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Second call for proposals - Regular projects

Call duration: 3 months (29th of March – 28th of June 2024, 14:00 hrs Romania time)

Financial allocation:

Interreg Funds – 90%:

➢ **Total:** EUR **31,350,327**

➢ **Per Specific Objective:**
- PO1/SO1 Research: EUR **11,054,293**
- PO2/SO4 Climate change: EUR **10,148,017**
- PO2/SO7 Nature protection: EUR **10,148,017**

➢ **Per project:** EUR **500,001 – 1,500,000**

Project duration: Up to 30 months

Aim at strengthening cooperation by addressing more complex challenges which require higher budgets

Second call for proposals – Small scale projects

Call duration: 3 months (29th of March – 28th of June 2024, 14:00 hrs Romania time)

Financial allocation:

Interreg Funds – 90%:

➢ **Total:** EUR **15,490,523**

➢ **Per Specific Objective:**
- o PO2/SO4 Climate change: EUR **2,000,000**
- o PO2/SO7 Nature protection: EUR **1,898,174**
- o ISO1/SO3 Governance: EUR **11,592,349**

➢ **Per project:** EUR 250,000 – 500,000

Project duration: Up to 18 months

Aim: To **strengthen people-to-people cooperation** in Programme area in the **environmental and governance fields** through balanced partnerships between eligible legal entities.

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Application packs

Application packs available here: www.blacksea-cbc.net

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Part I - KEY ASPECTS OF INTERREG VI-B NEXT BLACK SEA BASIN PROGRAMME

Part II – PROJECT MAIN REQUIREMENTS

Part III – OFFLINE APPLICATION FORM TEMPLATE

Part IV – ASSESSMENT, SELECTION AND CONTRACTING

Annexes 1-10

Submission of Application Form – Joint Electronic Monitoring System (JeMS)

- Applications submitted on-line, only by the Lead Partner

- Other users (consultants or Partners) allowed to fill in sections of the Application – they can read or add/modify data in the AF, only after the Lead Partner gives the necessary permissions

- REGISTER ON **EC PARTICIPANT REGISTER** PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION!

What's new?

Pre-submission checks automatically made by JeMS - verifies that all sections are filled in with text, not the quality of information!

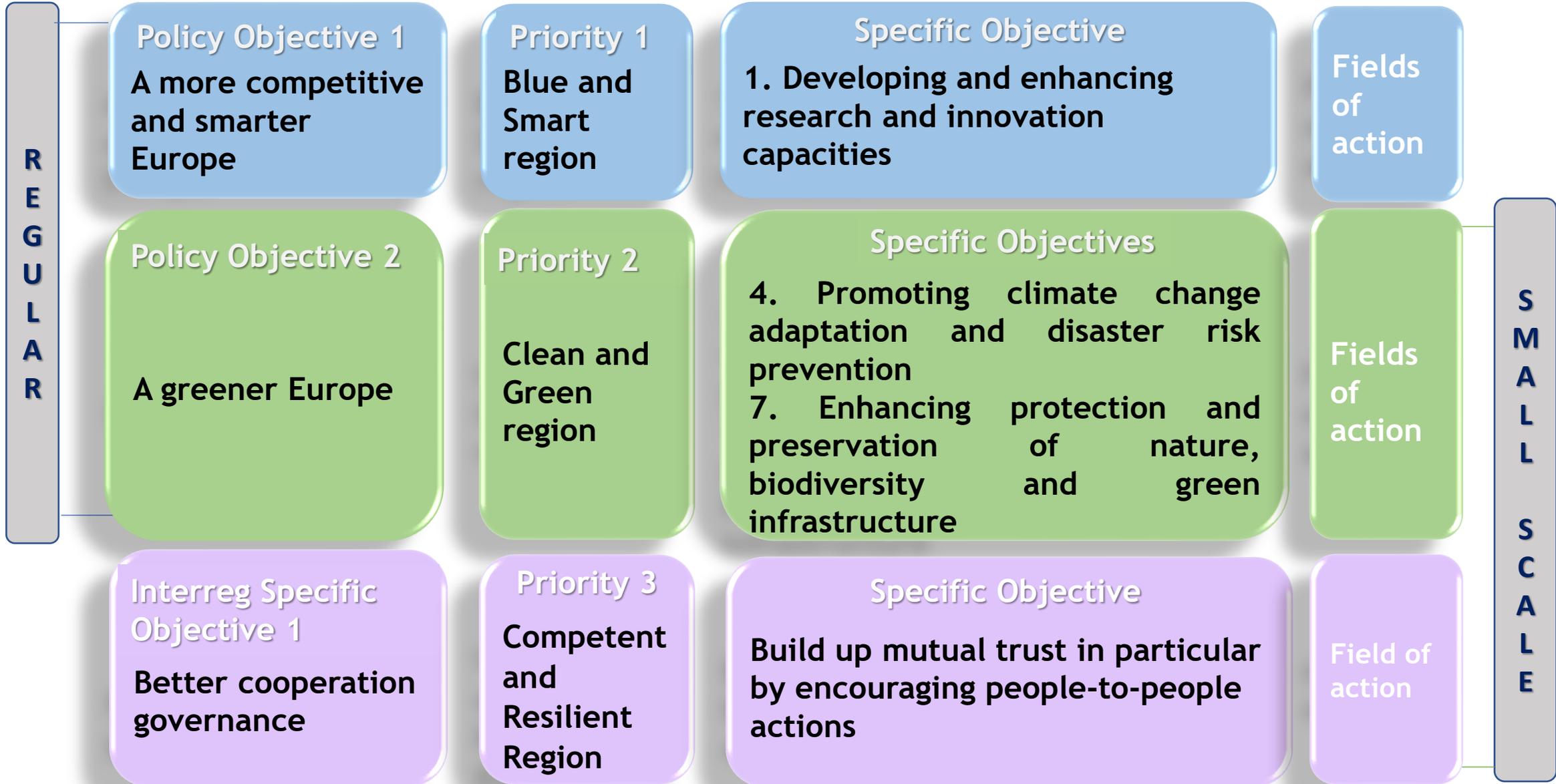JeMS does not allow submission of Application unless all fields are filled in.

