

Welcome to the post 2027 consultation process!

Interreg for a Greener Europe

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Welcome to the Interreg Knowledge Fair

This is the **second edition** of the Interreg Knowledge Fair, it is still a new approach for us.

The **Conference Support** stand in the Exhibition Room is a one-stop shop for your questions.

At the end of this session, you are asked to rate the **session experience**.

At the end of the event, you will be asked your **overall feedback**.



Agenda/ Greener Post-27

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Interreg stands out in addressing climate change

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Interreg future scope of climate action

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Interreg for a Greener Europe in practice

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Join our Thematic Working Group

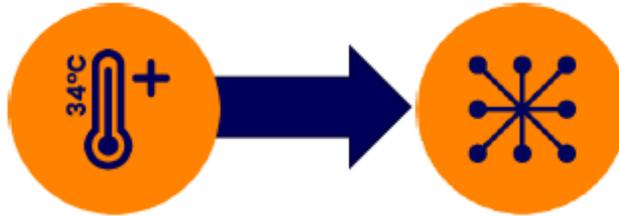


Faced with a future world of climate instability and limited resources, local authorities have the responsibility and the power to transform their territories for the benefit of their citizens.

Inspired by The Shift Project, report on “Crises, climate, how to transform our territories, October 2022

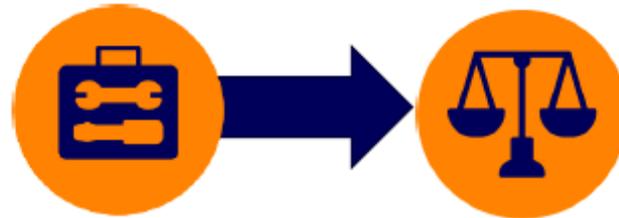
Let's start with the right mindset

Reductionism



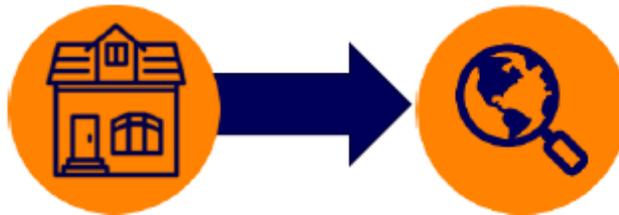
Towards a systemic approach:
Think and act beyond only
climate and GHG

Techno-solutionism



Economic, social and political
approach:
Think and act beyond only
technical solutions

Autonomism



Towards a naturally cooperative
resilience:
Think and act beyond only
its own surrounding



Interreg in the wider Green policy

Climate and resilience action at EU level – multiple angles, plenty of opportunities, and some key differences...



