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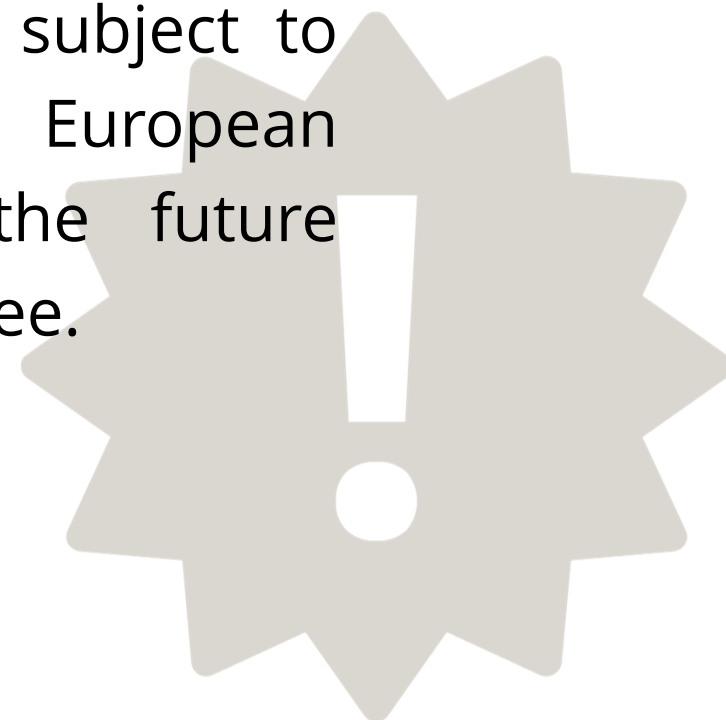


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Part of Interreg family

Almost **10 billion EUR** are shared between more than **100 Interreg programmes**

Cross-border Interreg A	Transnational Interreg B	Interregional Interreg C	Outermost Regions Interreg D
49 internal borders 10 pre-accession instrument 14 neighborhood instrument <i>(6.5 billion EUR)</i>	14 programmes <i>(1.5 billion EUR)</i>	4 programmes <i>(550 MEUR)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interreg Europe ▪ Interact ▪ URBACT ▪ ESPON 	▪ 1 Programme <i>(280 MEUR)</i>

Interreg Europe **objective**

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

How?

Through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and **capacity building** (in relation to the identification & transfer of good practices)

