

# Improving policies in Europe

Public authorities design their policies with the aim to improve the situation in our town, region or country. This can be in the form of a fund supporting new SMEs, a new regulation for lowering the carbon footprint of our car use, or an update in the strategy for biodiversity protection.

Public authorities in **258 Interreg Europe projects work on 527 policy instruments** all over Europe. They exchange smart and sustainable solutions developed and tested in the regions of their project partners. The aim is to transfer these solutions into their own policies and strategies.

**Over 2,000 partners take part in the 258 projects.** Two thirds of the partners have the ambition to influence their Structural Funds programmes, especially those under the Investment for Growth and Jobs goal financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Others address their local, regional or national development policies in a broader sense.

## Focus on growth and jobs

The projects currently work on **170 policy instruments from the Growth and Jobs programmes** financed by ERDF - 79% of all approved by the European Commission. More effective use of the Structural Funds managed by these programmes leading to improvements in the regions is the key objective of Interreg Europe. The projects also work on 22 European territorial cooperation programmes and 335 other local, regional or national policy instruments.

## Key topics on target

Strategic topics for smart and sustainable Europe selected by Interreg Europe are well represented among the 170 Growth and Jobs programmes addressed by the projects.

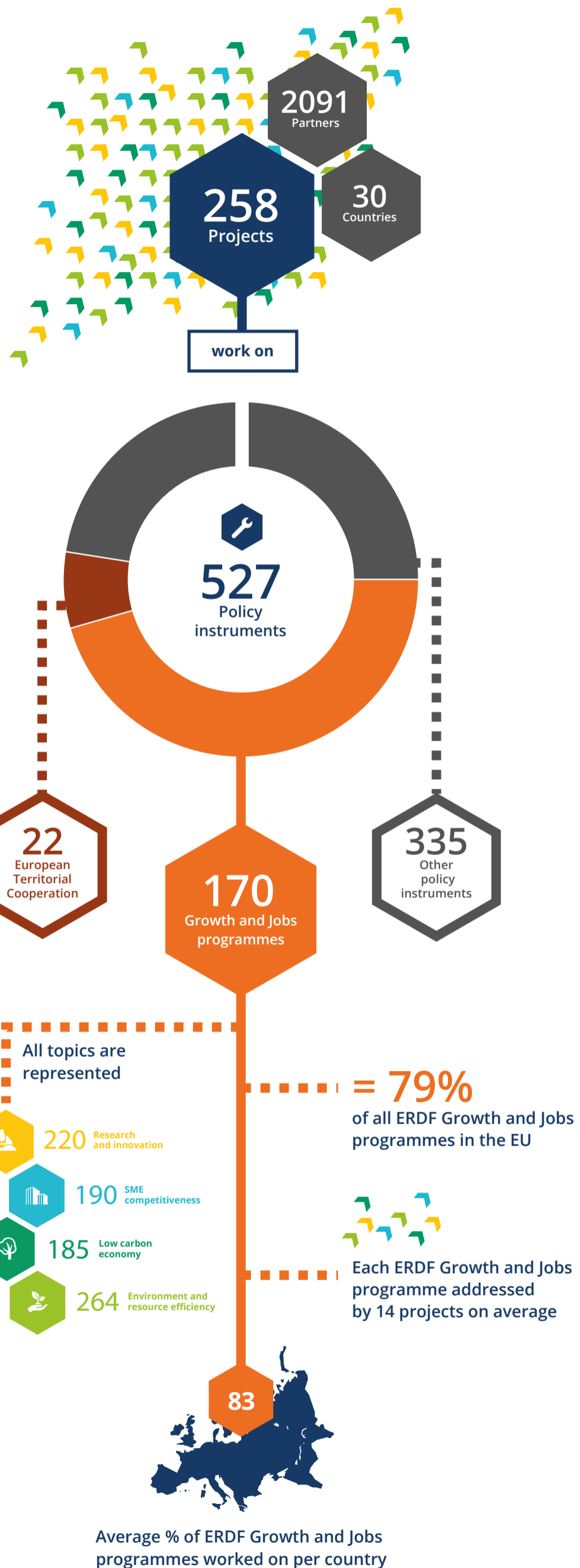
Some Growth and Jobs programmes tackle several policy topics of high relevance to the region or country. The topics can range from innovation and internationalisation to mobility and resource efficiency. Other programmes are more focused, such as the Operational Programme 'Environment' in Bulgaria.

## Project synergies

There are often several projects working on the different topics or 'chapters' of the Growth and Jobs programmes. On average, 14 projects work on improving each of the Growth and Jobs programmes in a country.

## Growth and Jobs programmes in countries

In some countries, projects target all the existing Growth and Jobs programmes. In others, the share is smaller. On average, the projects work on 83% of the existing programmes in each country.



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## Zoom-in on countries

