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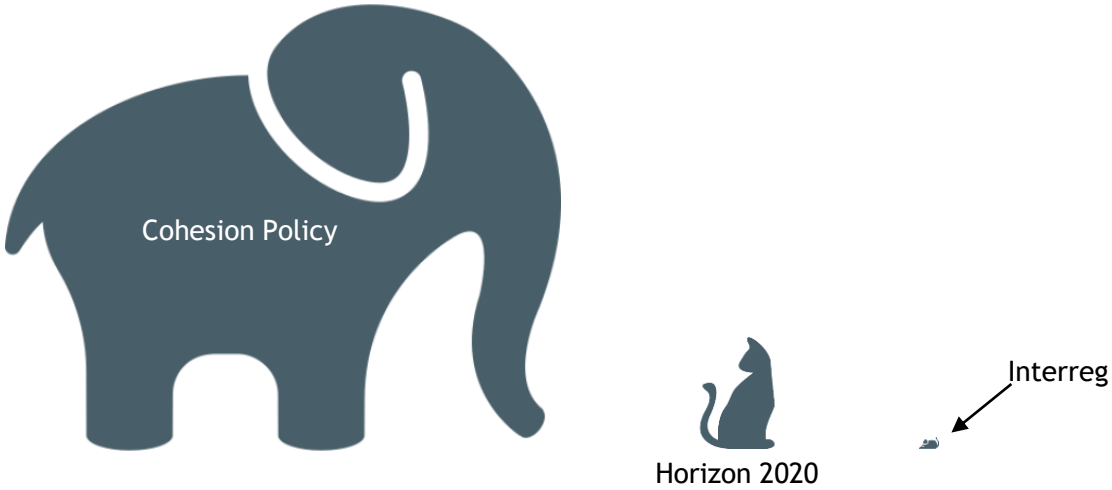
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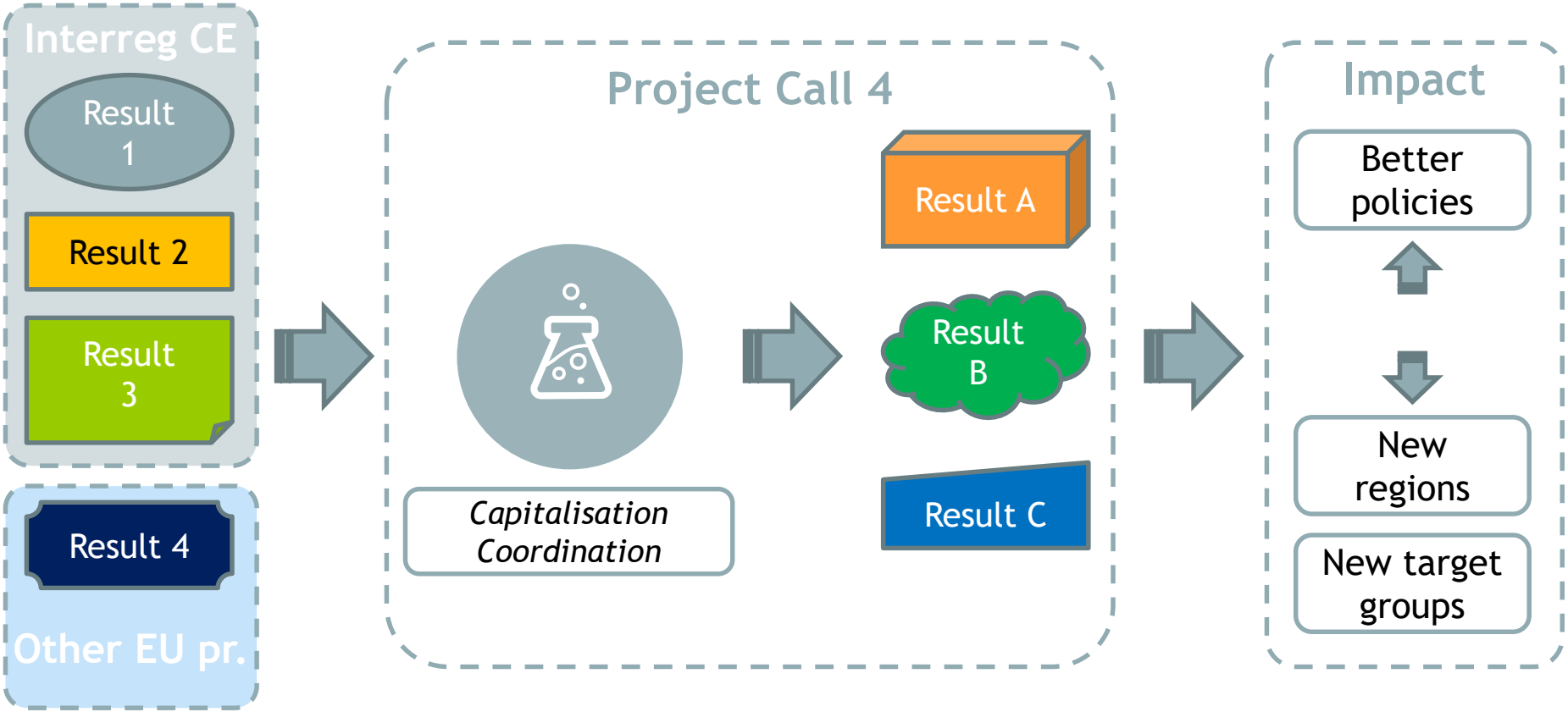

