

Interreg VI - A Italy-Austria
Cross-border cooperation programme

Cross-Border Regional Development

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I nostri progetti superano i confini



Unsere Projekte überwinden Grenzen

1
INNOVATION UND
UNTERNEHMEN
INNOVAZIONE E IMPRESE



2
CAMBIAMENTO CLIMATICO
E BIODIVERSITÀ
KLIMAWANDEL
UND BIODIVERSITÄT

3
NACHHALTIGER TOURISMUS
UND KULTURTOURISMUS
TURISMO SOSTENIBILE
E CULTURALE



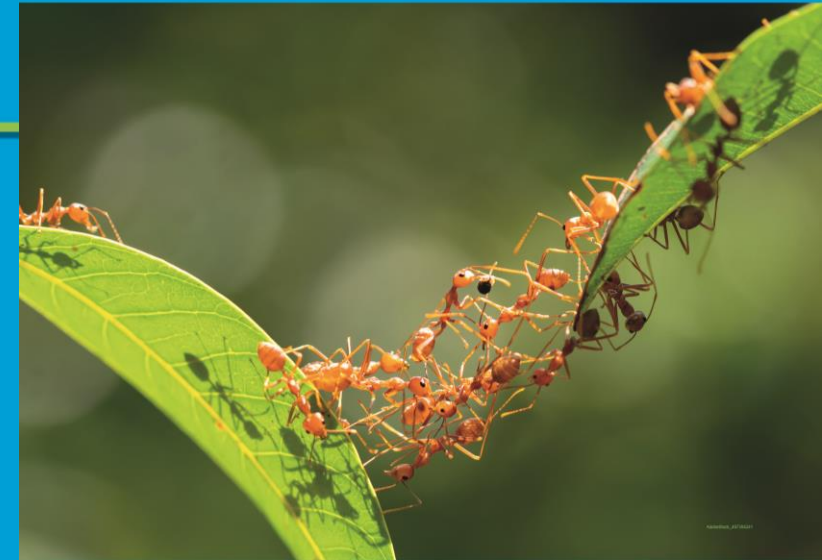
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SVILUPPO LOCALE
LOKALE ENTWICKLUNG
Community-Led Local Development (CLLD)

5
ABBAU VON
GRENZÜBERSCHREITENDEN
HINDERNISSEN
RIDUZIONE DEGLI OSTACOLI
TRANSFRONTALIERI



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Development (CLLD)



Un'Europa più vicina

Community-Led Local Development
Transfrontaliero (CLLD)

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Programme Priorities 2021-2027