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

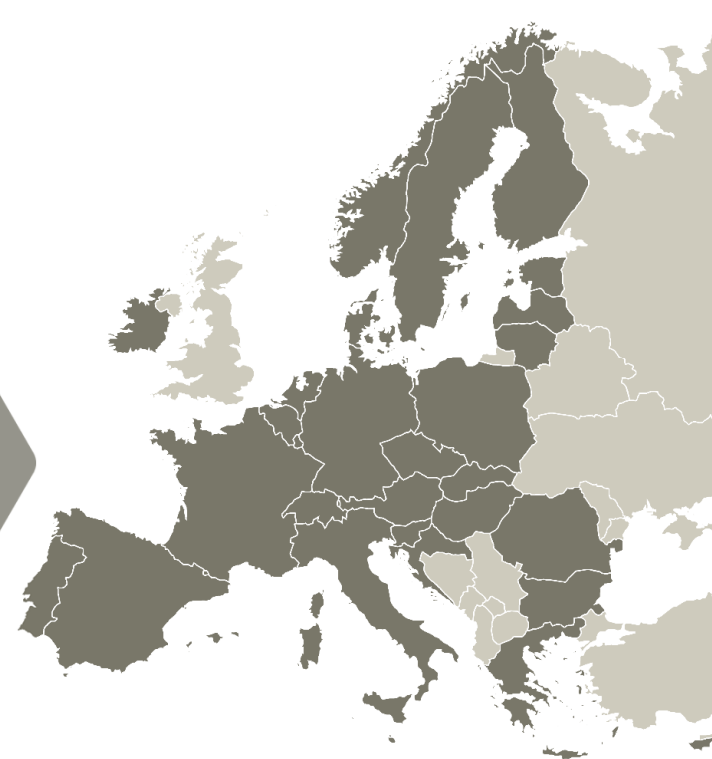


Sharing solutions for better regional policy

€
379m
PROGRAMME
BUDGET

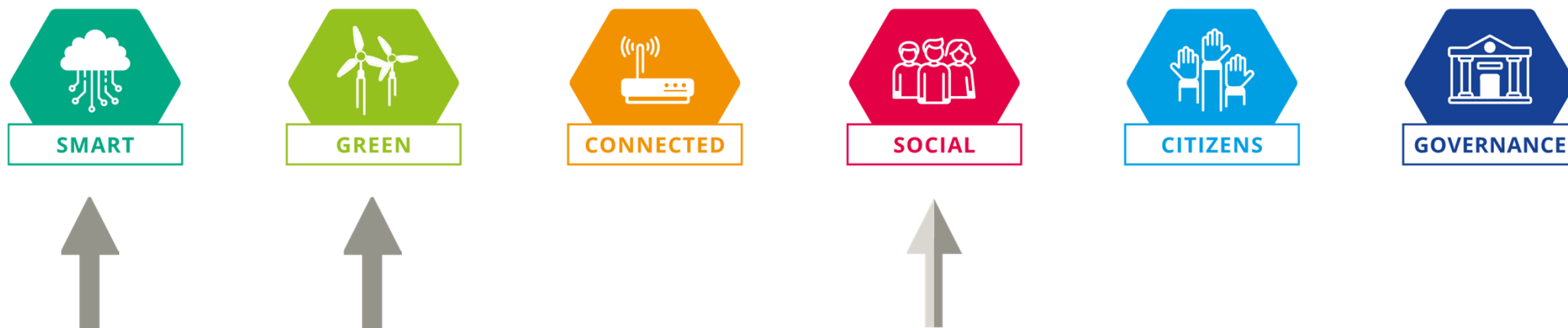
1
PRIORITY
capacity building

29
COUNTRIES
INVOLVED



Programme **scope**

1 cross-cutting priority on capacity building (ISO1) → **six topics**



Concentration principle (80%)

Two actions



Projects

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



First Call closed on 31st May 2022: 134 applications received



Policy Learning Platform

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

Project **activities**

- Learning by **exchanging experience** (e.g., workshop, seminars, study visits, peer reviews) – **good practices** identification & transfer
- Learning by **doing: pilot actions** from the start of the project or at mid-term (max one per region)

