SKYLA

Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition

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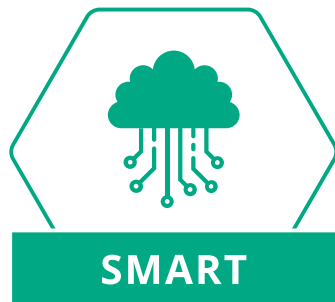*Project Coordinator*
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"**SKYLA's overall objective is** to support public authorities in **putting future SKILLS at the centre of the Twin Transitions** for a smarter, more resilient development, **by boosting** and adapting **the role of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in** innovation ecosystems and smart specialisation **strategies.**"
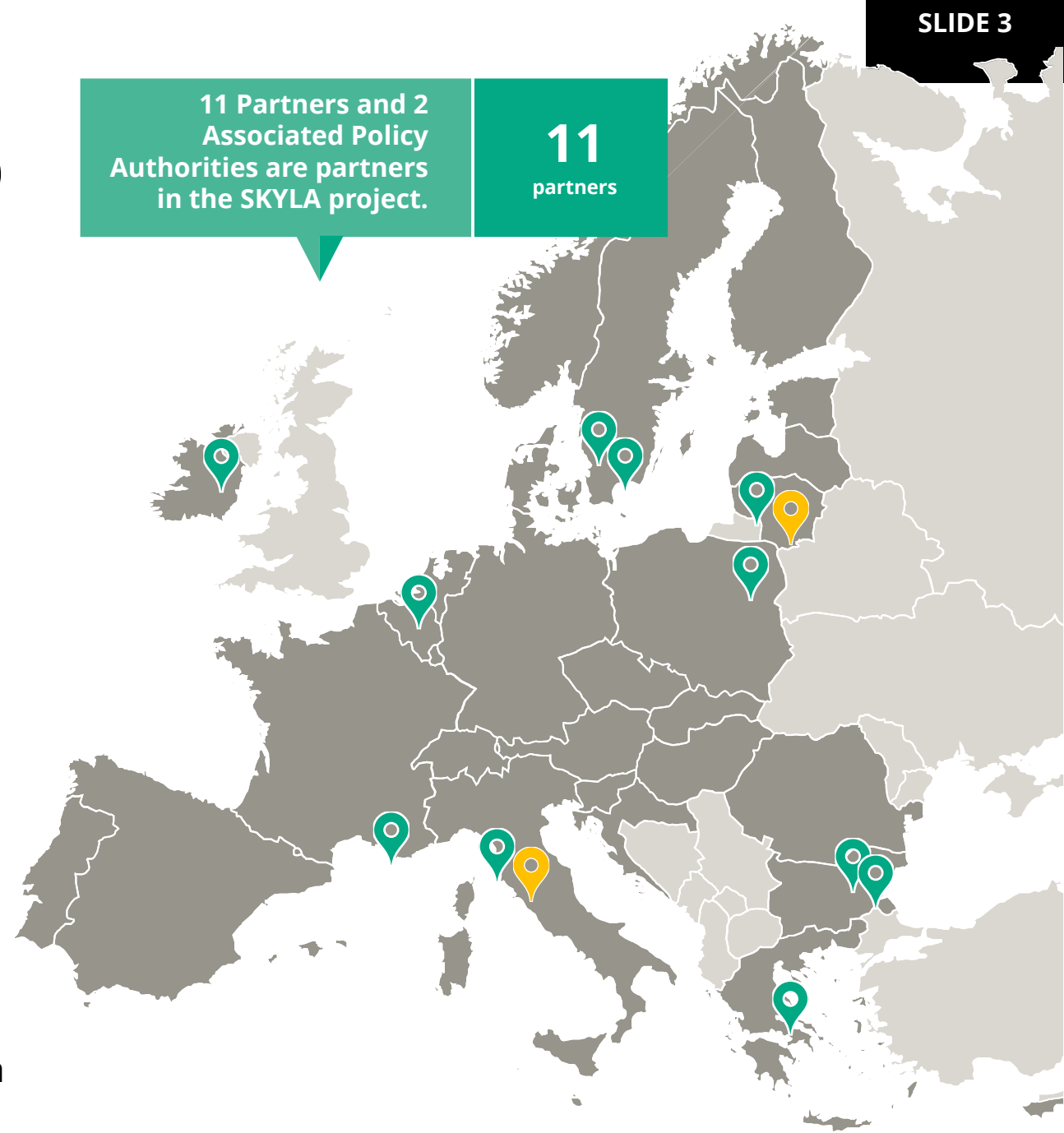
The SKYLA Partnership

