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Developing an Alpine Space Research, Development and Innovation Area

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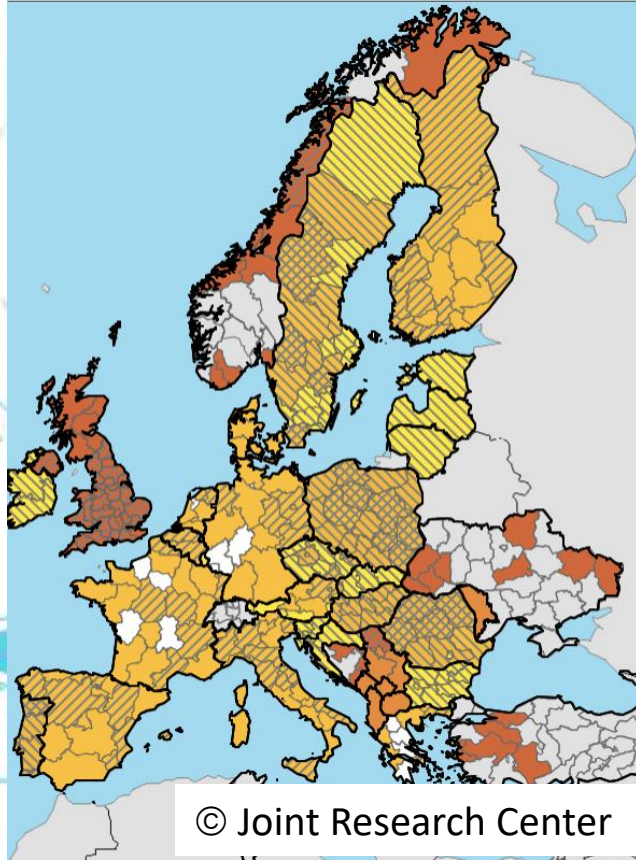## Lowering barriers for cross-regional RDI cooperation

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The way ahead

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Regional RDI funding programmes

Cross-regional / Cross-macroregional RDI cooperation

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Regional specialisations (S3)

Topics: Circular Bioeconomy / Health economy

Matchmaking RDI topics

BIOMASS

TRANSFORMATION

BIOBASED PRODUCTS

BIOBASED PRODUCTS (1)

Agriculture / Wood / Waste

Biorefinery (processed)

processed / unprocessed

Biogas

Chemicals / Materials

Food & feed

Smart Building

Bioplastics

Biopharma

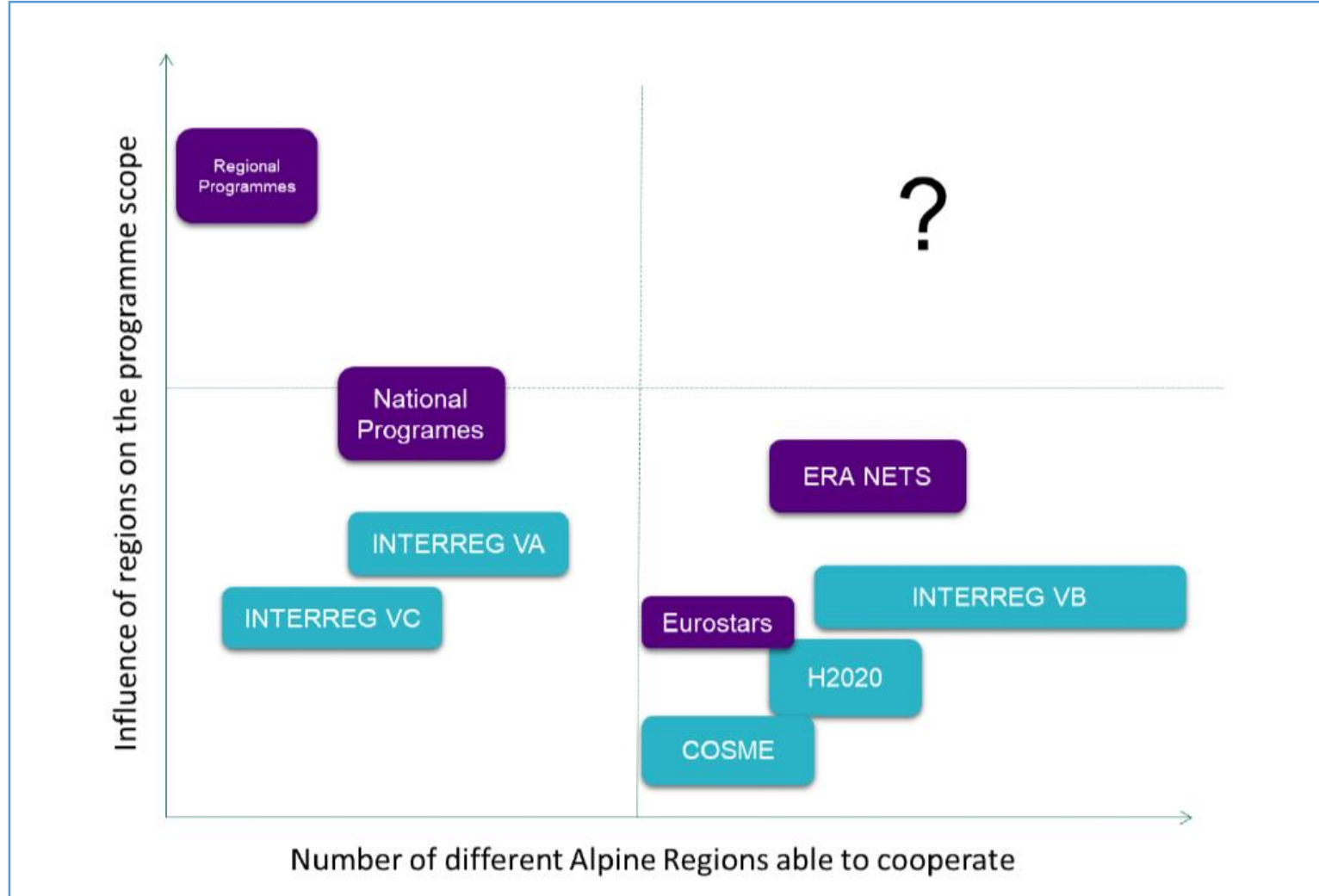Thematic identified for cross-regional cooperation between regions