EU Green Policy framework – shared objectives

EU Green Deal

Cohesion Policy

Just Transition Mechanism

Fit for 55 Package

Water Framework Directive

Nature Restoration Law

Energy Efficiency Directive

Renewable Energy Directive

Renovation Wave

New European Bauhaus

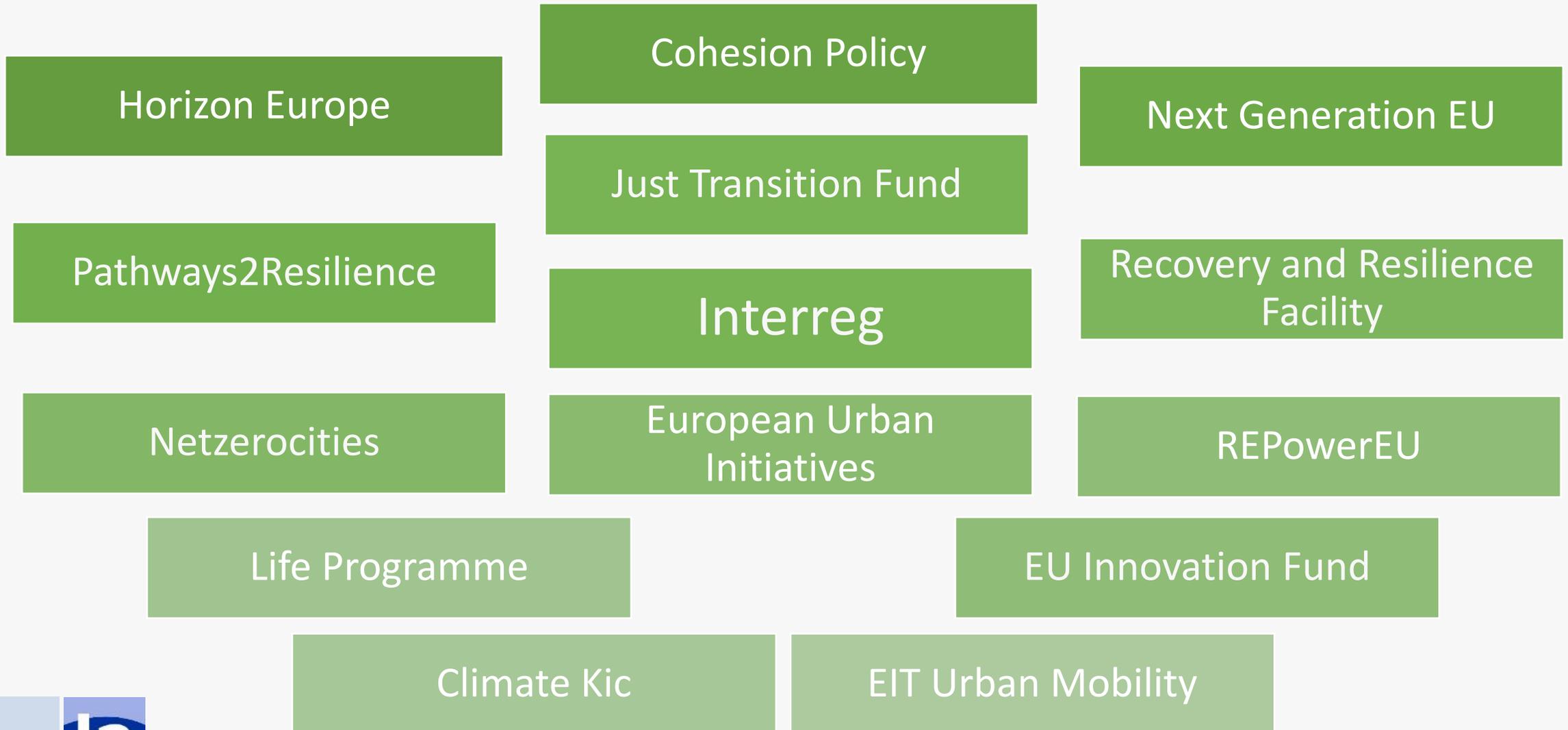
Circular Economy Action Plan

Macro-Regional Strategies

National energy and climate plans

And more...

Example of EU Climate Related Funding Mechanisms and related organisations



What do you think about Interreg's position?

Let's see and hear
your thoughts



What is the added-value of cooperation?

- **How does Interreg stand out in addressing climate change?
(compared to other programmes/funding sources)**
- **Where/with which (other funds) does it make more sense to
(focus our effort to) build bridges?**



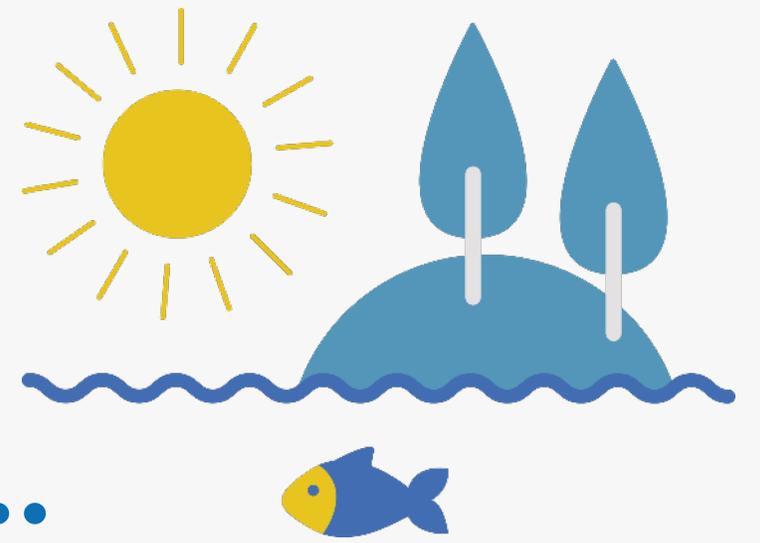
Group discussion

Try to step out of your Interreg shoes!

Please have a quick round of discussion on your table and agree / vote on the most convincing argument – it needs to be crisp and easily understood. We can't cope with much of sophistication. **Put the most convincing one on a card!**

- a) How does Interreg stand out in addressing climate change?**
- b) Where does it make more sense to build bridges?**

About Interreg's territorial dimension...



