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# How To Get Funded

From Project Idea to Application

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# Agenda

## **10:00 Welcome**

Nermin Dizdarević, Coordinator Interreg Meuse-Rhine

## **10:10 About Interreg Meuse-Rhine**

Axel Noel, Regional Antenna, Liège

## **10:30 How to Apply**

Frederik Loy, Regional Antenna, Limburg (BE)

## **10:40 High Quality Projects**

Fabian Thimm, Regional Antenna, Aachen/NRW

## **11:00 Breakout Sessions**

## **12:30 Lunch and networking**

## **13:30 1-on-1 Session with Regional Antennas**

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**Nermin Dizdarević**  
Programm Coordinator

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# About Interreg Meuse-Rhine

Axel Noel, Regional Antenna, Liège



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## What is Interreg?

Interreg is part of the **European Union's cohesion policy** and is financed by the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**. This fund strengthens economic and social cohesion in the European Union by **eliminating imbalances between regions** and **promoting cross-border cooperation**.

## Interreg A-VI Meuse-Rhine



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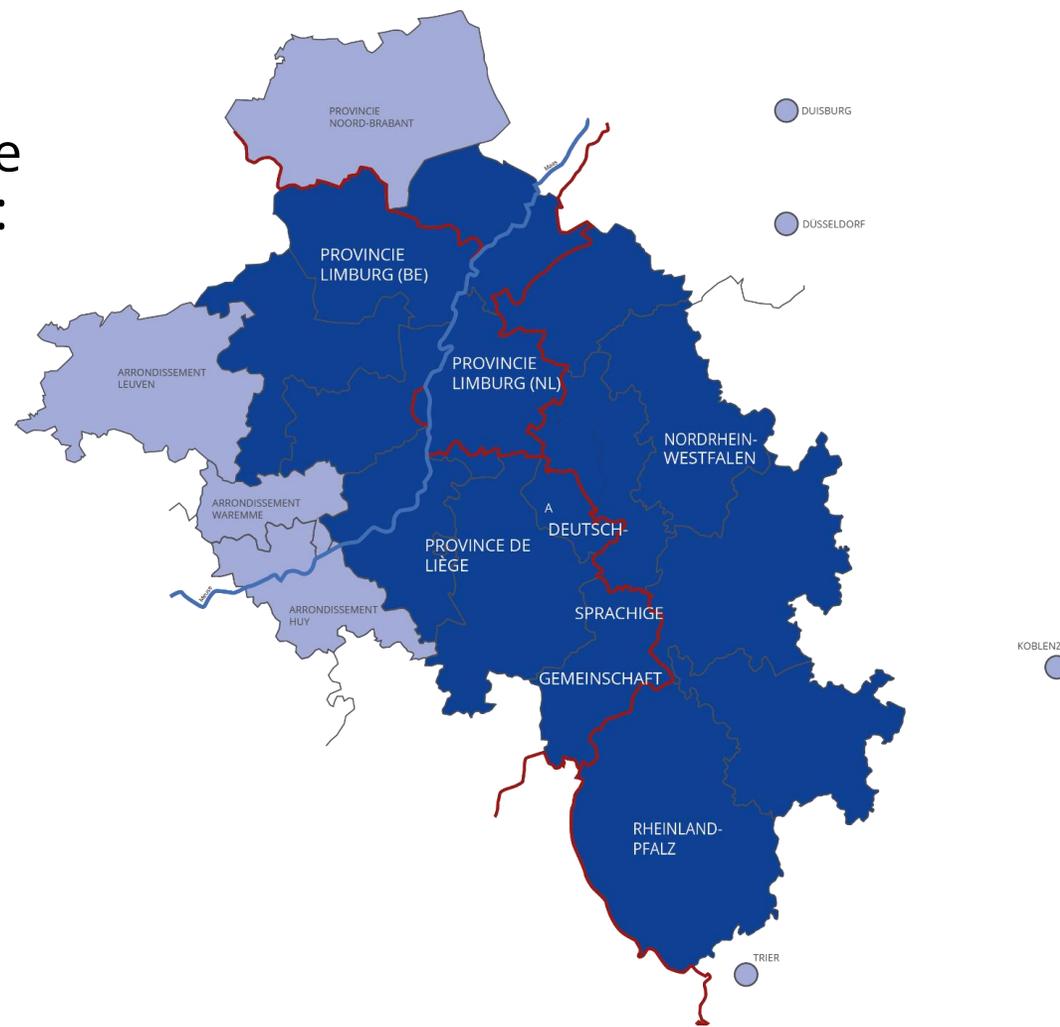
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Planned cooperation according to the principle of "**Functional Areas**" with:

