



GOCORE

# The GOCORE project

The project GOCORE is implemented in the framework of the Interreg Europe programme and co-financed by the European Union.



### **GOCORE** Mission

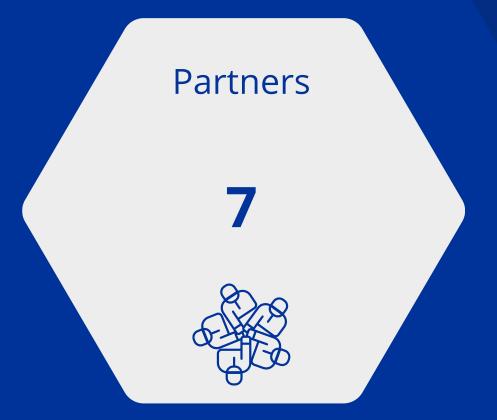
"GOCORE builds resilient regions by increasing local engagement and participation"



## **GOCORE** in a nutshell







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# **GOCORE** Principles



**Engaging local communities** 

Involving community in policy (to be made)



**Empowering** community action

Empowering communities to carry out actions to improve the livability of communities

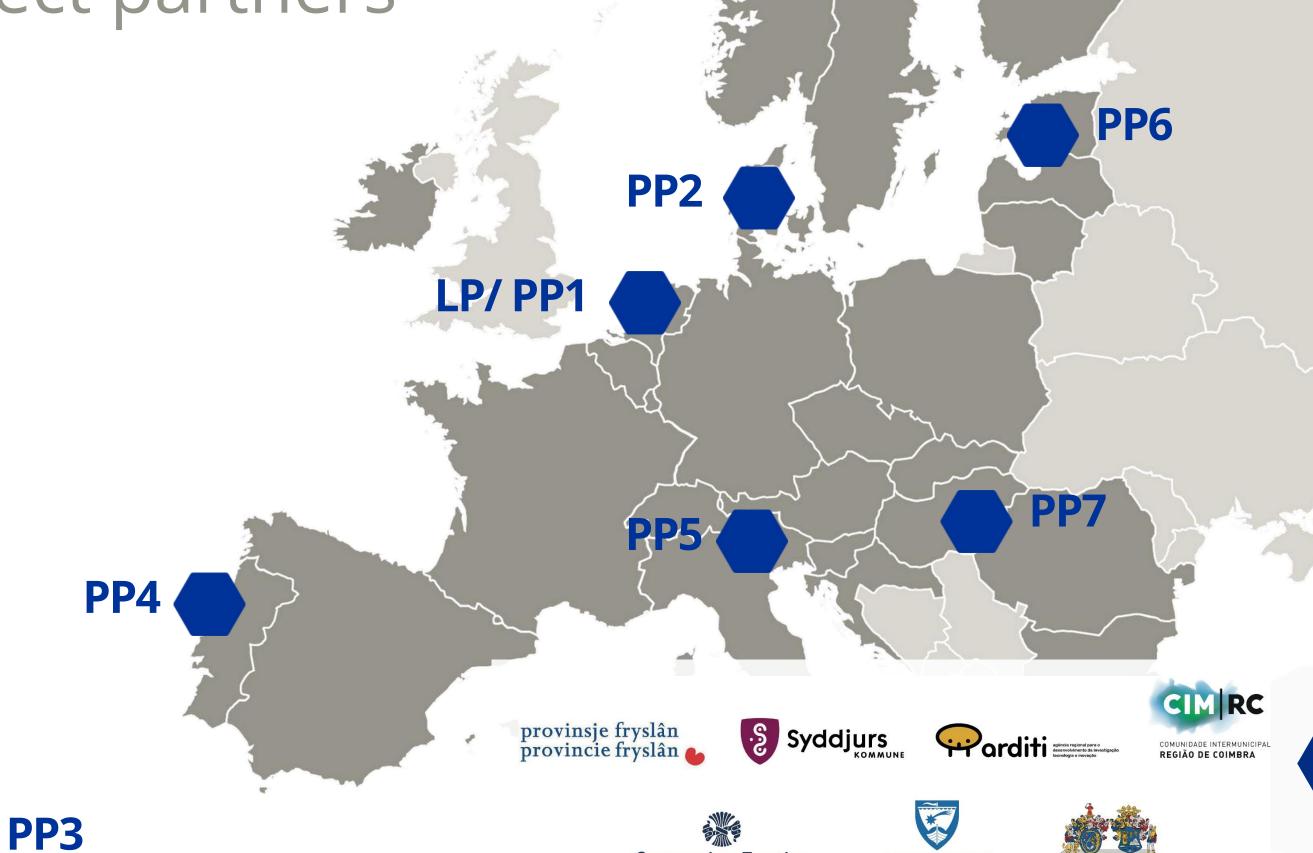


Demonstrating the power of the community

Disclosing impact of bottom-up initiatives on local development goals.

