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Third call

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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**

Topics of the call

All topics open |

SMART GREEN CONNECTED SOCIAL CITIZENS GOVERNANCE

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**

- 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**

SOCIAL

- 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**

CONNECTED

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

CITIZENS

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

Insight into **topics**

GOVERNANCE

'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

Geographical **coverage**

Four areas (out of five) to be covered

Participation of Swiss partners encouraged

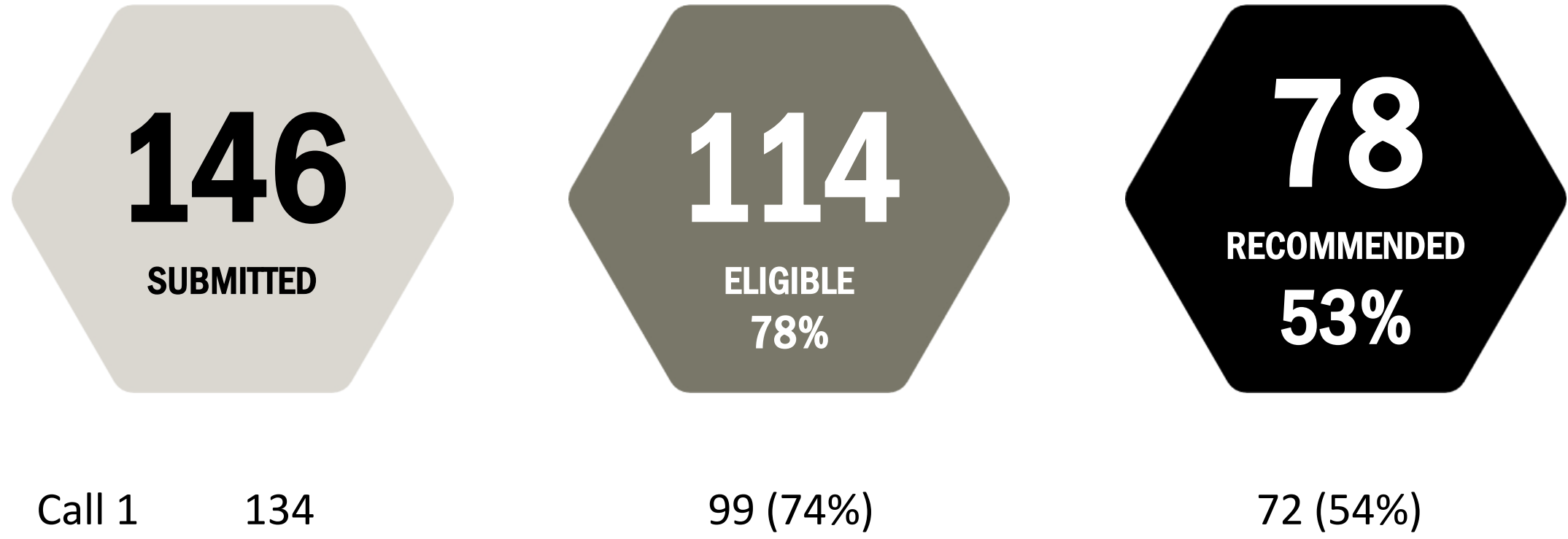| Geographical areas	Countries covered
North	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg,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

