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# Third call features

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Information event  
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# Call **main features**

1. When? **20 MARCH – 7 JUNE 2024, 12 noon** (CEST Paris time)
2. How much? Up to **130 MEUR**
3. About what? All **topics** open
4. From where? All **corners** of the programme area
5. Decision end of **2024**

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# Topics of the call

All topics open



**Concentration** principle (80%)

# Insight into **topics**



Within 80%

- **Research and Innovation** capacities, uptake of advanced technologies
- **Digitisation** for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities
- Sustainable growth and **competitiveness of SMEs** and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments
- **Skills** for smart specialisation, industrial transition & entrepreneurship
- Digital **connectivity**

# Insight into **topics**



Within 80%

- **Energy efficiency** and reduction of greenhouse emissions
- **Renewable energy**
- **Smart energy systems**, grids and storage
- **Climate change** adaptation, disaster risk prevention, resilience
- Access to **water** and sustainable water management
- Circular and **resource efficient** economy
- Protection and preservation of **nature and biodiversity**, green infrastructures, pollution reduction
- **Sustainable urban mobility** for zero carbon economy

# Insight into **topics**



Within 80%

- Effectiveness and inclusiveness of **labour market**, access to quality employment, social economy
- Equal access to **health care**, health systems resilience, family-based and community-based care
- **Culture and tourism** for economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

# Insight into **topics**



- Accesses to **education, training** and lifelong learning, distance and on-line education and training
- Inclusion of **marginalised communities**, low-income households and disadvantaged groups
- Socio-economic **integration** of third country nationals, including **migrants**



- **Climate resilient**, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal **TEN-T**
- **Sustainable**, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal **national, regional and local mobility**



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

# Insight into **topics**



**'Non-thematic' topics** related to implementation of regional development policies

For example:

- evaluating and monitoring public intervention
- management of public procurement
- management of state aid
- management of financial instruments



## Innovative character

What is the **added value** of your project?

Remember to check:

[www.interregeurope.eu/approved-projects](http://www.interregeurope.eu/approved-projects)



# Geographical **coverage**

**Four areas (out of five)** to be covered

Participation of Swiss partners encouraged

<b>Geographical areas</b>	<b>Countries covered</b>
<b>North</b>	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
<b>East</b>	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
<b>South</b>	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
<b>West</b>	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, <b>Switzerland</b>
<b>EU candidates</b>	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine

# **First and second calls**

results and lessons learnt

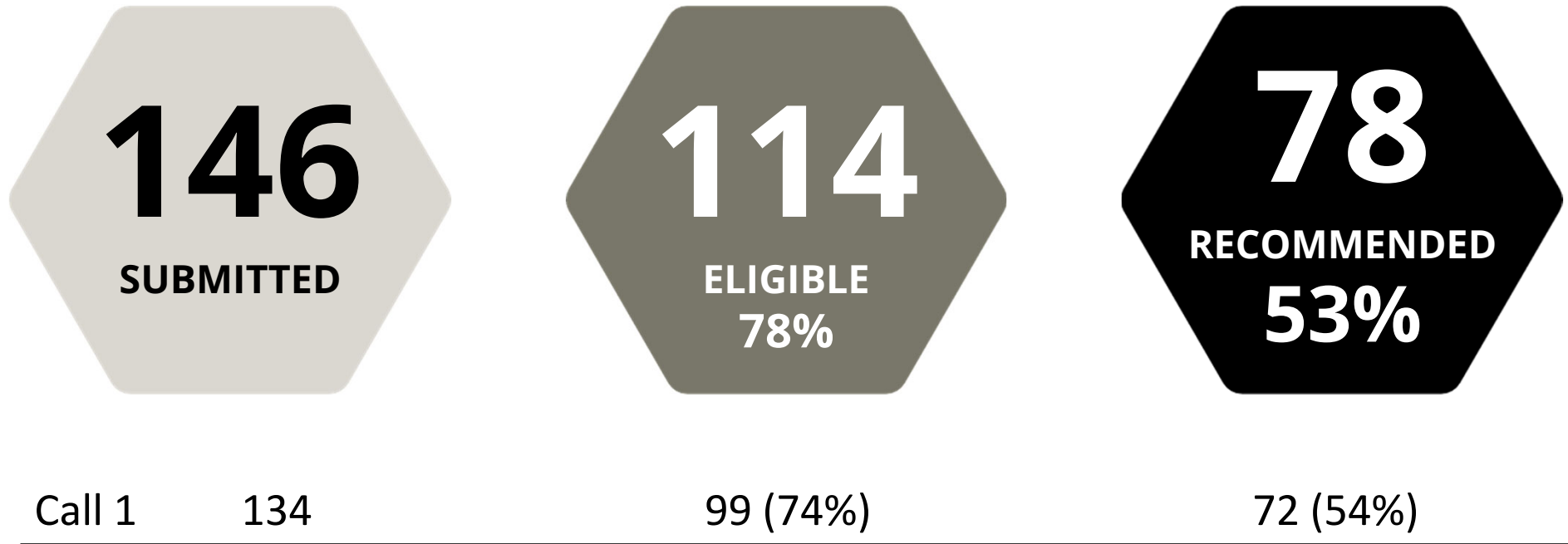


# Call key figures

<b>The first call</b> (5 April – 31 May 2022)	
<b>134</b>	project proposals
<b>780</b>	organisations from all Partner States
<b>EUR 1.4 million</b>	average ERDF budget per project proposal
<b>EUR 98 million</b>	ERDF budget committed

