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

SVERIGE

Norrbotten
Västerbotten
Västernorrland

NORGE

Finnmark
Troms
Nordland

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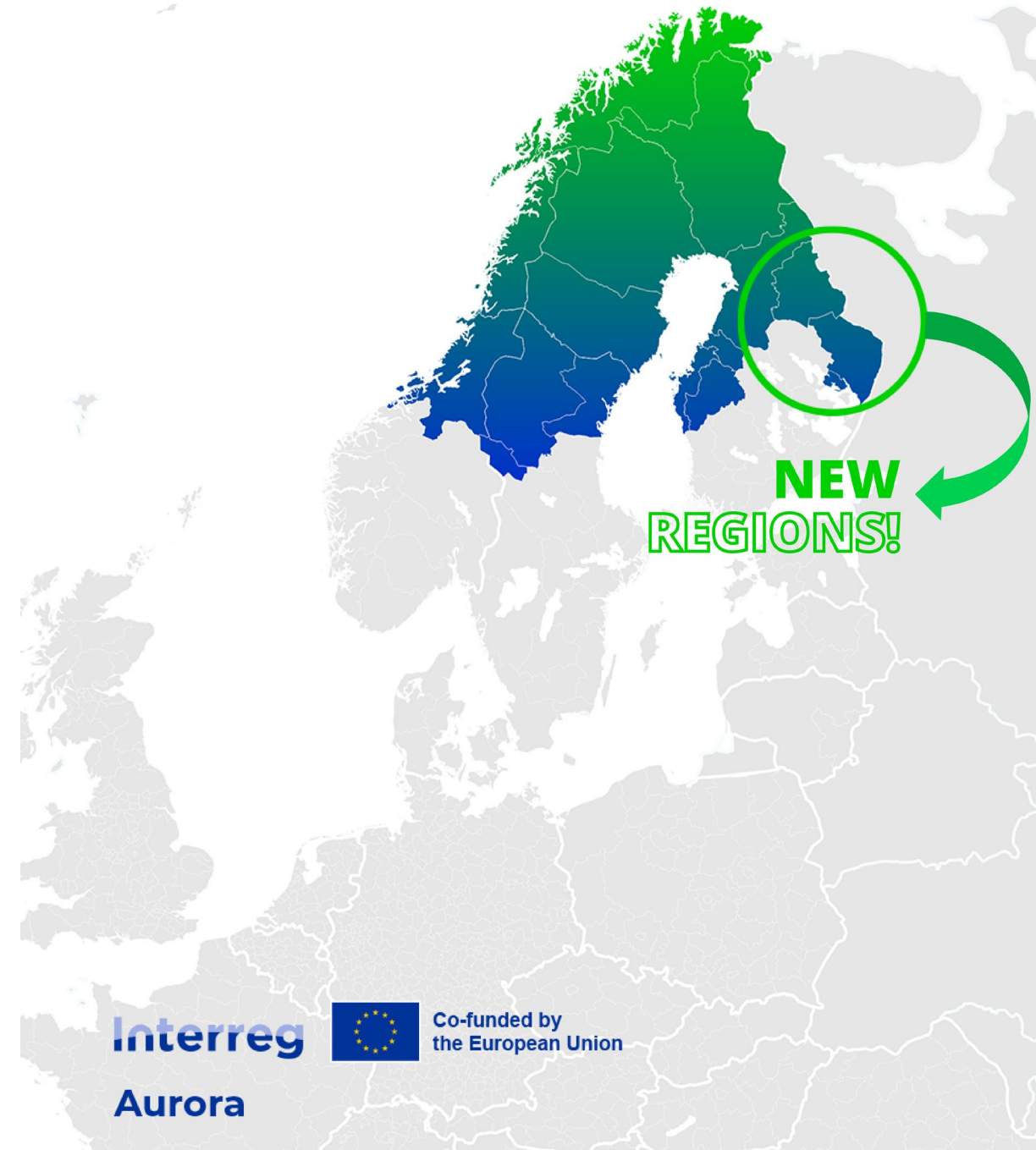
