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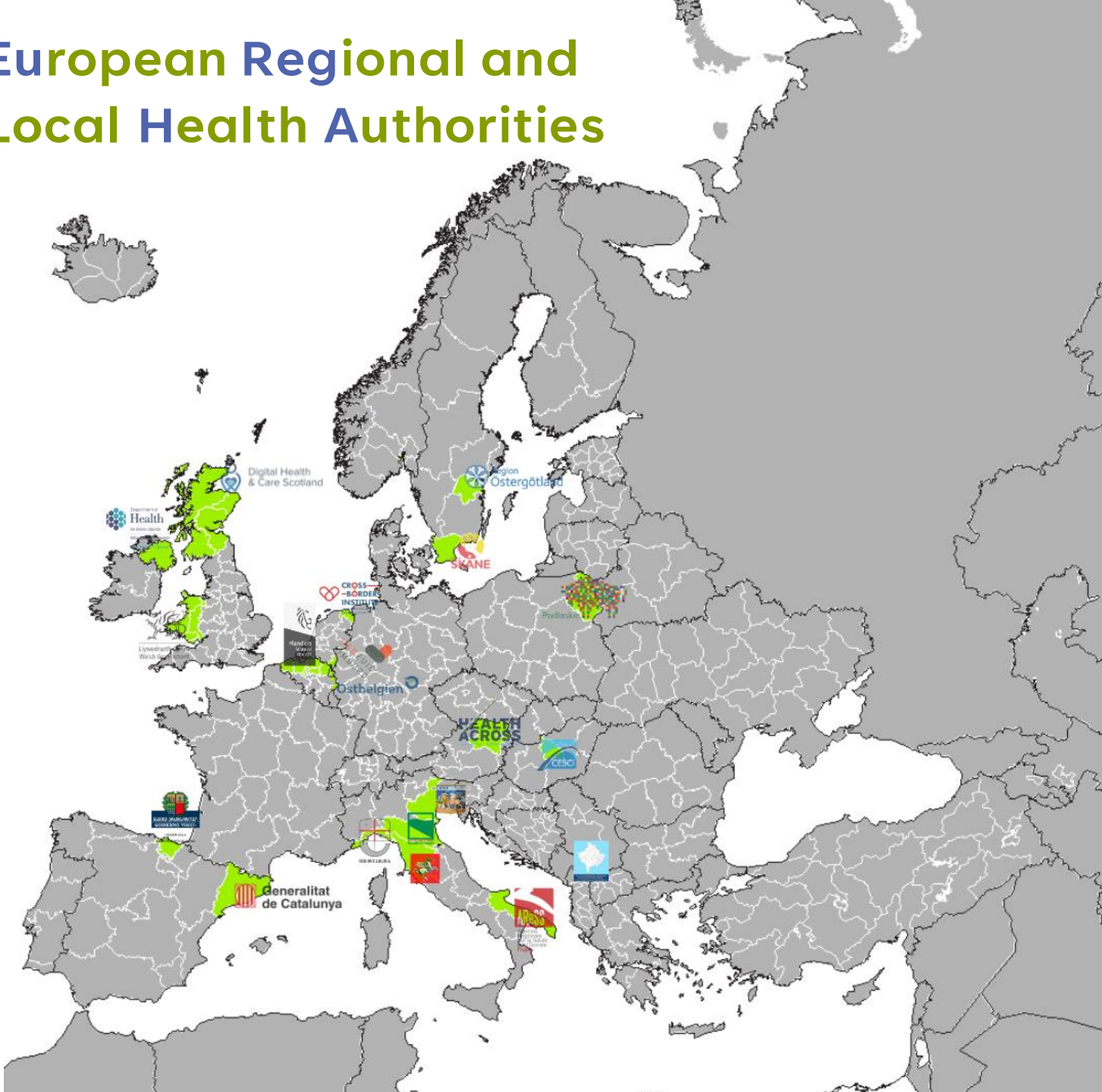Policy and Project Officer, EUREGHA

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European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA) is the European **network bringing local and regional health authorities together to improve health policy in Europe**.

- **17 Members**
- **3 Associated Members**
- 11 Countries
- 50+ million citizens

