



Main achievements of the INTERREG III C programme

Insight into the future INTERREG IVC programme

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Structure of the Presentation

- 1. The Present INTERREG III C**
- 2. The Future INTERREG IVC**



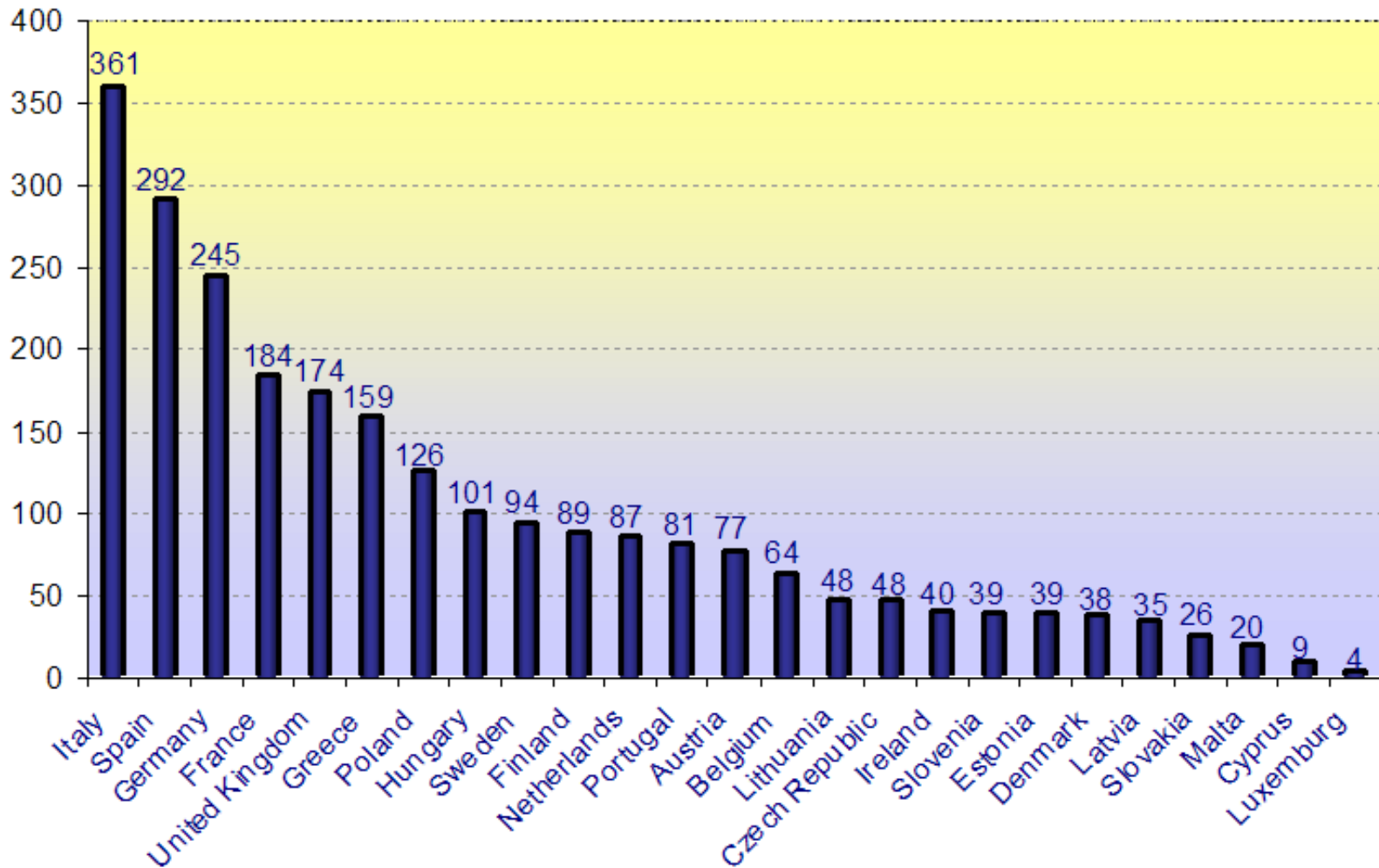
INTERREG IIIC – Key Figures

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



IIIC Achievements

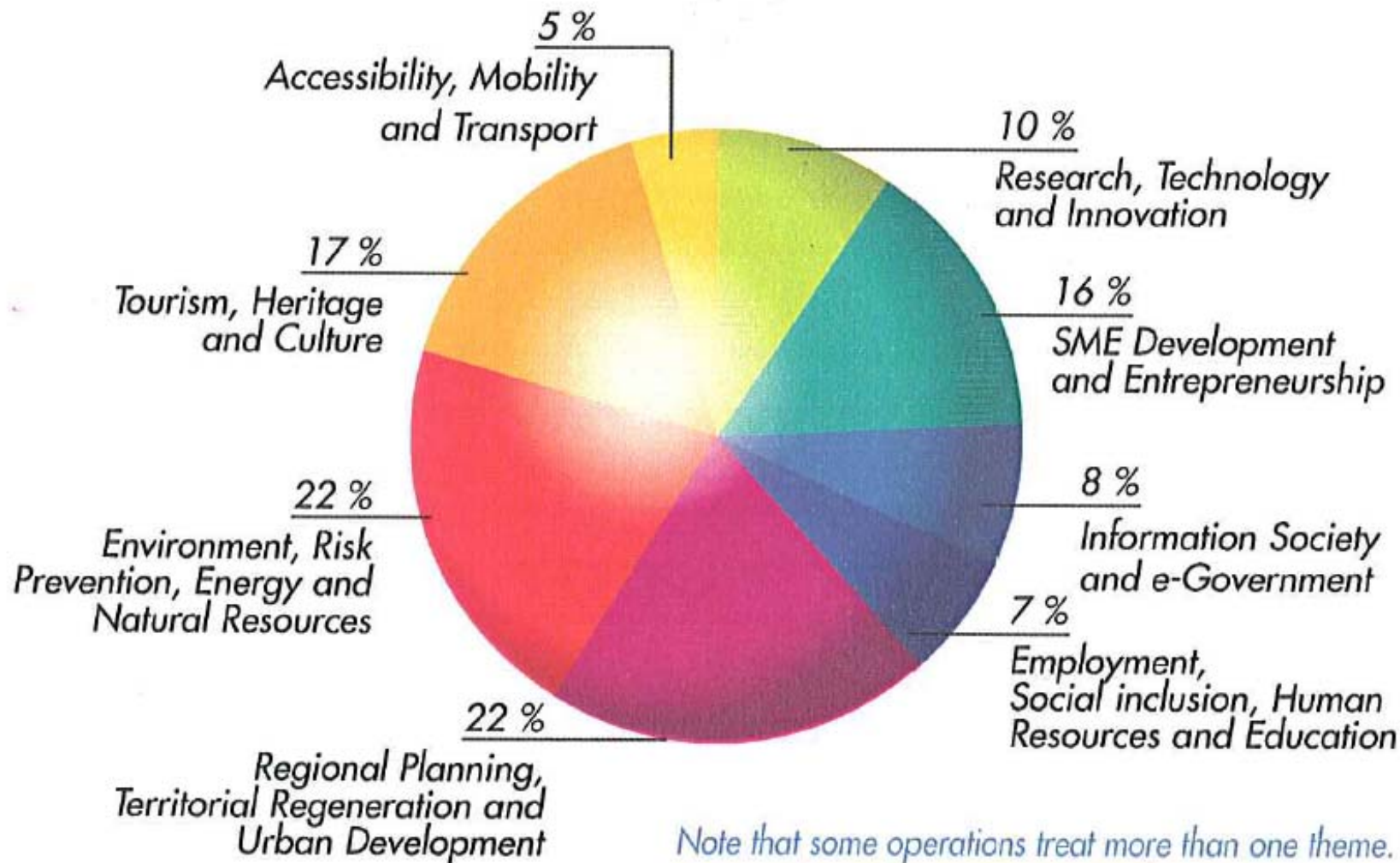
Where do the 2634 Project Partners come from?





IIIC Achievements

■ Theme for cooperation





Qualitative analysis of the operations' achievements

INTERREG IIIC main aims

1. To access the experience and knowledge of other partners
2. To expand the effects of Structural Funds and other regional development programmes through the identification and transfer of good practices
3. To improve regional/local policies and instruments



1. Accessing the experience of other partners

Achievement of this programme's objective is demonstrated through the following figures:

- **930** partners involved in West operations (35% of the total number of partners involved in INTERREG IIIC)
- **63%** of these partners are public authorities
- An average of **24** interregional events organised per operation to exchange and disseminate experiences
- **7,292** staff members with increased 'capacity'
- **692** new projects/initiatives/approaches resulted from this exchange of experience (an average of 9 per operation)



2. Expanding the effects of SF and other regional development programmes

Achievement of this programme's objective is under way:

- **3,845** good practices identified
- **38%** of them are related to Structural Funds
- Amongst these practices, **325** have been successfully transferred, which represents an average of **4** practices successfully transferred per operation so far

