



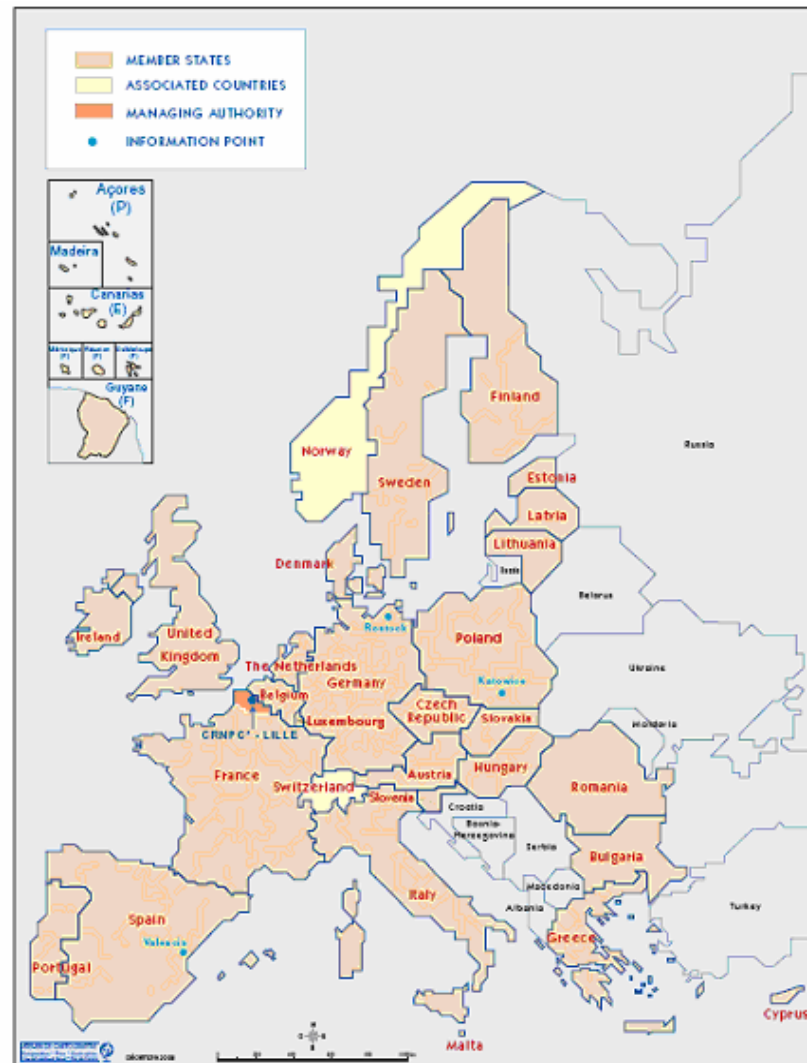
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