➔ **increased capacity** of people and organisations



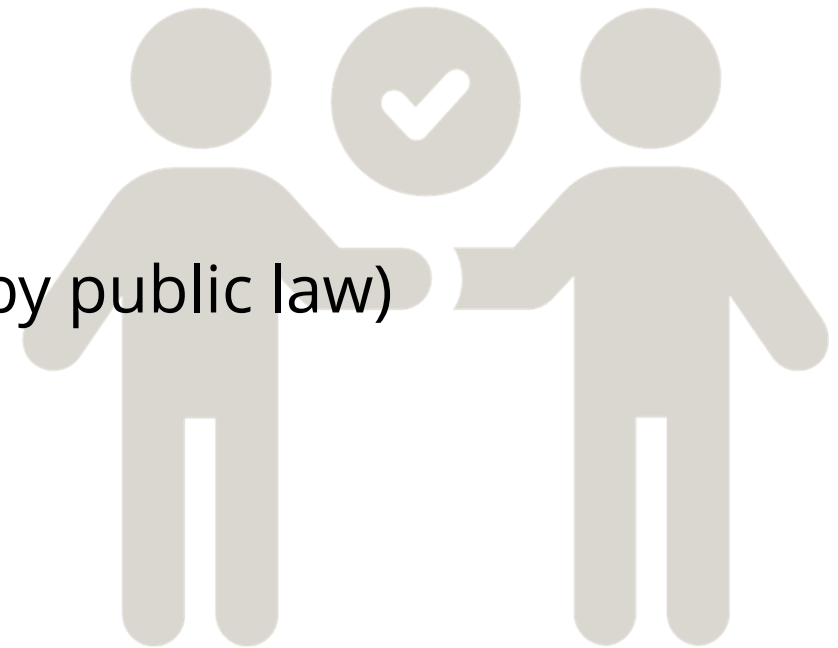
Implementation of activities

2 phases over 4-year implementation

CORE	FOLLOW UP
3 years	1 year
Exchange of experience to achieve policy improvements	Monitor policy improvements

Who is **eligible**?

- **Public authorities**
- **Public law bodies** (bodies governed by public law)
- **Private non-profit bodies**



Policy relevance of partnership

Policy responsible authorities must be involved in the project

- **As partners for at least 50% of the policy instruments addressed**
- **As 'associated policy authorities'** for the remaining policy instruments

Creation of a **stakeholder group** in each region



What is an **'associated policy authority'**



Main features:

- Officially included in the application form
- No budget - travel & accommodation costs covered by relevant project partner
- Declaration provided at the application stage
- Involvement regularly monitored during project implementation

Innovative character

What is the **added value** of your project?

Remember to check:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/search-approved-projects>



Simplified financial rules

Cost categories	Simplification
Preparation costs	Lump sum €17,500
Staff	Fixed % of the real gross employment cost
Office & administration	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs
Travel & accommodation	Flat rate of 15% of staff costs (real cost reporting only in specific justified cases)
External Expertise and Services	
Equipment	
Infrastructure and Works	For pilots only

Co-financing rates

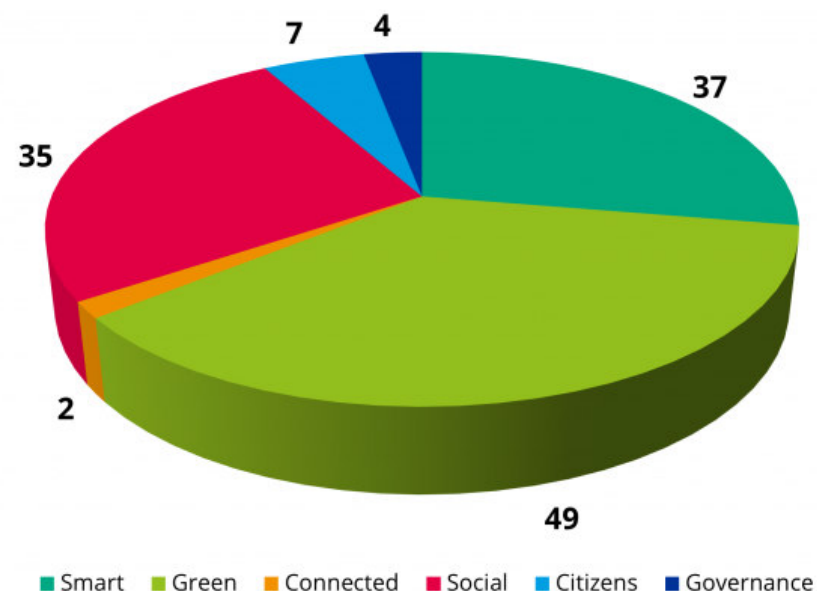
Co-financing rates	According to legal status or location
80% ERDF*	Public or public equivalent from the EU
70% ERDF*	Private non-profit from the EU
50% Norwegian funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Norway (NO)
Swiss funding	Public, public equivalent and private non-profit from Switzerland (CH)

* ERDF – European Regional Development Fund

Calls for project proposals

First Call closed on 31st May 2022

8	The number of weeks the first Interreg Europe call for proposals lasted. It opened on 5 April and closed on 31 May 2022.
134	The number of project proposals the programme received via the Interreg Europe Portal.
1,073	The number of partners from 780 organisations applying for cooperation. They come from all Interreg Europe partner states.
€1,432,730.5	The average ERDF budget per project proposal.
€191,985,880.90	The total ERDF budget the project proposals apply for. Partners from Norway apply for another 590,190 EUR of their national funds.