Partners:

- **Agency for the development of the Empolese Valdelsa – Lead partner**
- Podlaskie Voivodeship
- Regional Council of Skåne, Department for Regional Development
- Industrial Development Center South, Sweden
- Sofia Municipality
- Cluster of Mechatronics and Automation, Bulgaria
- Fingal County Council
- Regional Development Fund of Attica
- **European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning**
- European Social Fund Agency, Lithuania
- Pôle emploi Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

Associated Partners:

- Regional Government of Tuscany - Directorate for Education, Training, Research and Employment
- Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania

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13 Partners and 2 Associated Policy Authorities are partners in the SKYLA project.

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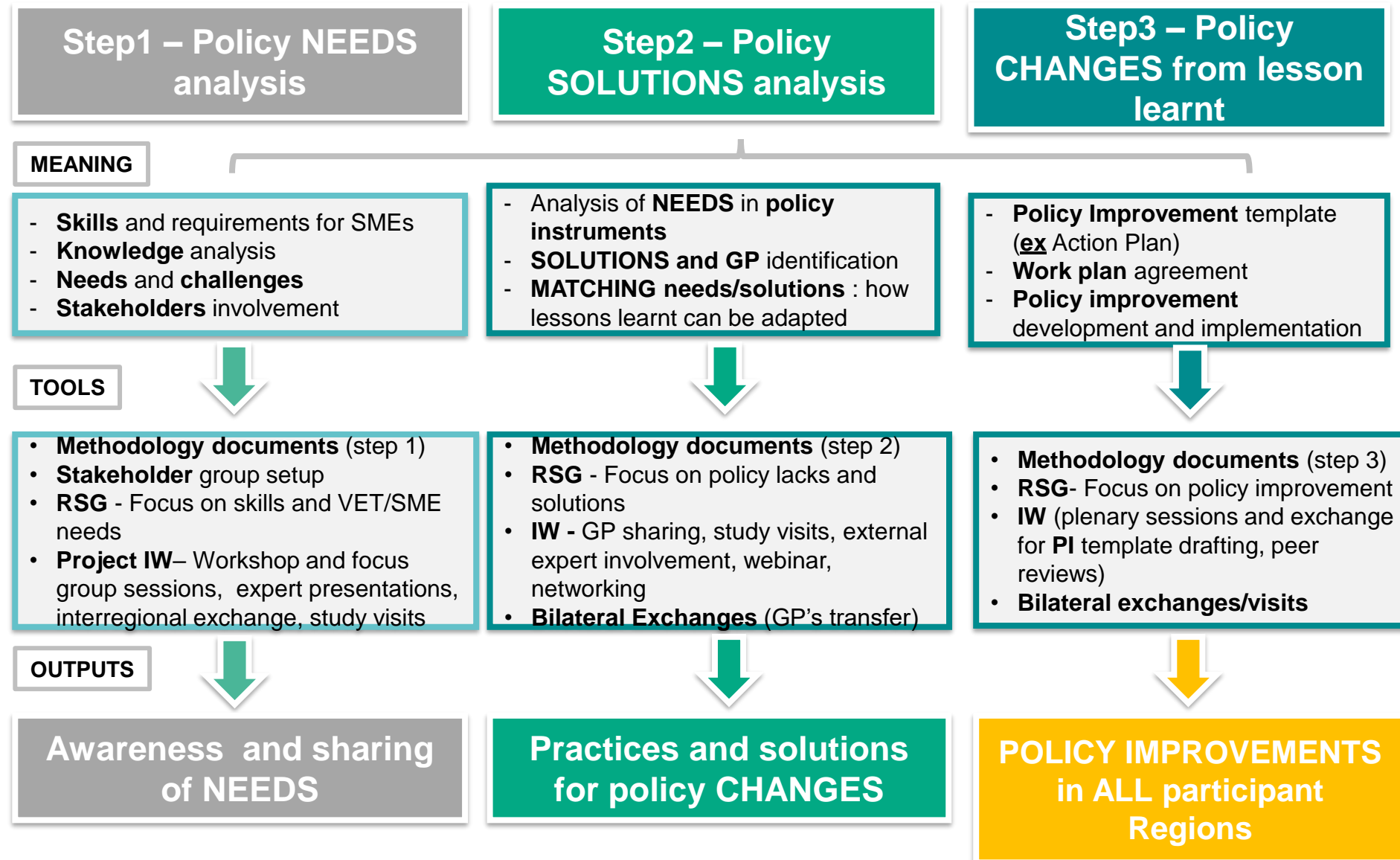- **Regional Development Agency of Lviv Region**