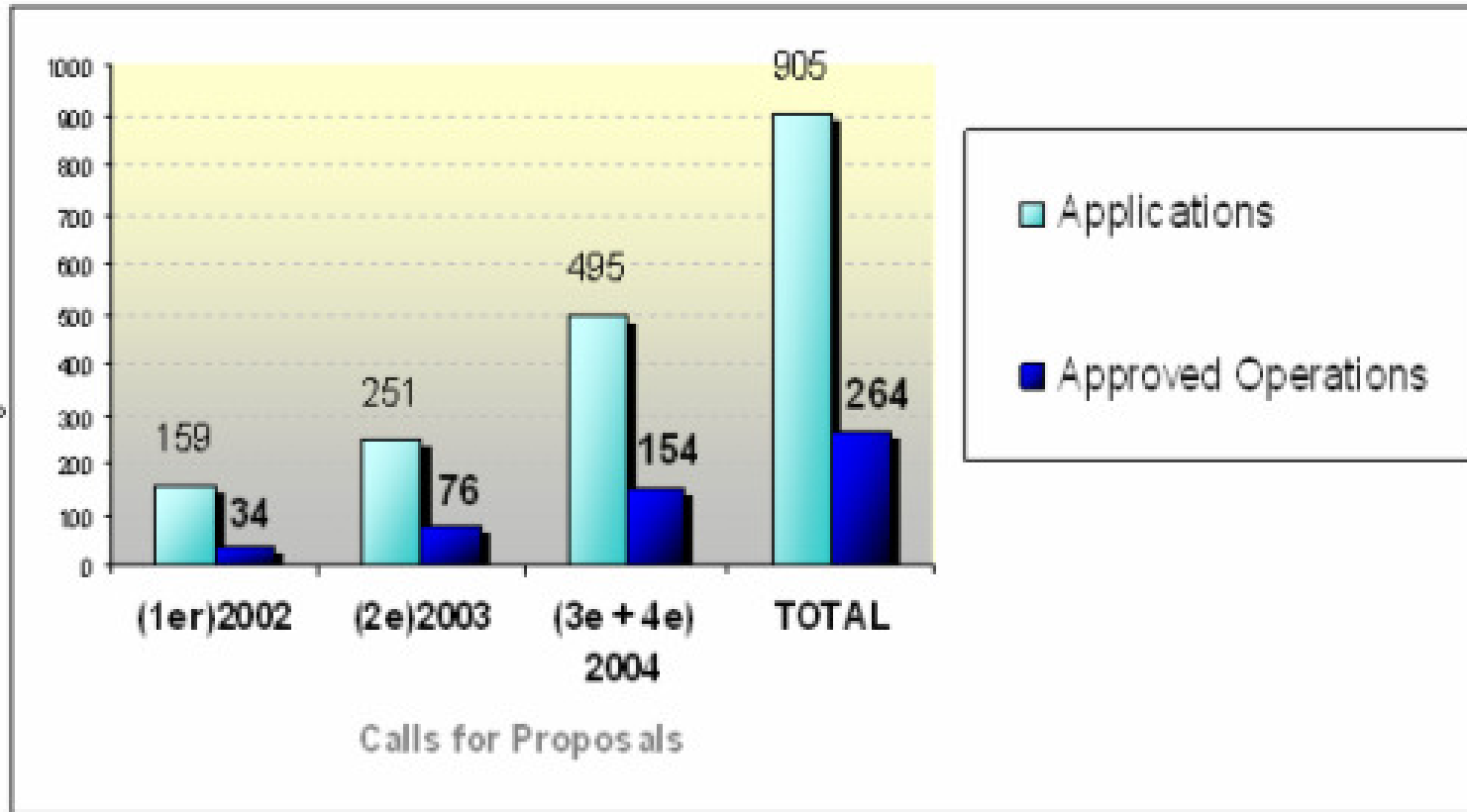
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Applications and Approved Operations