When tackling climate change, where do you see the main strength of Interreg?

- a) Which topic/sector is more promising for cooperation?
- b) Which specific territories?
- c) Who do we need on board? (target groups to focus on)

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Future Scope of climate action

Cornerstones of Interreg for a Greener Europe:

- cooperation & partnership across borders – impacting territories & people
- 30 years of experience addressing climate change through cooperation, strategy & partnership-building

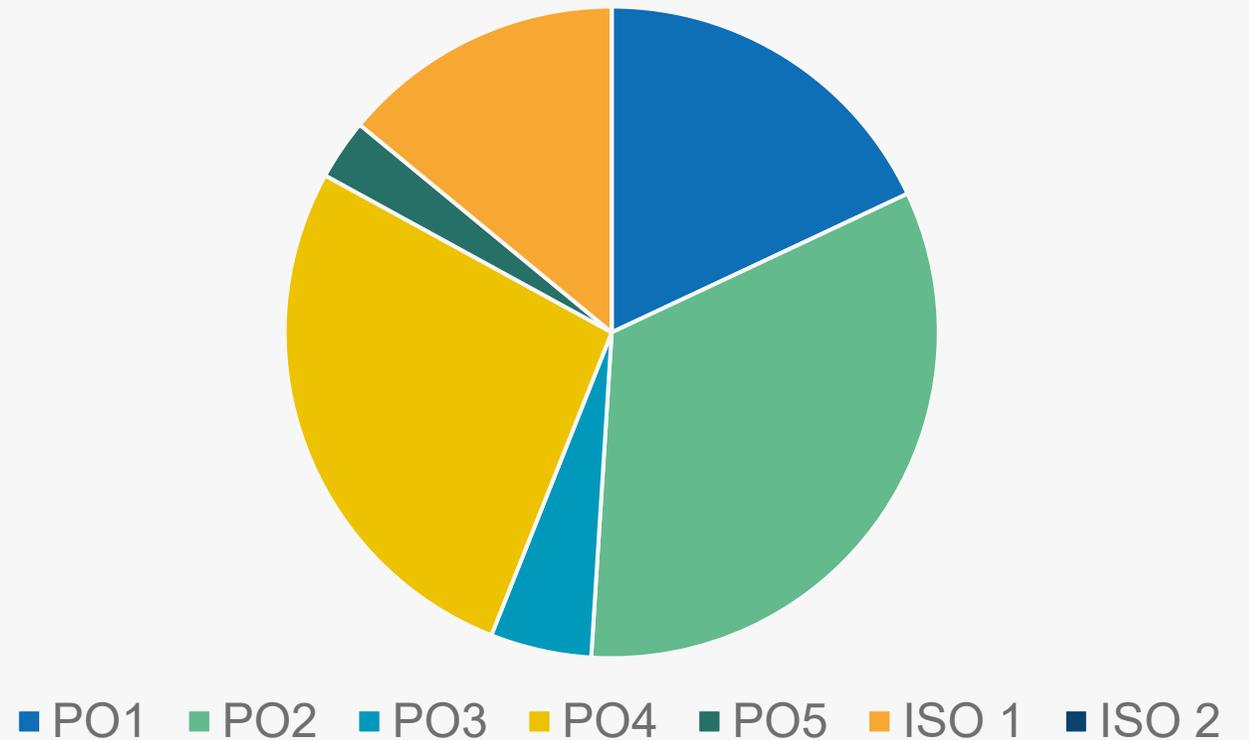
Allocation POs / ISOs

Top ranks in terms of allocation:

- **PO2 with 33%** accounts for the highest allocation
- PO4 follows with 27% and
- PO1 with 18%

