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**REGIONS2030 pilot project**

*kick off meeting*

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## Our mission

As the science and knowledge service of the European Commission our mission is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.

# JRC sites

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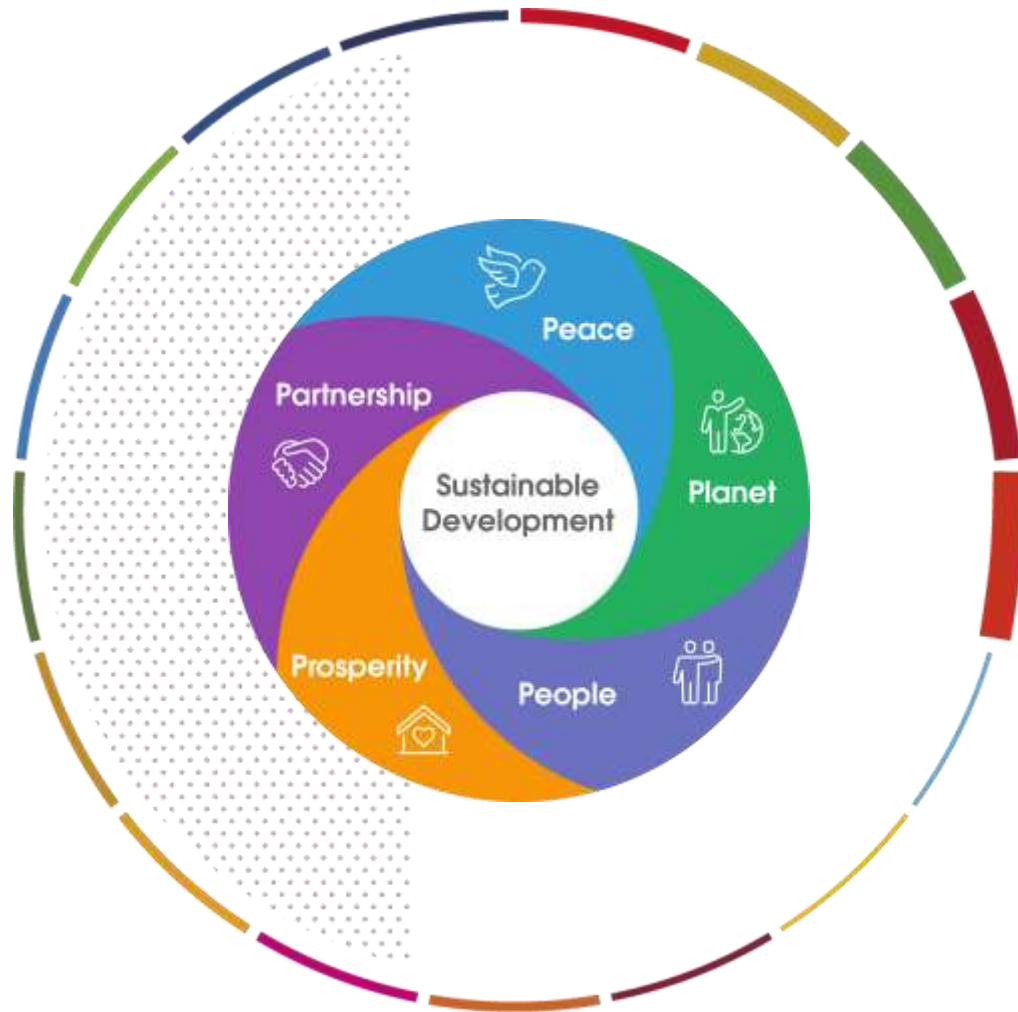


# Congratulations!

- Βόρειο Αιγαίο (North Aegean) – EL41
- Δυτική Μακεδονία (Western Macedonia) – EL53
- Comunidad Foral de Navarra – ES22
- Andalucia – ES61
- Piemonte – ITC1
- Puglia – ITF4
- Pomorskie – PL63
- Centro (PT) – PT16
- Nord-Vest – RO11
- Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kütahya, Uşak – TR33



# Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



- It is our universal roadmap to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, address climate change and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030 under the central motto of “Leave nobody behind”.

# Motivation

- EU has committed to fully integrate the SDGs in the EU policy framework and recognizes the principle of multilevel governance in the drawing-up and implementation of the EU policies
- Only 20% of national reporting on SDGs to the HLPF includes subnational elements
- Up to now, only few European Regions have fully integrated the SDGs in their strategic actions, and even less have reported consistently on the achieved results and remaining challenges
- Few regions in the EU regularly report on the achievement of the SDGs and a harmonised set of indicators for EU regions have not been established
- To this end, the EUROSTAT work for EU MS is an excellent starting point

# Context

- A coherent and comprehensive set of indicators and monitoring framework, like the SDGs, is key to design better place-based policies that support sustainable development
- The design of a coherent set of indicators that European regions can use to monitor the achievement of the SDGs is the aim of REGIONS2030
- The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important it is to use timely and accurate data and indicators to monitor and evaluate public policies and actions, and to do it in comparative way