1 INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



2 CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY



3 SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND CULTURE

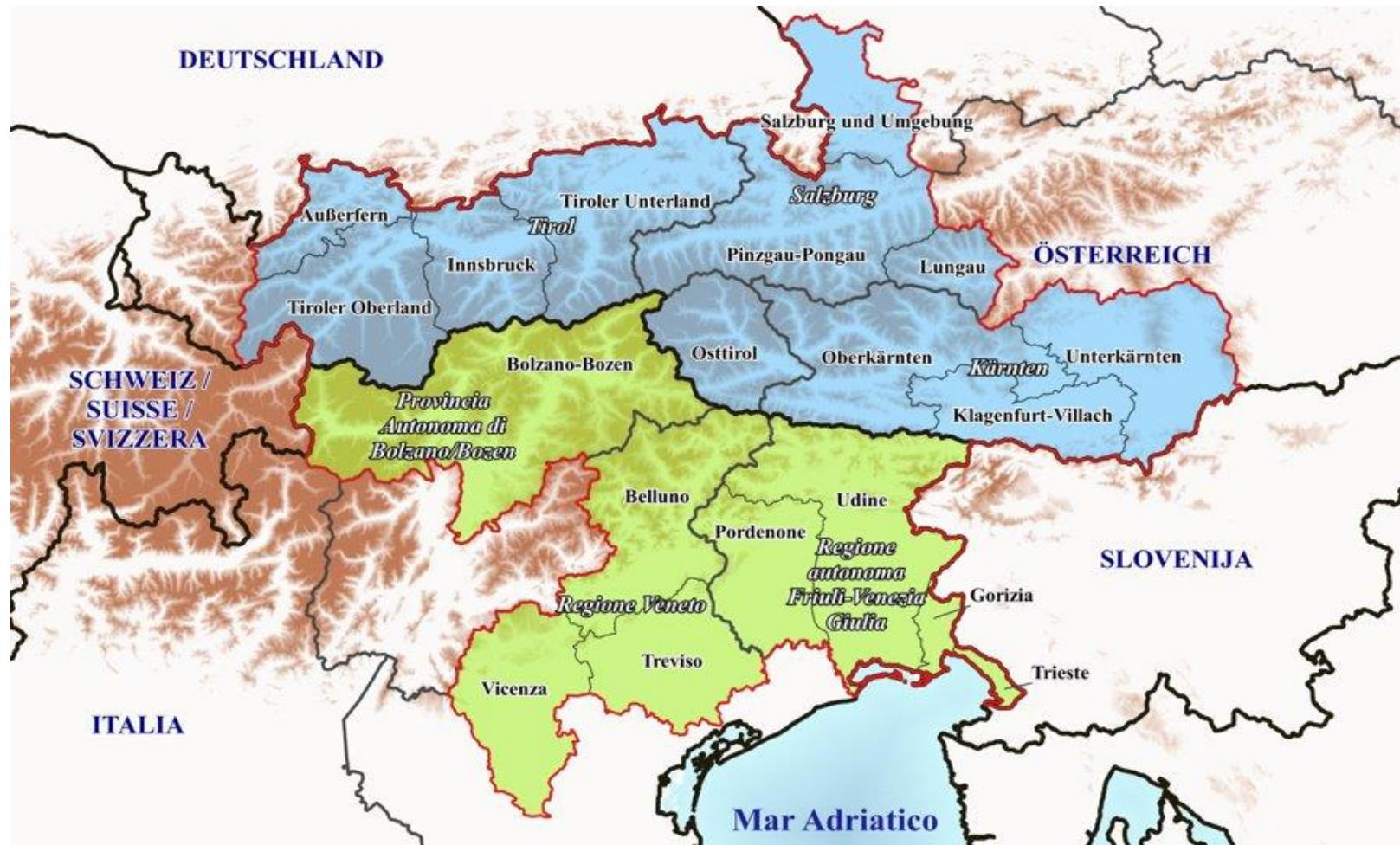


4 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT - CLLD



5 REDUCING CROSS-BORDER OBSTACLES

Interreg Italy-Austria Programme 2021-2027



- **5,5 million** people (in 2022)
- **50.000 km²** covered area
- **430 km** of border

The Programme within the Programme



Community-Led Local Development- CLLD

2014-2024: 10 years of innovative approach of transborder local development:

"prioritising local knowledge to address local problems with local solutions"