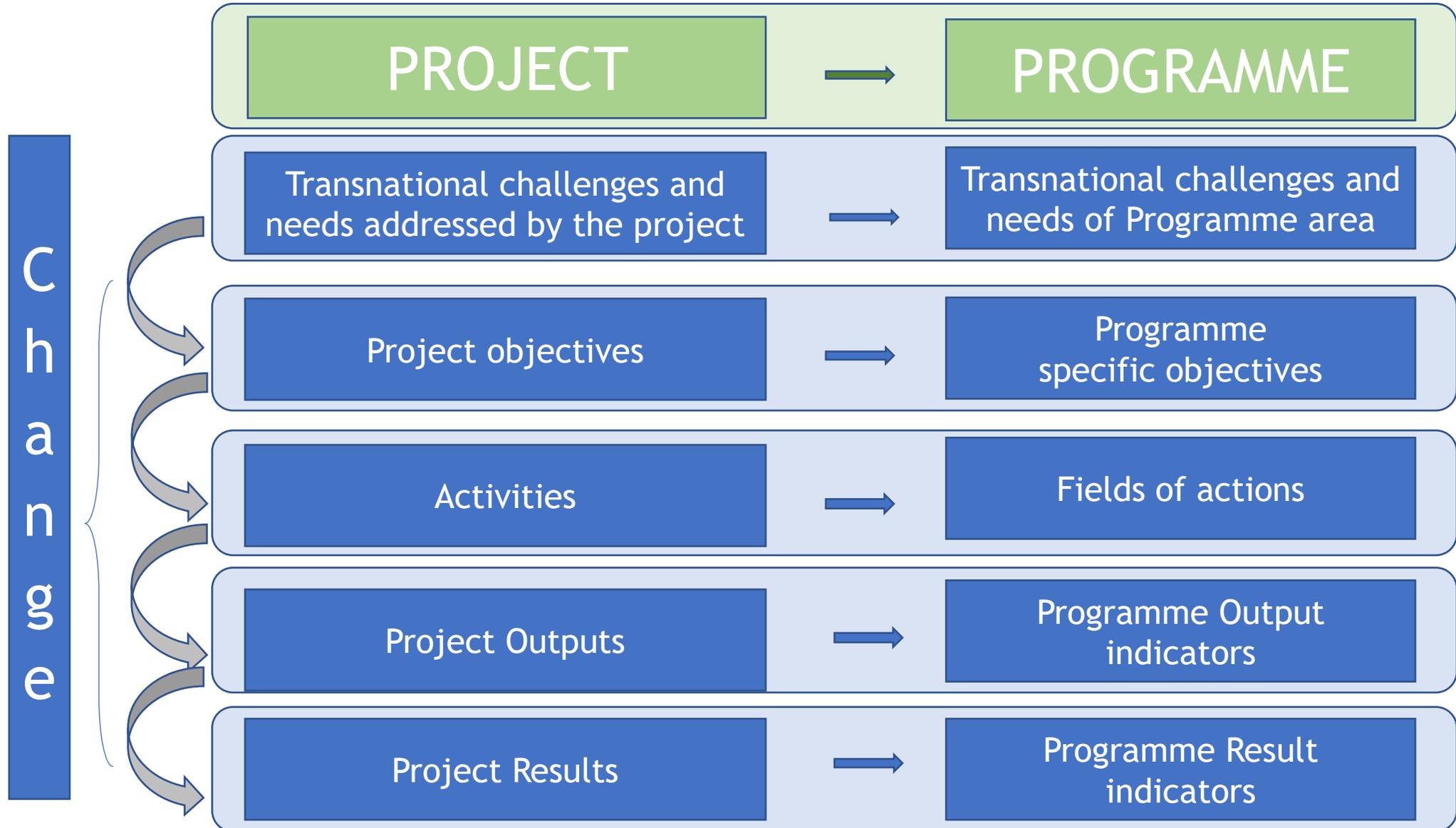Take sufficient time for verifications!