CAPITALISATION
THROUGH
COORDINATION:
Call design

COORDINATION → IMPACT

- Interreg transnational cooperation is the seed for larger investments in the macro-regional context (and beyond)
- The aim of the capitalisation call was to increase the impact of transnational cooperation projects in the regions through capitalising on existing outputs and results in coordination with other EU instruments in order to support our regions in having better access to applicable results of excellent research



CAPITALISATION THROUGH COORDINATION: CALL APPROACH



CAPITALISATION THROUGH COORDINATION

Eligibility requirements

Capitalisation of outputs and results obtained from at least:

- 2 projects funded by the Interreg CE Programme
- 1 thematically relevant project funded by a programme directly-managed by the European Commission

Partnership must be composed of at least:

- 50 % of institutions involved in Interreg CE projects
- Min. 1 partner from projects funded by the directly-managed EU programmes whose results are going to be valorised

CAPITALISATION THROUGH COORDINATION: THEMATIC FOCUS

P.1 INNOVATION	I. Industry 4.0/advanced manufacturing
	II. Social entrepreneurship
P.2 LOW-CARBON	III. Energy efficient renovation of public buildings
	IV. Low-carbon mobility and urban air quality
P.3 ENVIRONMENT & CULTURE	V. Climate change adaptation and risk prevention
	VI. Cultural heritage sites and buildings at risk
P.4 TRANSPORT	VII. Accessibility of peripheral and border regions to TEN-T CNC networks/nodes


CAPITALISATION
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Call in numbers

CAPITALISATION THROUGH COORDINATION

Call in numbers

23 eligible proposals valorising:

- 46 projects previously funded by Interreg CE
- 49 projects previously funded by R&I framework programmes
- 8 projects previously funded by other EU instruments directly managed by the EC
- requesting 22 Mio EUR ERDF (2,6 times the call allocation)

14 projects recommended for funding, finally 9 projects funded valorising:

- 28 projects funded by Interreg CE
- 22 projects previously funded by R&I framework programmes
- 3 projects previously funded by other EU instruments directly managed by the EC
- 8.4 Mio EUR ERDF allocated for the 9 selected projects

Topic	Index No and acronym	Project description	ERDF budget (m EUR)	Projects whose results are being capitalised
Industry 4.0/advanced manufacturing	CE1644 Boost4BSO	Creating a comprehensive capacity building programme for Business Support Organisations by developing an Industry 4.0 competence pack covering the whole range of relevant topics for SME support: i.e. I4.0 related technologies, organizational change, business model development and product/service innovation	0.8	2 Interreg CE projects 1 H2020 project
Industry 4.0/advanced manufacturing	CE1662 CEUP 2030	Generating stable innovation networks and improved knowledge on new technologies on Industry 4.0/Advanced Manufacturing leading to an upgraded framework for policy-making & implementation	0.9	2 Interreg CE projects 3 H2020 projects
Social entrepreneurship	CE1683 CERUSI	Building skills and capacities for social innovation and social entrepreneurship in rural areas by implementing a Rural Social Innovation (RSI) Lab Caravan and developing local RSI Action plans	1.0	2 Interreg CE projects 1 H2020 project