Slawomir Tokarski, DG Regio

LOCAL COMMUNITY BUILDING
LOCAL EMPOWERMENT
PARTICIPATION – BOTTOM UP
NETWORKING, LIVING LABS



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Multilevel governance

We work based on

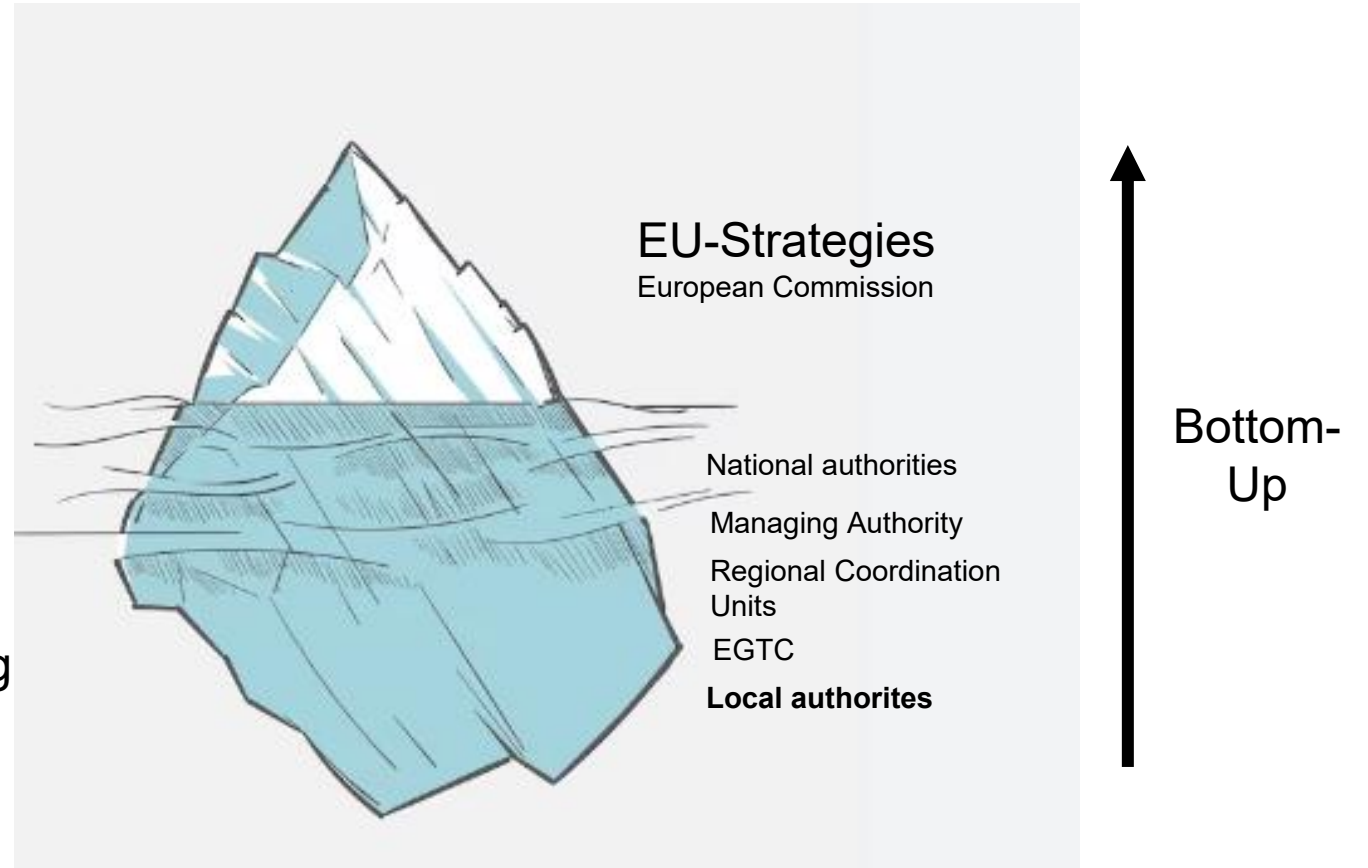
- **Consensus**
- **Trust**
- **Friendship** and good **Relationships**
- **Principle of partnership – stakeholder participation**

We have a

- **multi-language** approach
- Strong belief in **local empowerment** by involving Active Local Actors and maintaining them in place (peripheral areas)



Multilevel Governance



*Networking for
regional
development*

partnership

*area-based
approach*

*devolution of
decision-
making*

*Multi-level
governance
and
cooperation*

*bottom-up,
place-
based,
people-to-
people*

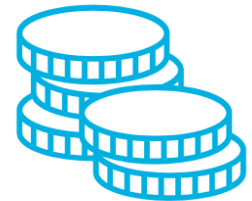
*Local
development
strategy*

*Innovative
dimension –
territorial
laboratories*



Draft Budget

- For projects with total costs below 200,000 €: Draft Budget
- No accounting of individual receipts, focus on plausibility of costs = **simplification of funding, better accessibility**
- Draft Budget is checked by the Regional Coordination Unit using a specific checklist
- The Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat conduct the final verification before formalization

