CELEBRATING INTERREG EUROPE FUNDING SUCCESS!

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The European Policies Research Centre and the entire NICE network team are thrilled to announce their success in securing funding under Interreg Europe for the project COMMIT, marking a significant milestone in our mission to support local and regional authorities in the industrial transition.

The Interreg Europe monitoring committee has conditionally approved 78 projects out of 146 applications received in the second call for project proposals. This is a testament to the quality and impact of the COMMIT project, which focuses on Low-carbon SME development and transition. This achievement reflects the dedication and collaborative efforts of the entire network, with special recognition for the pivotal role played by our esteemed consultant, Benoît Dalbert. His expertise and guidance were instrumental in shaping the success of the COMMIT project.

About COMMIT:

Title: Low-carbon SME development and transition
Lead Partner: Energy Agency of Savinjska, Saleska and Koroska Region, Slovenia
Advisory Partner: European Policies Research Centre

Project Summary: The COMMIT project addresses the challenges faced by regions transitioning their SME base to low-carbon activities. Focused on avoiding 'carbon leakage,' ensuring job quality, and minimizing territorial inequalities, COMMIT strives to support local and regional authorities in developing an SME support ecosystem for the industrial transition.

Four Inter-related Areas of Focus:

1. Information/Knowledge
2. Innovation/Technology
3. Finance
4. Skills

Project duration: April 2024 – April 2028

Through the identification, analysis, and dissemination of good practices, COMMIT aims to empower regions to deliver integrated and coherent support for low-carbon entrepreneurship and SME development. This includes particular attention to microenterprises and entrepreneurship among underrepresented groups.

The COMMIT **kick-off meeting will be on 16-17 April 2024 in Glasgow**, in conjunction with a Scottish Universities Insight Institute-funded workshop on Policy Implementation and Evidencing Change.

As part of the Interreg Europe success, the NICE and COMMIT team extend hearty congratulations to all the projects that received approval.

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