Source: personal elaboration.

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ARDIA-Net regions:

- Baden-Württemberg
- Bavaria
- Canton of Fribourg
- Lombardy
- Salzburg
- Slovenia
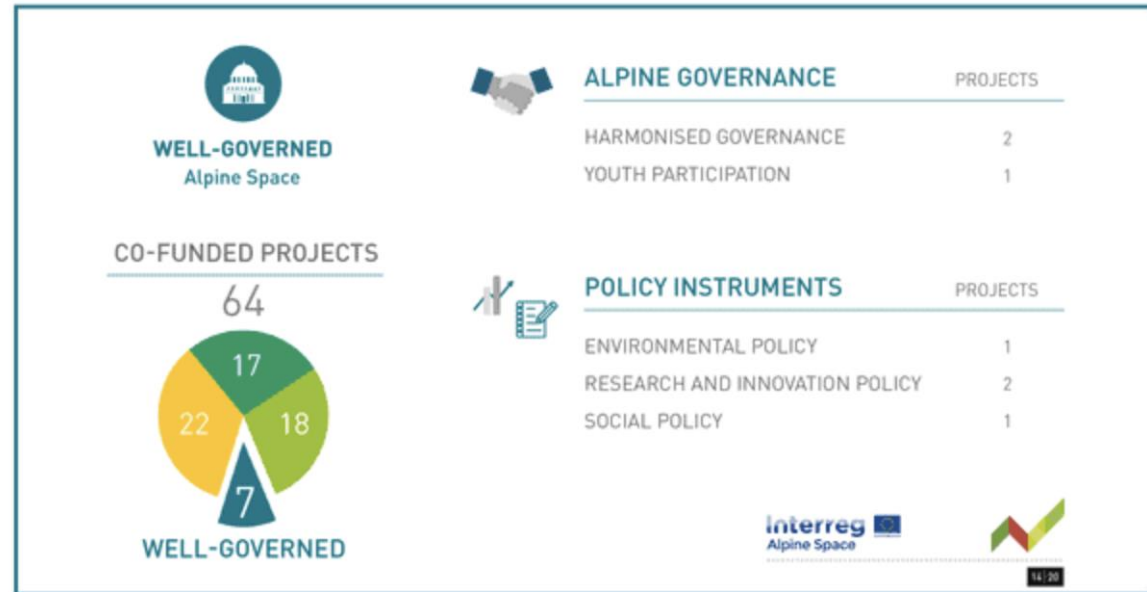- Upper Austria

Existing funding gap

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Together we are stronger

Some background:

Our work and results contribute to:

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Challenging myths

There is a programme owner's belief that cross-regional cooperation is **difficult**.

➢ "issues with legal framework", "timely planning"…

Some Alpine regions and beyond are interested but the recurrent question is **how can I make it work?**

➢ "We know the goal we are aiming at, but we don't know how to move towards it in an effective way"

AlpsConnect

Support to synchronising existing funding programmes

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✓ No new funding programmes have to be established

✓ No new legal frameworks have to be developed

✓ No cross-regional transfer of funds

Outreach after 2 years

- ✓ 16 Regional/national/local public authorities

- ✓ Ca. 20 Business support organisations / Regional agencies

- ✓ More than 10 Capacity Building activities

- ✓ 6 regional Living Labs

- ✓ 1 Pilot call scoping 2 macroregions

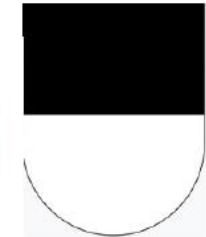- 1 Policy Forum in preparation (30/11/2021)

Putting things into practice
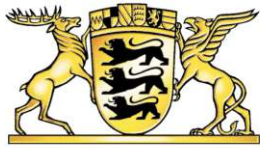
Four regions cooperate in the field of RDI:

- ➢ Artificial intelligence in healthcare applications
- ➢ Digital solutions in sustainable industry

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Testimonial

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