Second call expected during **first semester 2023**



Project development assistance

Discover the programme

Look for funding

Approved projects

Get policy advice

Find policy

Next call for projects

Discover our terms of reference



1. Check project relevance

Use our self-assessment tool



2. Get inspired

See approved projects and project ideas



3. Share your project idea

Explain what you want to do with your project



4. Find partners

Look for relevant organisations



5. Ask for feedback

Get guidance before applying



6. Apply for the call

Submit your project proposal

Available during calls

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call>

Platform in a nutshell

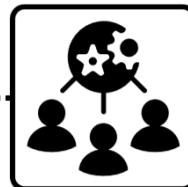


Provides **continuous policy-learning** opportunities
through access to:

Knowledge



People



Expert support



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Suplisson



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Brandenburg

Access to **knowledge**



- Wealth of policy solutions available



Database **of good practices** from all EU



Analytical **policy briefs**,
news and publications

Online **learning possibilities**



Relevant good practices – societal resilience

- EcoBus – flexible mobility in rural areas – Bad Gandersheim (DE)
- Underground collection points – Ghent (BE)
- CiLAB – boosting circular textiles – Mechelen (BE)
- Financial programme for rural development of SMEs – Sweden (SE)
- Tag your out. New methods in sports-fisheries create sustainable catch levels of wild salmon – County of Norrbotten (SE)

Access to **people**



- Policy inspiration from practitioner to practitioner



Community of 25,000+
practitioners



Networking and
policy-learning events

Online **learning possibilities**



Upcoming events

Webinar

- 28 June: Smart villages
- 17 June: Resilience of regional economies in the wake of COVID and the Ukraine war

Workshop

- 28 June: Behaviour change and participatory processes for sustainable mobility (Thessaloniki, Greece)