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Energy efficient renovation of public building in cities	CE1666 TARGET-CE	Developing a unique hub for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Source solutions in public buildings by capitalising innovative technical & non-technical solutions such as 3D energy management and visualization tools, financial and decision support tools, energy efficiency strategies. energy management plans and training courses	0.7	4 Interreg CE projects 2 H2020 projects
Low carbon mobility and urban air quality	CE1671 Dynaxibility 4CE	Improving the capacities of public transport authorities for innovative low carbon mobility solutions in Functional Urban Areas in order to counterbalance negative effects of urbanisation processes and growing transport demand that generates greenhouse gas emissions and bad air quality	1.1	4 Interreg CE projects 5 H2020 projects
Climate change adaptation and risk prevention	CE1670 TEACHER-CE	Development of an integrated toolbox for boosting climate-proof management of water resources including floods/heavy rain/drought risk prevention, small water retention measures and protection of water resources through sustainable land-use management	1.1	4 Interreg CE projects 1 H2020 project 1 LIFE project

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Cultural heritage (sites & buildings) at risk	CE1649 ForHeritage	Integrated approach for a better protection and management of cultural heritage sites considering the various stages of planning, implementation and financing and applying a wide ranging concept of risk from fires and earthquakes to management aspects	0.7	2 Interreg CE projects 1 H2020 project 1 FI COMPASS project
Cultural heritage (sites & buildings) at risk	CE1665 STRENCH	Improving capacities of the public and private sectors to mitigate the impacts of climate change and natural hazards on cultural heritage sites, structures and buildings at risk by applying ready-to-use solutions such as WebGIS tools, hazard maps, methodology for vulnerability ranking and strategies for disaster risk reduction	1.1	4 Interreg CE projects 2 H2020 projects 2 FP6 projects DG EAC study
Accessibility for peripheral and border regions to TEN-T CNC networks/nodes	CE1658 RegiaMobil	Supporting the uptake of smart mobility solutions such as real-time demand-responsive fleet management for public transport in peripheral regions affected by demographic change in order to better link them to TEN-T networks	1.4	4 Interreg CE projects 3 H2020 projects

