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# INTERREG AURORA

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# THE GOAL OF INTERREG AURORA 2021-2027

To encourage cross-border collaboration, and thereby strengthening the competitiveness, sustainability and attractiveness of the programme area through social inclusion, digitalisation and just green transition.



# The Management Organisation

## Monitoring Committee (MC)

*Overall monitoring of the Programme*

### Managing Authority (MA)

*Programme director*

*Programme financial officers*

*Communication officer*

The County Administrative Board of Norrbotten

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**Norwegian Managing Organisation (NMO)**

Troms fylkeskommune

### Steering Committee

**Aurora**

*Selection projects*

*Sub-area Aurora*

### Steering Committee

**Sápmi**

*Selection projects*

*Sub-area Sápmi*

### Joint Secretariat (JS)

**Programme officers**

The County Administrative Board of Norrbotten and Västerbotten

The Regional Councils of Lapland, Oulu and Ostrobothnia

The Sami Parliaments SE-FI-NO

Troms fylkeskommune

### Audit Authority (AA)

*Second Level Control (SLC)*

The Swedish National Financial Management Authority

### Controllers

Sweden - The County Administrative Board of Norrbotten

Finland - The Regional Council of Lapland

Norway - External auditor

## SUB-AREA AURORA

### FINLAND

Lappi  
Pohjois-Pohjanmaa  
Keski-Pohjanmaa  
Österbotten/Pohjanmaa  
Etelä-Pohjanmaa  
Kainuu  
Pohjois-Karjala

### SVERIGE

Norrbottn  
Västerbotten  
Västernorrland

### NORGE

Finnmark  
Troms  
Nordland

## SUB-AREA SÀPMI

### FINLAND

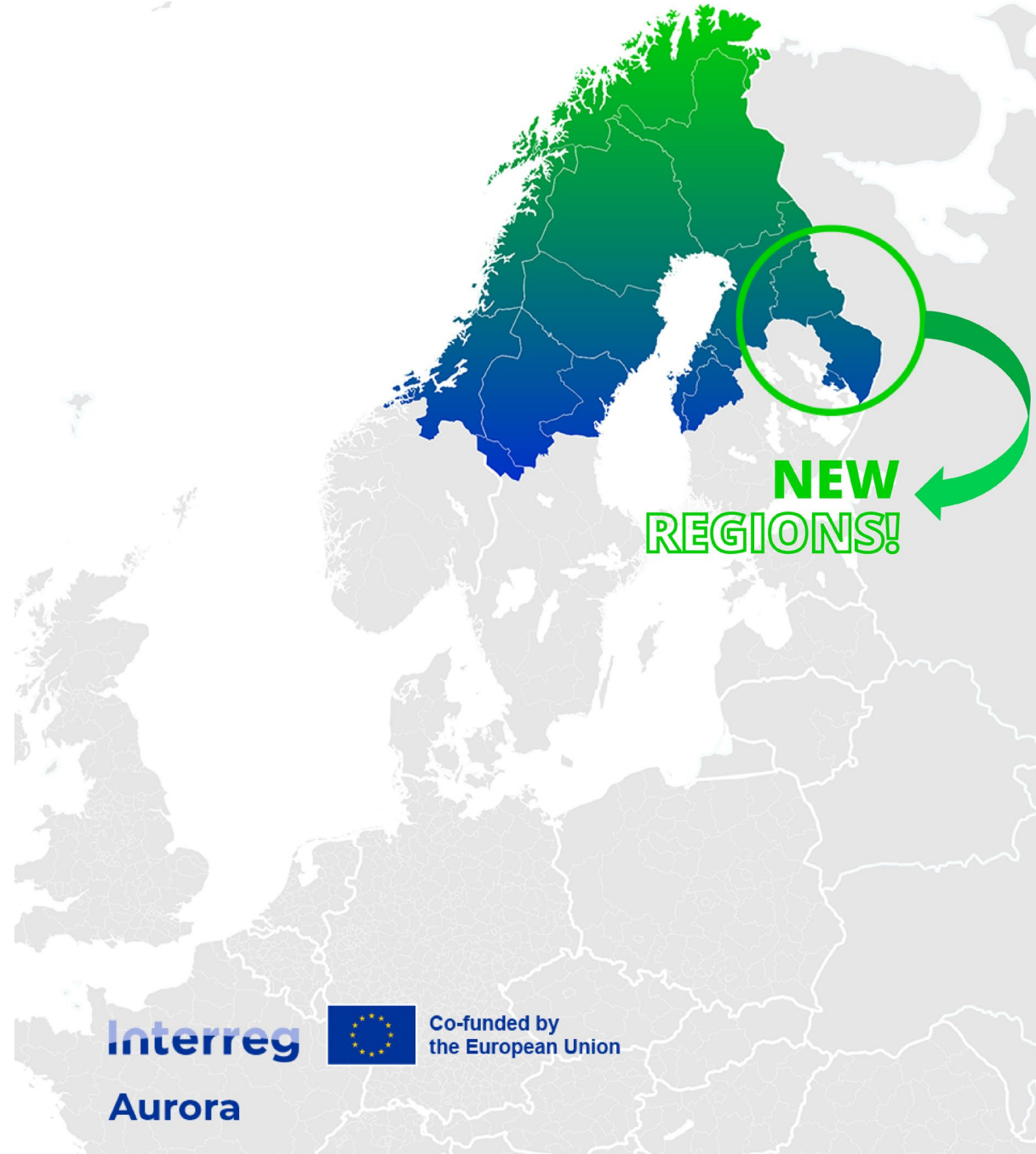
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Keski-Pohjanmaa