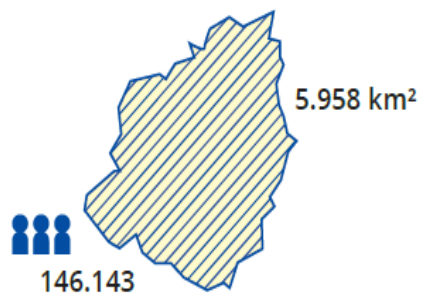


CLLD AREAS

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TERRA RAETICA

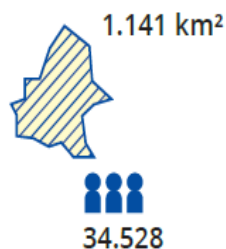
LAGS: RegioL (Landeck),
Imst, Vinschgau, Engiadina
Bassa (Nationalparkregion Schweiz)



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WIPPTAL

LAGS: Wipptal Tirol,
Wipptal Südtirol



3

DOLOMITI LIVE

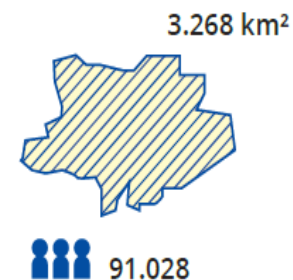
LAGS: Osttirol,
Pustertal, Belluno



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HEUROPEN

LAGS: Hermagor,
Euroleader (Carnia),
Open Leader (Gemonese,
Canal des Ferro e Val Canale)



	Terra Raetica	Wipptal	Dolomiti Live	HEurOpen
Population	151.681	36.170	193.262	101.600
Area covered	5.989 km ²	1.141 km ²	6.405 km ²	3.692 km ²
Municipalities	73	16	102	58
Planned Small Projects	64	15	25	22
Planned Medium Projects	18	10	26	10
Projects FA	-	5	12	8
Functional Area	-	✓	✓	✓



Community-Led Local Development

The added-value of cross-border local development in the
Interreg Italy-Austria Programme 2014-2020



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Brussels, September 2022

[Inforegio - Community-Led Local Development The added-value of cross-border local development in the Interreg Italy-Austria Programme 2014-2020 \(europa.eu\)](#)

"South Tyrol is a little Europe in Europe",
Arno Kompatscher, President of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen South Tyrol

Research Results

Institutional Added-Value Active involvement of the population Vertical- horizontal partnership Joint definition for cross-border action requirements	Political Added-Value Further development of European integration Building respect, trust, subsidiarity, and collaboration Support for economic and social cohesion Ensuring sustainable cooperation at the border
Socio-economic Added-Value Mobilisation of endogenous potential Participation of actors in the economic and social sectors Additional development opportunities Cross-border mobility and infrastructure	Socio-cultural Added-Value A common vision for border regions Spread of the very notion of cross-border cooperation Equal opportunities and transmission of language knowledge Targeted public relations

Key elements

- The process of comparison and cooperation between LAGs is essential for the development of CLLDs at cross-border level
- Strong inputs from some particularly motivated territorial actors (LAGs) are necessary; at the same time, it is expected that the CLLDs will tend to cover the whole border area of the programme
- The Managing Authority must establish clear common rules of the game that guarantee optimal time and methods for the elaboration of strategies, as well as for the subsequent implementation

EU-Policy making: CLLD

Proposal for a

**REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
establishing the European Fund for economic, social and territorial
cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and
security for the period 2028-2034 and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955
and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 {SWD(2025) 565 final}**

Article 76

Community-led local development

[EUR-Lex - 52025PC0565R\(01\) - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

Crossborder CLLD- approach raises interest...