- Arrondissement Leuven (B)
- Arrondissements Huy and Waremme (B)
- Region Zuidoost-Noord-Brabant (NL)
- Düsseldorf, Duisburg (DE)
- Koblenz, Trier (DE)

→ **Does not affect all Political Objectives**



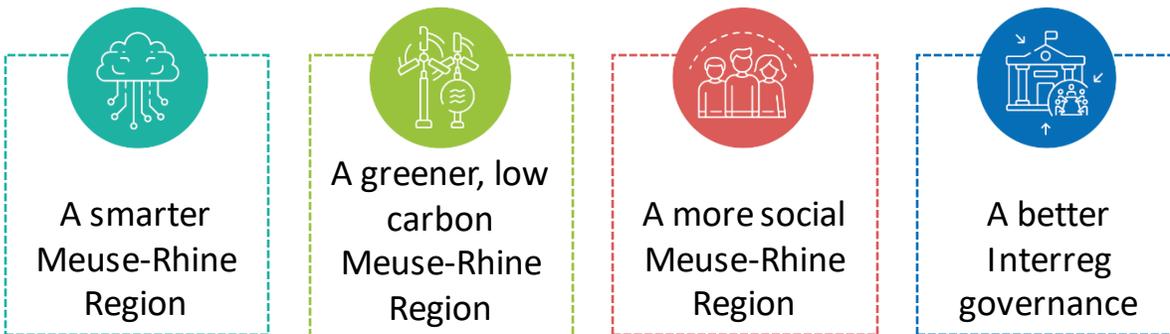
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# Funding Goals



Societal Challenges

Programme Objective

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# Programme Objectives



A smarter  
Meuse-Rhine  
Region

41.449.990 €  
ERDF



A greener,  
low-carbon  
Meuse-Rhine  
Region

37.301.699 €  
ERDF



A more social  
Meuse-Rhine  
Region

32.927.156 €  
ERDF



Better  
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Governance

5.766.386 €  
ERDF

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# A smarter Meuse-Rhine Region



**1.i** Developing and enhancing **research and innovation capacities** and the uptake of **advanced technologies**

**1.iii** Enhancing sustainable **growth and competitiveness of SMEs** and job creation in SMEs

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# A greener, low-carbon Meuse-Rhine Region



**2.ii** Promoting **renewable energy**

**2.iv** Promoting **climate change adaptation** and **disaster risk prevention** and resilience

**2.vi** Promoting the transition to a **circular and resource efficient economy**

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# A more social Meuse-Rhine Region



**4.i** Enhancing the **effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets**

**4.ii** Improving equal access to inclusive and **quality services in education, training and lifelong learning**

**4.v** Ensuring **equal access to health care** and fostering resilience of health systems

**4.vi** Enhancing the role of **culture and sustainable tourism** in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

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# Better Interreg Governance



**ISO 1.ii** Enhance efficient public administration by promoting **legal and administrative cooperation**

**ISO 1.iii** Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging **people-to-people actions**

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# How to Apply

Frederik Loy, Regional Antenna,  
Limburg (BE)



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# Call 2

- All 4 Programme Objectives are open
- Available budget 55.6 million €
- 50 % ERDF co-financing
- Additional co-financing from partner regions possible
- Two-Step-Approach

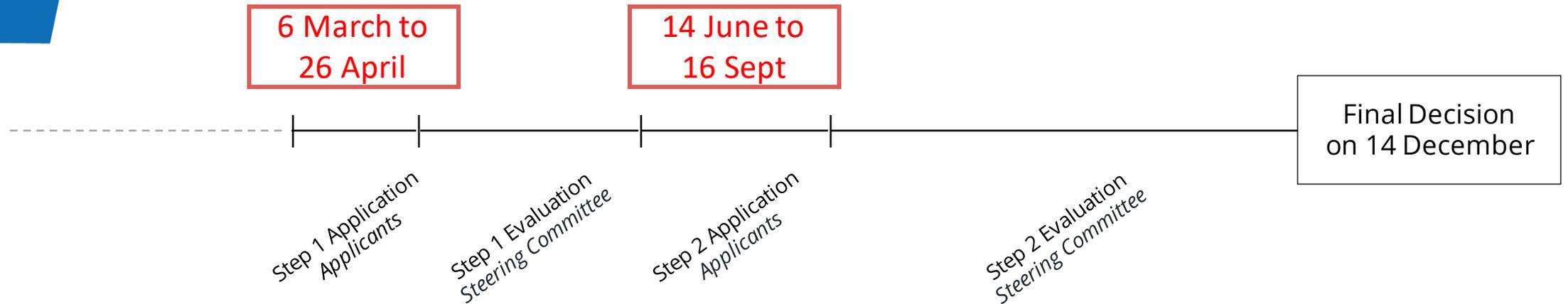
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# Two-Step-Approach