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NEW partners from EU canditate states

Restricted CALL 2024

Methodology overview

Step1 – Policy NEEDS analysis	**Step2 – Policy SOLUTIONS analysis**	**Step3 – Policy CHANGES from lesson learnt**

MEANING

- **Skills** and requirements for SMEs - **Knowledge** analysis - **Needs** and **challenges** - **Stakeholders** involvement	- Analysis of **NEEDS** in **policy instruments** - **SOLUTIONS and GP** identification - **MATCHING needs/solutions** : how lessons learnt can be adapted	- **Policy Improvement** template (<u>**ex**</u> Action Plan) - **Work plan** agreement - **Policy improvement** development and implementation

TOOLS

• **Methodology documents** (step 1) • **Stakeholder** group setup • **RSG** - Focus on skills and VET/SME needs • **Project IW**– Workshop and focus group sessions, expert presentations, interregional exchange, study visits	• **Methodology documents** (step 2) • **RSG** - Focus on policy lacks and solutions • **IW -** GP sharing, study visits, external expert involvement, webinar, networking • **Bilateral Exchanges** (GP's transfer)	• **Methodology documents** (step 3) • **RSG**- Focus on policy improvement • **IW** (plenary sessions and exchange for **PI** template drafting, peer reviews) • **Bilateral exchanges/visits**

OUTPUTS

Awareness and sharing of NEEDS	**Practices and solutions for policy CHANGES**	**POLICY IMPROVEMENTS in ALL participant Regions**

Project periods 1-3 in a nutshell ...

Kickoff Brussels May 2023

1st ILE

2nd ILE

Dublin Nov 2023

3rd ILE

Florence Apr 2024

4th ILE

Next Event Malmo Sept 2024

Seminar on *"Skills for the twin transition"*. Focus on **sharing priorities, sub-themes.** Settlement of a common alphabet

Settlement of project objectives

Focus on **regional (policy) needs** following a **common** analysis **methodology** template and starting from joint **sub-themes**

Regional needs analysis

8 parallel Regional Stakeholders Meetings each semester to discuss, modify and validate topics and results (analysis of needs, GP's identification and evaluation, policy solutions

RSG Meetings

Focus on **existing solutions** in participant regions by involving local stakeholders and sharing the solution using a **common template**

Good practices identification

Focus on **deepening solutions** and pave the ground to the following **policy improvement** by **Bilateral Exchanges**

Gap analysis and practices exchange

Learning from territorial exchanges so far

Fingal Skills Strategy experienced by SKYLA Partners

NEWS   Share

10 November 2023   By Project SKYLA

Stakeholder Engagement makes the Fingal Skills Strategy a success

Partners had the opportunity to hear from and meet the diverse stakeholders that make the Fingal Skills Strategy, the first county in Ireland to have such a strategy, a success. The Fingal Skills Strategy was developed as an objective under the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2016 – 2020 and is the first cross-sector skills strategy developed at a local level in Ireland. The purpose of the Strategy is to implement a range of recommendations and actions to grow the skills of the workforce in the local area, benefiting both citizens and employers.

Key Takeaways

Stakeholder interviews

Short videos

SKYLA partners get to know the Tuscan model of ITS Academies

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11 April 2024   By Project SKYLA

What can SKYLA partners learn from this example?

SKYLA's overall goal is to place VET at the centre of the twin transition and smart specialisation strategies. Meet Denitsa from the Cluster of Mechatronics and Automation, Bulgaria, who shares her views on the visits to ITS Mita in April 2024:

Read more at https://www.interregeurope.eu/skyla