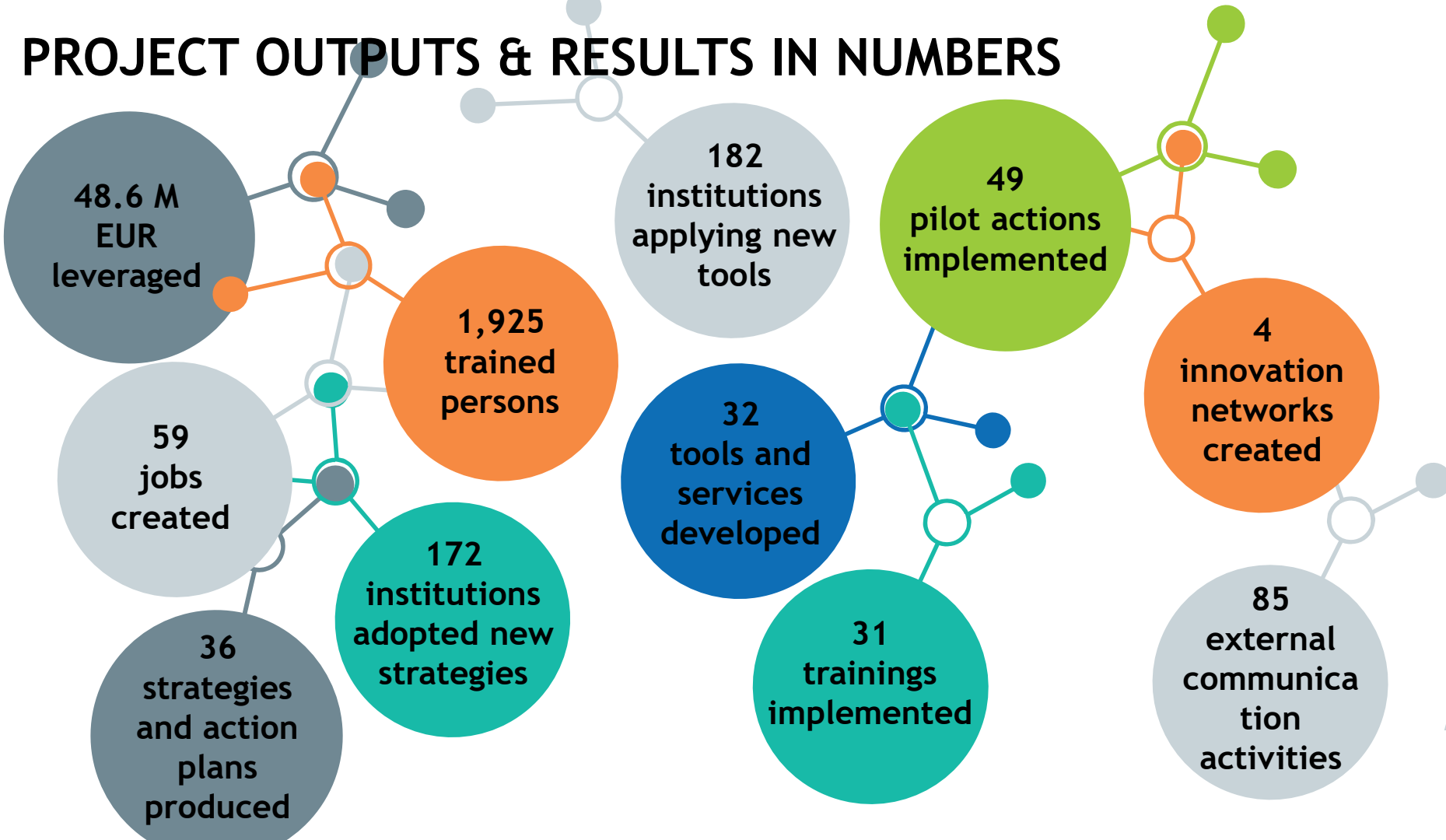

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COORDINATION:
Results
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CAPITALISATION THROUGH COORDINATION

Methodology

- Impact evaluation conducted by external experts between 2020 and 2023
- Mix-method approach
- 4 surveys with programme beneficiaries, programme stakeholders and end-users
- 89 interviews with representatives of programme, thematic experts, programme beneficiaries and end-users
- 12 FGs with the MA/JS, members of the Evaluation Task Force, Monitoring Committee members, National Contact Points, thematic experts and the evaluation team
- 14 Case Studies/4 Case Studies of call 4 projects

PROJECT OUTPUTS & RESULTS IN NUMBERS



IMPACT EVALUATION

Innovativeness

- The evidence shows innovative character and design of programme interventions, which encourages projects to test innovative solutions through pilot actions and at programme level innovativeness is manifested best in the novel approach used for call 4

- Projects under call 4 were particularly successful in capitalising and leveraging previous results, confirming the positive outcomes of the innovative approach at programme level