- Evaluation of project outline: Does the idea fit to the programme?
  - Go (incl. Feedback) or No-Go
- Afterwards filling in the full application incl. precise budget

# Step 1 Application

...has to be submitted in Jems on 26 April at noon  
[jems.interregmeuserhine.eu](https://jems.interregmeuserhine.eu)

...can be downloaded as Word template via  
[www.interregmeuserhine.eu/downloads](https://www.interregmeuserhine.eu/downloads)

...has to be filled in four languages: English, French, Dutch and German

...has to fulfill all Eligibility Criteria stated in the Subsidy Regulation

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# Project overview

Project name & acronym – select carefully

Summary – pitch your project in non-specialist language

Common start date: **1 January 2025**

Max. duration: 36 months (NO prolongation!!!)

**Project acronym – your brand name!**

Select a **meaningful** acronym that tells something about the content

Avoid random letter combinations (e.g. BB2)

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# Selection Criteria

## Partnership and Cross-Border Character

→ Is there a need for your euregional project?

## Contribution to the Programme

→ Does it fit the programmes funding goals?

## Budget & Value for Money

→ Will the project generate an economic impact?

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# Eligibility criteria

Submission on time in JEMS 26.04.24 -12:00

All fields completed

Complete with annexes

At least 2 partners from 2 countries

Submission in DE, NL, FR and UK

All partners have a legal personality

Max. ERDF co-financing rate 50%

Max. duration 36 months

Earliest Start date January 2025

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# Getting started

-  Define theme and check compatibility with programme objectives
-  Reflect on concrete challenges, necessary impacts and corresponding products/services
-  Search for cross-border partners → support from the Regional Antennas
-  Weigh up costs and financing: 50% EU contribution, raise remaining 50% yourself (possibly public co-financing -> contact the Focal Point)
-  Monitor information / updates of the programme

# Guidance documents on website

Programme documents 2021-2027

Step 1 application form

Technical guidance JEMS

JEMS Manual

Guidance on indicators

Criteria assessment documents

Cost catalogue

Checklist

Annexes: partnership agreement, undertaking not in difficulty & legal status

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# How to build an Interreg Project

Fabian Thimm, Regional Antenna  
Region Aachen / NRW



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# What you will learn

- What makes a Project stand out?
- Ingredients of Quality Projects

# What makes a project stand out?

Passion

Innovativeness

Clear contribution  
to programme  
strategy

Relevant  
partnership

Targeted  
approach/scope

Stakeholder  
contribution and  
involvement

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# Ingredients of a quality project

Need

Is there a real demand in the Meuse-Rhine Region?

Is it a common or joint need?

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# Ingredients of a quality project



Does the project contribute to a „bigger picture“?