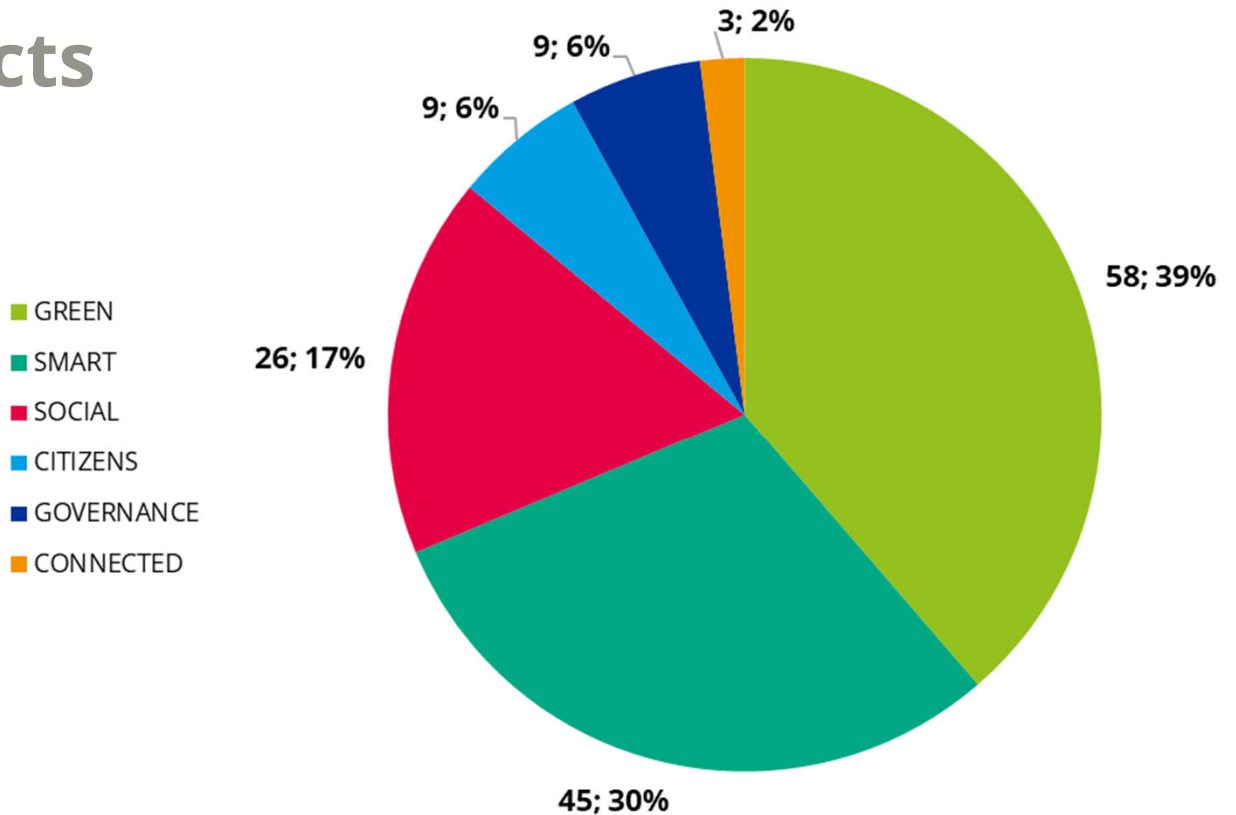
<b>The second call</b> (15 March - 9 June 2023)	
<b>146</b>	project proposals
<b>906</b>	organisations from all Partner States
<b>EUR 1.4 million</b>	average ERDF budget per project proposal
<b>EUR 108 million</b>	ERDF budget committed

## Call 2 success rate




# Overview of projects approved so far

150 running projects



# First and second call - **lessons learned**

## **On eligibility**

- Ensure that at least one instrument is an **Investment for growth & jobs** goal programme
  - Check carefully the **'policy responsible authority' status** of the organisations involved in the project
  - Don't prepare documents (e.g., declarations) at the last minute
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# First and second call - **lessons learned**

## On quality assessment

- **Partnership** is key
  - Broad geographical area (e.g., AL, BA, BG, ME, MK, SI and part of FR also in MED)
  - Balanced partnership (e.g., country representation, mix between more & less advanced regions)
  - Policy relevance of partners
- Quality of **results**
  - Innovative character (especially when partners who come back on similar topic)
  - Expected policy improvements

Please justify when **programme recommendations** are not followed





# Key to **successful application**

- Thorough **preparation**
  - Read carefully programme documents (e.g., the manual)
- **Assistance** tools
  - Use self-assessment tool
  - Ask for JS feedback (during open call)
  - Join assistance events
- Get to know our **selection process**
  1. Eligibility = ineligible proposals get **no further assessment**
  2. Quality criteria = meet programme expectations

# Time for questions



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