Peer learning in practice



Expert support services for free

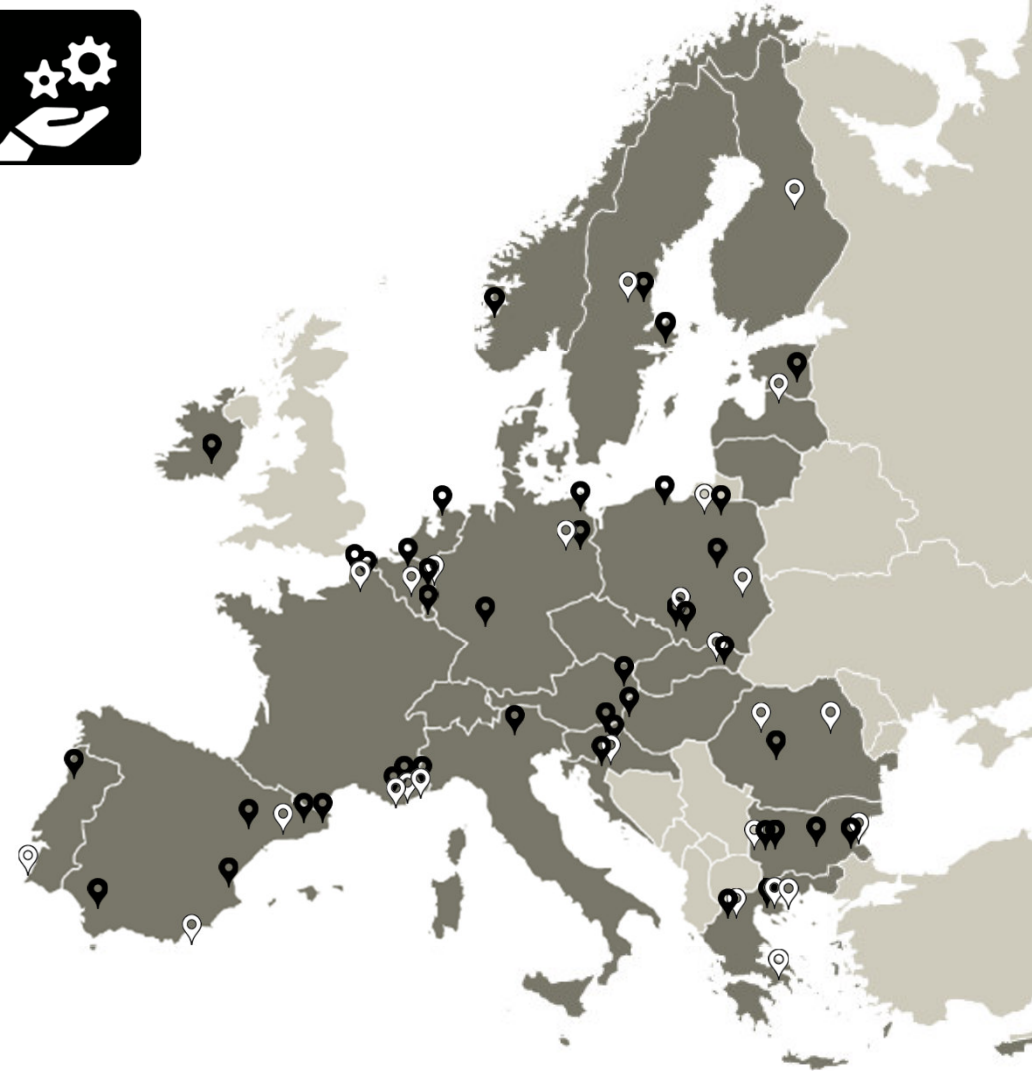
📍 39 peer reviews implemented
3 peer reviews in the pipeline

📍 24 matchmaking sessions
2 matchmaking in the pipeline

... and policy helpdesks

Apply to benefit from expert support any time

www.interregeurope.eu/get-policy-advice



Peer reviews – **what you can get:**

- Easily accessible and agile format
- Focused exchanges on your own challenge and territorial context
- Contact with selected peers
- Opportunity for stakeholder involvement
- Active facilitation by our team of experts
- Starting point for deeper cooperation
- Follow-up monitoring



The spirit of interregional peer learning

Peer Review for the Province of Fryslân



Example of **peer review**



For the **Autonomous Province of Trento, Italy**

Challenge

Make Val di Fiemme a *Green Community*

Team

Peers from Austria, Switzerland and Finland

Policy challenges addressed:

- Measures to create a coherent sustainable community (energy, environment and resources, economy, education, ...)
- Create a good governance structure with all stakeholders involved



