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## Introduction to INTERREG IVC

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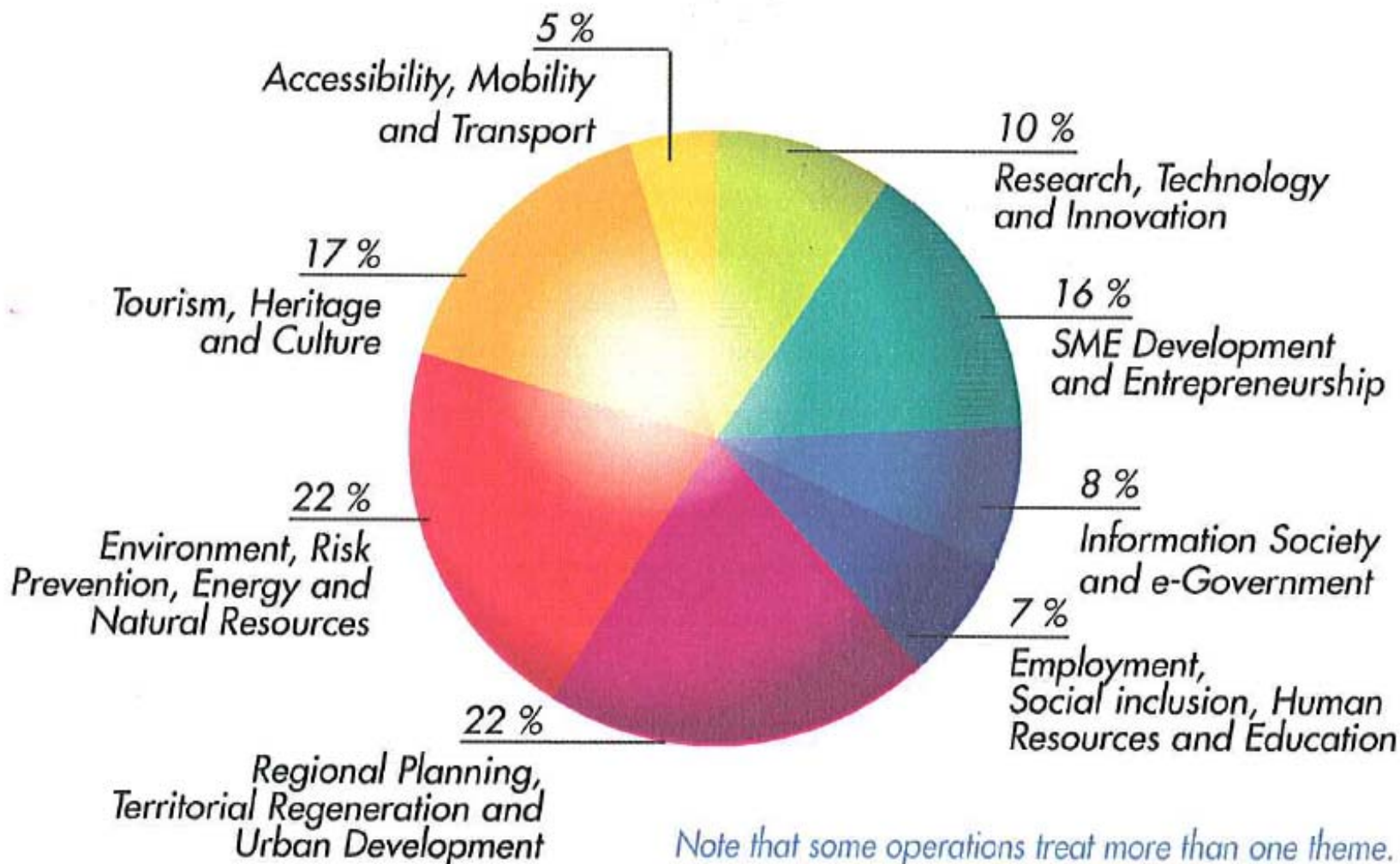


## **INTERREG IIIC Experience**

- **264 operations**
- **2634 partners**
- **...from all EU-25 MS**
- **All EU regions (except 5) (191)**