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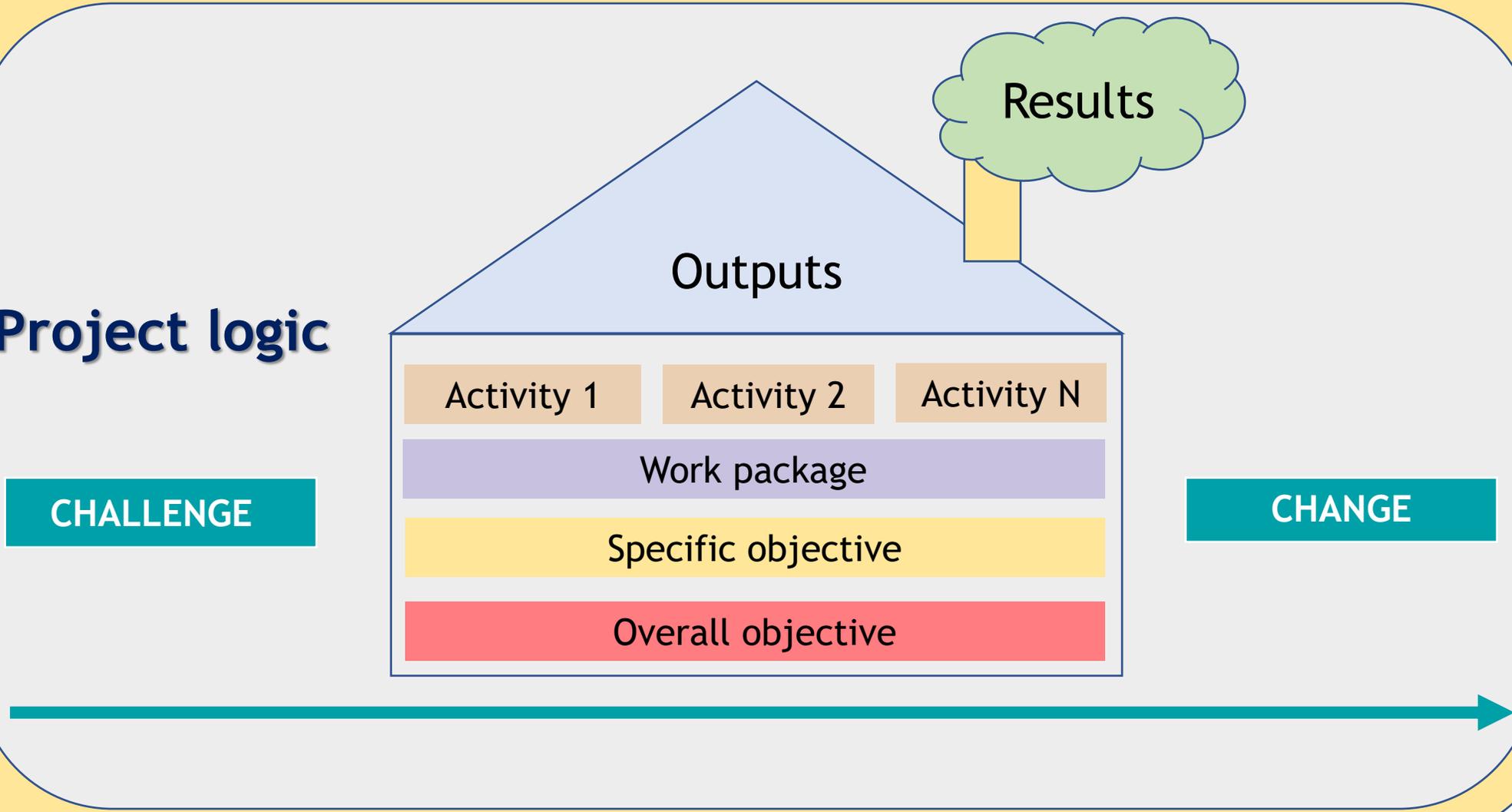
Programme Priorities and Logic