Example of **peer review**



For the **Kilkenny County Council (KCC), Ireland**

Challenge

Urban mobility

Team

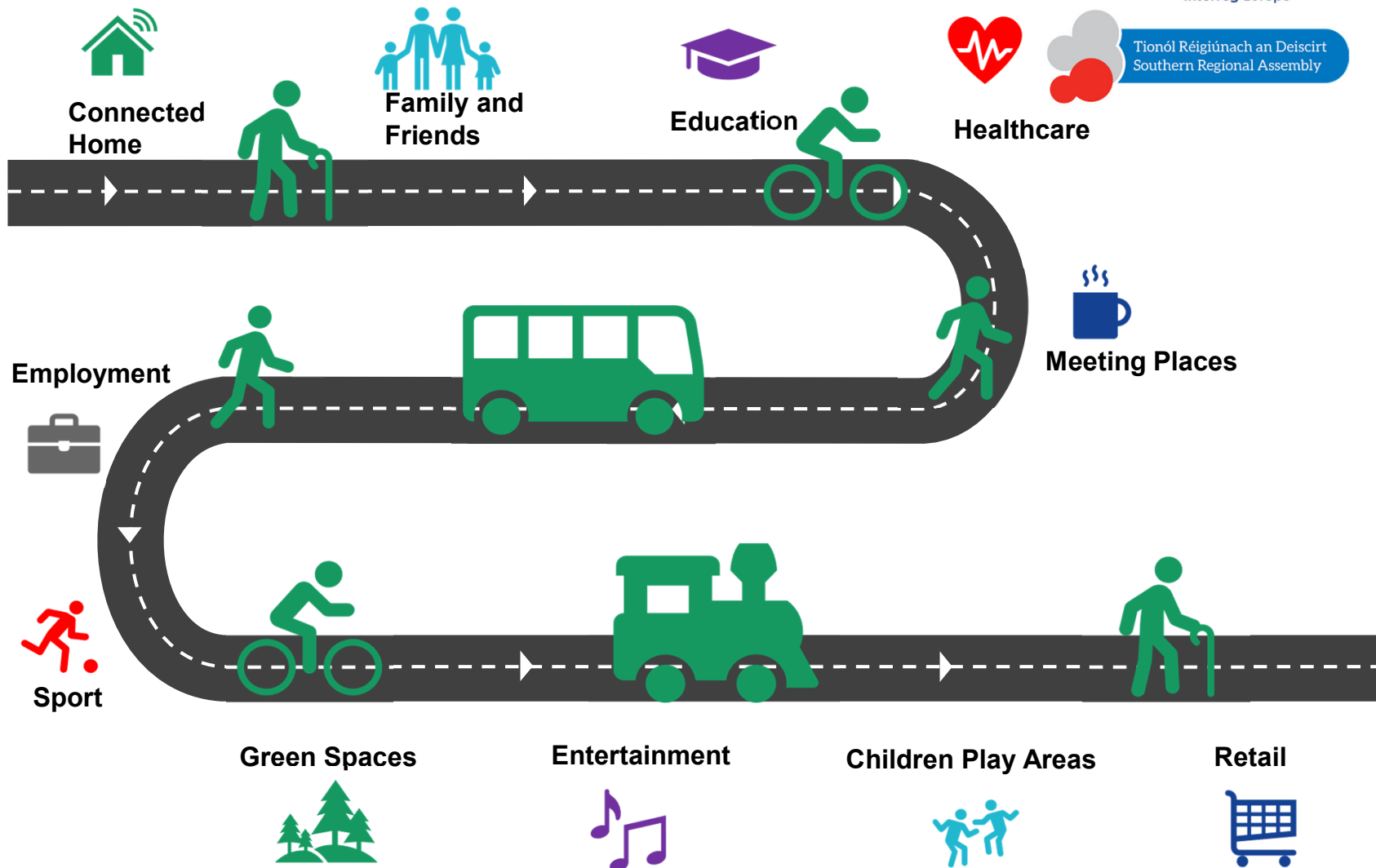
Peers from Ireland, UK, Greece and Slovenia

Policy challenges addressed:

- Urban space reallocation, car restrictive policies, actions prioritisation
- Gaining broad based support for modal shift and sustainable transport



What is a 10 Minute City & Town?



Example of a **peer review**



For **the Municipality of Rasinari, Romania**

Challenge

Governance and finance for protected areas

Team

Peers from Malta, Bulgaria, The Netherlands and Czech Republic

Policy challenges addressed:

- What governance structure best apply in Natura 2000 protected areas
- How to involve stakeholders and mitigate conflict of interests
- What financial instruments can be used to finance the implementation of protection measures



Example of a **peer review**



For **Greifswald, Germany**

Challenge

Land use and rehabilitation options for the former landfill site

Team

Peers from Malta, Belgium, Spain and France

Policy challenges addressed:

- How to transform the area into valuable functional parts of integrated urban land use
- How to foster urban inner development to avoid further suburbanization processes



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