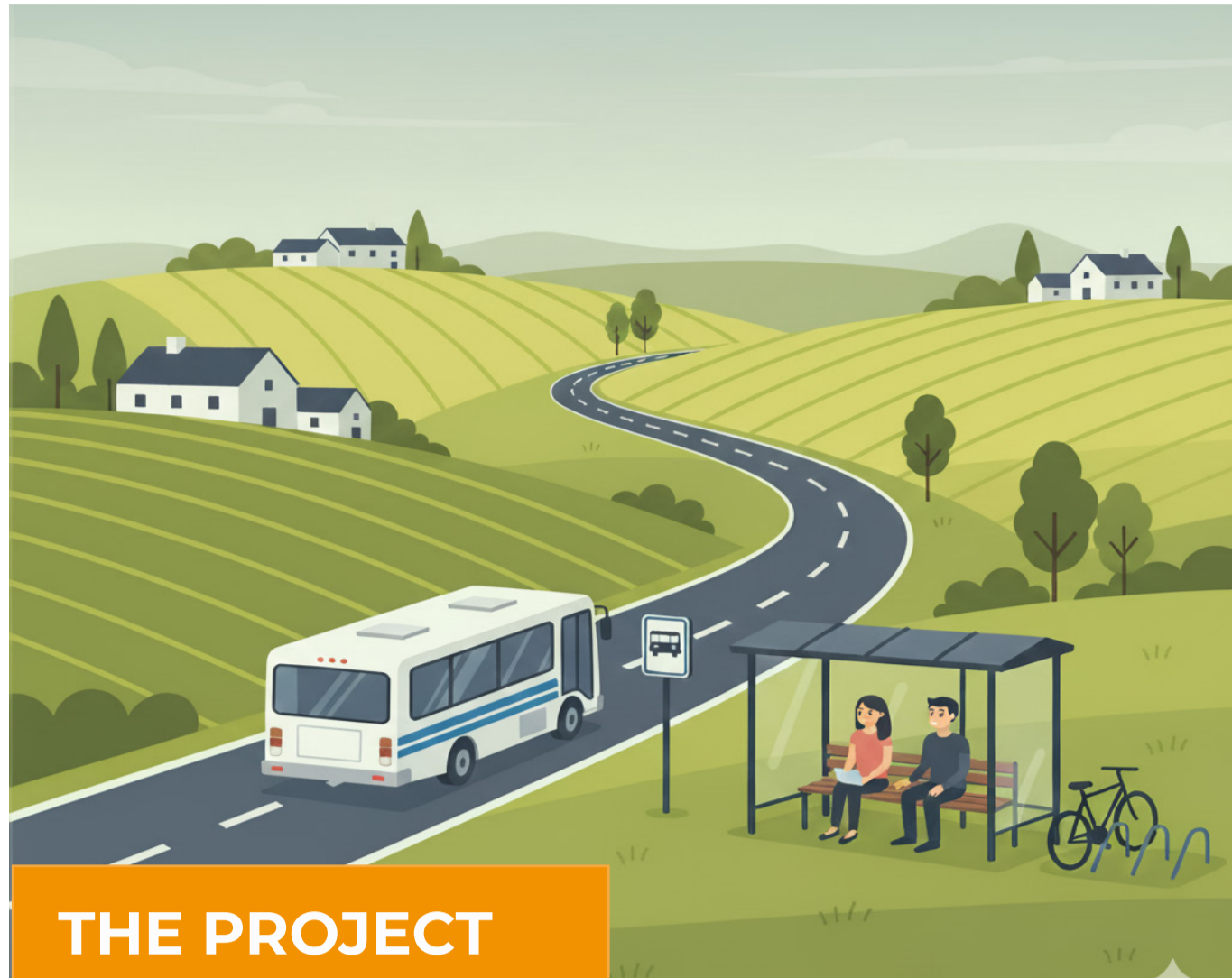


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THE PROJECT

SMOOTY, EU-funded project by the **INTERREG EUROPE** Programme 2021-2027, aims to enhance eight policy instruments, enabling policymakers to plan sustainable mobility in low-density areas.

The goal is to address rural marginalization, curb depopulation, and boost competitiveness with effective environmental and economic solutions.

Partners collaborate on local intermodal transport by developing independent, viable policy actions and sharing expertise. Good practices will be adapted to each partner and posted on the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform.

The goal is to create at least eight regional Policy Improvement actions.

Main benefits for the participating regions include:

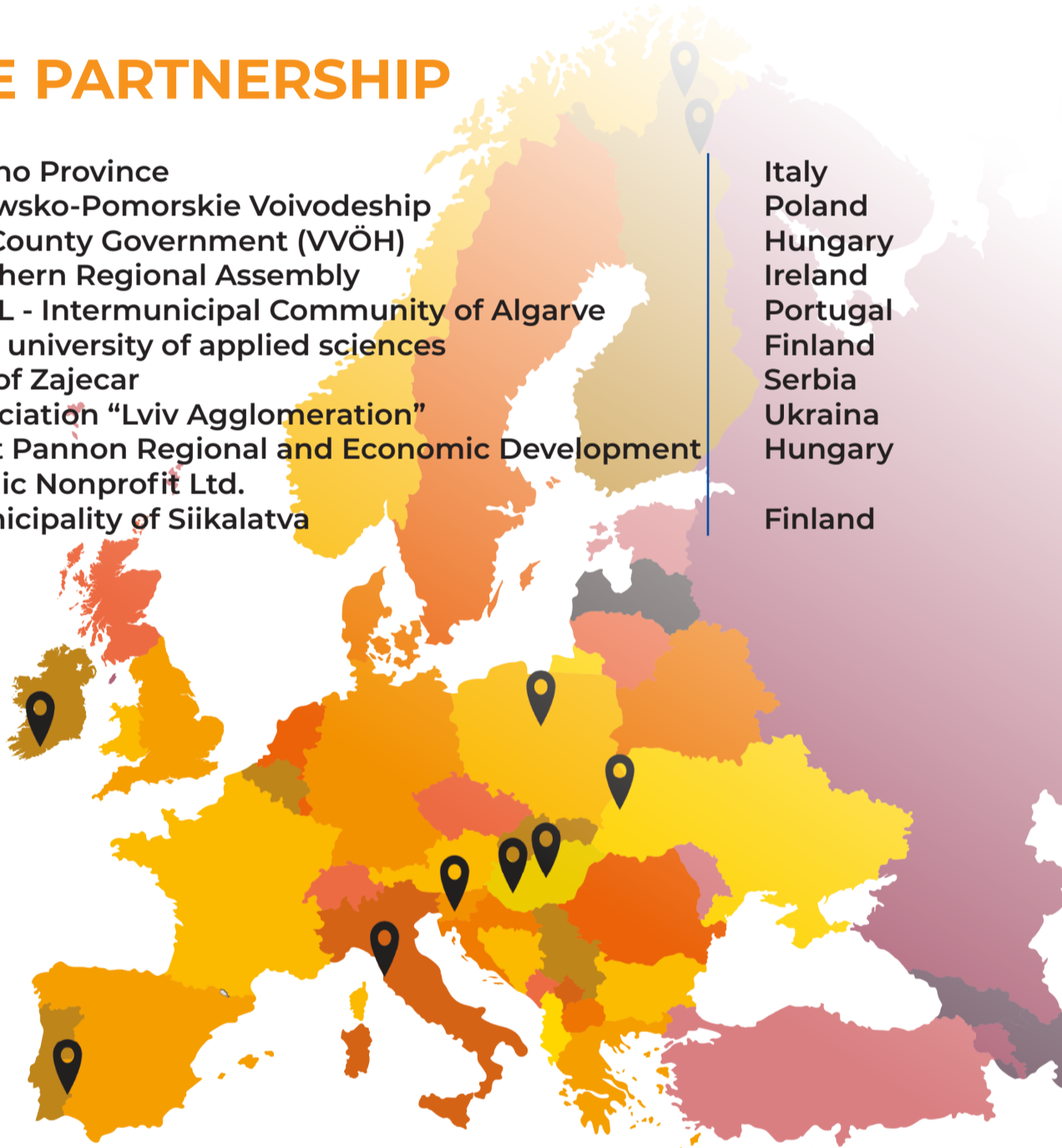
- **New practices** about green mobility, inter-modality and innovative information adopted.
- Effective system for monitoring Policy Improvement actions and assessing their actual influence on regional development strategies.
- **Increased competence** and skills of partner staff and key-stakeholders.

The project uses a bottom-up approach, involving key stakeholders in all activities. Their input is expected to enhance benefit sharing and territorial cohesion for local communities. Stakeholder Groups formed during the project will serve as a lasting forum to support ongoing impact and future actions.

THE PARTNERSHIP

- 1 Livorno Province
- 2 Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship
- 3 Vas County Government (VVÖH)
- 4 Southern Regional Assembly
- 5 AMAL - Intermunicipal Community of Algarve
- 6 Oulu university of applied sciences
- 7 City of Zajecar
- 8 Association "Lviv Agglomeration"
- 9 West Pannon Regional and Economic Development Public Nonprofit Ltd.
- 10 Municipality of Siikalatva

- Italy
- Poland
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Portugal
- Finland
- Serbia
- Ukraina
- Hungary
- Finland



KICK-OFF EVENT OF SMOOTY PROJECT IN OCTOBER 2025

The Initial Conference for SMOOTY project took place at the Province headquarters in Livorno on Tuesday, 21st October 2025. At the start of the Conference, Irene Nicotra, coordinator of the project and representative of the lead partner, presented the planned activities and anticipated results for SMOOTY during four years of collaboration, which includes experiential visits to the eight partner regions in the years 2026 and 2027.

Subsequently, representatives of the other partners presented their key findings from the territorial analysis already conducted, focusing on barriers and factors that may affect intra-mobility between smaller and peripheral centres.

The following day, a workshop was held for partners to share their experiences and support the identification, documentation, and exchange of Good Practices central to the funding Programme.



WHAT NEXT?

This phase focuses on identifying and selecting valuable Good Practices, which will form the basis of eight Study Visits from 2026 to 2027.

The first two visits are scheduled for Finland in May and Hungary in June, with more planned for autumn.

Follow us also there and stay tuned!



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