REGULAR

Policy Objective 1	Priority 1	Specific Objective	Fields of action
A more competitive and smarter Europe	Blue and Smart region	1. Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities	

Policy Objective 2	Priority 2	Specific Objectives	Fields of action
A greener Europe	Clean and Green region	4. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention 7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure	

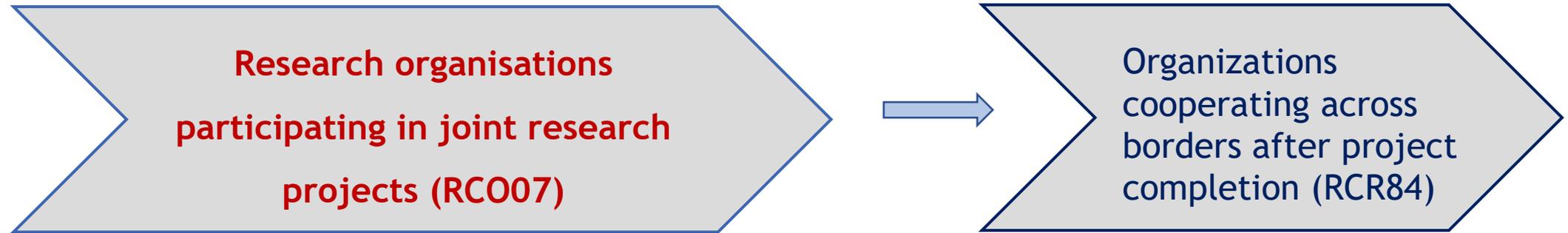| Interreg Specific Objective 1	Priority 3	Specific Objective	Field of action
Better cooperation governance	Competent and Resilient Region	Build up mutual trust in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions	

SMALL SCALE

Programme indicators

	Priority 1 BLUE AND SMART EUROPE	Priority 2 CLEAN AND GREEN REGION		Priority 3 COMPETENT AND RESILIENT REGION
INDICATOR	SO1 - Research and innovation	SO4 – Climate change	SO7 – Preservation of nature	SO3 – Mutual trust
OUTPUT RCO07 Research organizations participating in joint research	●			
RCO81 Participations in joint actions across borders				●
RCO87 Organisations cooperating across borders	●	●	●	●
RCO84 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	●	●	●	
RCO115 Public events across borders jointly organised	●	●	●	
RCO116 Jointly developed solutions	●	●	●	●
RESULT RCR84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	●	●	●	●
RCR104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	●	●	●	●

Organisations cooperating across borders (RCO87) → Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion (RCR84)
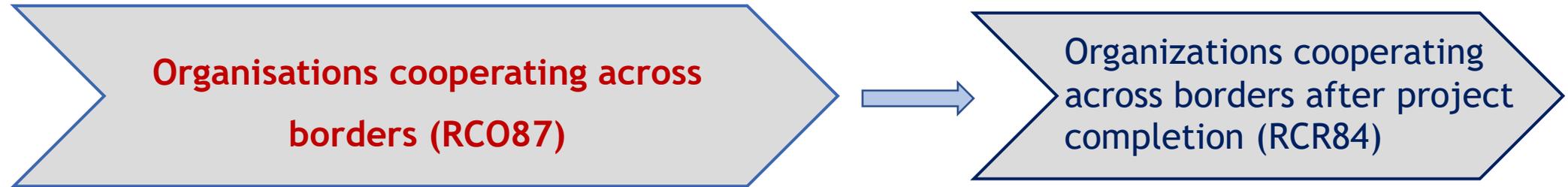
❑ **Definition**: counts the **organisations cooperating** formally in supported projects

❑ **Criteria**: organisations counted in this indicator are the legal entities as mentioned in the application

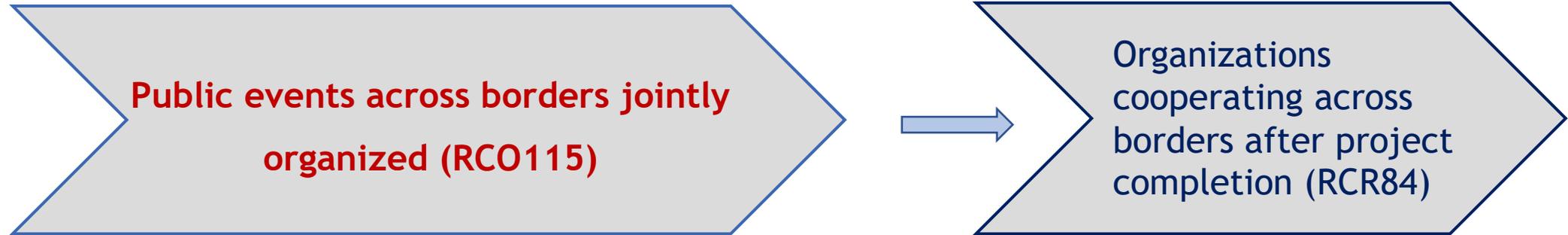❑ **Example**: project partners = 4 ⟹ target value of RCO87 = 4