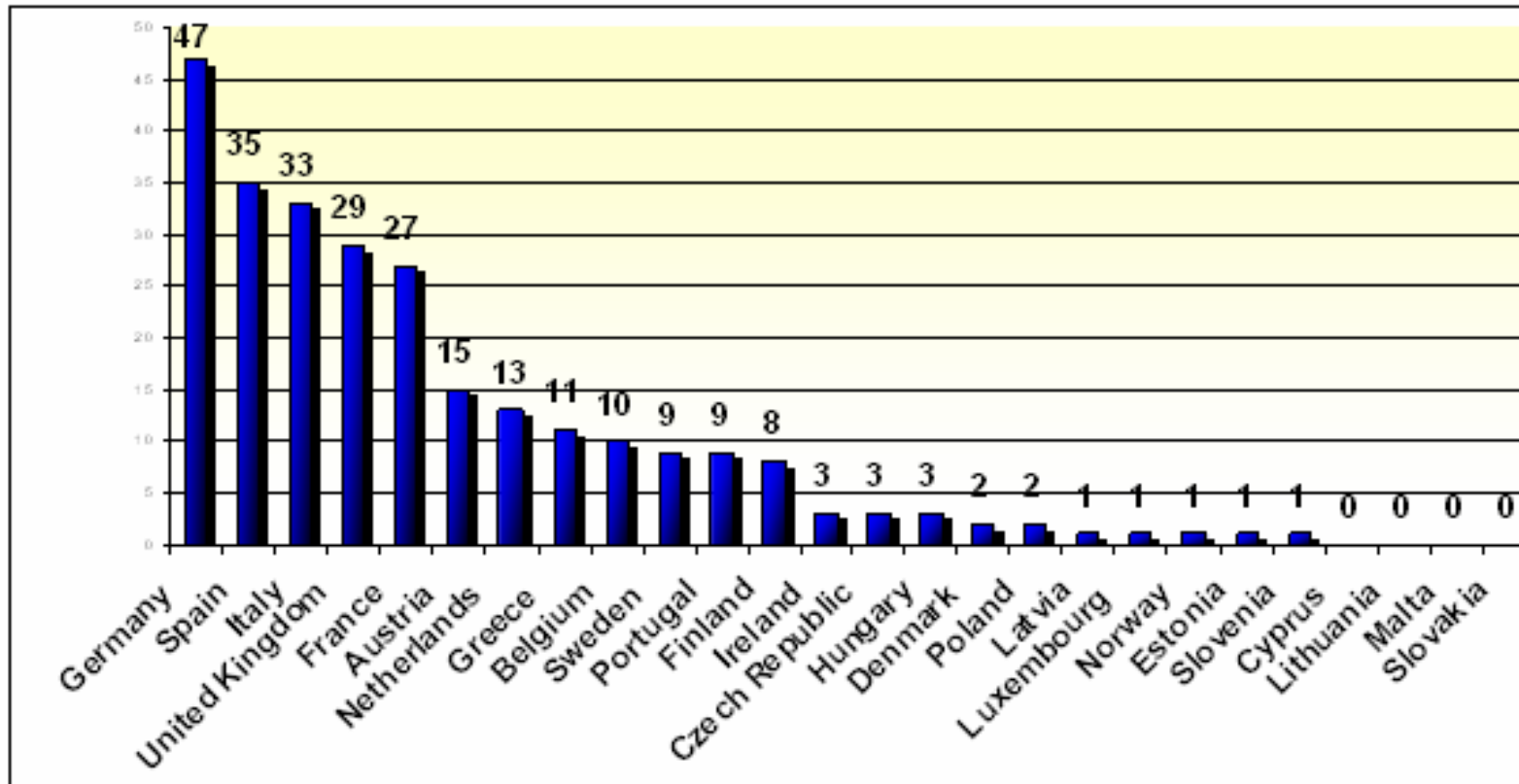




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Allocation of 264 Lead Partners (LPs)

