

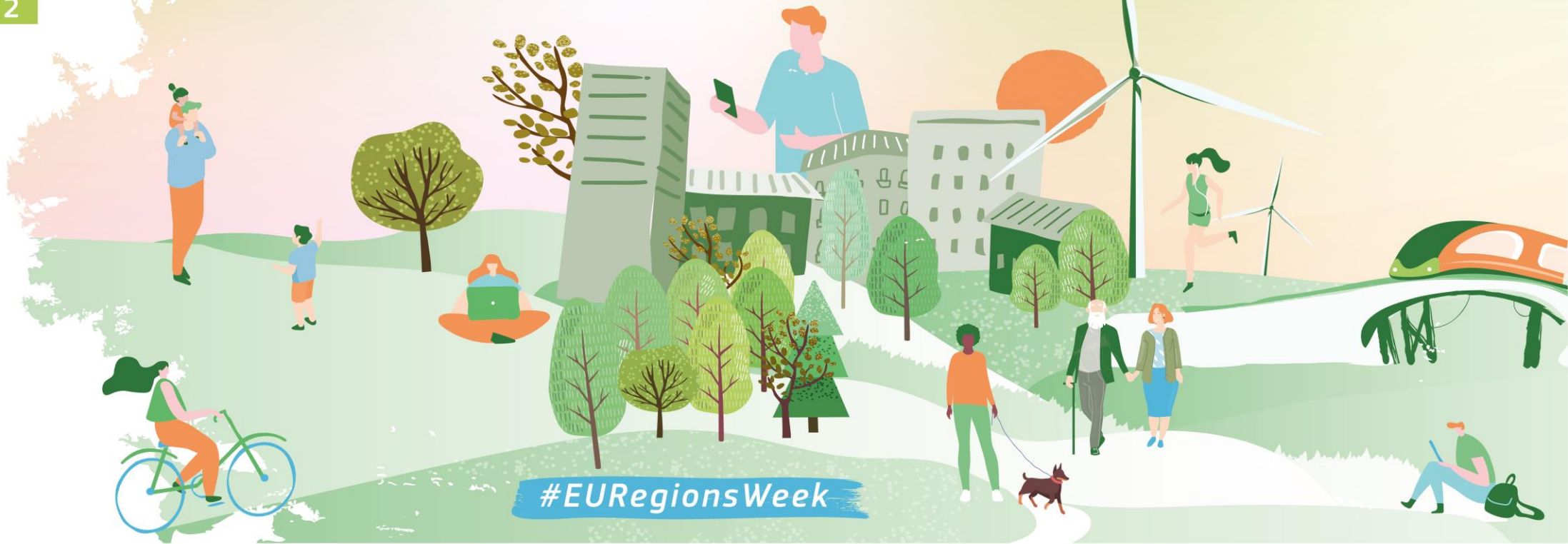


EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

# Cooperation opportunities in the Northern Periphery and Arctic area with Interreg NPA



Interreg

Northern Periphery and Arctic



Co-funded by  
the European Union



Northern & Western  
Regional Assembly



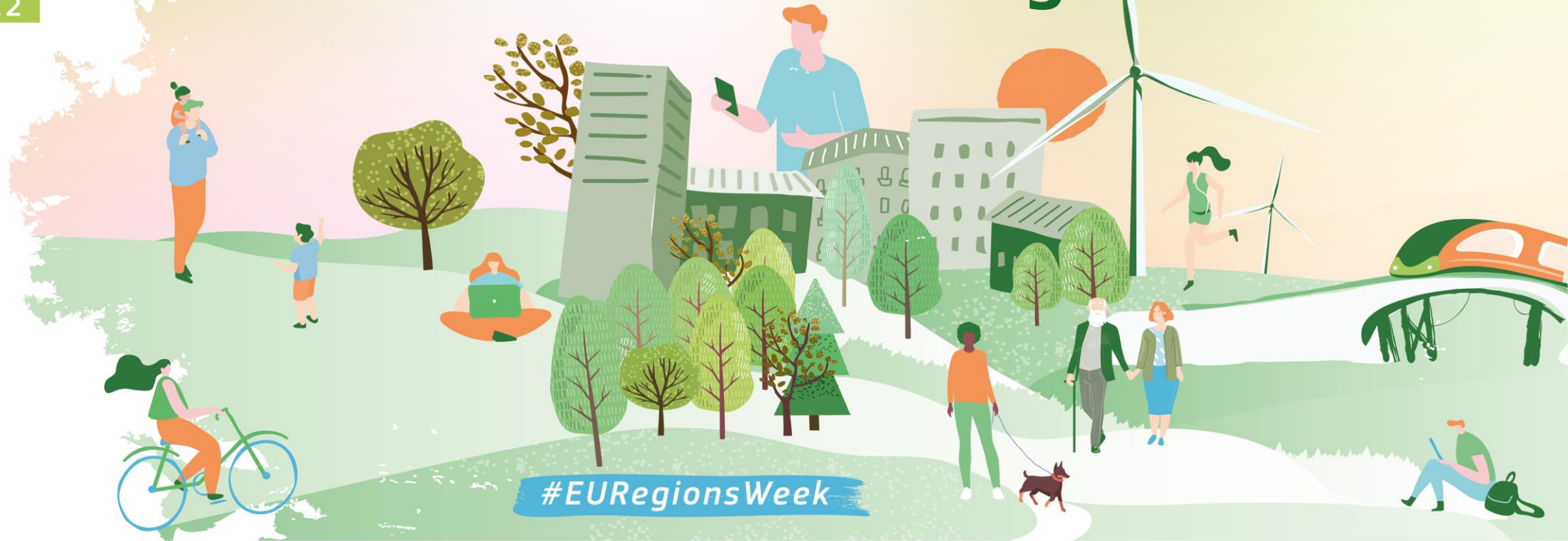


EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

# Why cooperation matters in the Arctic and near-Arctic regions



Interreg

Northern Periphery and Arctic



Co-funded by  
the European Union