# **GOCORE** Project partners

<b>Provinsje Fryslân</b> The Netherlands	LP
<b>Syddjurs Kommune</b> Denmark	<b>2</b> Project Partner
<b>ARDITI</b> Portugal	3 Project Partner
<b>CIM Coimbra</b> Portugal	<b>4</b> Project Partner
Trentino Federation of Cooperation ltaly	<b>5</b> Project Partner
Saaremaa Municipality Government Estonia	<b>6</b> Project Partner
<b>Hajdú-Bihar County</b> <b>Government</b> Hungary	<b>7</b> Project Partner



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## **GOCORE** Activities



### Regional Stakeholder Group

Learn, explore and implement interregional practices



# Identifying good practices

Collect and analyse existing good practices in community engagement, empowerment and impact demonstration



Intensive learning events combining peer review with experts from partner regions, and seminars



## **GOCORE** Activities



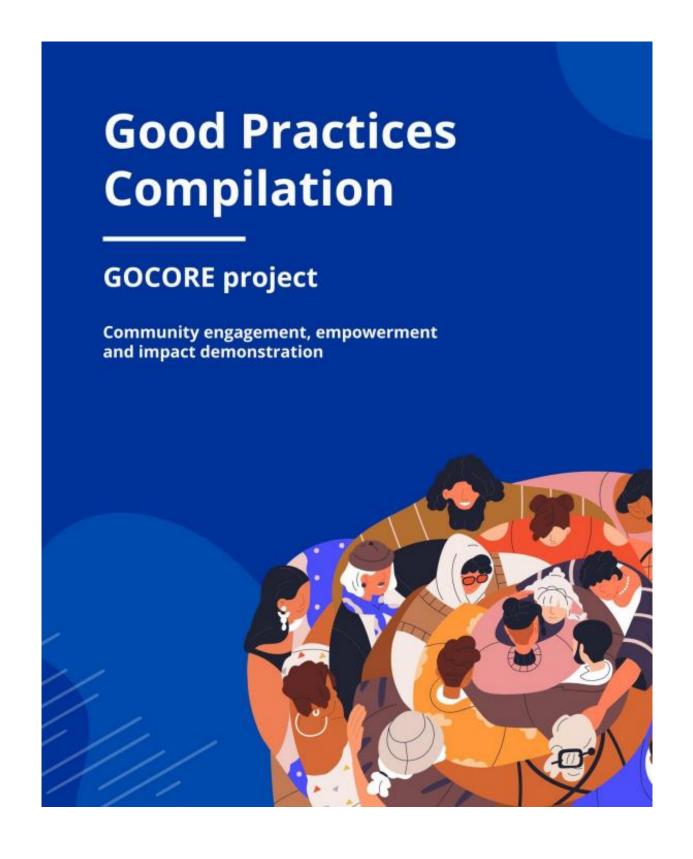
Online seminars showcasing community resilience initiatives in:

- Climate transition
- Digital transition
- Socio-demographic change



Step-by-step process embedding learning on regional policies from GOCORE project

## GOOD PRACTICE Compilation



# Origin of GOCORE – peer review 2022





## Good practice what did we learn?

- Cooperatives and Social and Solidarity Economy (Italy)
- Colab Forestwise (Portugal)
- Village Clusters (Denmark)
- Speaking Communities and participatory budgetting (Hungary)
- Most important: you look with a different view towards your own situation.

## Good practice what did we learn?



## **GOCORE** preliminary conclusions

- Matchmaker important as a kind of translator/mediator;
- Dialogue instead of discussion; listening to each other;
- Try to facilitate already existing initiatives instead of starting new ones as government;
- Go to the people instead of inviting them to come to you.