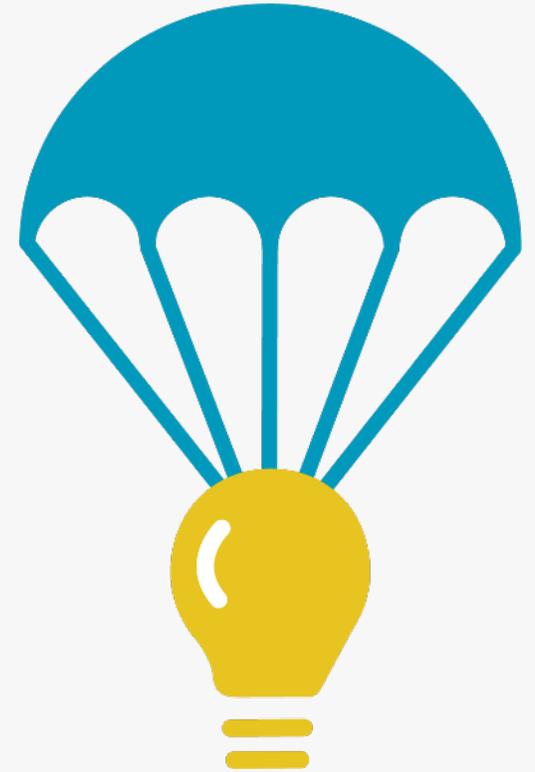
ISO 1 as new one: 14%!

Allocation to POs / ISOs

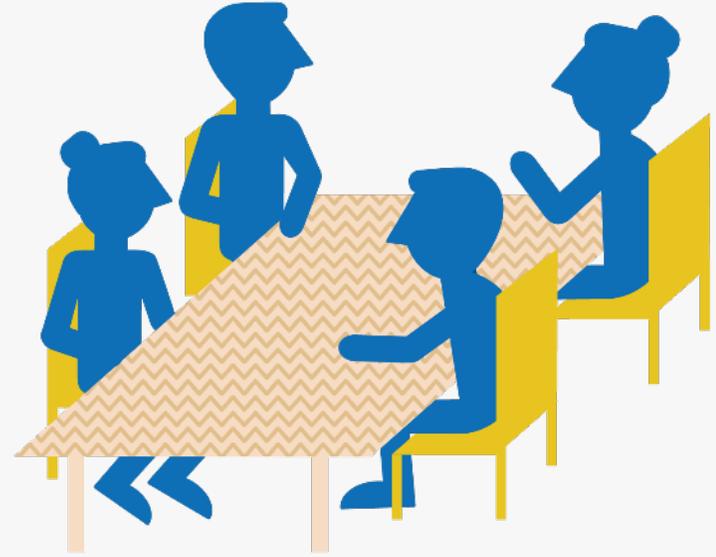


Question to you!

- Should PO2 remain mandatory?

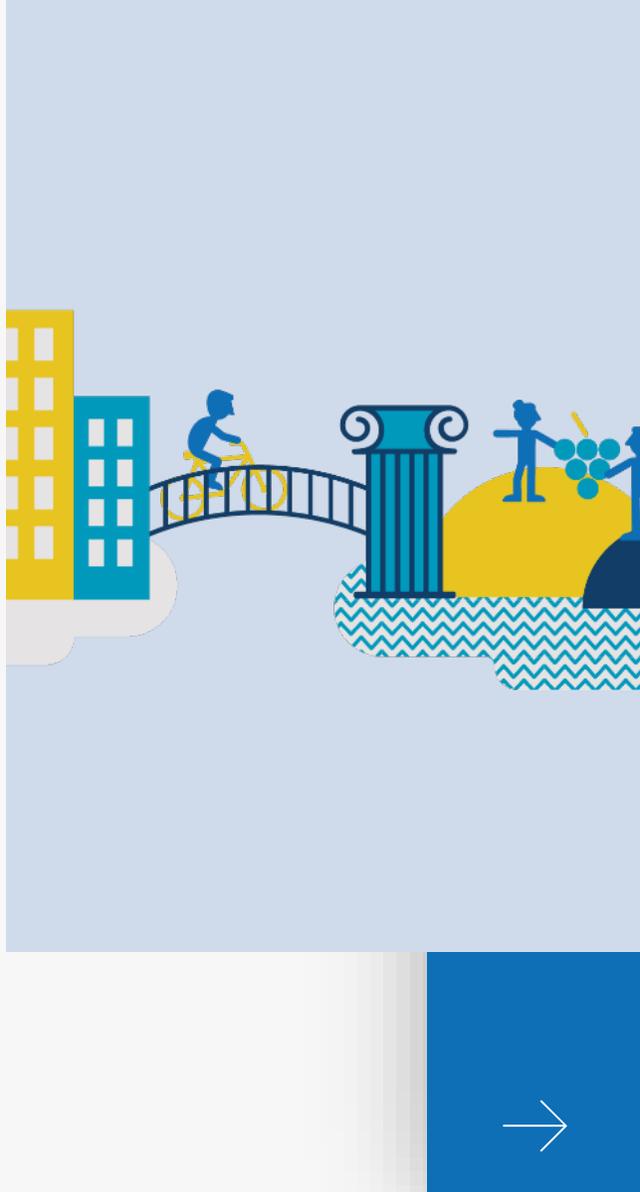


Let's share our views!