Northern & Western  
Regional Assembly



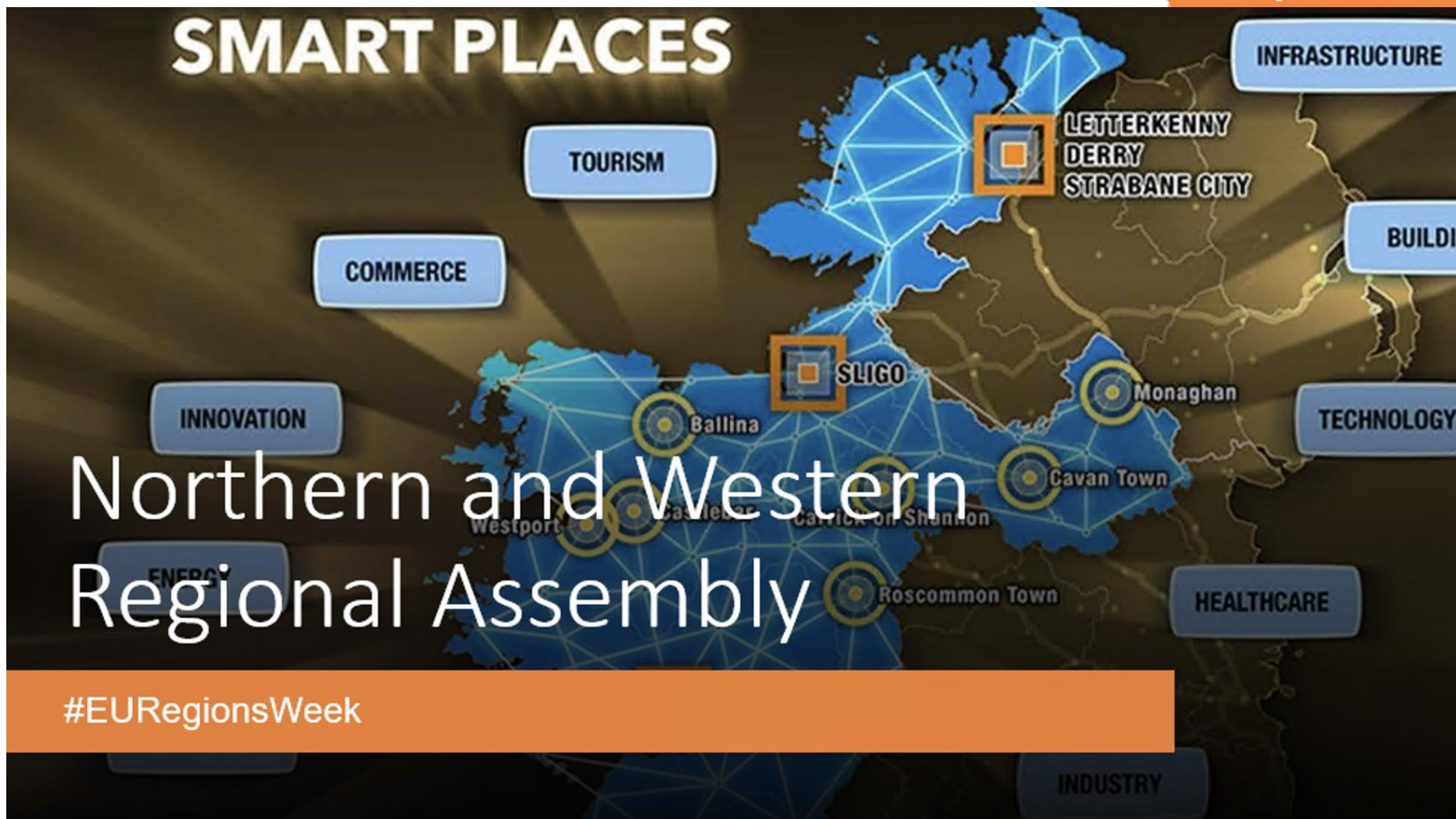




EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion



#EURegionsWeek





EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022



Challenges for  
the Cohesion

#EURegionsWeek





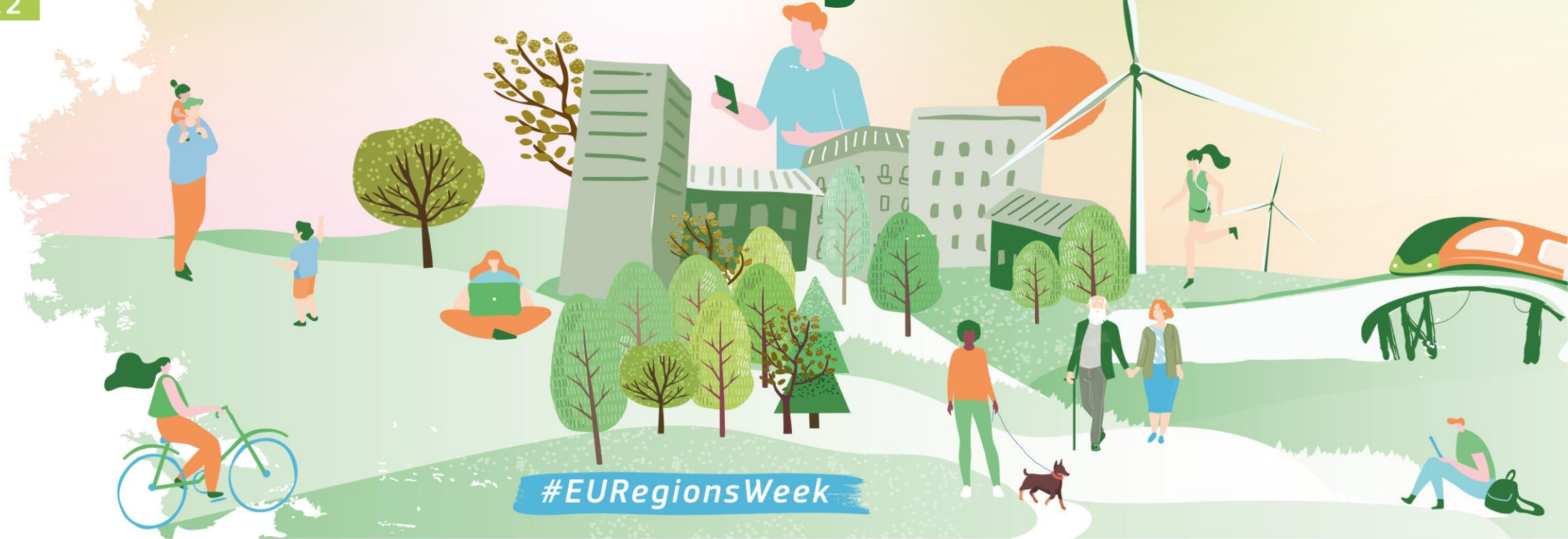


EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

# How – Approach to cooperation in the Interreg NPA



**Interreg**

Northern Periphery and Arctic



Co-funded by  
the European Union



Northern & Western  
Regional Assembly





EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

# Briefly about Interreg

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

- Interreg = European Territorial Cooperation
- Part of the EU's Cohesion Policy
- Interreg supports cooperation across borders through project funding. Its aim is to jointly tackle common challenges and find shared solutions.
- Interreg enables bottom-up solutions that contribute to achieving common goals, e.g. the EU's Territorial Agenda 2030, the EU Green Deal, and in the case of the NPA, the EU Arctic Policy.