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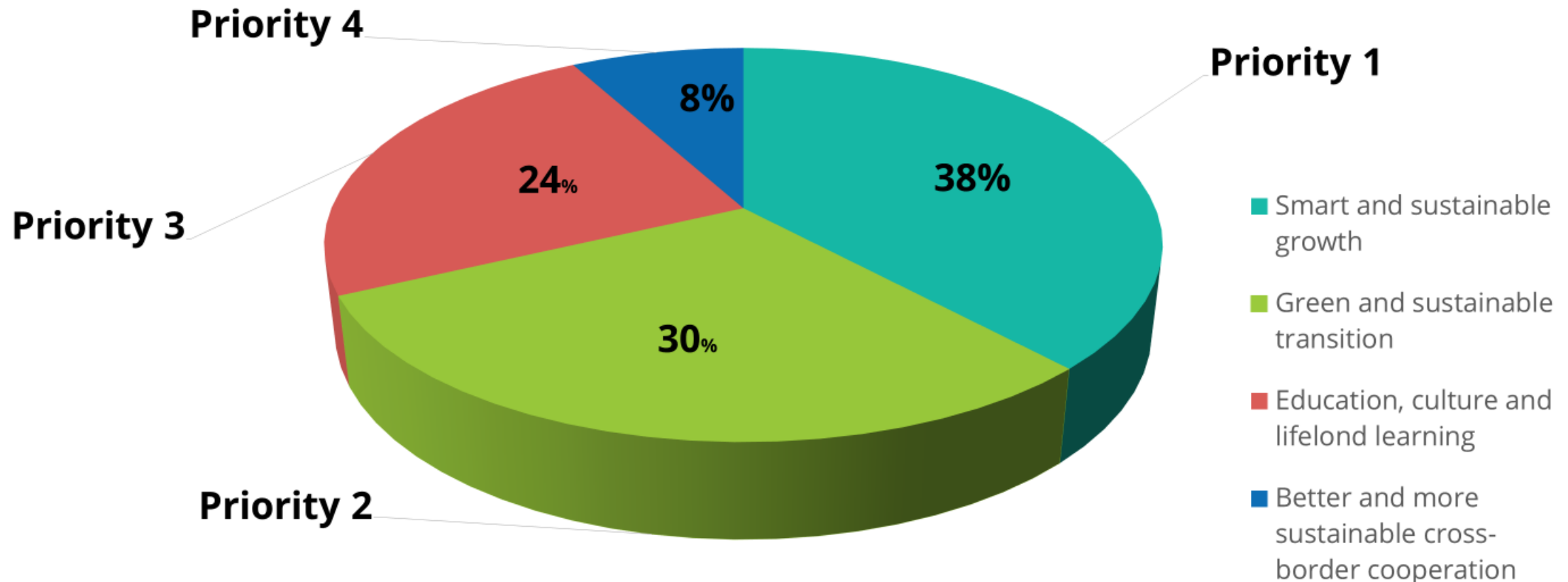
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Innlandet (Elgå Reinbeitedistrikt)