- Cooperation programme Interreg Meuse-Rhine
- Regional/national strategies

Crossborder Cooperation brings a clear benefit and has a bigger impact

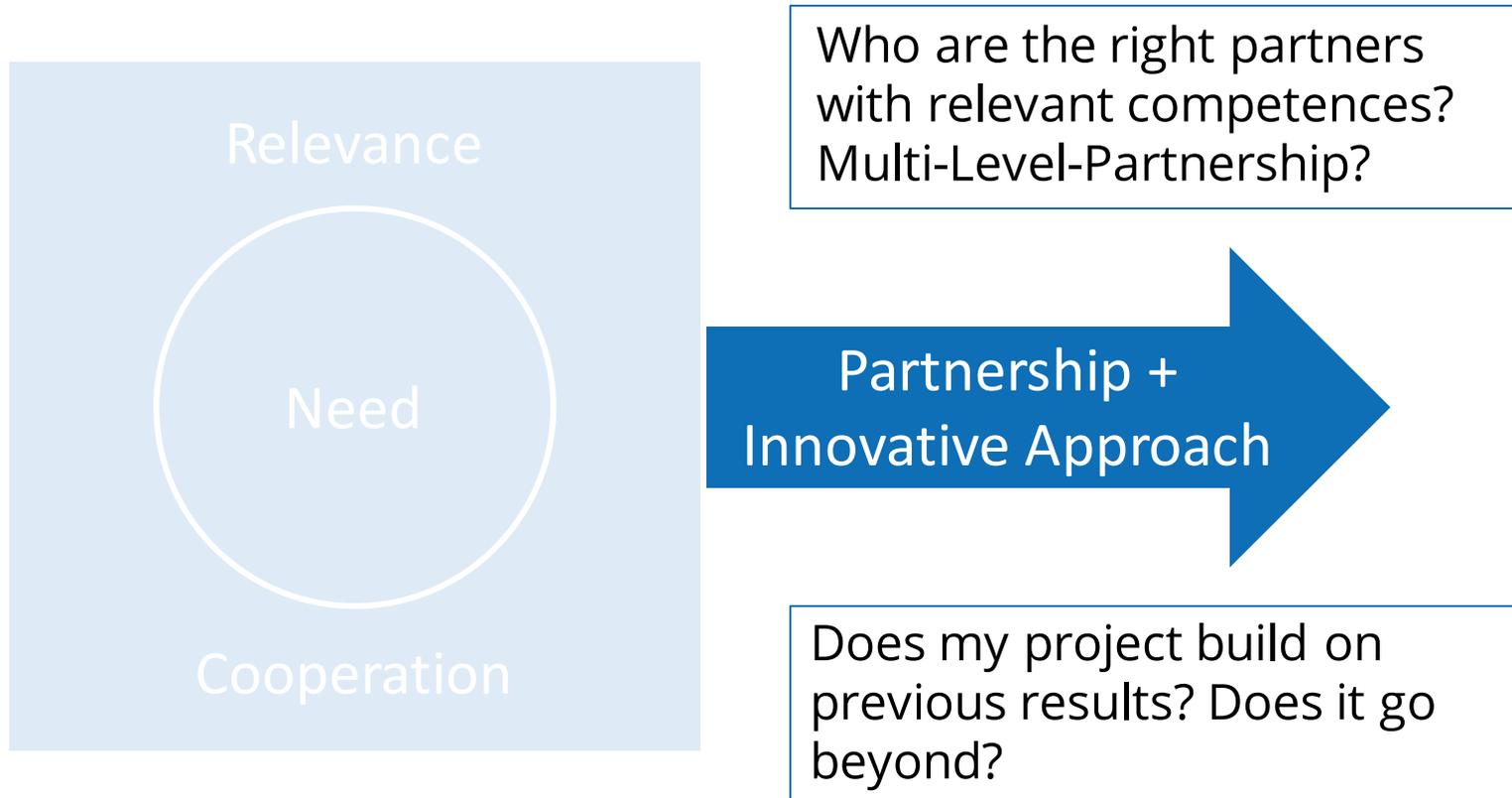
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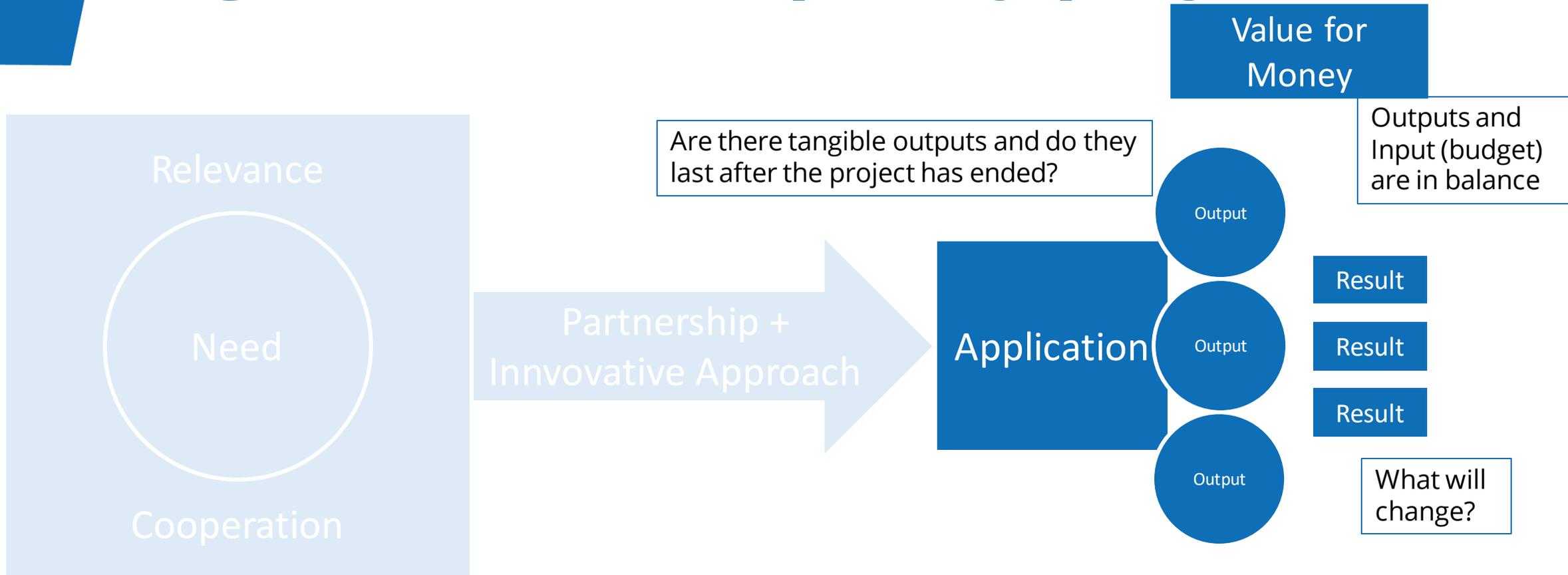
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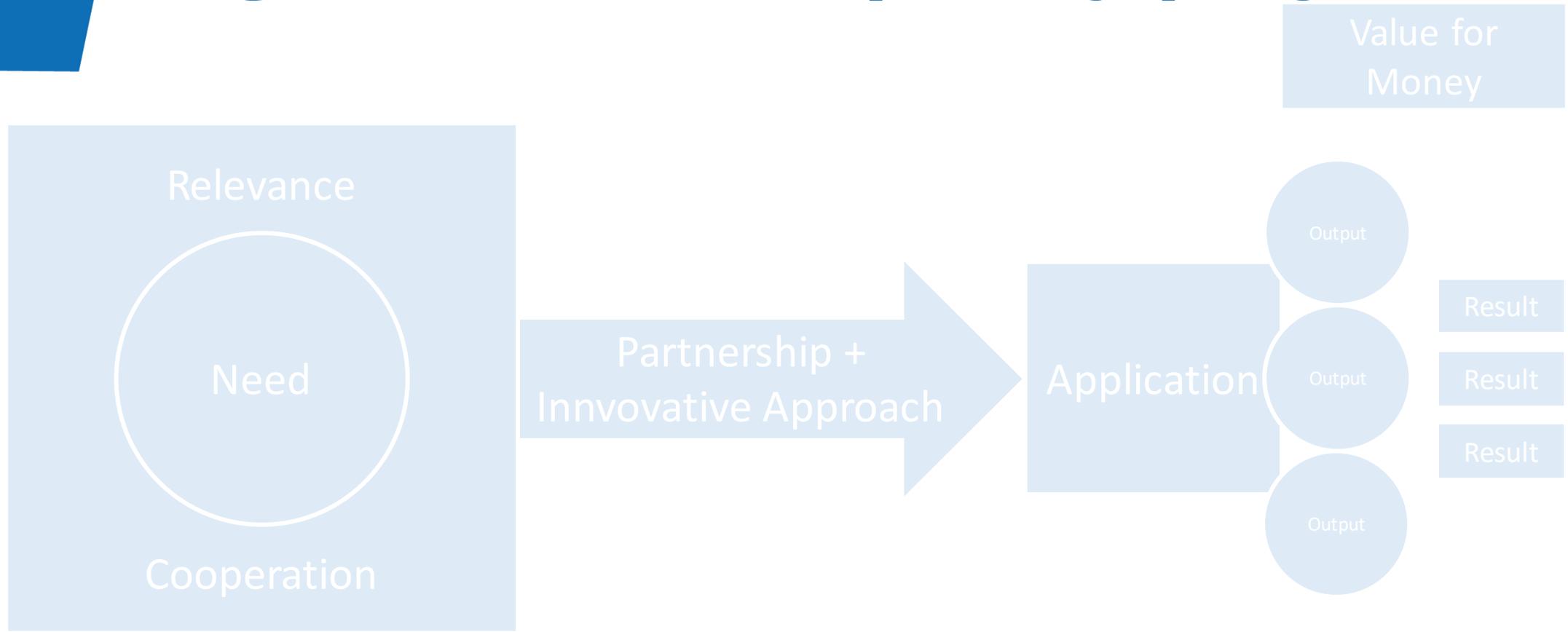
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Communication

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# Contact your Regional Antenna



If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact your Regional Antenna:

## **Province de Liège**

- Axel Noel
- Cristina Jors

## **Provincie Limburg (B)**

- Frederik Loy

## **Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft Belgiens**

- Céline Marchal

## **Provincie Limburg (NL)**

- Tanne Rademakers

## **Region Aachen**

- Fabian Thimm

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# Breakout Sessions



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A greener,  
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Axel Noël  
T Rademakers



Tourism

Céline Marchal  
Claudia Krütten



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