Examples of good practises 2021-2027

Brass Band Terra Raetica



Together for more biodiversity



Examples of good practises 2021-2027

Cultural heritage

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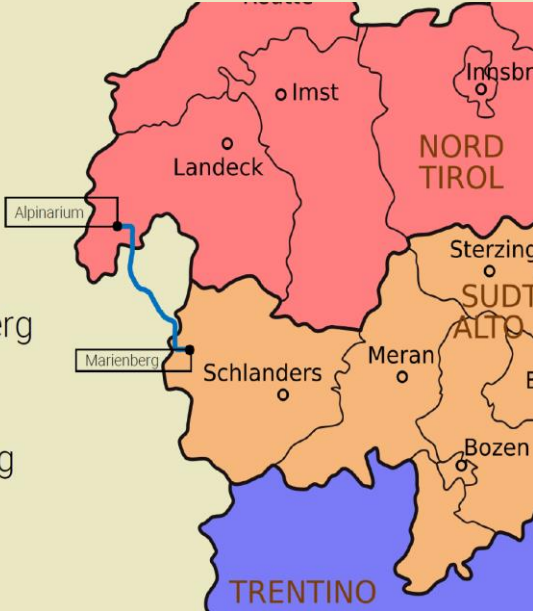
**TERRA
RAETICA**

MARIENBERG



- Interest route from Galtür (AT) through Ardez (CH) to Marienberg (IT)
- Opposite route: from Marienberg to Galtür

Alpinarium Galtür



Support for children and youth



Examples of good practises 2021-2027

Green spaces in villages

Encourage and promote the creation and sustainable design of public and private green spaces to enhance biodiversity



Move better in mountain regions

Improving public transport and mobility for citizens and tourists



Examples of good practises 2021-2027



Sponge - Cities Bruneck, Lienz & Pieve di Cadore

Creating knowledge together: Implementation of the tree planting system Sponge City

Duration: 01/03/2024 – 31/12/2025; Project sum: €198,647.33

Funding level: 80% Funding amount: €158,917.86

Examples of good practises 2021-2027



Democracy Responsible citizenship Knowledge and participation

Partner: Regionsmanagement Osttirol, Fondazione Società Bellunese, Jugenddienst Dekanat Bruneck

1/01/2024 – 31/12/2025

Total financing: 162.408,69 EUR (=80%)

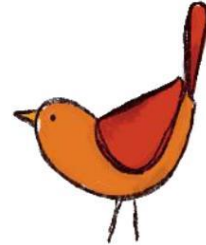
Previous project: **What means Democracy to me?** (2021/2022)

[Dolomiti Live - Demokratie: hin zu verantwortungsvollen Bürger:innen - Wissen und Beteiligung - Dolomiti Live](#)

Examples of good practises 2021-2027



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Verantwortung
Zivilcourage
Bildung
Kritisches
Respekt
Gemeinschaft
Mitbestimmung
Zuhören
Partizipation
Diskussion
Denken
Wertevermittlung
Politische
Engagement
Schüler
Jugendbeteiligung
Alltagsbezug
Zukunftskompetenz
Beteiligungskultur
Dialog
Vielfalt