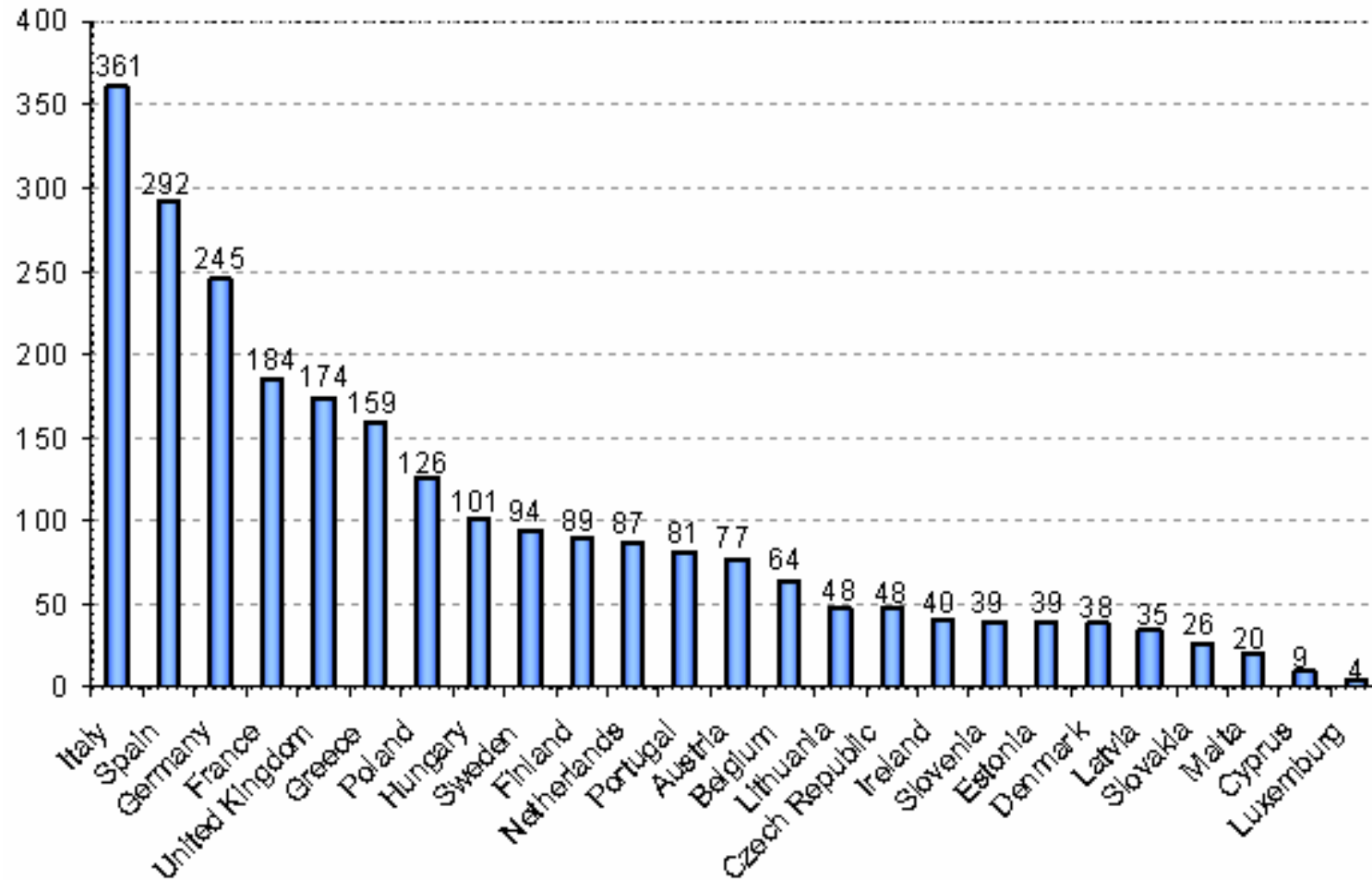




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Allocation of 2600 Project Partners (PPs)





