results, in order to boost performance and delivery;
- Raising awareness and improving communication of results in specific fields of regional policy;
- **OVERALL increasing the professional capacity of people and organisations involved and improving the territorial development policies** of the participating regions



Synergies and Complementarities



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