

**Interreg  
Europe**



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# Interreg Europe In a nutshell

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**From 2014-2020**



# Interregional cooperation projects



# Improving policies (validated as of 1 October 2021)



MEUR  
**229**  
From Interreg Europe  
to all projects so far

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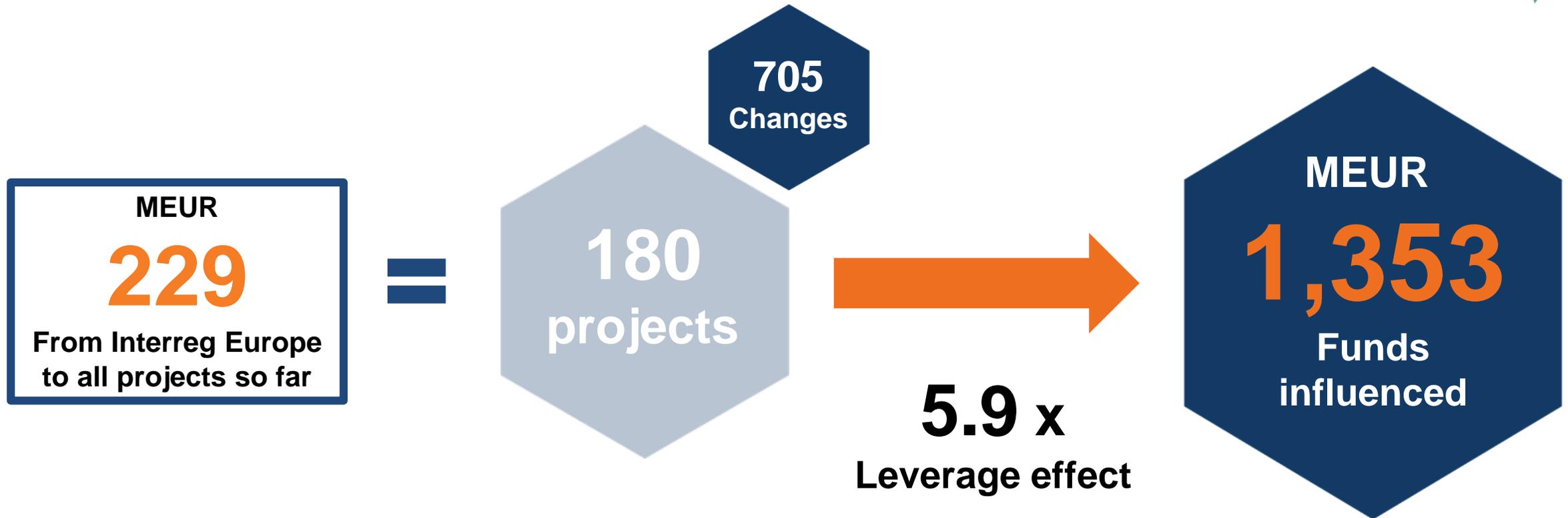
**180**  
projects