- **3 Working groups** (Cancer, Digital transformation, **Cross-Border Healthcare**)
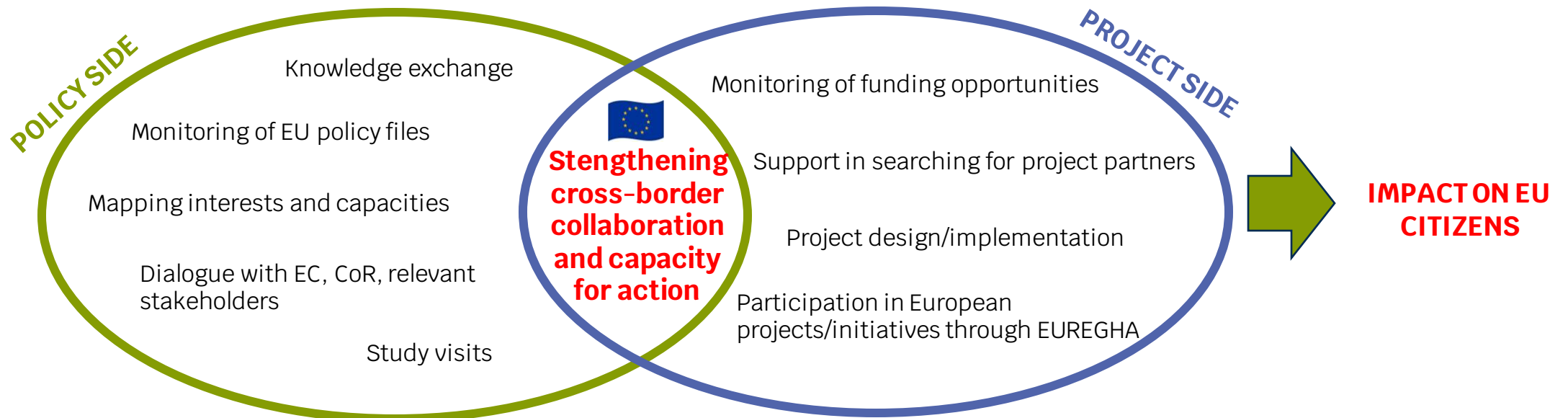- Secretariat of the CoR's **Interregional Group on Health and Wellbeing**

Additional active and upcoming thematic areas: mental health; promotion and prevention; workforce, skills and literacy; green transformation; obesity; integrated care; health systems transformation, etc.

THE EUREGHA WG ON CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE

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PRIORITIES 2024 – ONGOING DISCUSSIONS:

Citizens' engagement and empowerment

Public health

Communication with citizens/policymakers

Environmental Health

Interreg

Follow-up actions to enhance the implementation of Directive 2011/24/EU

Legal obstacles

Recognition and movement of healthcare professionals across borders

Cross-border emergency services

Projects and practices recently under our spotlight:
- **ACCESS Project** (implemented by CESCI) on overcoming legal and administrative obstacles to cross-border cooperation btw SK-HU.
- **Healthacross MED Gmünd** –Cross border healthcare centre btw AT-CZ
- **Bridges for Birth** project (implemented by Healthacross) on newborn babies care btw AT-SK
- **DIGI-PAT** (implemented by Healthacross)
- **Healthacross MED NET** - Know-how and experiences exchange in cross-border palliative care, invasive cardiology and digital cross-border education and training btw AT-CZ
- **Active Citizenship Project** (implemented by euPrevent)
- **Social Networks and Mental Health (SoMe)** (implemented by euPrevent)
- **Skåne region - International Office**
- **Oldenburg University study** on how hospitals deal with nursing shortages in the German-Dutch Ems-Dollart Region

Some WG outputs from the past:
- 2021– EUREGHA contribution to the evaluation of the Patients' Rights in Cross-border Healthcare Directive
- 2019 – Position paper Healthcare in Cross border Regions
- 2017 – Best practices on Cross-border Cooperation in Health

The EUREGHA STRATEGIC MANIFESTO for 2024 and beyond

Building the future of European health and care with Regional and Local Health Authorities at the centre

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TOWARDS A STRONGER EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION

- Long-term ambition and stronger governance for health and EU level.
- Health in all policies and One Health.
- Recognition of regional and local health authorities as key actors.

ADDRESS SKILLS AND SHORTAGES: A NEW DEAL FOR HEALTH AND CARE WORKFORCE

- Health workforce as a new EHU pillar.
- Invest in skills.
- Learn from regional and local experiences, also on cross-border collaboration.

CHANGING HEALTH THROUGH REGIONS

- Build on existing digital practices.
- Boost the green transformation.
- Organisational information for integrated and community-based care.

STRONGER ACTION ON PREVENTION, PROMOTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Increased attention on prevention at all levels.
- A better environment for health promotion and public health.
- Regions are crucial for their proximity to communities.

BOOST SYNERGETIC FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES

- Maintain and strengthen EU investments in health and care.
- Tailor programmes and calls to boost involvement of regional and local health authorities.
- Support regional and local authorities. networks

PUTTING CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE AT THE CENTRE OF THE EUROPEAN AGENDA

- Focus on better implementation of the CB patients' rights directive.
- Explore newer perspectives for cross-border collaboration, as public health, patients' involvement and crisis response.

MOVING TOWARDS VALUE-BASED TRANSITION IN HEALTHCARE

- Take next steps towards value-based, to deliver services with real positive outcomes to patients.
- Invest in research, education and training.
- Engage with trailblazers regions in this field to share knowledge.

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