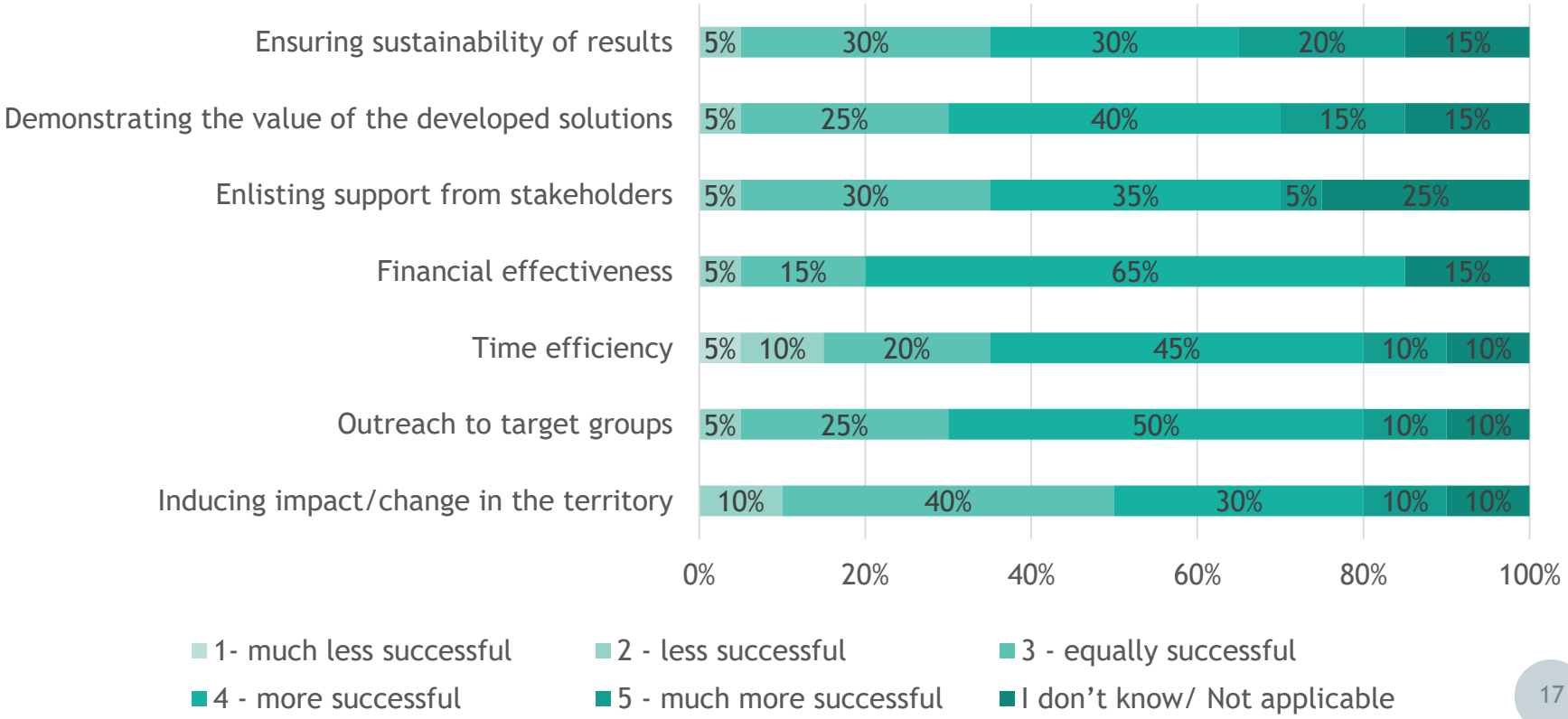
IMPACT EVALUATION

Efficiency

Call 4 was largely appreciated as an effective experimentation that prompted beneficiaries to:

- broaden their partnerships by taking on new types of partners,
- widen the knowledge base of the partnerships,
- gain in efficiency through capitalisation of outputs and results already achieved, i.e. by producing an often comparable or sometimes even larger number of outputs with less time and funding

Beneficiary survey - Call 4 specific question: In your opinion, was the capitalisation project more or less successful than a standard project? (N=20)



IMPACT EVALUATION

Successful outreach

With more limited time and funding, call 4 projects were also deemed particularly successful with regard to their outputs and outreach, owing to:

- down-streaming approach widely taken by these projects,
- the preparation ahead of project implementation to clearly identify which results can be taken and re-used, how they can be capitalised upon and/or upscaled

- Call 4 projects enabled the transfer of project results to other programmes and partnerships, ensuring the sustainability of the learning effect of the Interreg CE experience.

IMPACT EVALUATION

Transferability

IMPACT EVALUATION

Sustainability

- The experience of call 4 shows that results from projects funded as part of the first and second calls were re-integrated in projects funded in the fourth call, thereby extending both their utility and sustainability.

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