Themes for cooperation

INTERREG IIIC



## INTERREG IIIC versus INTERREG IVC

### INTERREG IIIC

- 315 MEUR ERDF
- Cofinancing up to 50%  
(up to 75% for Objective 1 Regions)
- Four programmes: 4 Managing, 4 Audit and 4 Paying Authorities
- 4 JTS
- All themes of regional and local public activities
- 3 Types of Operations

### INTERREG IVC

- 321 MEUR ERDF
- **Cofinancing up to 75%/85%**
- One programme:  
**1 Managing Authority (Région Nord-Pas de Calais)**, 1 Audit Authority, 1 Certifying Authority
- **1 JTS in Lille and 4 Information Points** in Rostock, Katowice (with support from Vienna), Valencia and Lille
- Focus on **Lisbon** and **Gothenburg Agendas**
- **2 Types of Interventions**

## INTERREG IVC

### 1 Programme for

- 27 Member States
- + CH
- + NOR

↘ dedicated to public bodies or bodies governed by public law



## Overall Objective

- Improve the effectiveness of regional development policies
- Contribute to economic modernisation and increased competitiveness of Europe

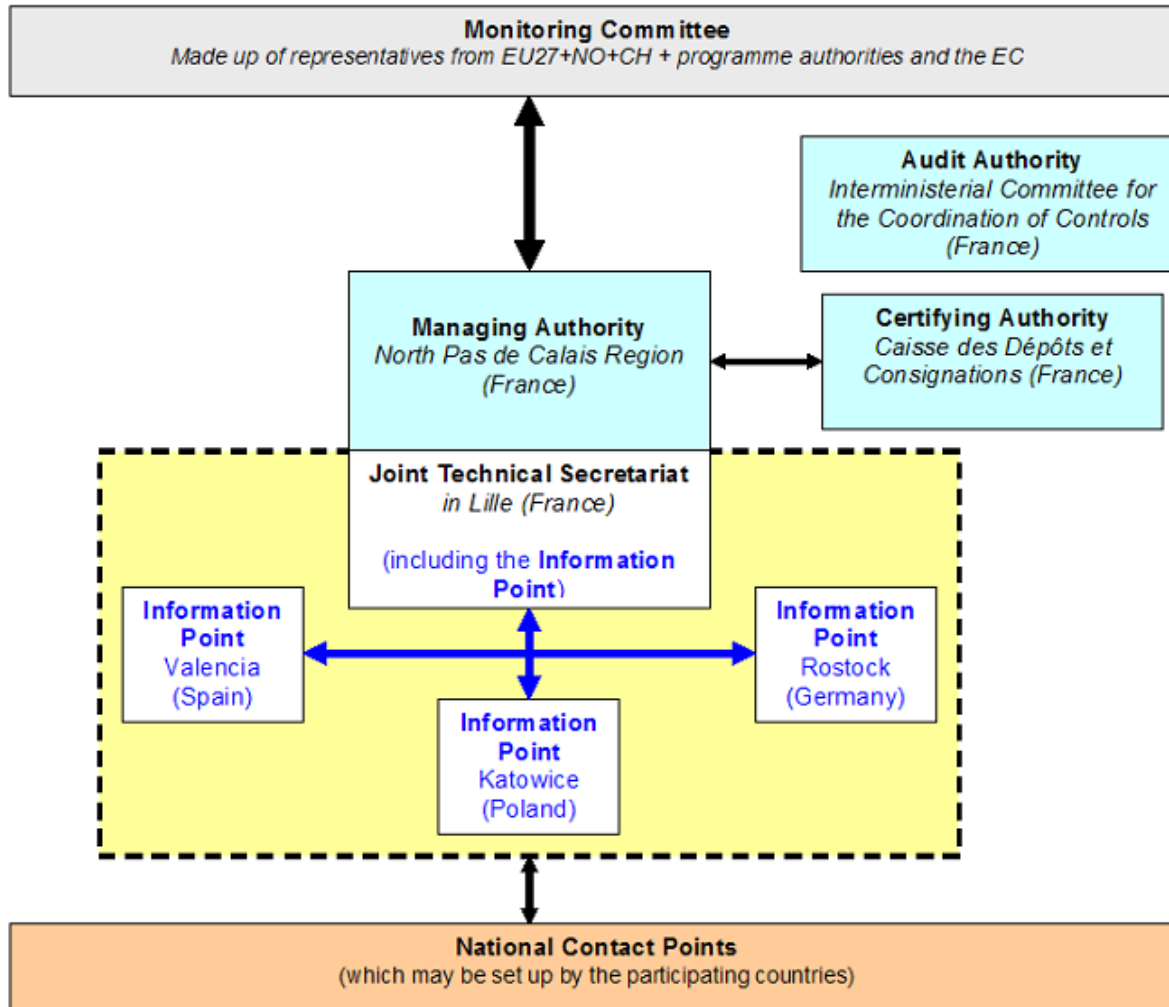
by

- Enabling exchange of experiences and knowledge
- Matching less experienced with more advanced regions
- Ensuring transfer of identified good practice into mainstream programmes

## Partners from EU-MS + Norway

75% ERDF	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, UK
85% ERDF	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
50% NO funding	Norway

## INTERREG IVC – Management structures



## Information points

- Rostock, Germany:

**Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway;**

- Katowice, Poland, with support from the City of Vienna:

**Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania;**

- Valencia, Spain:

**Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain**

- Lille, France:

**Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Switzerland**



## Who is eligible?

- Regional and local authorities as main 'target group'
- In justified cases, also bodies governed by public law acc. to Directive 2004/18/EC on public procurement rules, Art. 1:
  - (a) Meeting needs in general interest, no industrial or commercial character
  - (b) Having legal personality
  - (c) - Financed for the most part by the State, regional or local authorities or other bodies governed by public law or
    - Subject to management supervision of these bodies or
    - Having administrative, managerial or supervisory board more than half of whose members are appointed by these bodies
- In case of doubts, each MS is responsible for confirming the legal status of partners based on their territory