### **GOCORE** Know us

#### Website

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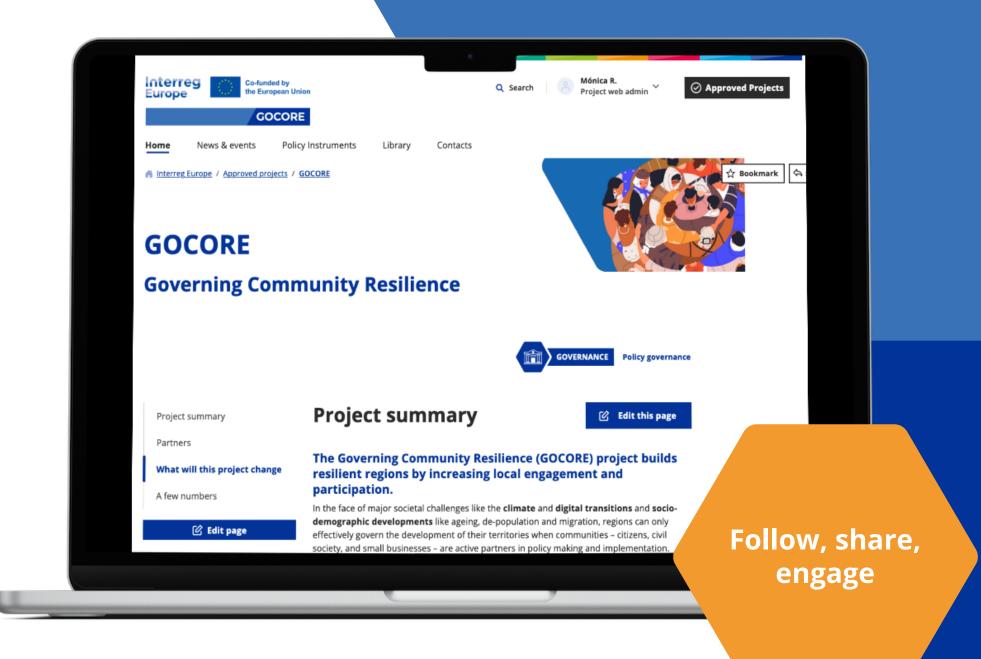
#### Social media















#### **Project partners**



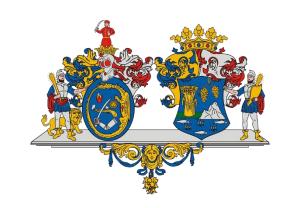
















# A new feature of Interreg Europe: **Peer Reviews**



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## Peer Review - what is it?

A two-day meeting, to discuss a policy challenge you are facing.

Why? To provide you with input and suggestions to help solve the challenge

#### Who is involved?

- EU peers with relevant expertise
- Interreg Europe experts
- Your stakeholders

#### What's in it for you?

- Increase your own skills and knowledge
- Hands-on advice and inspiration from practitioners to practitioners
- A piece in the puzzle shaping your policies
- Opportunities for future collaboration

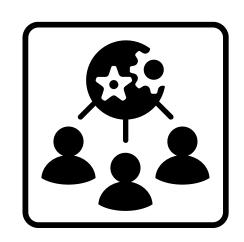
# Peer learning IN PRACTICE

- **84 peer reviews** implemented since 2019 17 peer reviews in the pipeline
- **51 matchmaking** sessions

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- Assessment of your application within 1 month
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## Happy beneficiaries

"When I heard about the peer review, I was skeptical.

But these two days clearly proved the great value. We looked at what others do, and we are now better equipped to

tackle our own challenge"

Erik Wilde, Head of the Urban Development, Greifswald, Germany

"The exchanges gave us good reflections on our ideas and brought us new views on our ambition to launch an innovative GreenTech accelerator in Tartu. **After these two days I feel much more confident that we are heading in the right direction.**"

Raimund Tamm, Deputy Mayor responsible for business development, Tartu, Estonia

98% satisfied participants

"The peer review is a very nice way of working together. We obtained pragmatic and innovative ideas on financing tools, and you provided operational recommendations. **This will save us a lot of time**."

Anne Voituriez, Vice-president in charge of Housing, Lille, France

## What's next?

## This Autumn - 3 thematic workshops



#### Leading the Industrial transition

6-7 November | Bilbao, Spain



#### **Alternative Tourism**

20-21 November | Vittorio Veneto, Italy



#### **Energy Communities**

4 December | Budapest, Hungary





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