# Objectives of the pilot project

- **O1:** Engage EU regions in the monitoring process of the Sustainable Development Goals
  - **1.1:** Provide a framework for regional authorities to monitor the SDGs in their territory
  - **1.2:** Support and enhance regional statistical capacities in data collection, monitoring, and evaluation
- **O2:** Increase local ownership of the SDGs and openness and transparency in achieved results
  - **2.1:** Hands-on of regional authorities for the collection and analysis of SDG data
  - **2.2:** Initiate a dialogue among EU regions on good practices and actions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda



# Regional monitoring and SDG awareness

Does the region systematically monitor the SDGs or other sustainable development indicators?

No, sustainability is not monitored yet



Yes, using the SDG framework

How aware is the region with the concept of SDGs?

Not really but eager to increase awareness



The region follows the SDGs discourse closely

# REGIONS2030 Stakeholders

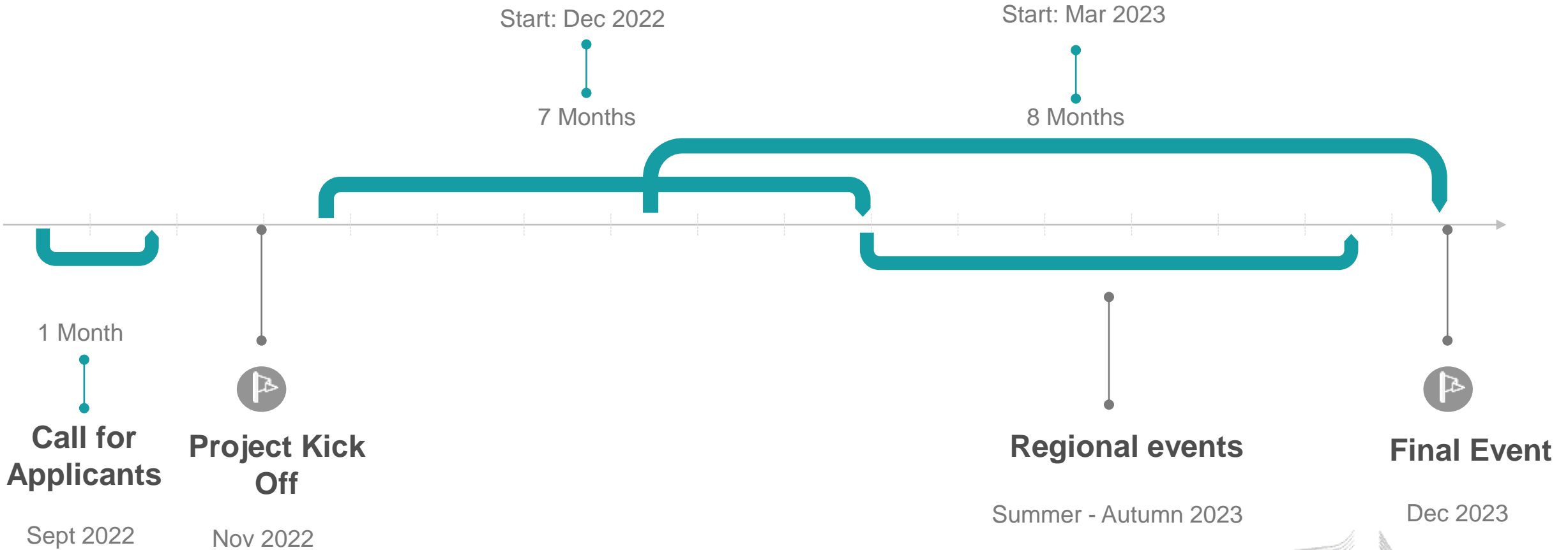
- European Commission, including:
  - JRC – Implementing partner
  - ESTAT, REGIO – Collaborating partners
- European Parliament
- Pilot regions
- Regional networks (including CoR)



# Implementation - Timeline

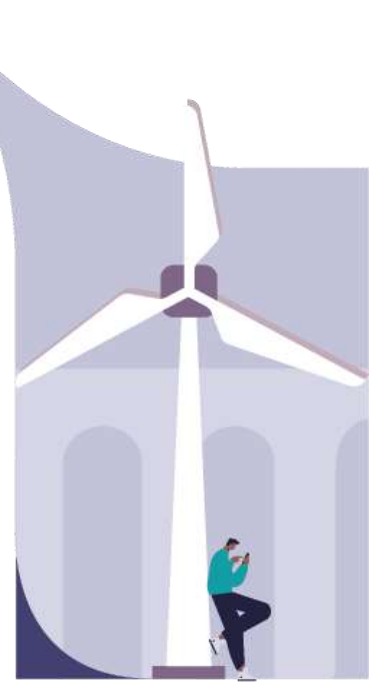
Data collection,  
analysis and reporting