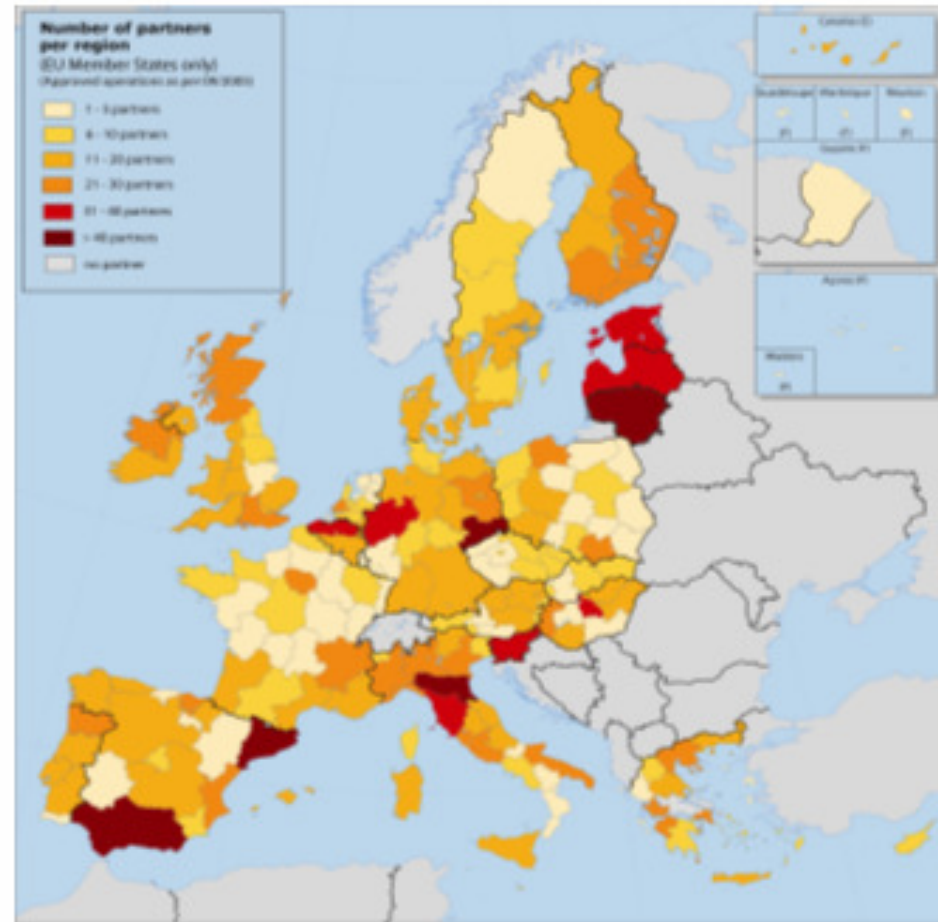
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191 Regions involved throughout Europe