# Programme Priorities

## Priority 1: Innovation and Knowledge Economy (177 M€ERDF)

- Innovation, Research & Technology Development
- Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Information Society
- Employment, Human Resources and Education

## Priority 2: Environment and Risk Prevention (125 M€ERDF)

- Energy and Sustainable Transport
- Biodiversity and Preservation of Natural Heritage (incl. air quality)
- Natural and Technological Risks (incl. climate change)
- Water & Waste Management
- Cultural Heritage and Landscape

# Types of Interventions

- **Regional Initiative Projects**
  - ⇒ Exchange of experience and good practice, development of tools and instruments of regional policies
  
- **Capitalisation Projects, including Fast Track Projects**
  - ⇒ Capitalisation projects: optimise results achieved, transfer of good practices identified into mainstream programmes
  - ⇒ Fast Track projects: Specific European Commission assistance and expertise offered to certain capitalisation projects with reference to the “Regions for Economic Change (RFEC)” Initiative
    - Aim: detailed action plan to transfer identified best practices into mainstream programmes

## Type 2 ‘Capitalisation Projects’ Fast Track Projects


Regional Policy - Inforegio

European Commission > Regional Policy



### Regions for economic change

Exchanging good practice between Europe's regions

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### Themes and Networks

The 30 themes identified in the [Staff Working paper](#) that accompanied the Communication in November 2006 were grouped into specific policy fields identified in the Community Strategic Guidelines on Cohesion 2007-2013 as indicated below.

- making Europe and its regions more attractive places to invest and work;
- improving knowledge and innovation for growth;
- more and better jobs;
- the territorial dimension of European Cohesion Policy.

These 30 themes are being integrated into the scope of the relevant 2007-2013 programmes for [interregional cooperation](#) and [cooperation between cities](#).

The Commission has designated 15 out of the 30 themes as a priority to be looked at in the first call for proposals. 11 of these themes are covered under the INTERREG IVC programme. The Commission informed the Joint Technical Secretariat of its intentions with a [letter](#). In the same letter the Commission also provided the [assessment questions](#) it will use when labelling a project as a fast track project. This exercise is independent from the approval process of projects, which will remain the sovereign right of the INTERREG IVC Monitoring Committee.