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



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SMART & BEYOND



**GREAT IDEAS
KNOW NO
BORDERS.**



PRIORITY 1

Smart and sustainable growth

Specific Objective 1.1

Smart specialisation, research and innovation

Building new knowledge networks and skills between higher education institutes, businesses and the public sector to promote the transition to a just green and sustainable economy.

Specific Objective 1.2

Competitiveness of SMEs

Improving micro, small and medium-sized companies' competitiveness.

SMART SPECIALISATION



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

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GREEN & BEYOND



**CLIMATE
CHANGE
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PRIORITY 2

Green and sustainable development

Specific Objective 2.1

Climate change adaption

Increasing awareness of climate change and find methods to be able to prevent/mitigate and adapt.

Specific Objective 2.2

Nature protection and biodiversity

Protecting nature areas/habitats and biodiversity. Plans, strategies and methods to restore, conserve and share best practices.

Specific Objective 2.3

Sustainable mobility

Finding solutions to enable lower carbon dioxide emissions from the transport system.

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SOCIAL & BEYOND



**COMPETENCE
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PRIORITY 3 **Education, culture and** **sustainable tourism**

Specific Objective 3.1

Education and lifelong learning

Meeting the needs of the labor market and increasing the level of education.

Specific Objective 3.2

Culture and sustainable tourism

Strengthening sustainable tourism, culture and business opportunities through knowledge exchange between research and educational institutions, society, business and the non-profit sector.

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COOPERATION & BEYOND



PRIORITY 4

Better and more sustainable cross-border cooperation

Specific Objective 4.1

Cross-border cooperation capacity
building

Overcoming border barriers and
reducing administrative and legal
obstacles. Producing coherent
development strategies and establishing
reliable datasets. Trust building by
people-to-people actions.

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Summary of the Interreg Aurora Programme document



All

Smart

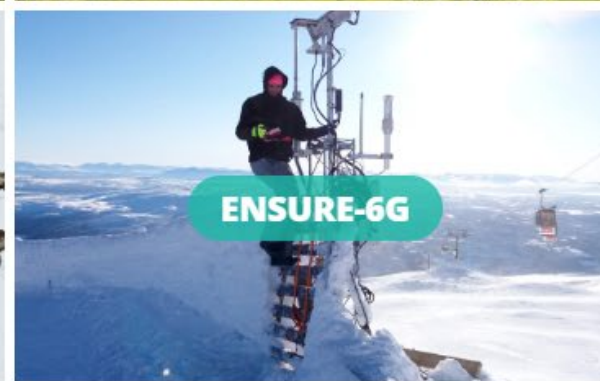
Green

Social

Cooperation

Operations of Strategic Importance

SORT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER ↑



Project Types and EU-Financing Rates

Small-scale projects

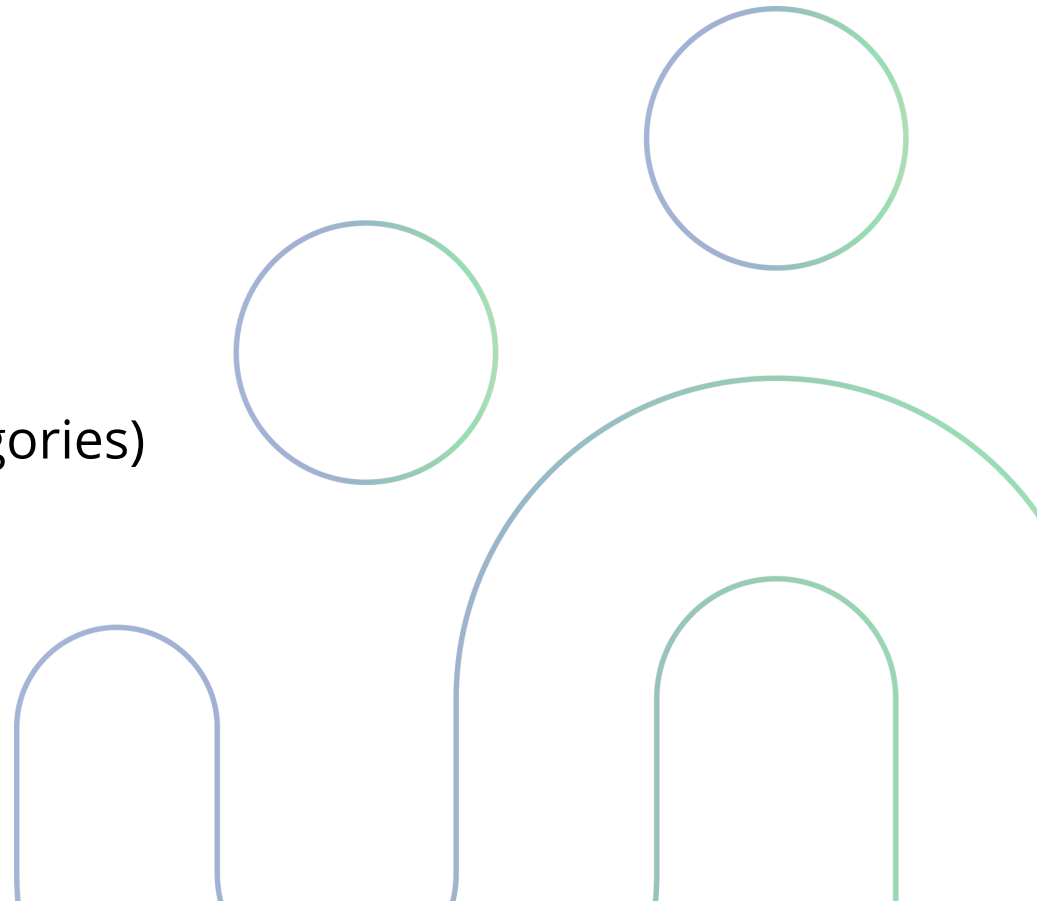
- Budget max 20 000 Euro/country
- Lump sum support