The most active regions:

ANDALUCÍA (ES)	62
EMILIA-ROMAGNA (IT)	59
CATALUÑA (ES)	51
LIETUVA	48
SACHSEN (DE)	46
EESTI	39
SLOVENIJA	39
VLAAMS GEWEST (BE)	35
LATVIJA	35
TOSCANA (IT)	33
NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN (DE)	32
KOZEP-MAGYARORSZAG (HU)	32

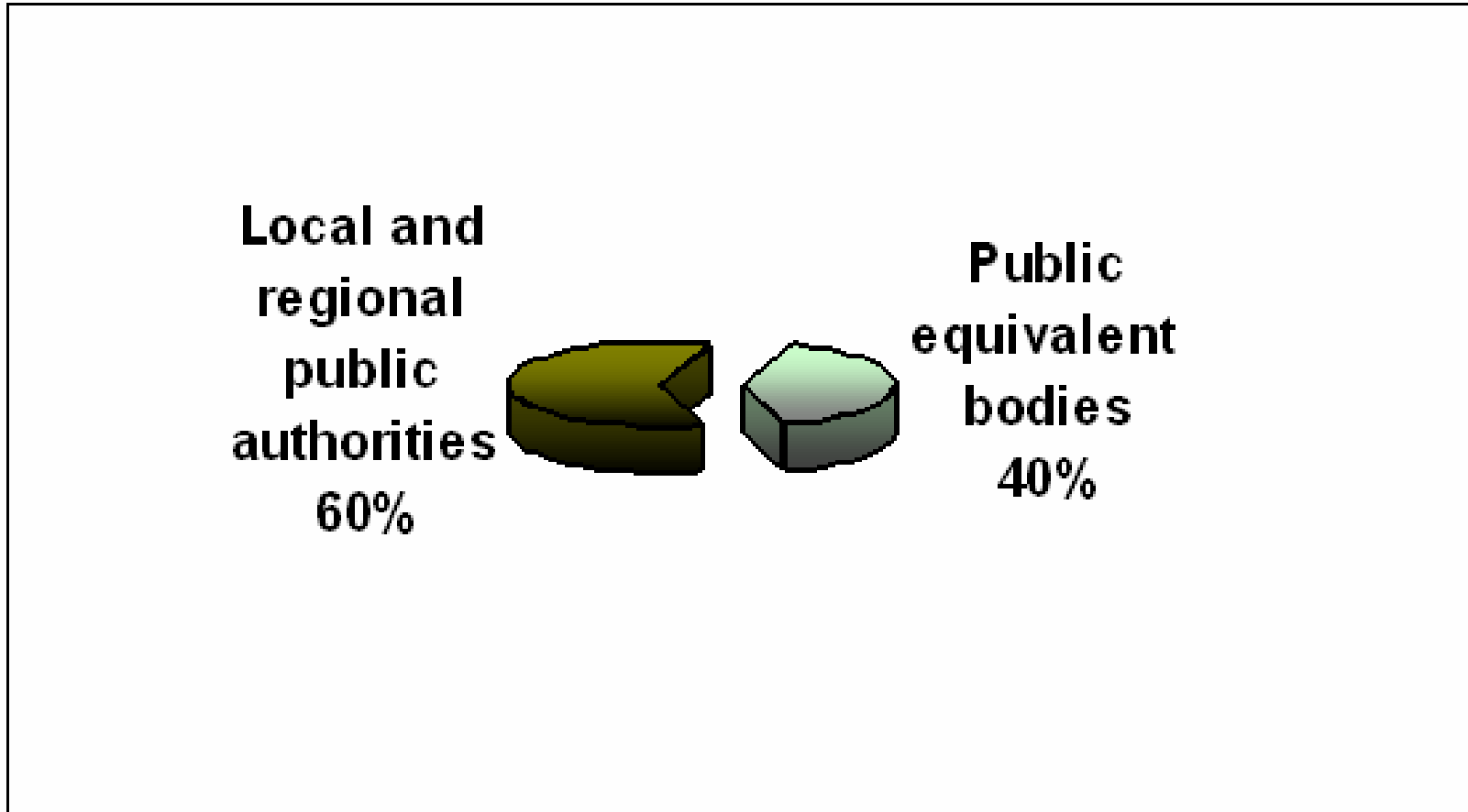




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Legal status of partners involved