- **PO2 allocation overall – more, less or the same?**
- **Could climate change be tackled differently?**
- **How to bridge climate resilience with other PO topics?**

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How do we put our Greener Europe in practice?

New needs, trends, challenges?

More flexibility?

A greener, low-carbon Europe

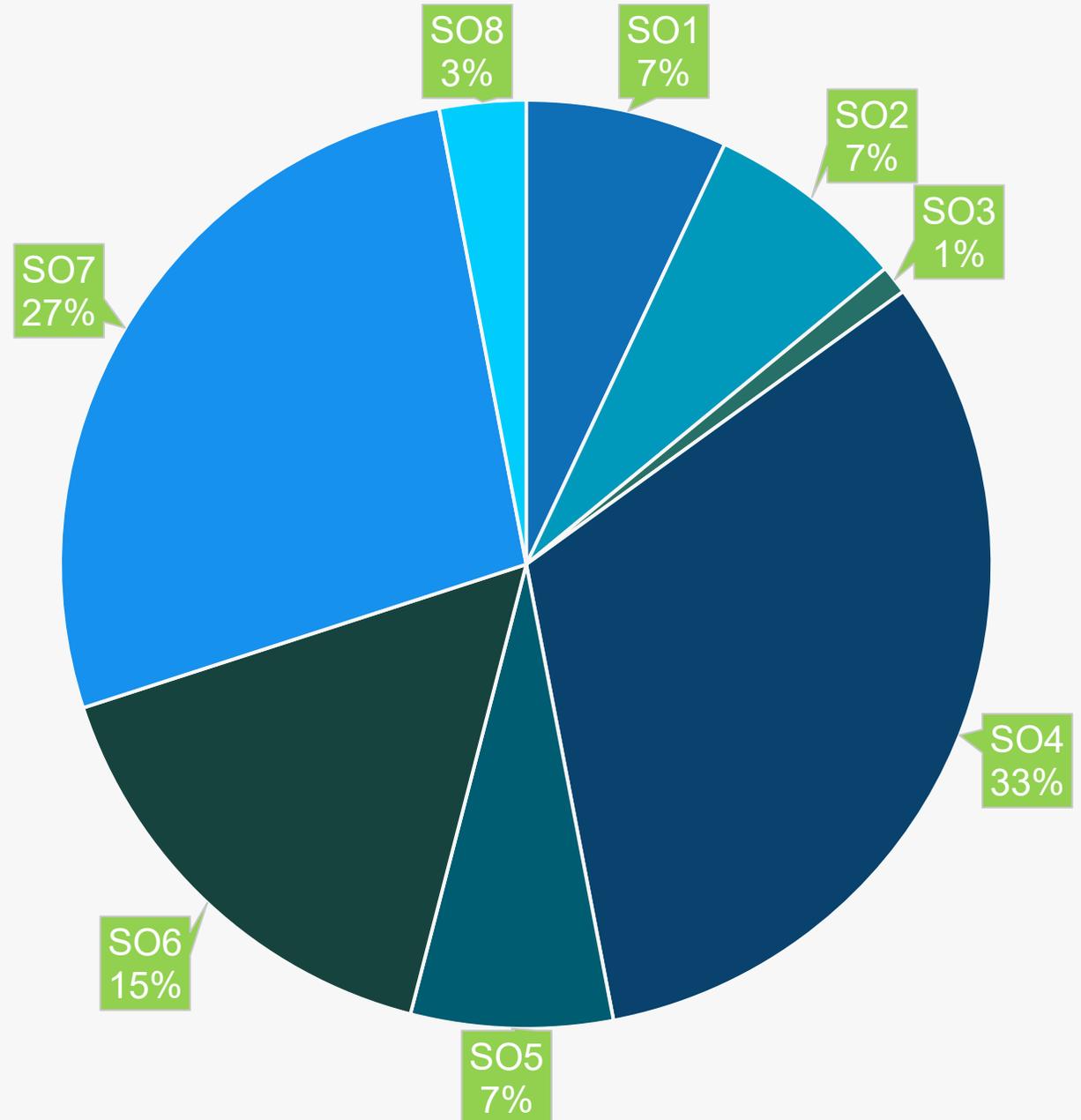


- i. promoting **energy efficiency** and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- ii. promoting **renewable energy** in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein;
- iii. developing **smart energy systems**, grids and storage outside the Trans-European Energy Network (TEN-E);
- iv. promoting **climate change adaptation** and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches;
- v. promoting access to **water** and sustainable water management;
- vi. promoting the transition to a **circular** and resource efficient economy;
- vii. enhancing protection and preservation of nature, **biodiversity** and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution;
- viii. promoting sustainable multimodal **urban mobility**, as part of transition to a net zero carbon economy;