Regular Projects

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

Financing Rate

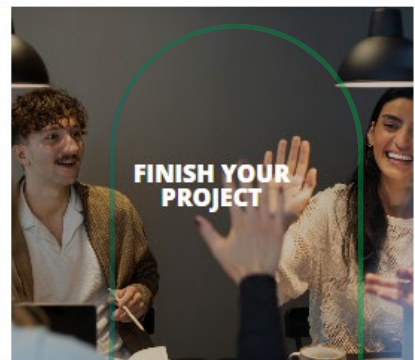
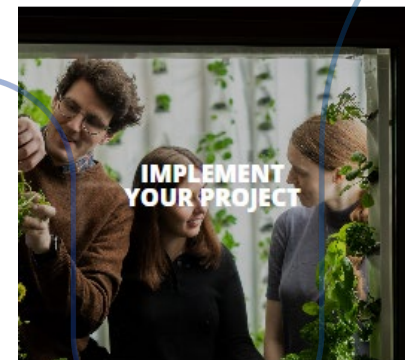
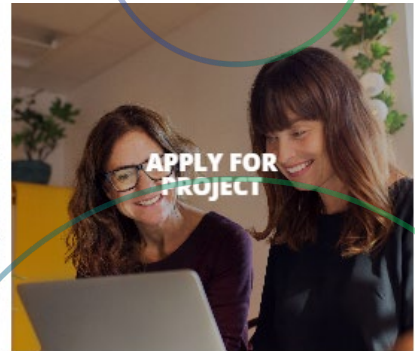
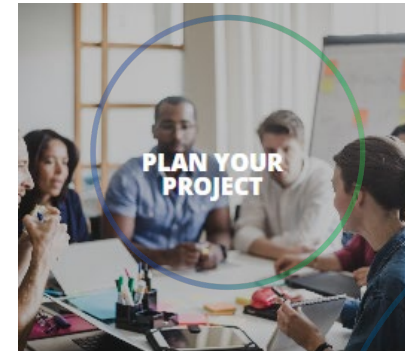
- 65% EU-funding for Swedish and Finnish partners
- 50% IR-funding for Norwegian partners



Get prepared!

- Next call for small scale projects: 12 August – 6 September 2024
- Next call for regular projects: 9 September – 7 October 2024
- One joint application (SE/FI/NO)
- Programme Manual
- Early project idea template/project consultation
- Contact the Joint Secretariat for questions:

interregaurora@lansstyrelsen.se



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Please respect the text limits of the project idea template, the text limits include blanks.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

What is the challenge or opportunity your project intends to address? (Max 500 characters.)

Why is cross-border cooperation needed for addressing the above challenge/opportunity? (Max 500 characters.)

Who will benefit from the project? Explain the dialogue with the intended target group, the needs of the target group shall be clear. (Max 500 characters.)

Finnish national co-funding

– What has changed?

- Regional Council of Lapland makes the co-funding decisions and administers the payment applications
- Application submission only after the EU funding decision (within 4 months of the official decision)
- One application on behalf of all Finnish project partners
- National co-funding can be up to 70% of the non-EU portion of the budget
- Min 4 900€ and max 200 000€ **per project**
- Regional Council of Lapland will conduct financial controls. **No costs for the projects!**