**705**  
Policy  
changes

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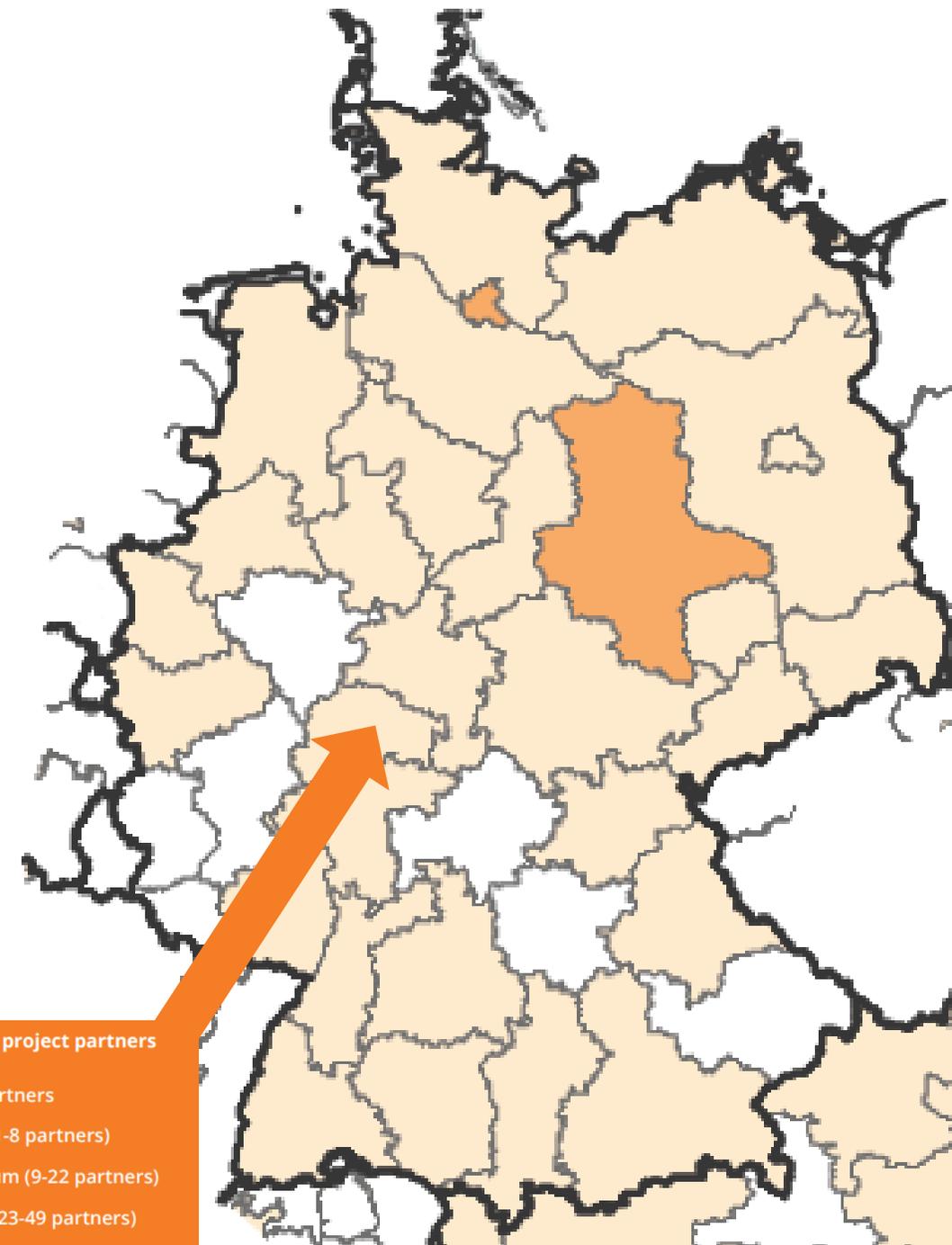


# Involvement of regions

Majority of German regions involved in our projects

- 7 partners from Hessen  
(Darmstadt - 3, Kassel - 3, Gießen - 1)

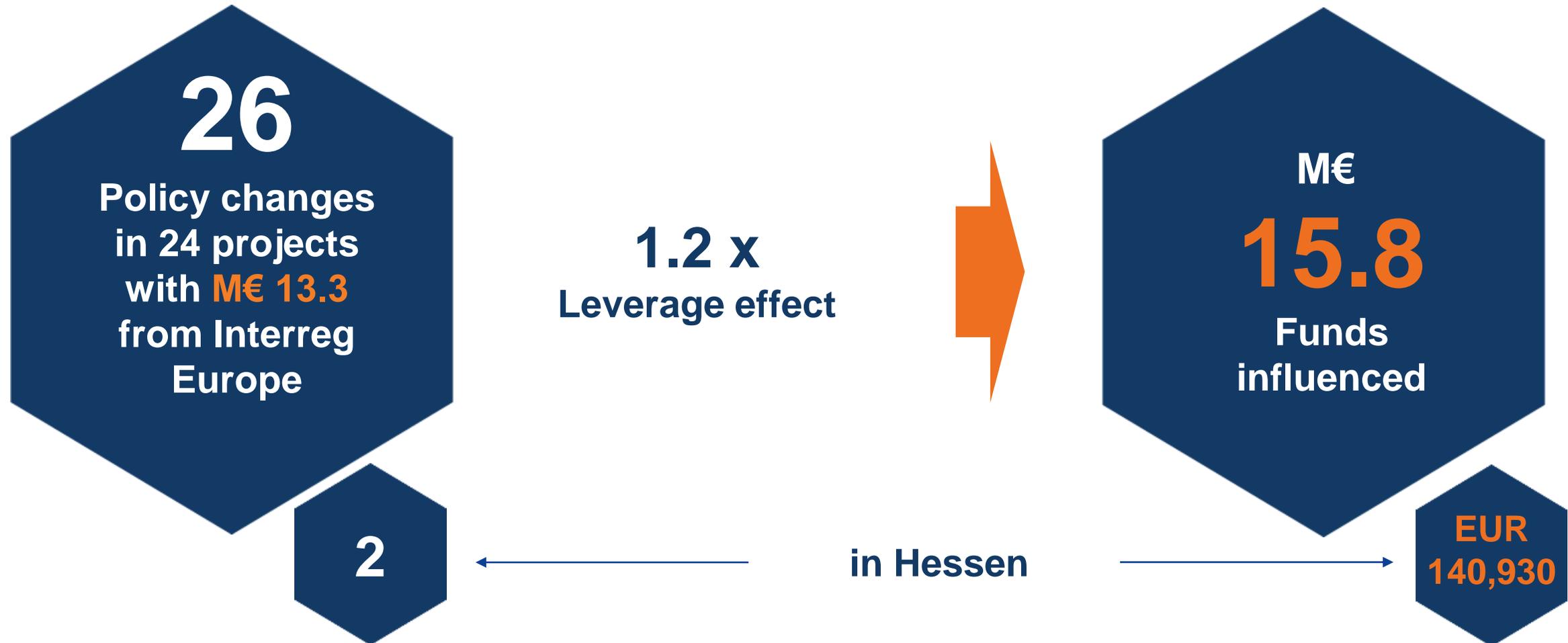
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# Achievements in Germany

