





# PURE COSMOS (PUblic authorities Role Enhancing Competitiveness of SMeS) – INTERREG EUROPE.

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### Why Interreg Europe?





#### Are you facing a particular challenge?





Interreg Europe program is about exchange ideas and good practices on how solve particular challenges.

# **And SHARE solutions!!**



### Figures of the first call







261 applications

64 Projects approved

81 applications on Competitiveness of SMEs 14 approved



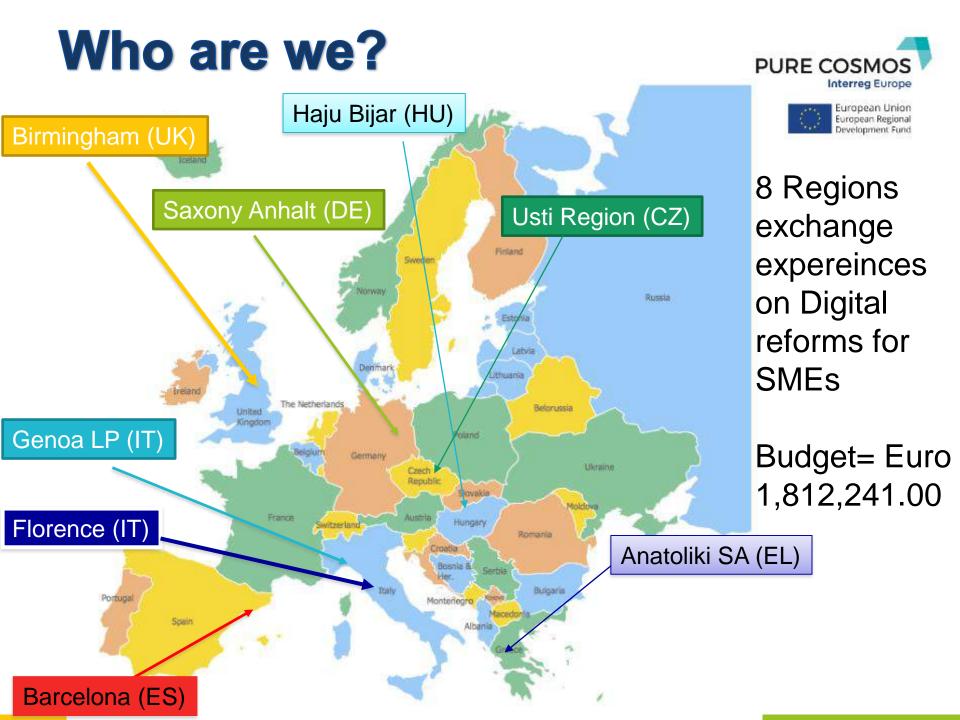
#### What is PURE COSMOS?







A 5 Years
project
funded by
the IE program:
Apr-16 Mar-19
(Phase 1)
Apr-19 Mar-21
(Phase 2)



## **Our Challenges**





# Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs by making the business climate more transparent and reliable.

#### To do this we will:



Increase the quality of the public administration services (e.g. government effectiveness);



Use intellingent tools for modernising public administration (e.g. eGovernment; strategic human resources management, etc;



Find solutions to avoid administrative burden on businesses (e.g. time and cost to start up a business; time needed to obtain licences; tax compliance burden).

## Policy themes of the project





B2: Policy Themes mentioned by project-partners									
<b>√</b> :	= mentioned in Part B	1 Genoa	2 Florence	3 Hajdu-Bihar	4 Dev Bank of Saxony-Anhalt	5 Birmingham	6 ANATOLIKI5	7 Ústí Region	8 OGE
1.	One Shop Stop Model	1	1				<b>\</b>	<	<
2.	Government-to-Business (G2B)		1		1	1			
3.	Digital by default	1				1	1	1	
4.	More effective and transparent public administrative processes	/	1	1	/	1	<b>&gt;</b>	/	1
5.	Increasing the digital skills of SMEs		1	1	1		4		<
6.	E-commerce services			1	3	1	% 0		
7.	Acting as MA establish more (transparent) e- communication among the cities in the region						/	1	/

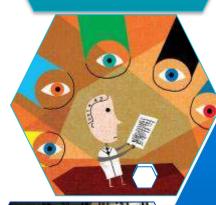
## Structure: GP exchange + Action Plan PURE COSMO