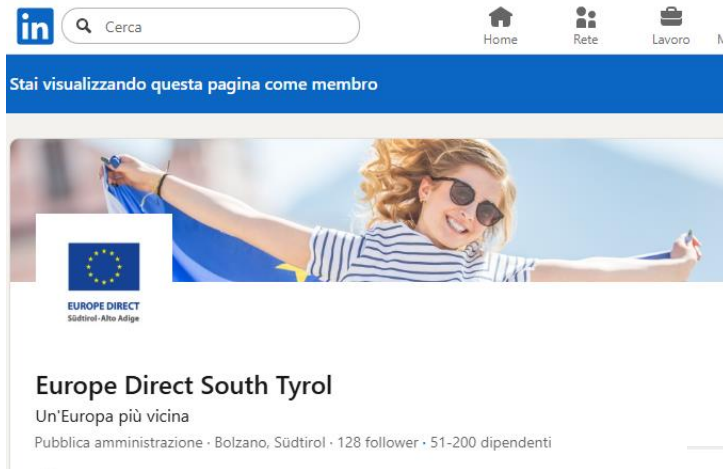




Stories from the regions

Connecting people through community-led
local development in the Alps

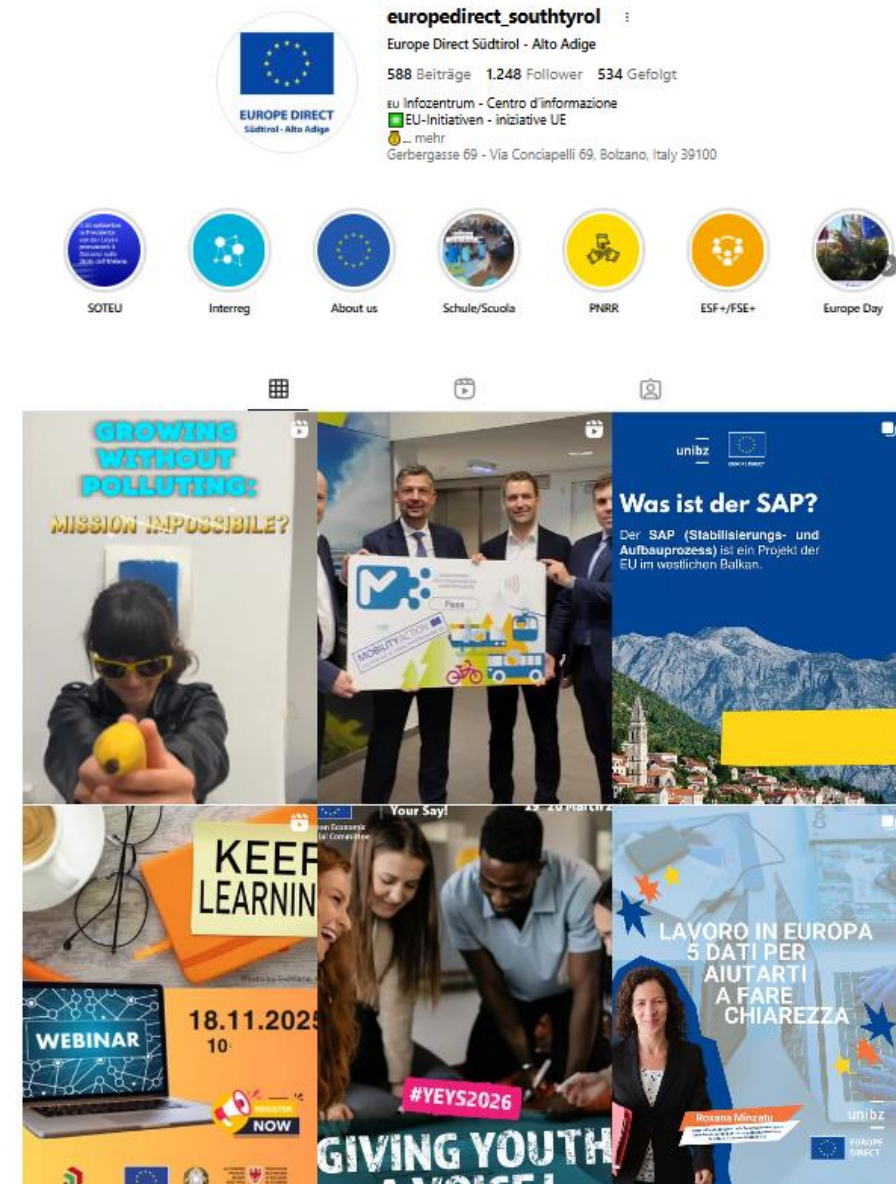
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