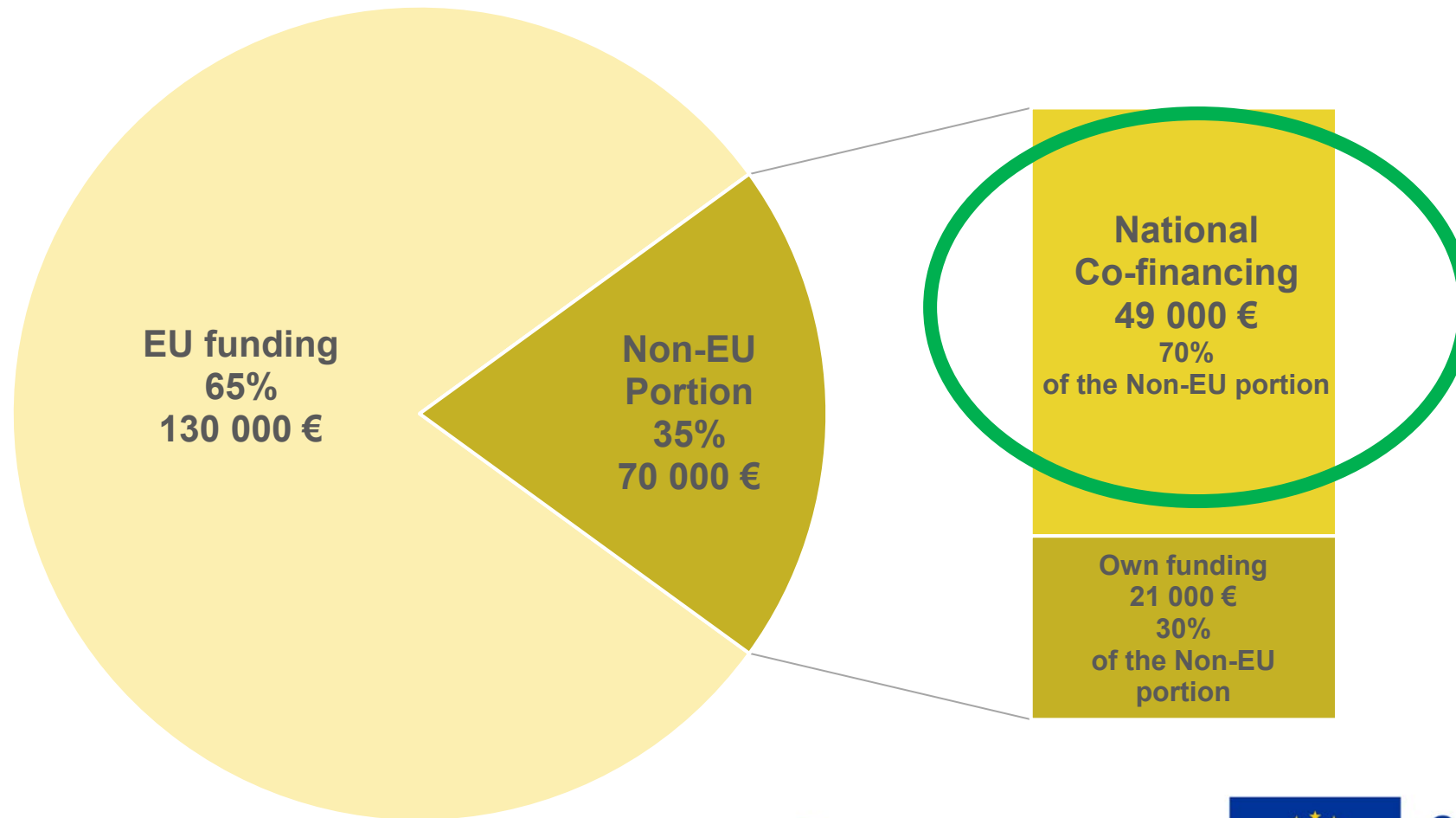
The image shows two overlapping application forms for Interreg projects. The top form is titled "ANSÖKAN OM NATION' INTERREG-PROJEKT" and the bottom form is titled "INTERREG-HANKKEEN KANSALLISEN VASTINRAHOITUKSEN RAHOITUSHAKEMUS". Both forms include fields for project name, start date, applicant, and contact information, along with checkboxes for funding sources like Aurora and Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA).

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Example: Budget for Finnish partner 200 000 €



Three take-aways:



1. Apply for national co-financing only after you receive the decision from Interreg Aurora.
2. One Finnish partner submits the co-financing application on behalf of others.
3. No need to reserve funding for the "FLC" costs in the budget!

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Let us know your ideas!





Thank you for your attention!

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