Peer Review programme for each Project Partner on one policy theme

Study Visits and **Import** Workshops developed and delivered bilaterally ie oneto-one.

central focus is on Semesters 2>5 when project-partners will apply the selected good practices to their "regional policy", with relevant partners acting as mentors and advisers



Good

Register of good practices that covers all the project's subthemes



# We collected more than 30 Good practices







#### Some of them...

- Client gate
- One Stop Shop
- Together Birmingham
- Central Integrated
   National and Municipality
   Payment Platform
- OK-thess pre-incubator



#### PURE COSMOS good practice...

27/01/2017

16 good practices from PURE COSMOS partners

#### What we PEER did **REVIEWS** so far?

Simplicity, transparency and automated processing







**How SMEs** can be more competitive?



Payments other **PagoPA** 

Electronic Access to credit and opportunit ies for **SMEs** 



#### 6 STUDY VISITS













#### Website

# www.interregeurope.eu/pu recosmos/







#### Project brochure

13/01/2017

The PURE COSMOS project brochure has been created in all project languages.



#### Peer review reports

20/02/2017

Here you can find the different reports of the partners' peer reviews.

#### Some achivements: raising awareness











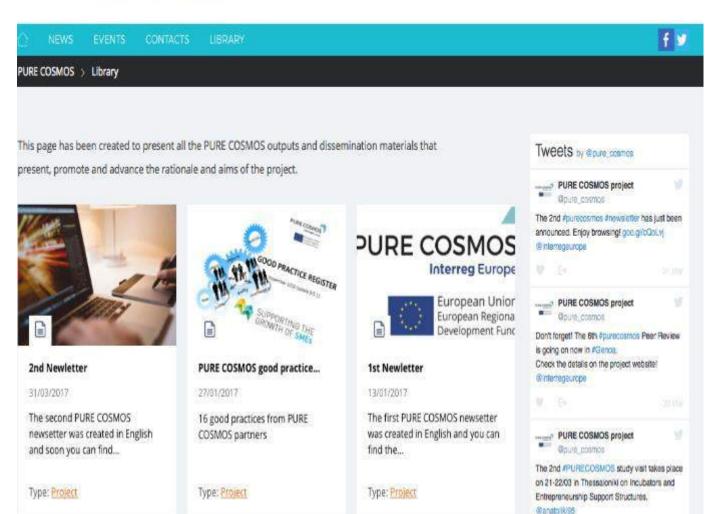






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#### **Policy Learning Platform**





The Policy Learning Platform of Interreg Europe is intended as an information exchange centre, between policymakers and experts that deal with regional developement policies.

Every topic includes: policymakers, projects, events, information, good practises, thematic studies, reports, evaluations, policy recommendations.



#### **Policy Learning Platform**





#### The four Interreg Europe topics:

- •Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
- •Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs
- •Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
- Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

The platform is open to all policymakers in Europe and his aim is to help policymakers find solutions and improve their public policies by exchanging with experts and peers.





#### Some achivements: Expert papers



# **DIGITAL LOG BOOK: Connecting citizens and providers to public services digitally**

How to involve the RSG in the Public Administration activities and how to achieve improved and more reliable forms of "vertical cooperation" – from the neighbourhood across the city level to the level of Managing Authorities - Municipality of Genoa

One stop shop OGE – finalista al premio Eupean Best Practis

### Our good practices





#### "NODO DEI PAGAMENTI - MIP" - PagoPA

Central (national) payment platform (and integration with Local Authority's own platform) There is a potentially high degree of transferability, given that this project has complied with the guidelines on electronic payments established by the Italian Agency which coordinates and harmonizes processes of digitalization and modernization of our Country in accordance to the Digital Agenda for Europe.

#### on line grant schemes - Filse S.p.A.

The system is owned by Regione Liguria and it has been developed through the collaboration of two in house companies such as Liguria Digitale Scpa for the IT aspects and FI.L.S.E. for the technical aspects.

# TLC infrastructures in the Liguria region Liguria Digitale S.p.A.

The process is supported by public and private funds. The model can be transferred to other sectors and contexts, as it allows public and private actions to coexist: public investments to attract private investments, which autonomously support the continuation of the service.







#### STATE OF PLAY

**DEADLINES** 

- From the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 the PA must allow citizens and businesses to make electronic payments, making available the payment's identification codes and using the Payments Platform-SPC;
- Public authorities are obliged by law to adhere to the system and to program the service implementation activities by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2016 (AGID Guide Lines, G.U. No. 31 of February 7, 2014).