Because the description of the themes in the staff working paper is rather broad, the Commission has attempted to specify the areas in which it would be particularly interested in



[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/themes\\_en.cfm?nmenu=3](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/themes_en.cfm?nmenu=3)

### General advice

Proposed activities have to respect 3 fundamental conditions:

➤ **Relevance to the programme**

Activities have to be clearly in line with the overall objective of the programme (i.e. contribute to the improvement of policies)

➤ **Interregionality**

Activities should be interregional. Example for pilot experimentation:

- transfer from one region to another
- pilot experimentation benefiting all the partners

➤ **Additionality**

Activities would not be supported without the INTERREG support

## Timetable

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17-18 September 2008

Approval of project of the 1st Call for Proposals (MC meeting)

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27-28 October 2008

Partner Search Forum/ Opening of 2nd Call

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Autumn 2008

Info Days

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Autumn 2008

Individual consultations

24 November 2008

Lead Applicant Seminar (2nd Call)

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30 January 2009

Deadline for submission of applications second call

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## Statistics – 1st Call:

**No. of Applications received: 492**

- **Eligible applications: 398**

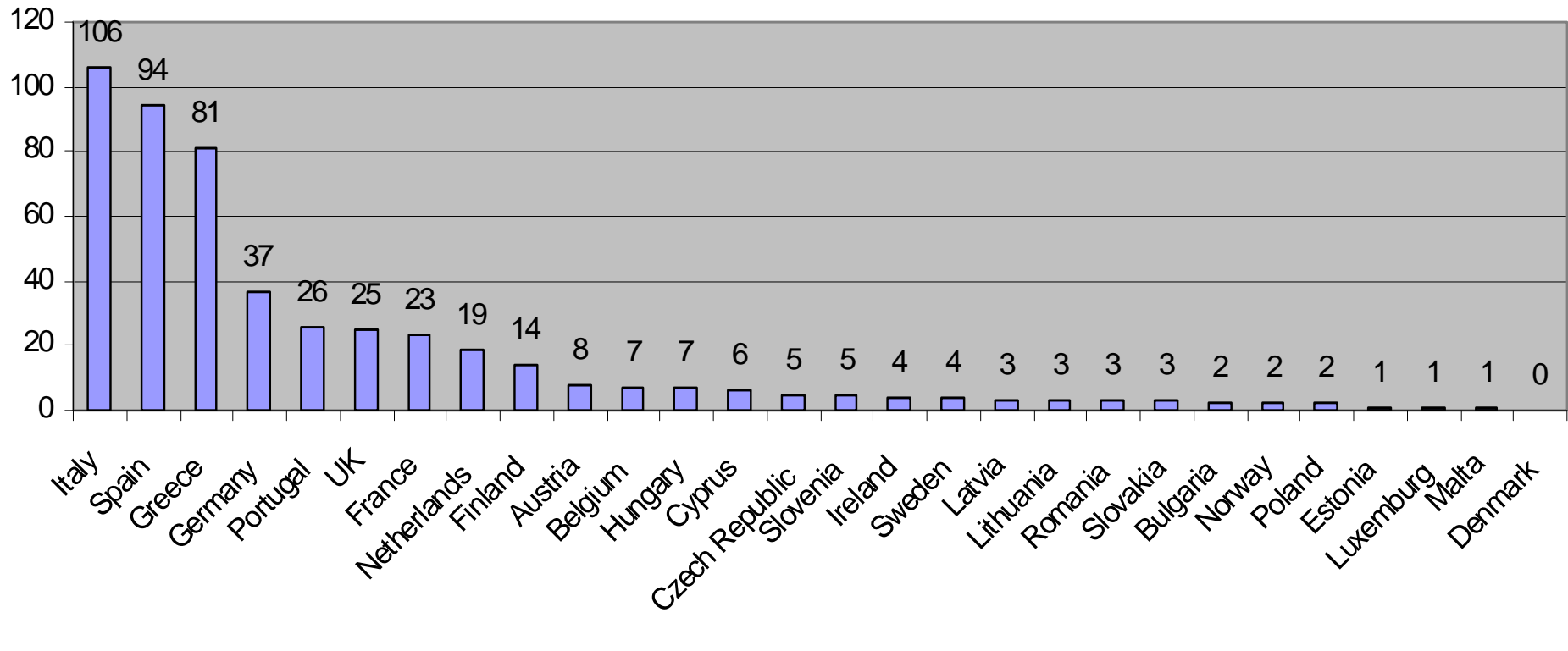
- **Ineligible applications: 94**

**ERDF Funding requested: 852 MEUR**

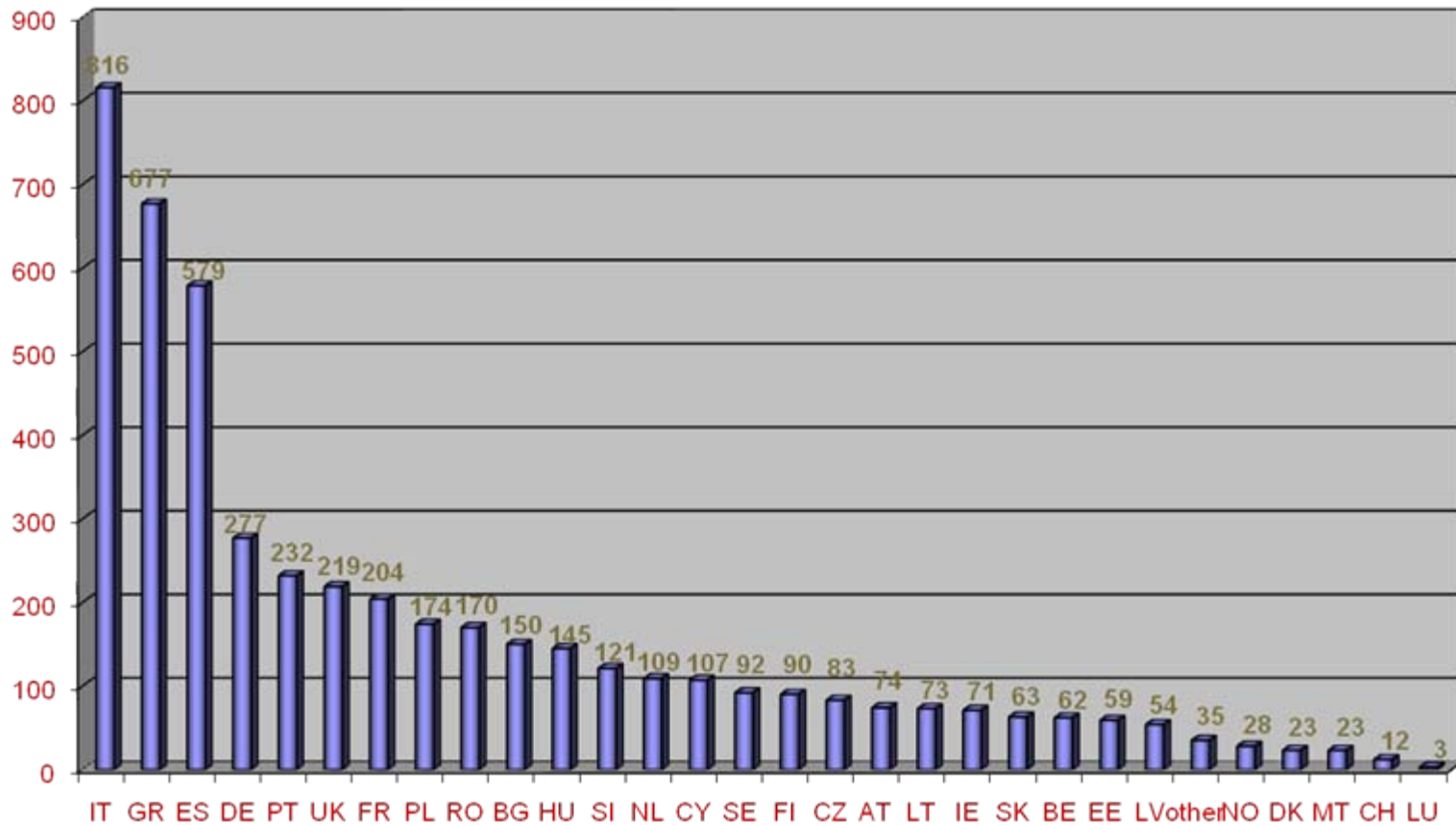
## Applications received per sub-themes:

<b>Priority 1</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>
Innovation & RTD	73
Entrepreneurship & SMEs	116
Information Society	31
Employment & Human Capital	56
<b>Subtotal 1</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>Priority 2</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>
Natural & Technological Risks	50
Water Management	25
Waste Management	10
Biodiversity & Natural Heritage	23
Energy & Sustainable Transport	49
Cultural Heritage & Landscape	59
<b>Subtotal 2</b>	<b>216</b>

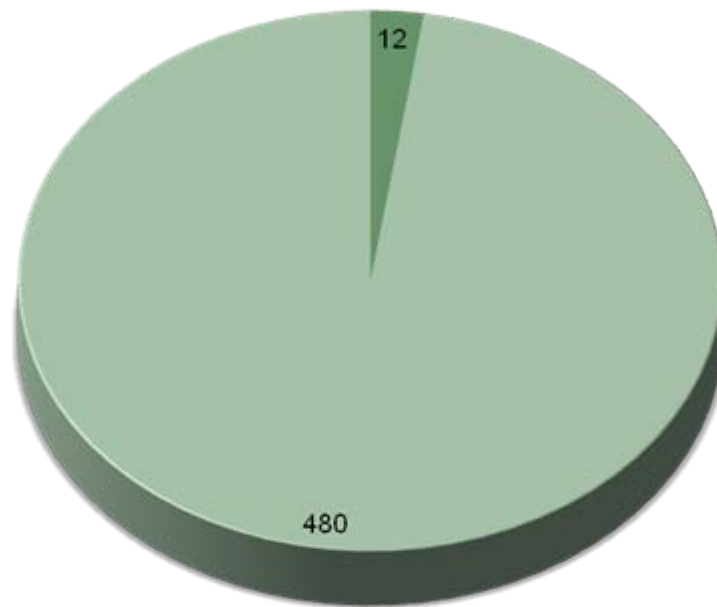
## Lead Applicants per country



## Partners per country



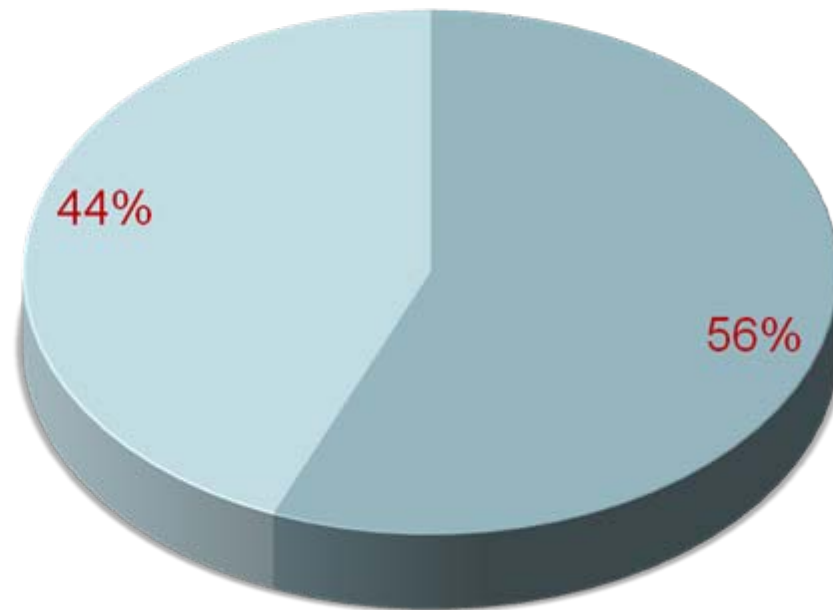
## per Type of Intervention



■ Capitalisation Projects   ■ Regional Initiative Projects

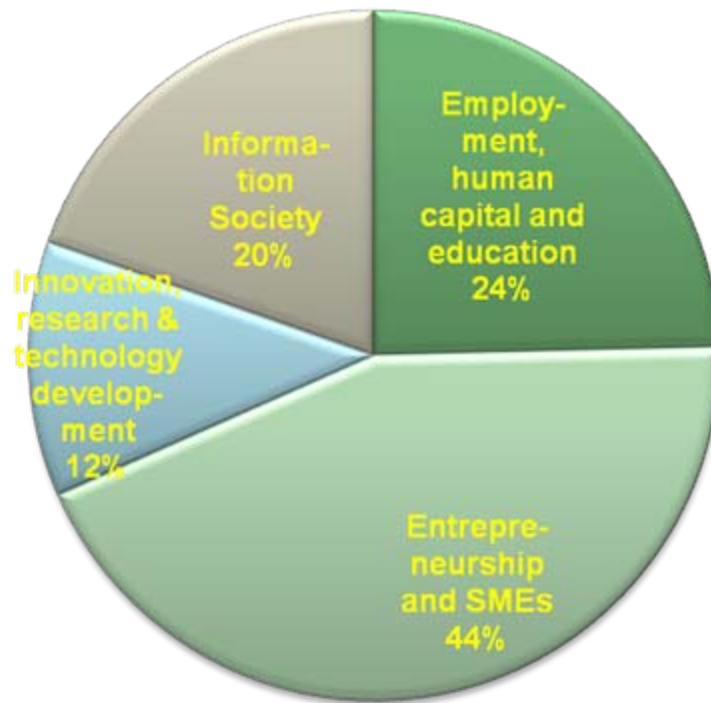
## per Priority

- 1: Innovation and the knowledge economy