(validated as of 1 October 2021)



# Policy Learning Platform

#policylearning



## Community of peers

+ 60 policy learning events  
+ 2 000 members from MAs



## Good practice database

+ 2400 good practices



## Expert policy support

26 peer reviews organised,  
+100 helpdesk advices



## Knowledge hub

77 Policy briefs & news  
on policy trends



# ... to 2021-2027



# No revolution...

## Key features remain

- Pan-European
- Overall objective
  - ✓ Improving regional development policies
  - ✓ Policy responsible organisations as core target group
- Means to achieve the objective
  - ✓ Focus on capacity building

# Key feature remains

## Programme's rationale & objective

Improving regional development policies through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building

## Similar eligible area & budget



# .... but evolution

1. One single priority in the programme
  - Better reflect the core nature of the programme (capacity building)
  - Scope of the programme enlarged
2. Lighter focus on Structural Funds
3. Learning by doing facilitated (pilot actions)



**Increased opportunities for EU regions!**

# More flexibility: enlarged scope

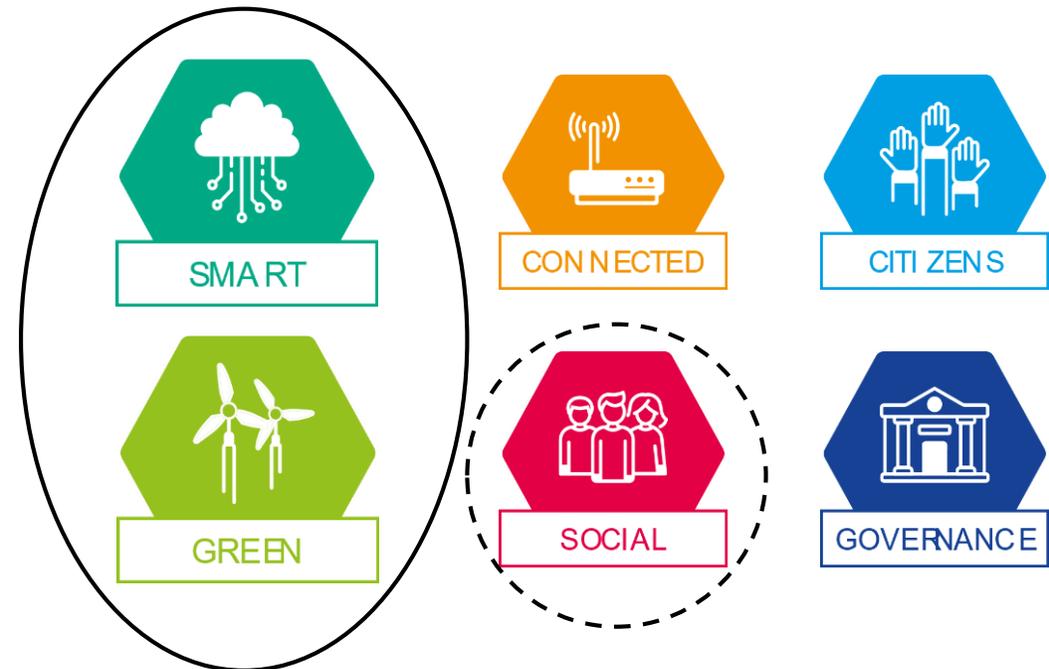
**2014-2020**

**4 thematic priorities**



**2021-2027**

**1 cross cutting priority on capacity building**



**Concentration principle (80%)**

# More flexibility for projects

- Lighter focus on **Structural Funds** programmes: only 1 policy instrument per project must be an Investment for Jobs and Growth programme
- **Pilot actions** possible from the start
- More flexibility in the **phases** (core phase & follow-up phase)
- **Action plans** only when results not achieved by end of core phase