Allocation PO₂ per SO

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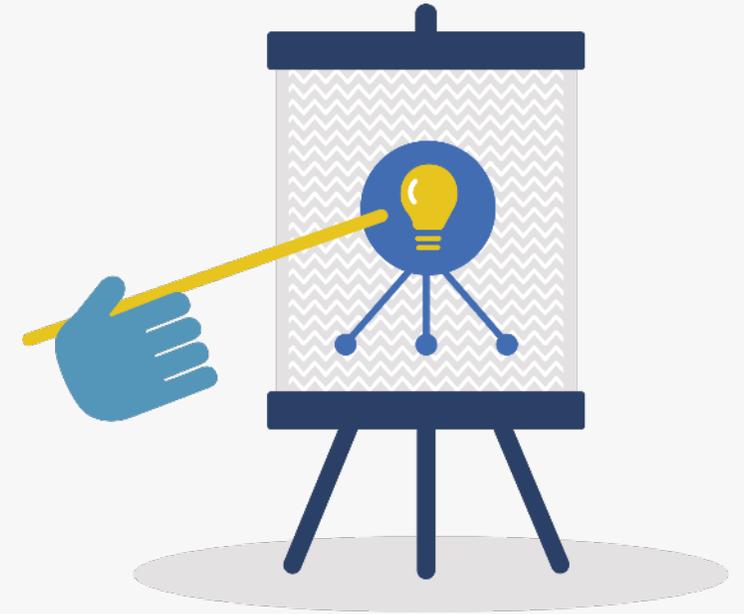
- SO4 Climate change adaptation with 33% accounts for the highest allocation
- SO7 Biodiversity follows with 27% and
- SO6 with 15%



Closer look at allocation

PO	SO	Number of programmes	EU Amount	% within PO	% of total ERDF
PO2 Greener Europe	RSO2.1 Energy efficiency	17	224,144,502.05	7.02%	2.34%
	RSO2.2 Renewable energy	18	210,226,133.33	6.58%	2.19%
	RSO2.3 Smart energy systems	4	30,810,554.00	0.96%	0.32%
	RSO2.4 Climate change adaptation	70	1,045,832,613.54	32.75%	10.90%
	RSO2.5 Sustainable water	13	232,340,543.58	7.28%	2.42%
	RSO2.6 Circular economy	35	490,239,679.13	15.35%	5.11%
	RSO2.7 Nature protection and biodiversity	65	855,526,237.47	26.79%	8.92%
	RSO2.8 Sustainable urban mobility	7	104,134,851.00	3.26%	1.09%
PO2 Greener Europe		80	3,193,255,114	100%	33.28%

So let's go further ...



- a) Does this breakdown by specific objectives make sense? Do they help you tackle climate change challenges?**
- b) What about the indicators? Do they reflect Interreg reality?**

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Greener Europe - New steps for Thematic Working Group 2021-2027

Facilitate the exchange

- IKF
- Network meetings
- Project visits
- Webinars

Gain knowledge

- Thematic Analysis
- Online community

Join forces on promotion

- Representation at events
- Promotion at EU stands
- Communication campaign:
 - Social Media
 - Website Visibility