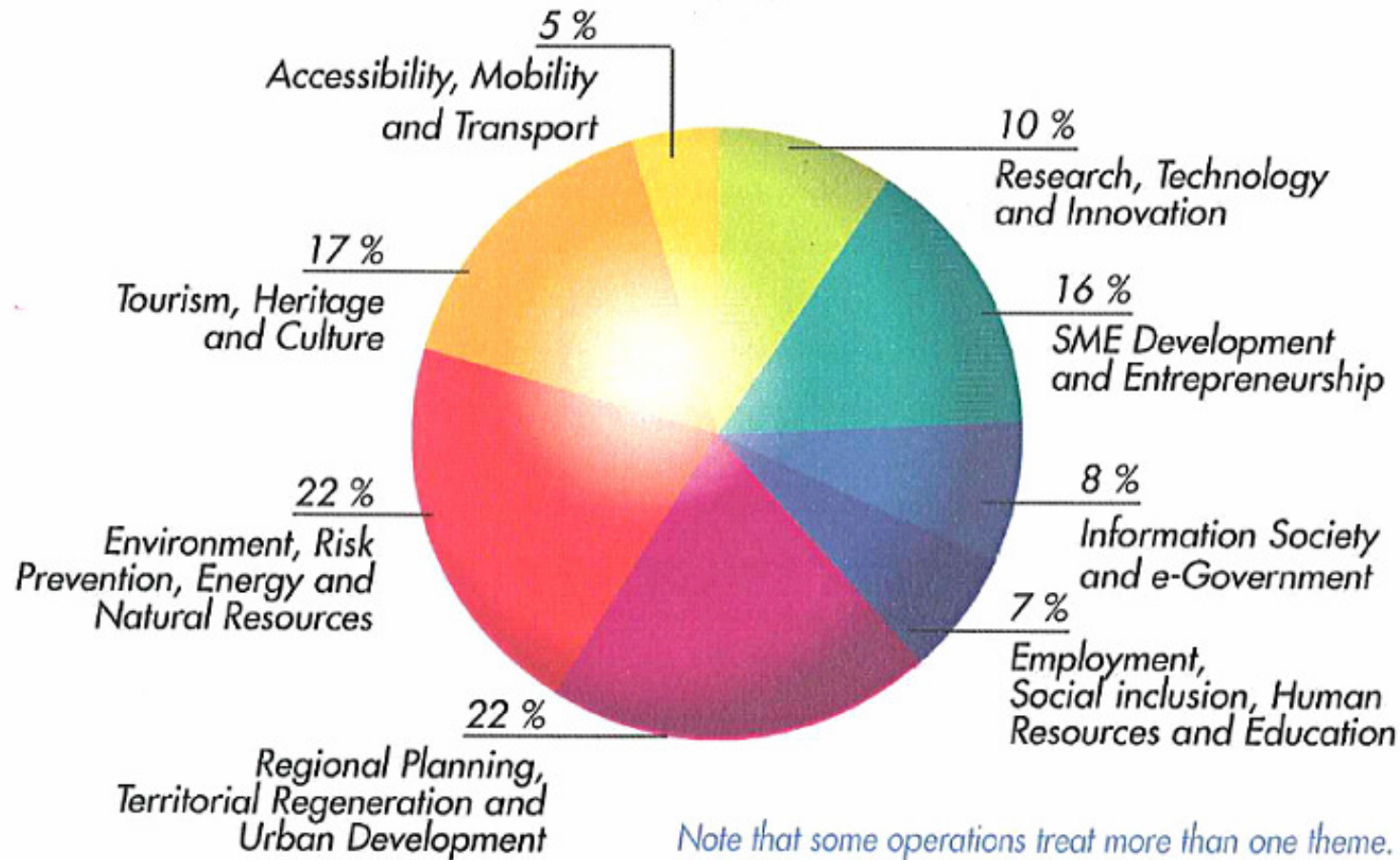




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Themes of cooperation





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IR IIIC West achievements: Accessing the experience of other partners

- **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 **19** interregional events organised per operation to exchange and disseminate experiences
- **6,982** staff members with increased 'capacity'
- **752** new projects/initiatives/approaches resulted from this exchange of experience (an average of 11 per operation)



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IR IIIC West achievements:
Expanding the effects of SF and other regional development programmes

Achievement of this programme's objective is under way:

- **2,998** good practices identified
- **40%** of them are related to Structural Funds
- Amongst these practices, **313** were successfully transferred, which represents an average of **4** practices successfully transferred per operation

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





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IR IIIC West achievements: Improving regional policies & instruments

- An average of **12** policy documents/instruments are addressed per operation
- In total, **219** regional/local policies/instruments have been improved to date (average of 3 per operation)

Nature of these improvements varies significantly from project to project



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IR IIIC West achievements: Contribution to horizontal EU policies

- Equal opportunities

60% of the West running operation state their project will be positive in terms of equality

- Environment

Almost **85%** of the West running operations state that they will be positive in terms of environment (including 30% that state they have environment as main focus)





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IR IIIC West achievements: Dissemination

- **781** dissemination events organised
- More than **700** newsletters and brochures distributed to **360,000** people
- **96%** of the running operations have a web site (only 3 operations do not have yet their own web site)





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Objectives of Structural Funds Policies 2007 - 2013

- Objective 1: Convergence
- Objective 2: Regional Competitiveness and Employment
- Objective 3: European Territorial Cooperation





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INTERREG IIIC versus IVC

INTERREG IIIC

- 315 MEUR
- Cofinancing 50/75 %
- Four programmes: four Managing, four Paying and four Audit Authorities
- Four JTS
- All themes of regional and local public activities
- Three types of operations

INTERREG IVC

- 321 MEUR
- Cofinancing 75/85 %
- One programme: one Managing, one Certifying and one Audit Authority
- Four Information Points
- Focus on
 - Innovation and Knowledge Economy
 - Environment and Risk Prevention
- Two types of interventions





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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*





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Priorities

- Priority 1: Innovation and the knowledge economy
 - Innovation, research and technology development
 - Entrepreneurship and SMEs
 - The information society
 - Employment, human resources and education
- Priority 2: Environment and risk prevention
 - Natural and technological risks
 - Water and waste management
 - Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
 - Energy and sustainable transport
 - Cultural heritage and landscape