### SVERIGE

Norrbottn  
Västerbotten  
Västernorrland  
Jämtland  
Idre Sameby, Dalarna

### NORGE

Finnmark  
Troms  
Nordland  
Trøndelag  
Innlandet (Elgå Reinbeitedistrikt)



## 4 PRIORITIES 8 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Jointly decided by all the regions in the Programme area and the Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian Sami Parliaments.

Based on the needs and challenges of the Programme area.



### Priority 1 - A smarter Europe Smart and sustainable growth

Specific Objective 1.1 Smart specialization, research and innovation  
Specific Objective 1.2 Competitiveness of SMEs



### Priority 2 - A greener Europe Green and sustainable transition

Specific Objective 2.1 Climate change adaptation  
Specific Objective 2.2 Nature protection and biodiversity  
Specific Objective 2.3 Sustainable mobility



### Priority 3 - A more social Europe Education, culture and sustainable tourism

Specific Objective 3.1 Education and lifelong learning  
Specific Objective 3.2 Culture and sustainable tourism



### Priority 4 - A better Interreg Governance Better and more sustainable cross-border cooperation

Specific Objective 4.1 Cross-border capacity building

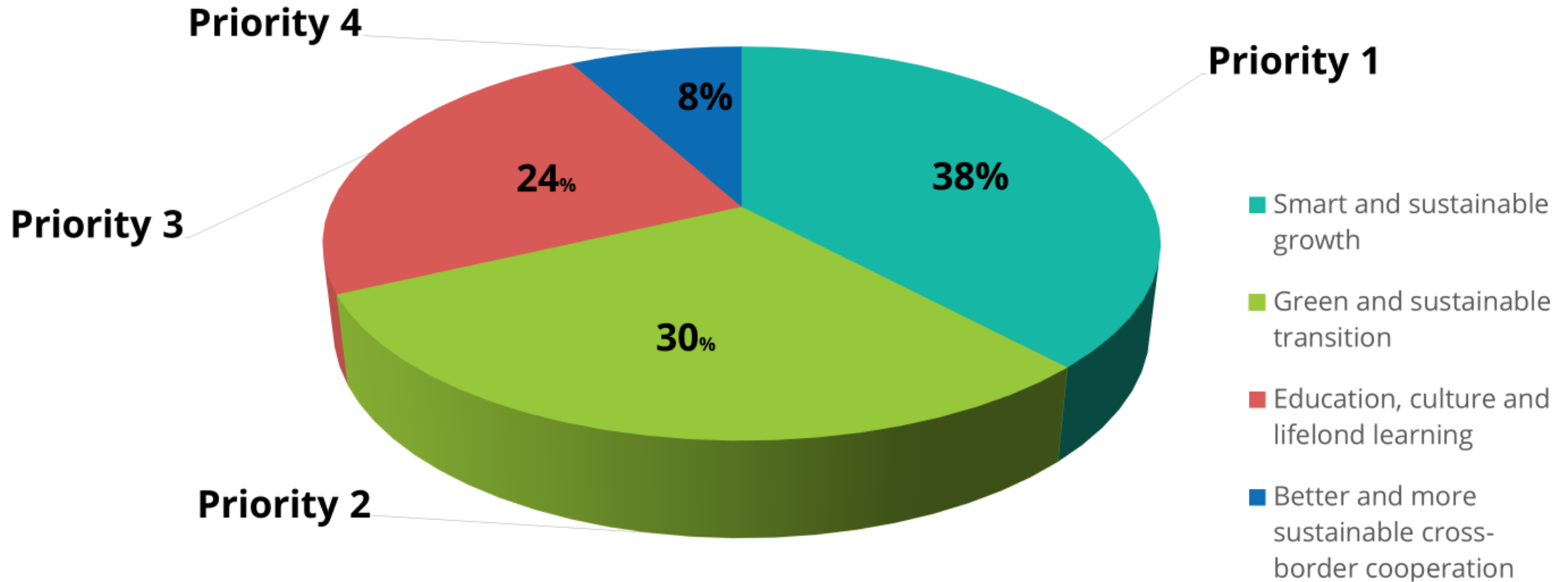
# SMART SPECIALISATION



- **Industry**
- **Space technology**
- **Energy technology**
- **Test activities**
- **Health and healthcare**
- **Digitalisation**
- **Transport**



# Budget Allocation 205 M€, ERDF appr. 125 M€





# What signifies a good Interreg Aurora project?

- Cross-border cooperation
- Relevance for the Programme (specific objective)
- Sustainable development
- The partnership (capacity, new partnerships)
- Project logic
- Relevance to target group
- Value for money
- Results (concrete, innovative, lasting, exit strategy, dissemination)





# Project Types and EU-Financing Rates

## Regular Projects

- Budget up to 200 000 Euro (Staff + 40%)
- Budget over 200 000 Euro (Staff + 40% OR all cost categories)

## Small-scale projects

- Budget max 20 000 Euro/country
- Lump sum support

## Financing Rate

- 65% EU-funding for Swedish and Finnish partners
- 50% IR-funding for Norwegian partners



# Miten Interreg Aurora näkyy Lapissa?

(esimerkkejä 2022 ja 2023 rahoitetuista hankkeista)