This indicator is compulsory for all projects

Research organisations participating in joint research projects (RCO07) → Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion (RCR84)
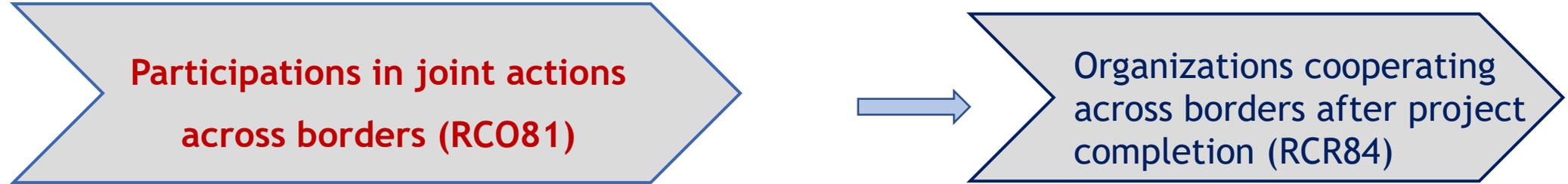
- ❑ **Definition**: <u>counts</u> the **number of supported research organisations that cooperate in joint research projects**.

- ❑ **Criteria (cumulative):**
  - at least one partner be a **research organisation**, *and*
  - actively participate in the implementation of a **joint research** project.

- ❑ **Examples:** universities or research institutes, technology transfer agencies

Only for SO1

Complements RCO87 (same organization may be counted both under RCO07 and RCO87)

Public events across borders jointly organized (RCO115) → Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion (RCR84)

❑ **Definition:** <u>counts</u> the **number of events across borders jointly organized** by the partners.

❑ **Criteria (cumulative):**
- be **advertised to the general public**, *and*
- be jointly organised by **at least 2 partners**, *and*
- involves stakeholders **outside** the partnership **from at least 2 countries**

❑ **Examples:** trainings, workshops and seminars organized in the framework of the project, launching and final Conference of the project

Does not count: - the number of participations in public events
- the participation of the project staff in public events

Participations in joint actions across borders (RCO81) → Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion (RCR84)

☐ **Definition**: counts the **number of participations in joint actions across borders** implemented in the supported projects.
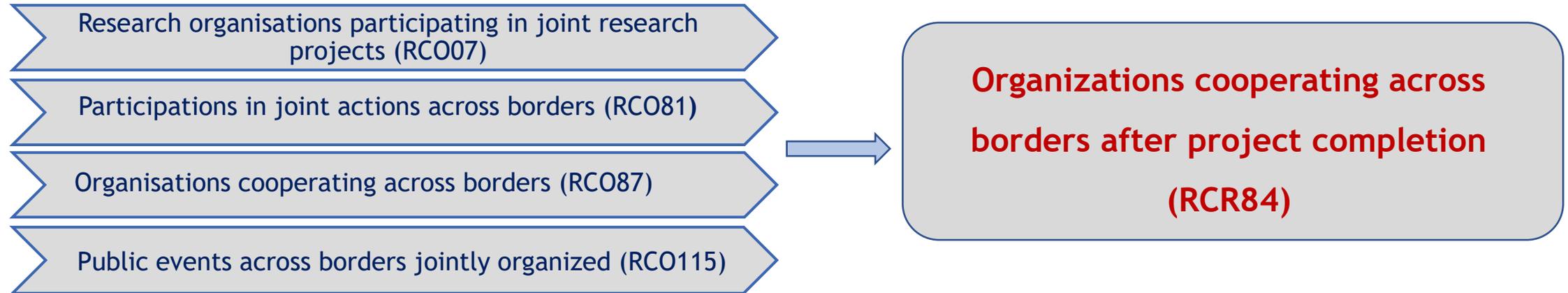
☐ **Criteria (cumulative):**
- joint actions (also on line, if justified) - organisations **from at least 2 countries**, *and*
- participation of persons **outside** the partnership.