Close link between this objective and the improvement of regional policies/instruments



3. Improving regional policies & instruments

Achievement of the core objective of the programme is also under way

- An average of **14** policy documents/instruments are addressed per operation
- In total, **302** regional/local policies/instruments have been improved to date (average of 4 per operation)

Nature of these improvements varies significantly from project to project



INTERREG IIIC versus INTERREG IVC

INTERREG IIIC

- 315 MEUR
- 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
- **Cofinancing up to 75%**
(up to 85% for Convergence Regions)
- 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 Agenda**
- **2 Types of Interventions**



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 good practice identified into mainstream programmes



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
- Natural and Technological Risks
- Water & Waste Management
- Cultural Heritage and Landscape

Priority 3: Technical Assistance (19 M€ ERDF)



Types of Interventions

- Regional Initiatives Projects
 - ⇒ Exchange of experience, identification and transfer of good practices, development of regional policy instruments

- Capitalisation Projects, including Fast Track Projects
 - ⇒ Capitalisation projects: to optimise results achieved by transferring 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 best practices identified into mainstream programmes



Provisional Time Frame

April 2007

Submission of the operational programme to the EC

Summer 2007

Expected approval of the programme

20/21 September 2007

Launch event in Lisbon (PT) and opening of first call for project proposals

November/December 2007

Deadline for submission of project proposals

March/April 2008

Approval of first project proposals



Thank you for your attention!

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