#EURegionsWeek





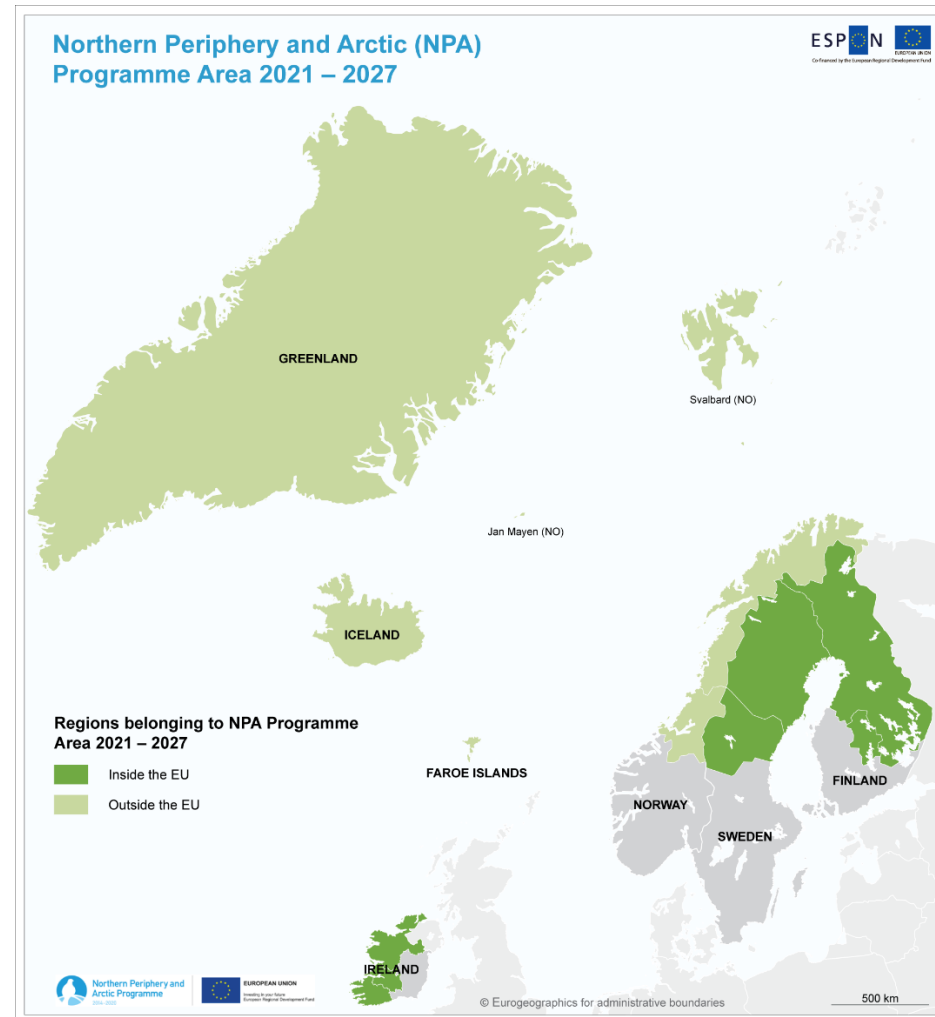
EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2023 - 2024

# Briefly about Interreg NPA

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

- Finland
- Ireland
- Sweden
- Norway
- Iceland
- Faroe Islands
- Greenland





EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

# Participatory approach

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion



#EURegionsWeek







EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

# Interreg NPA Priorities

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion



## Innovation capacity

- ✓ R&D collaborations
- ✓ Uptake of advanced technologies
- ✓ Digitisation of services



## Climate change and resources sufficiency

- ✓ Energy efficiency
- ✓ Climate change adaptation
- ✓ Disaster and risk prevention
- ✓ Circular economy



## Better cooperation governance

- ✓ Become better at making use of cooperation opportunities.
- ✓ Engage with underrepresented groups e.g. **YOUNG** people, indigenous people.