☐ **Example**: number of participants from one participating country to a study visit in another participating country

Only for SO3

Does not count: - participations in public events (as defined by RCO 115)
- participations in internal project meetings of the partners

Research organisations participating in joint research projects (RCO07)

Participations in joint actions across borders (RCO81)

Organisations cooperating across borders (RCO87)

Public events across borders jointly organized (RCO115)

Organizations cooperating across borders after project completion (RCR84)

❑ **Definition**: counts the **organizations cooperating across borders** *after* **the completion** of the supported projects

❑ **Criteria**:
- refers to **organisations involved in project** implementation;
- have a **cooperation agreement** to continue cooperation *after* the end of the supported project (document to be signed and provided during contracting stage);
- cooperation could be on a similar or different topic.

❑ **Example**: project partners = 6; if only 2 (or n) partners continue cooperation ⟹ target value of RCR 84 = 2 (or n)

Other project partners may sign the agreement at a later stage *before* **the end of the project.**

Jointly developed solutions

(RCO116)

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Solutions taken up or
up-scaled by
organisations (RCR104)
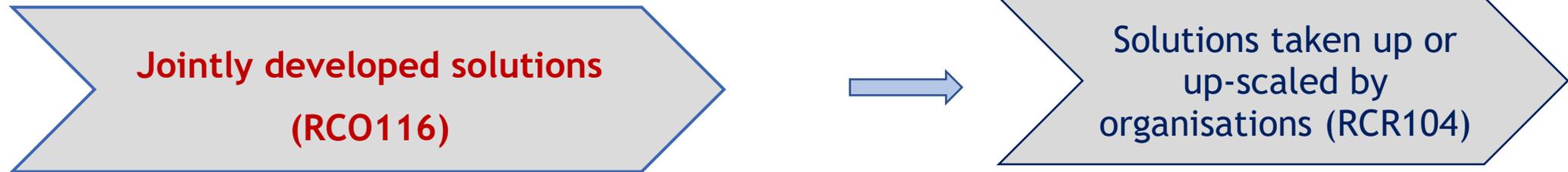
❑ **Definition**: <u>counts</u> the **number of jointly developed solutions from joint actions** (including as a result of pilot actions) implemented by supported projects
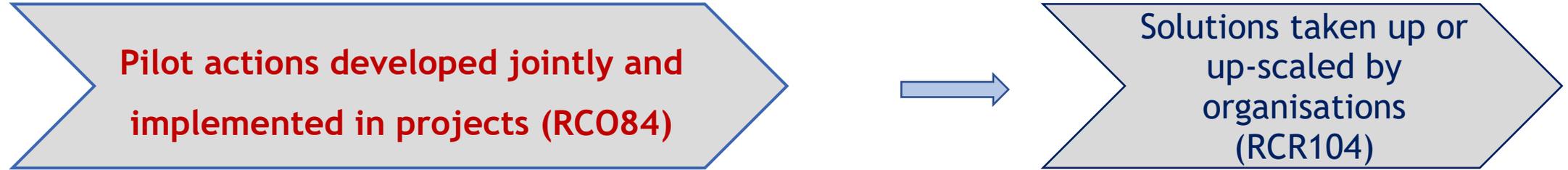
Solution = an action or a process of solving a problem

❑ **Criteria (cumulative):**
- be jointly developed (draft and design) by project partners **from at least 2 countries**, *and*
- be developed during project implementation, *and*
- include indications of the actions needed for it to be taken up or to be up-scaled.

❑ **Examples:** jointly developed platform, IT tool, data base, data collection method, etc.

1 solution **<u>developed</u>** (RCO 116) – **1** solution **<u>tested</u>** (RCO 84)

⟹ **1/0** solution further **<u>implemented</u>** (RCR 104)

Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO84)

Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations (RCR104)

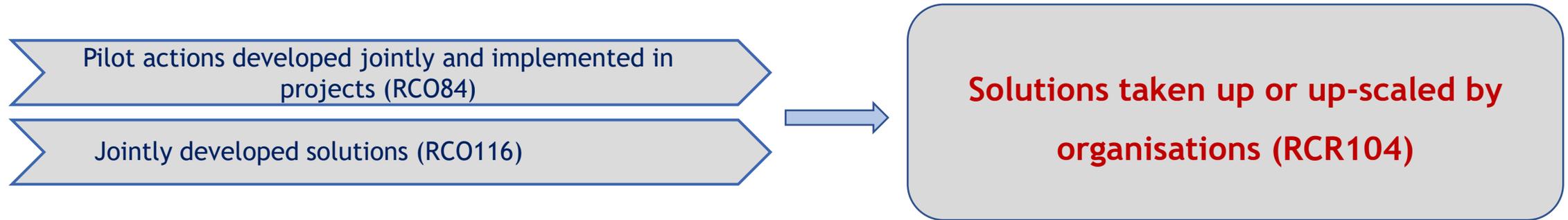❑ **Definition**: <u>counts</u> the **pilot actions developed jointly and implemented** by a project;

Pilot action = a practical implementation of newly developed solutions

❑ **Criteria (cumulative)**:
- needs to be developed AND implemented within the project, *and*
- implementation should be finalised by the end of the project, *and*
- it implies the involvement of organizations **from at least 2 countries.**

❑ **Examples:**
- a small scale investment to **test** the effectiveness of a solution;
- a data collection/algorithm **tested** or **piloted** in a relevant organisation by the end of the project;
- an existing method applied to **demonstrate** its applicability to a certain sector/territory.

Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO84)

Jointly developed solutions (RCO116)

Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations (RCR104)

❑ **Definition**: <u>counts</u> the **number of solutions and/or pilot actions**, other than legal or administrative solutions, that are **developed** by supported projects AND are **taken up or up-scaled during the implementation** of the project or **within one year** after project completion.

❑ **Criteria**:
- organisations adopting the solutions developed by the project may or may not be a participant in the project;
- the uptake / up-scaling should be documented by the adopting organizations in strategies, action plans etc.

❑ **Examples**: Jointly developed platform, IT tool, data base, data collection method, etc.

1 solution **<u>developed</u>** (RCO116) – 1 solution **<u>tested</u>** (RCO84) – **1/0** solution further **<u>implemented</u>** (RCR104) ⟹ target value of RCR104 = n/0

Intervention Logic

Main takeaways:

- RCO87 - compulsory for all projects;

- <u>Make sure</u> that project objectives, activities and outputs are logically linked to the targeted Programme specific objectives and field(s) of action;

- <u>Demonstrate</u> that project clearly contributes to the programme output and result indicator(s) - **!** many outputs and results ≠ higher project score;

- <u>Be realistic</u> when defining the target values - **!** high target values ≠ higher project score;

- Lead Partner – coordination role in definition and quantification of realistic target values for project indicators.

Application form – main parts in JEMS

Part A - Project identification

A1 Project identification

A.2 Project summary

A.3 Project budget overview

A.4 Project outputs and result overview

Part B – Project partners

B.0 Partners overview → **B0 – administrative and eligibility assessment**

B.1 Project partner - Budget – options

B1 & C - quality assessment

Part C – Project description

C.1 Project overall objective

C.2 Project relevance and context

C.3 Project partnership

C.4 Project workplan - Specific objective – Activities – Outputs

C.5 Project results

C.6 Time plan

C.7 Project management and communication

C.8 Long-term effects and durability

Part D – Project budget overview

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Payment arrangements and reporting

Annex 9 of
Application Packs
-Grant Contract-

New

1 **Advance payment** – maximum 30%

- recovered by deducting 20% from the eligible value of the Interreg funds included in the next payment requests until the amount is cleared

N **Several interim payments** – linked and based on actual expenditure made and reported

Reports – cover **4 months** implementation period

- time needed for preparation and submission to the controllers for expenditure verification

- include technical and financial information

Budget structure – regular projects

> **1. Staff** – **up to 20%** of the eligible direct costs other than staff costs

> **2. Office and administration** (indirect) - **up to 7%** of the eligible direct costs

- Set in Jems the percentage based on your estimated needs – the amount shall be automatically calculated in Jems
- No justifying/supporting documents required, except for a document proving the existence of the Staff cost category
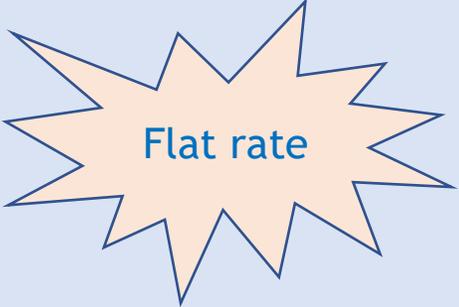
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> **3. Travel and Accommodation**

> **4. External expertise and services**

> **5. Equipment**

> **6. Infrastructure and works**

- Justifying/supporting documents required
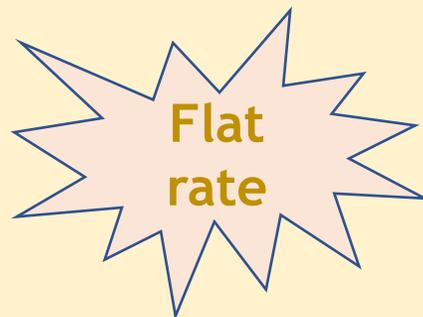*- Certification by the controller required*

Real costs

Budget – small-scale projects – option 1

The eligible costs for small scale projects are based on:

Real costs

Staff costs

- *Justifying/supporting documents required*
- *Certification by the controller required*

Flat rate

Automatically calculated in Jems

Other costs calculated as 40% of eligible direct staff costs covering the budget categories:

- *Office and Administration*
- *Travel and Accommodation*
- *External expertise and services*
- *Equipment*

- *NO justifying/supporting documents required*
- *NO certification by the controller required, directly linked to the expenditures certified as eligible for Staff costs*

Budget – small-scale projects – option 2

> Staff
> Travel and accomodation
> External expertise and services

> Equipment

- *Justifying/supporting documents required*
- *Certification by the controller required*

Real costs

> **Office and administration** (indirect) - **up to 7%** of the eligible direct costs

- *Set in Jems the percentage based on your estimated needs*
- *The amount will be automatically calculated in Jems by applying the percentage of up to 7%, as decided by each partner, to the total eligible direct costs of the respective partner*
- *No justifying/supporting documents required*

Flat rate

Information about the calls

More information about the calls and the Application Packs may be checked/downloaded at: https://blacksea-cbc.net/interreg-next-bsb-2021-2027/calls-for-proposals/second-call-for-proposals
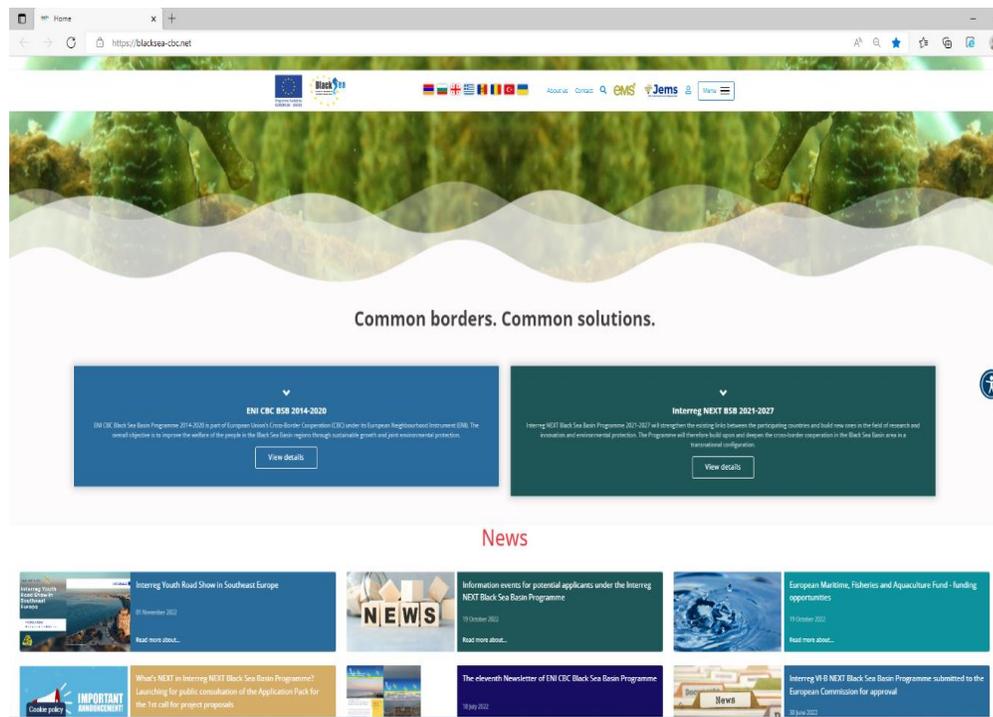
Help Desk

Any request for clarifications may be addressed until 14th of June 2024 to the Joint Secretariat at: office@bsb.adrse.ro

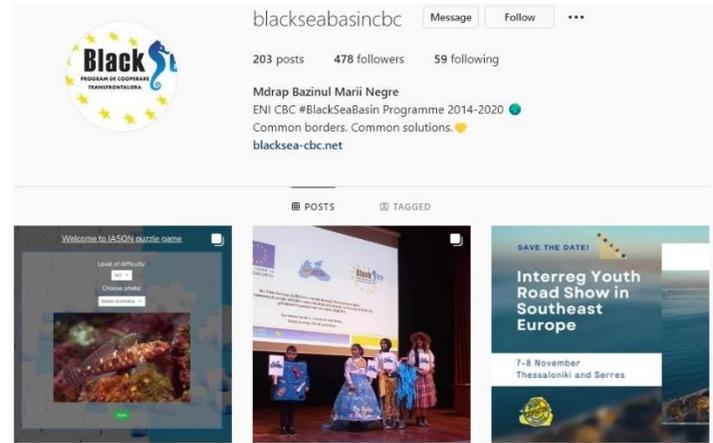Last date on which clarifications are issued by JS shall be 21st of June 2024

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Give us YOUR views, on

What **works well**?

What **needs improvement**?

What **are the main challenges**?

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