- 2: Environment and risk prevention

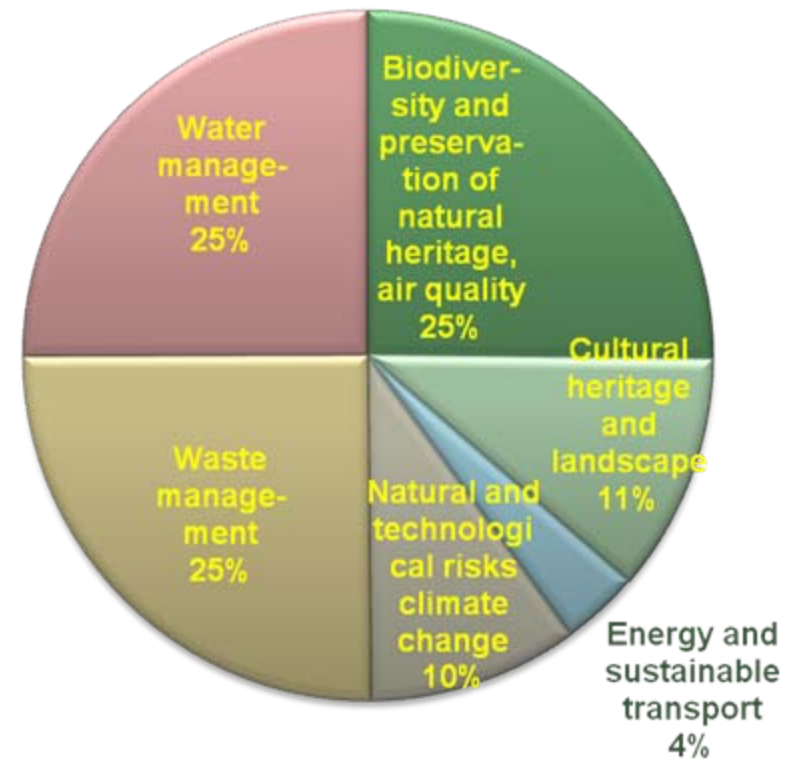


## per sub-theme

### Innovation & Knowledge economy

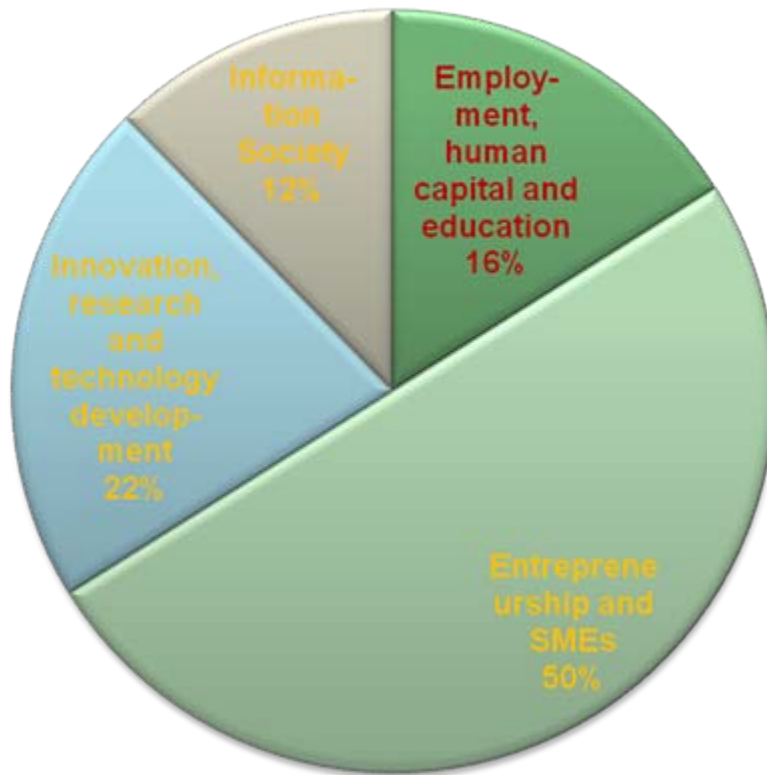


### Environment & Risk prevention

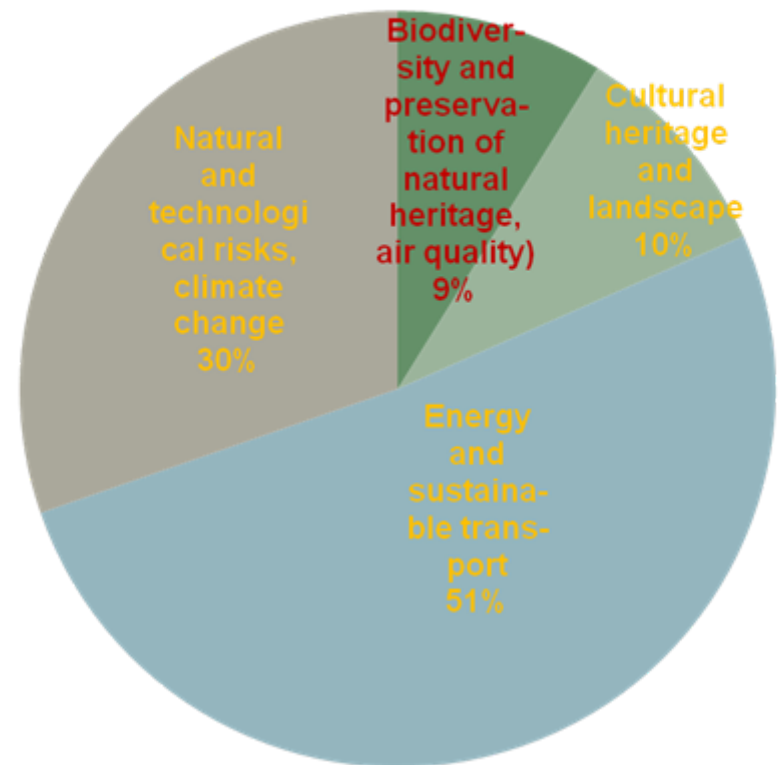


## Budget recommended/approved

Innovation & knowledge economy



Environment & risk prevention



**Thank you for your attention!**

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