#EURegionsWeek



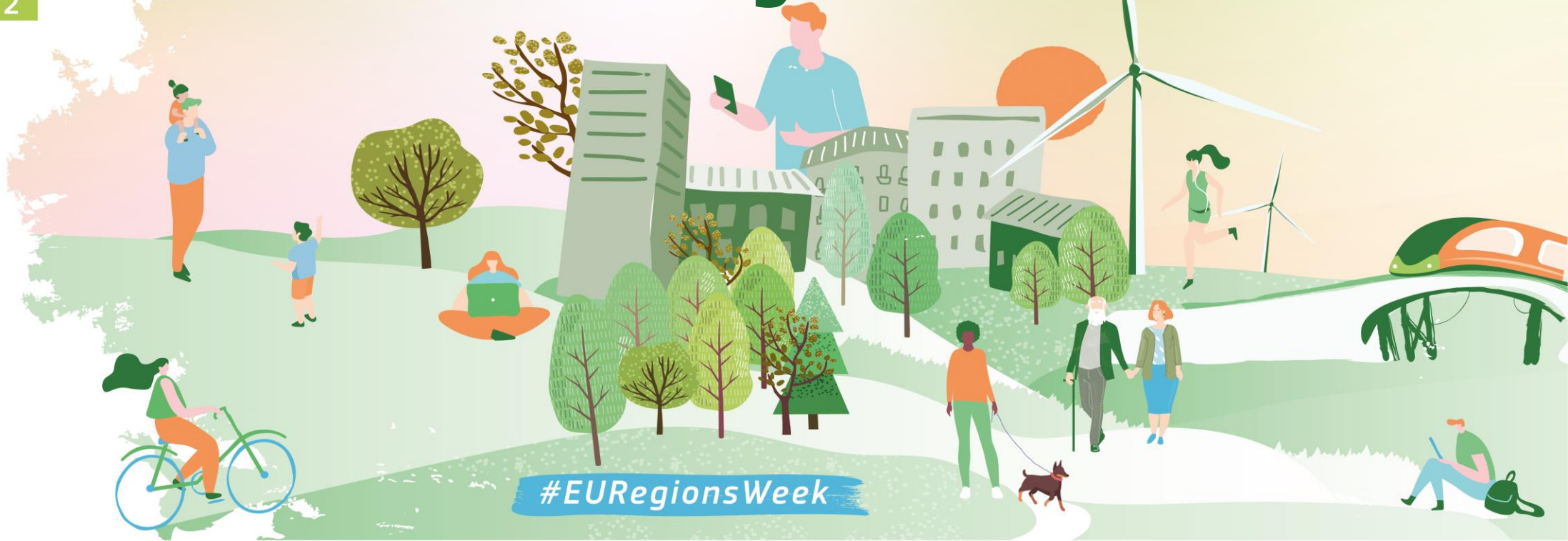


EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

# How to participate and cooperate in Interreg NPA



#EURegionsWeek

Interreg



Co-funded by  
the European Union

Northern Periphery and Arctic



Northern & Western  
Regional Assembly





EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

## How does it work?

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

- Open competitive call for projects on a regular basis
- Promoted and scheduled on NPA website
- Regional networks of RCPs
- Project development support
- MC decisions within 3 months of closing of call

#EURegionsWeek







# What are the conditions for participating?

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

## Transnational partnership

- NPA Programme partner countries at least one of which is from an EU Member State.
- Partnerships of least 2 of the 3 geographical zones of the programme area: Finland-Sweden-Norway; Ireland; Faroe Islands-Greenland-Iceland for main projects.
- Project idea rooted in the needs of the area and based on priorities and specific objectives of the NPA
- Engaged end-user from both public and private sectors





# What can be done?

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

## Types of **projects**

- Main - all priorities and transnational partnership
- Small scale to strengthen organisational capacity in NPA communities – Priority 3 only
- Preparatory projects all priorities – ongoing.
  - Clustering and bridging
  - Partnership of minimum 2 partners – one must be NPA EU state





# What can be done?

New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

## Types of **actions**

- Tailored to needs in the programme area and taken up or up-scaled by organisations. Actions jointly developed such as:
  - Strategies and action plans
  - Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects
  - Jointly developed solutions







New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

## How to participate

- **Open currently** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for projects in all priorities and closes December 5<sup>th</sup> with decision by MC March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- Visit NPA web site [www.interreg-npa.eu](http://www.interreg-npa.eu)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> preparatory call is planned to be launched February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Main project call is planned to be launched April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023





EUROPEAN WEEK OF  
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022


# Join us in Bodø!


New Challenges for  
Europe's Cohesion

NPA Annual Event 2022  
**YOUTH IN THE NPA**  
*Including young people in making remote communities attractive*


**Wednesday**  
9th | Nov | 2022  
**Bodø, Norway**

#Youth4Coop  
#NPA2022Bodø

interreg  Co-funded by the European Union  
Northern Periphery and Arctic

 Nordland  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme  
2014-2020

 EUROPEAN UNION  
Involving all your future  
European Regional Development Fund

Copyright: Zdenek Dvorak

#EURegionsWeek