First and second calls results and lessons learnt

Call key figures

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

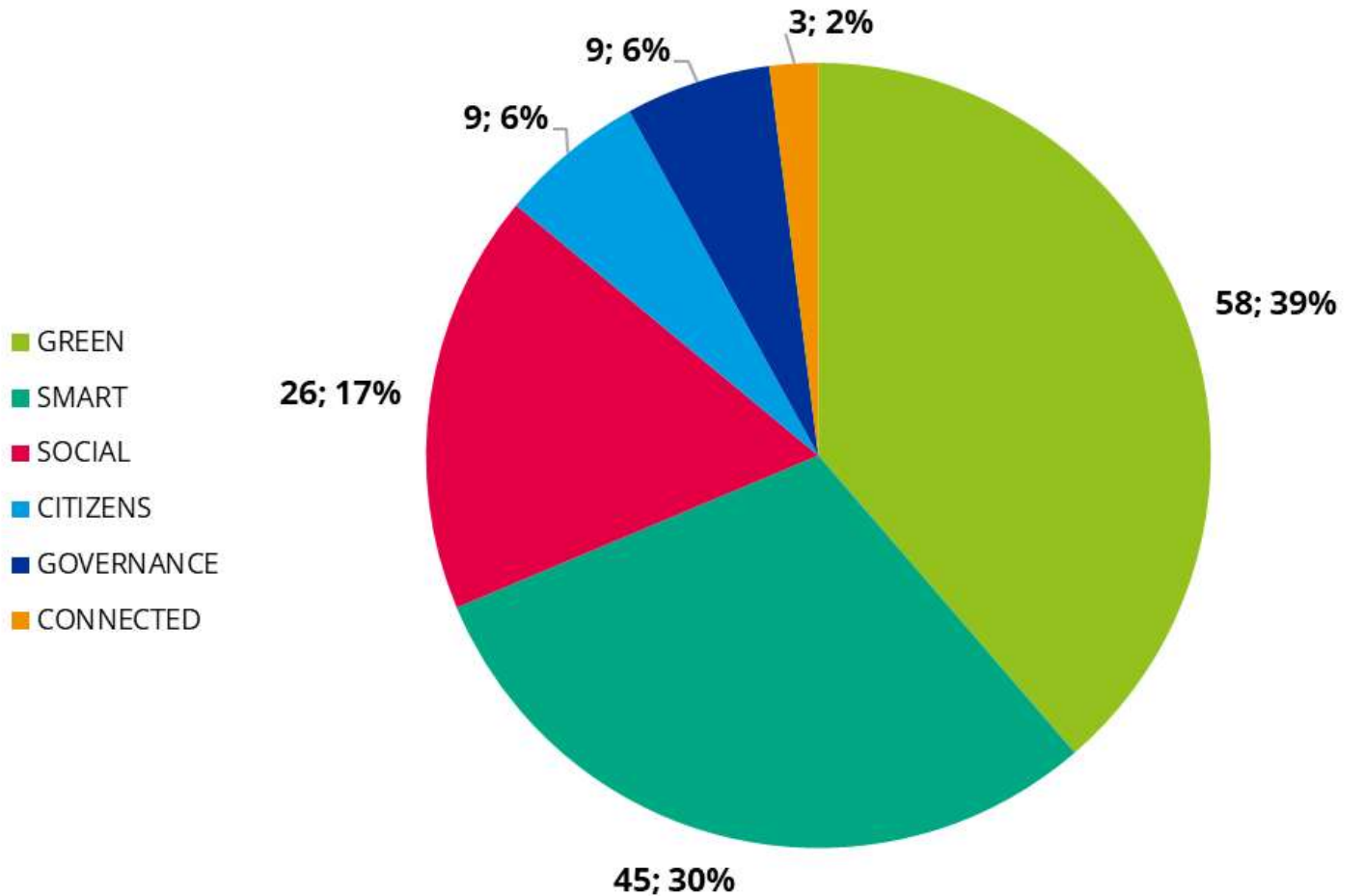| The second call (15 March - 9 June 2023)	
146	project proposals
906	organisations from all Partner States
EUR 1.4 million	average ERDF budget per project proposal
EUR 108 million	ERDF budget committed

Call 2 **success rate**

146
SUBMITTED

114
ELIGIBLE
78%

78
RECOMMENDED
53%

| Call 1 | 134 | 99 (74%) | 72 (54%) |

Overview of projects approved so far

150 running projects

Legend:
- GREEN
- SMART
- SOCIAL
- CITIZENS
- GOVERNANCE
- CONNECTED

Pie chart data: 58; 39%, 45; 30%, 26; 17%, 9; 6%, 9; 6%, 3; 2%

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

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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