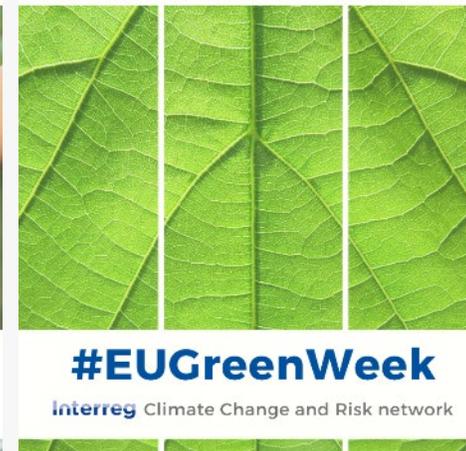
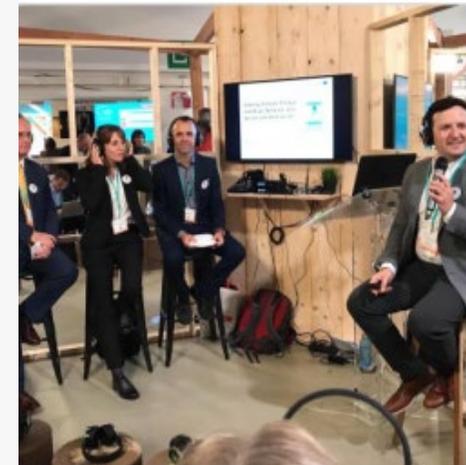
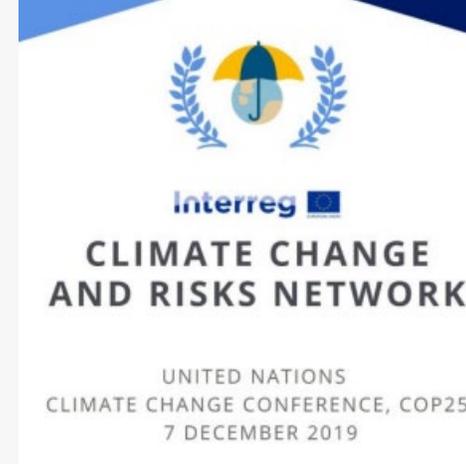
About the Climate Change Network 2014-2020

Focused on Interreg but also reaches
outside the Interreg bubble



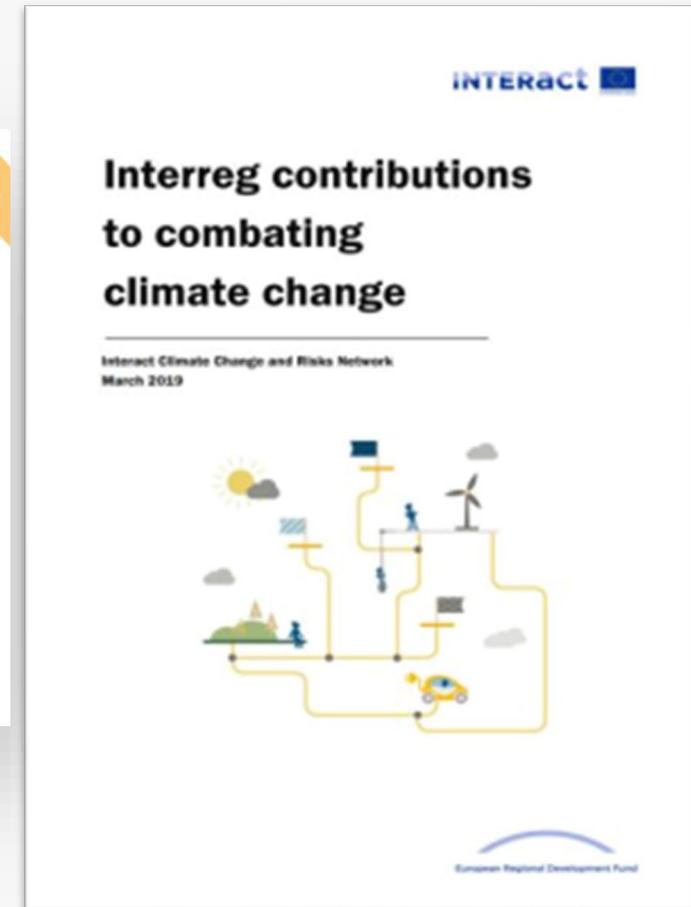
Join forces on promotion

- Representation at external events:
 - Interreg contributions to the UN Climate Change Conference (COP)
 - EU Green Week and EU Regions Week
 - European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA)
- Joint Social media campaigns
- Promo videos
- Newsletter



Gain and share knowledge

Publications



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Thank you for being here!

Your opinion matters to us.

Please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback to help us improve our services.

Log into the **Whova app** and tell us what you think in the **session Q&A, from 1 (bad) to 5 (amazing)**

Please check which session you are in!

You can also talk to us at the Conference Support stand in the networking area.



Cooperation works and.... even more with Greener Europe Thematic Working Group

Come and join us!

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