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Types of interventions

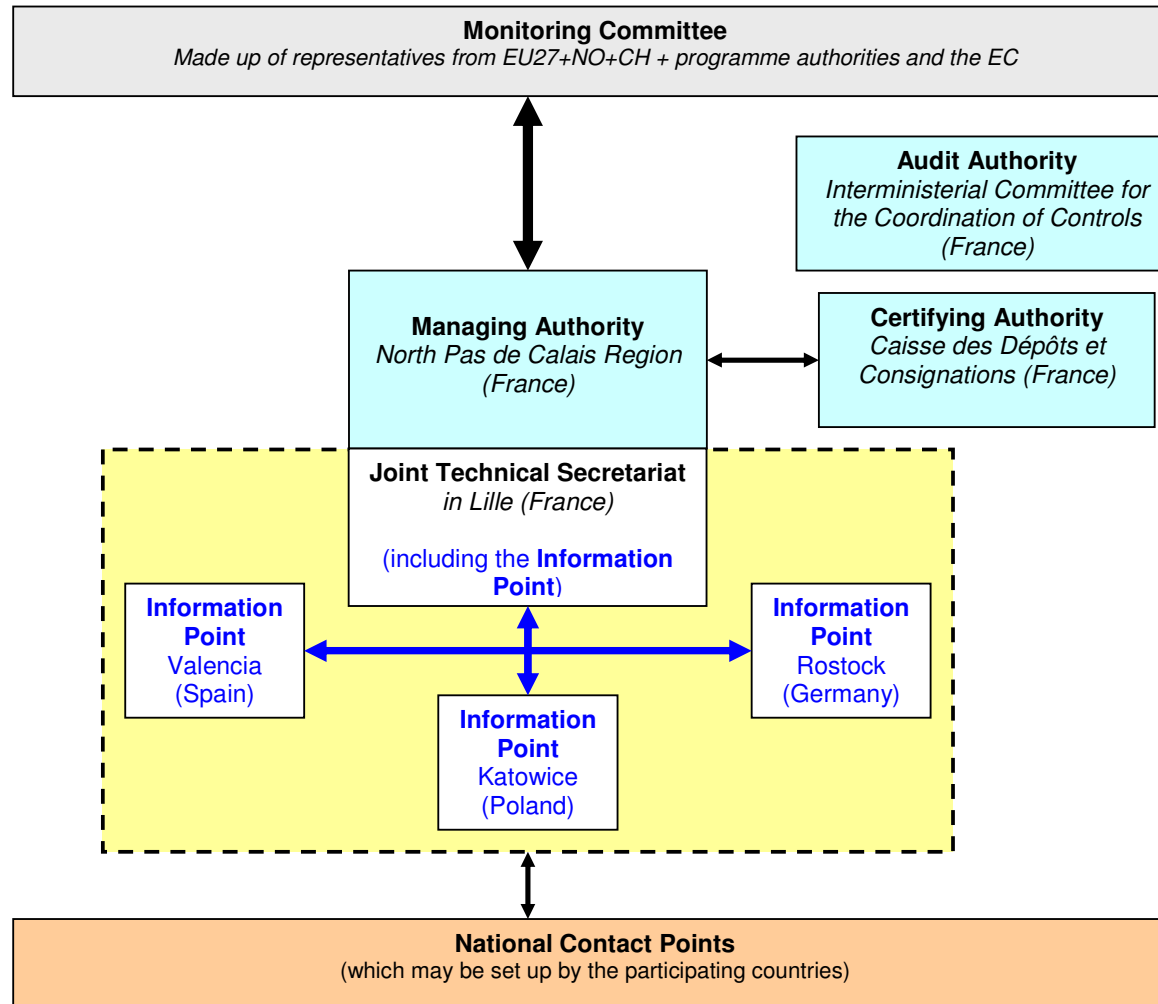
- Regional Initiatives projects
 - Exchange of experience and good practice, development of tools and instruments of regional policies
- Capitalisation projects, including Fast Track projects
 - Capitalisation projects: optimise results achieved, transfer of good practices identified into main stream 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



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Management Structure





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Tools

- **Website:** as main information centre
- **Events:** Opening and partner search events, Lead Applicant seminars, national and regional information events
- **Consultations:** in JTS, IPs and regions
- **Application Pack:** Application Form, Programme Manual and template for co-financing statements
- **Project idea and partner search database:** to be set-up on the INTERREG IVC website
- **Good example applications:** for download from the INTERREG IVC website as soon as they are available
- **Brochures, leaflets and articles in relevant media**





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Provisional time frame

April 2007	Submission of the operational programme to the EC
September 2007	Expected approval of the programme
20/21 September 2007	Launch event in Lisbon (PT) and opening of first call for project proposals
November 2007	Deadline for submission of project proposals
March 2008	Approval of first project proposals





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