# Flexibility under conditions

- **Direct involvement of policy responsible authorities** for at least 50% of the policies addressed per project

For the remaining policies, involvement as '**associated policy authority**' (new status created)

- **Min geographic coverage to be eligible**

# Provisional timeline



<b>June 2021</b>	Programme finalised
<b>End 2021/ beginning 2022</b>	<b>Submission</b> to the Commission
<b>By May 2022</b>	<b>Approval</b> by the Commission
<b>First semester 2022</b>	Launch of the <b>first call</b>

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# Future awaits

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Programme achievements from 2014-2020  
Key programme features for 2021-2027

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# Evolution in thematic focus:

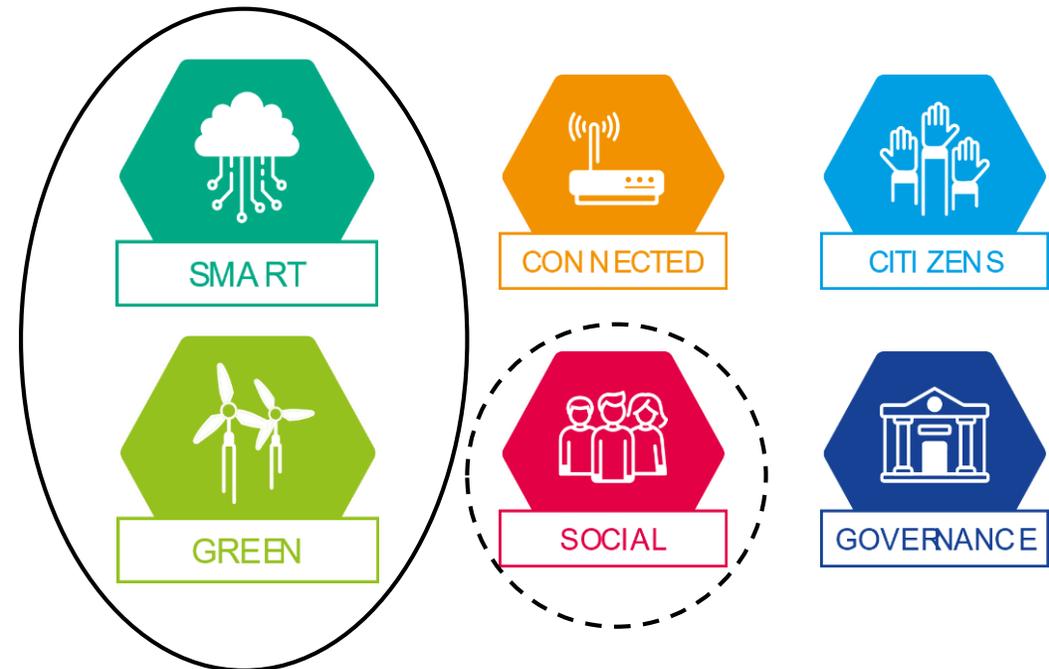
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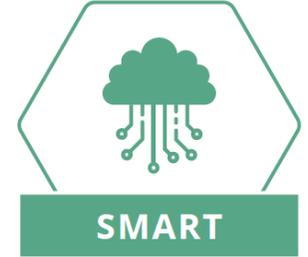
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# Smarter Europe



- **Research and Innovation capacities**
- **Digitisation**
- **SMEs competitiveness**
- **Skills for S3, industrial transition & entrepreneurship**
- **Digital connectivity**

# Greener Europe

- **Energy efficiency**
- **Renewable energy**
- **Smart energy systems**
- **Climate change, risk prevention, resilience**
- **Water management**
- **Circular economy**
- **Nature protection, biodiversity, reducing pollution**
- **Urban mobility for zero carbon economy**



# More connected Europe



- **Sustainable Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)**
- **Sustainable national, regional and local mobility**

# More social Europe



- **Labour market access, quality employment, social economy**
- **Education, training, lifelong learning**
- **Social inclusion (marginalised/ disadvantaged groups)**
- **Socio-economic integration of 3<sup>rd</sup> country nationals including migrants**
- **Access to health care & resilience of health systems**
- **Culture and sustainable tourism for economic development & social inclusion**

# Europe closer to citizens



**Sustainable integrated territorial development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security**

# Better governance



**Elaboration, management and evaluation of regional  
development policies**



# Thank you!

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