## Toimintalinja 1: kilpailukykyisempi ja älykkäämpi Eurooppa

- Lapin AMK
  - Energiankeräysratkaisuilla kohti paristotonta elektroniikkaa
  - 6G-yhteyksien vaatima teknologia ja sen haasteet loppukäyttäjillä
- Lapin AMK ja Inarin kunta – Naisyrittäjien kestävä liiketoiminnan tuki
- Lapin matkailuelinkeinojen liitto – Arktisen Euroopan matkailuklusterin kehittäminen

## Toimintalinja 2: vihreämpi Eurooppa

- Lapin amk - ilmastoviisasta yritystoimintaa elintarvikkeiden tuotantoketjussa
- Lapin ELY - Suomalais-norjalaisen rajavesistökomission toiminnan mahdollistaminen

## Toimintalinja 3: sosiaalisempi Eurooppa

- Inarin kunta – Kolttien kieltä ja kulttuuria
- Lapin yliopisto ja Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus - Saamelaiskulttuurin taitojen ja käytänteiden merkitys vihreässä siirtymässä

## Toimintalinja 4: yhteistyön hallinnoinnin parantaminen

- Lapin liitto - Pohjoisen alueen liikenne- ja logistiikkajärjestelmän kehittäminen



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# Calls for small-scale projects

- January 2 – February 2
- August 12 – September 6
- The total amount of Norwegian IR-funding possible to allocate to small-scale projects during 2024 is 50 000 EUR. (500 000 NOK).
- A joint application for all partners is made in the Min ansökan system
- All Priorities and Specific Objectives are open unless otherwise specified on the webpage



# Call 4 for regular projects

- Open February 5 – March 5
- All priorities and specific objectives open for EU-funding
- Priority 2 closed for Norwegian IR-funding
- A project can apply a maximum of 200 000 EUR in Norwegian IR-funding
- A joint application for all partners is made in the Min ansökan system
- Early project ideas welcome January 2 – February 2



# Call 5 for regular projects

- Open September 9 – October 7
- All priorities and specific objectives open for EU-funding
- Priority 1 closed for Norwegian IR-funding
- Further limitations of the call might be decided by the Monitoring Committee
- A project can apply a maximum of 200 000 EUR in Norwegian IR-funding
- A joint application for all partners is made in the Min ansökan system
- Early project ideas welcome August 12 – September 6