#### STATE OF PLAY

PAGO PA SISTEM



The initiative known as "pagoPA" was designed to allow citizens and businesses to make payments to public authorities (taxes, fees, bills for public services etc.) through a fully electronic, easy and safe way. This project was conducted at a national level and complies with European regulation on payment services introduced by the Single Euro Payment Area (SEPA) and by the Payment Services Directive (PSD, 2007/64/EC).

It is the result of a collaborative approach among the stakeholders (central and local governments) with an important contribution made by payment service providers. The payment hub, a digital infrastructure known as "nodo dei pagamenti", was created and is operated by a national Agency known as "Agenzia per Italia Digitale". In order to enable electronic payments all public authorities were required to adapt their IT procedures for full integration.







# We have worked in order to promote a managerial capacities improvement of the cash flows

The aim is to offer multiple payment methods through the different payment services providers

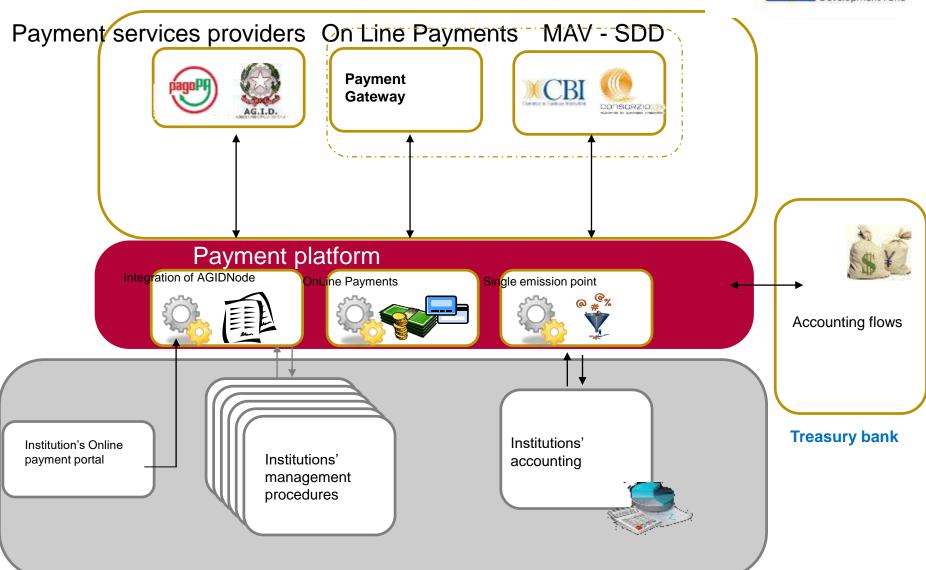
And to obtain a proper reconciliation of the information flows with the actual revenues on treasury account

payment certainty to the citizen and SMEs















# The municipality of Genoa has approached the pagoPA System by developing its own design involving all the institution's sectors

By Following an appropriate training of the front and back office staff



And by communicating to the citizen and companies in order to promote the use of new tools highlighting the benefits associated with their use.







#### **MAIN PROBLEMS**

- 1.Absence of appropriate skills at all levels, even on Payment services providers
- 2.Lack of adherence to the platform by local Payment services providers
- 3.Uncertainty about commission costs, especially at the counter
- 4. "Elderly" Stakeholders. Genoa is the city that has the greatest number of elderlies within Europe.





## Conclusions



#### Thematic Workshop PURF COSI Internationalisation (SMEs, get international cooperation) 30th June 2017, Brussels, Committee of the Regions



PURE COSMOS was invited to be part of The Policy Learning Platform workshop on SME competitiveness to exchange on effective approaches, practices and policy measures on internationalisation, with a strong focus on SMEs.



At the workshop were present 14 of the 33 Interreg Europe projects from the policy area SME competitiveness plus representatives of the European Commission's Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), as well as Interreg Europe's Joint Secretariat and experts from the PLP on SME competitiveness also took part in the workshop.



#### **DIFFERENT IS GOOD!**



We are living a new and ambiguous political course and a widespread uncertainty about the future of the European Union returning to old images of the society. However, we strongly believe that being different is the starting point of a democratic society and we can always learn from the differences.

#### International cooperation will never end!







## **THANK YOU!**





