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Grasping the core principles of Interreg NEXT MED projects

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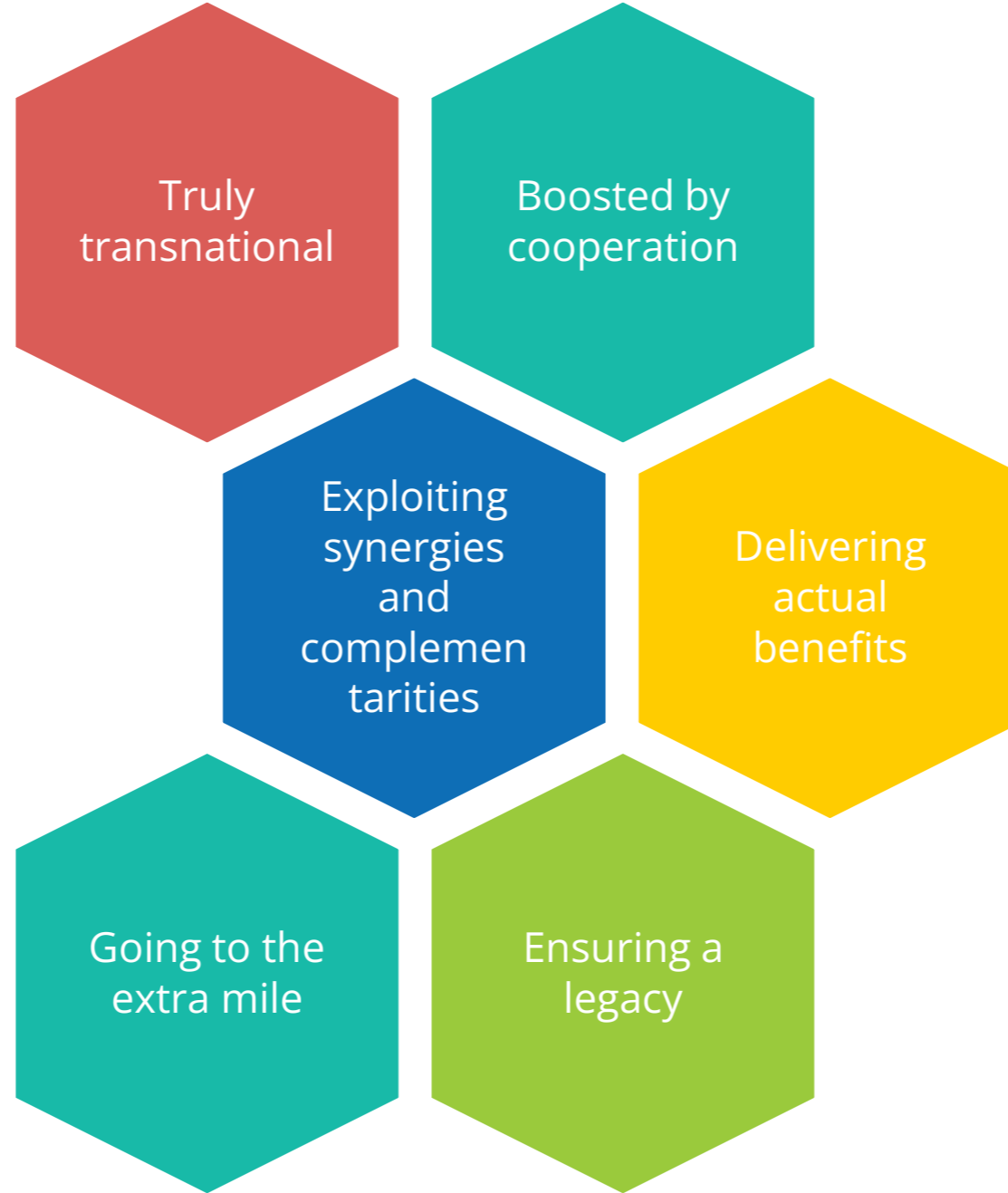


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Designing authentic transnational projects

More than organizations from different countries being involved in a partnership

- Focus on joint challenges that go beyond national borders
- Developing and applying common answers
- Sharing of expertise to create impactful better solutions

Positive impact across territories

- Ensure that projects deliver significant benefits in all involved regions, avoiding a sole North-South perspective
- Avoid concentration of pilot activities in specific areas; adapt methodologies to local scales and needs

Promoting transnational mobility and learning opportunities



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Cooperation as the engine of projects

- **Joint Development:** Integrating ideas, expectations, and contributions from all partners to ensure shared understanding and commitment to project goals.
- **Joint Implementation:** Balanced task distribution among partners, each playing a crucial role in project activities, management, reporting, and monitoring.
- **Joint Financing and Staffing:** Shared project budget with co-financing from all partners, and collaborative staffing with tasks divided for coordinated execution.



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Delivering Tangible Benefits Through Interreg NEXT MED Projects

- **Focus on Real-world Impact:** Projects must address and solve real issues, improving situations at a pilot scale for effective outcomes.
- **Beyond Discussions and Exchanges:** Projects should transcend mere dialogue among partners and experts, evolving into open communities with increased community impact.
- **Benefiting the End-users:** Ensure that project outcomes positively affect the final beneficiaries by providing opportunities, meeting their needs, and enhancing their well-being.



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Interreg NEXT MED: a framework for action

- **Implementation Beyond Guidelines:** Projects should extend beyond developing guidelines, action plans, models, and strategies, and focus on their practical application.
- **Pilot Testing as a Priority:** Emphasize the importance of testing and applying these tools and strategies at a pilot scale within the project timeline.
- **Demonstrating Validity through Action:** The actual implementation and testing of project outputs are crucial for demonstrating their effectiveness and real-world applicability.



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Ensuring Long-Term Legacy

- **Project as a Catalyst:** Treat the project as a "seed fund" to create an enabling ecosystem and initiate lasting positive change at the territorial level.
- **Continuity Strategies:** Include transfer of infrastructure management, continuation of key activities, seeking additional funding, and integrating successful practices into the toolbox of public authorities, stakeholders, and communities.



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