Final European Regional  
SDG Indicators



# Project Outputs

- Draft reports (one per region) – March 2023
- Final report (one per region) – May 2023
- Regional events x 10 – June to October 2023
- Final project report: methodology and dataset – December 2023
- Final event – December 2023

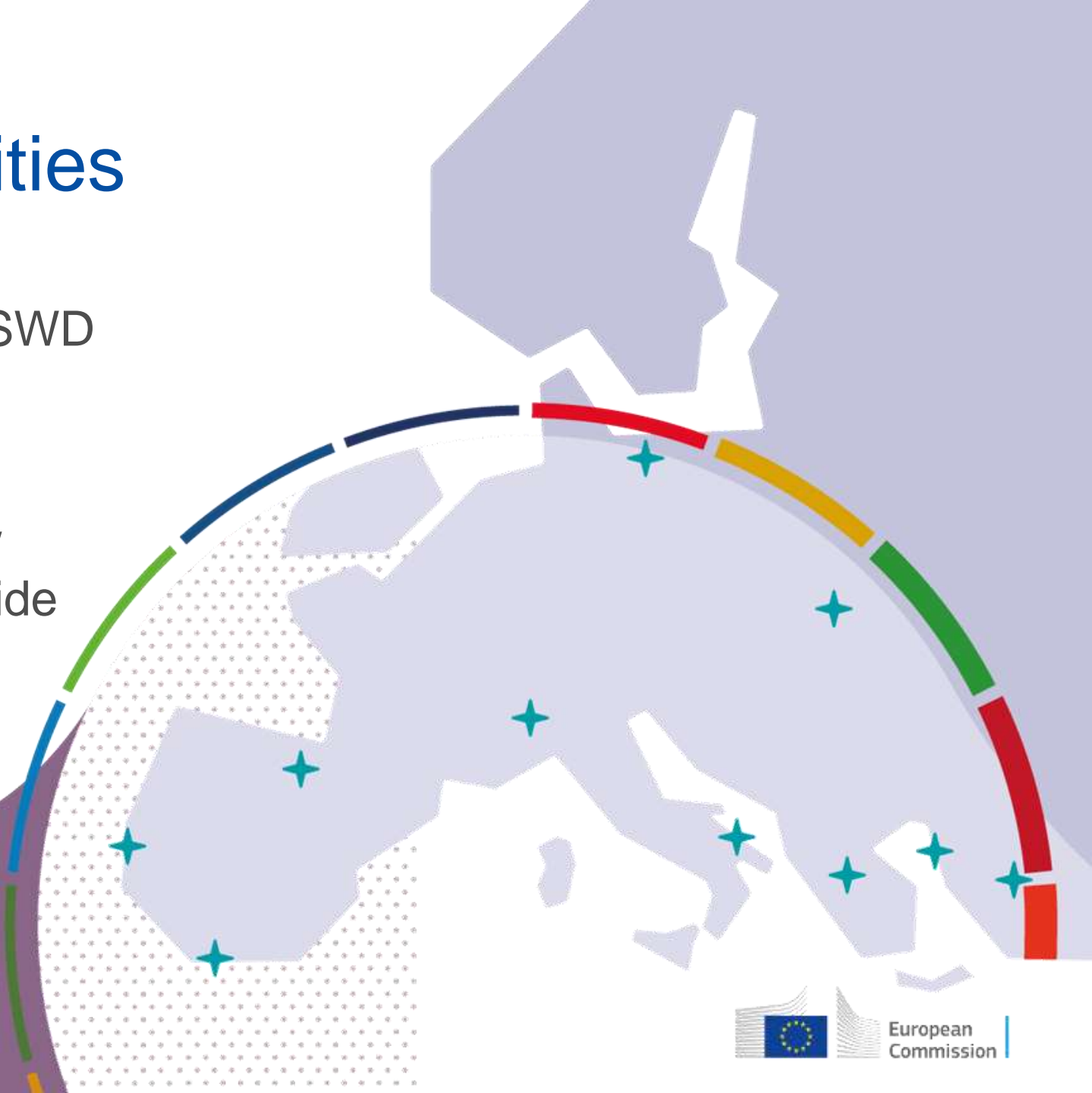


# Expected results

- A harmonised set of indicators for EU regions to monitor the achievement of the SDGs
  - *The data collected, and consequently their evaluation, will be made available to national and EU authorities for the overall evaluation of the progress towards the achievement of the SDG*
- Increased knowledge and capacity of EU regions on monitoring and reporting of the SDGs
- Engagement of EU regions in a participative process of localising the SDGs
- Reinforcement of dialogue with EU partners on the localisation of SDGs

# Upcoming opportunities

- European Voluntary Review (SWD in preparation)
- High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development – New York, July 2023 (proposal for a side event)
- National 2030 Agenda Fora / conferences



# Thank you and keep in touch



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