

Regional governance models in enabling and implementing climate change adaptation action: an overview of the EU 28

CIRCLE2 Adaptation Frontiers

Parallel Sessions D:

Adaptation strategies, adaptation monitoring, evaluation and indicators

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Adaptation at regional level

- On adaptation, governance research mainly at national and local/city level – **less is known about regions**
- **Review of:**
 - Governance arrangements + role of regions
 - Assessment and planning
 - Transnational/EU projects
 - Implementation and planning
- **Research** across EU 28 – desk research, interviews

Starting point:
multi-level governance in adaptation*

National level: *Enabling* action



Local level: *Implementing* action

Characterising adaptation governance in Member States

Role of regions in adaptation: 3 C's

Competence: does the region have legal and political competence in this area?

Capacity: does the region have sufficient technical and financial capacity to engage on adaptation?

Collaboration: is there effective partnership and cooperation?

Adaptation at regional level in the EU

Group 1

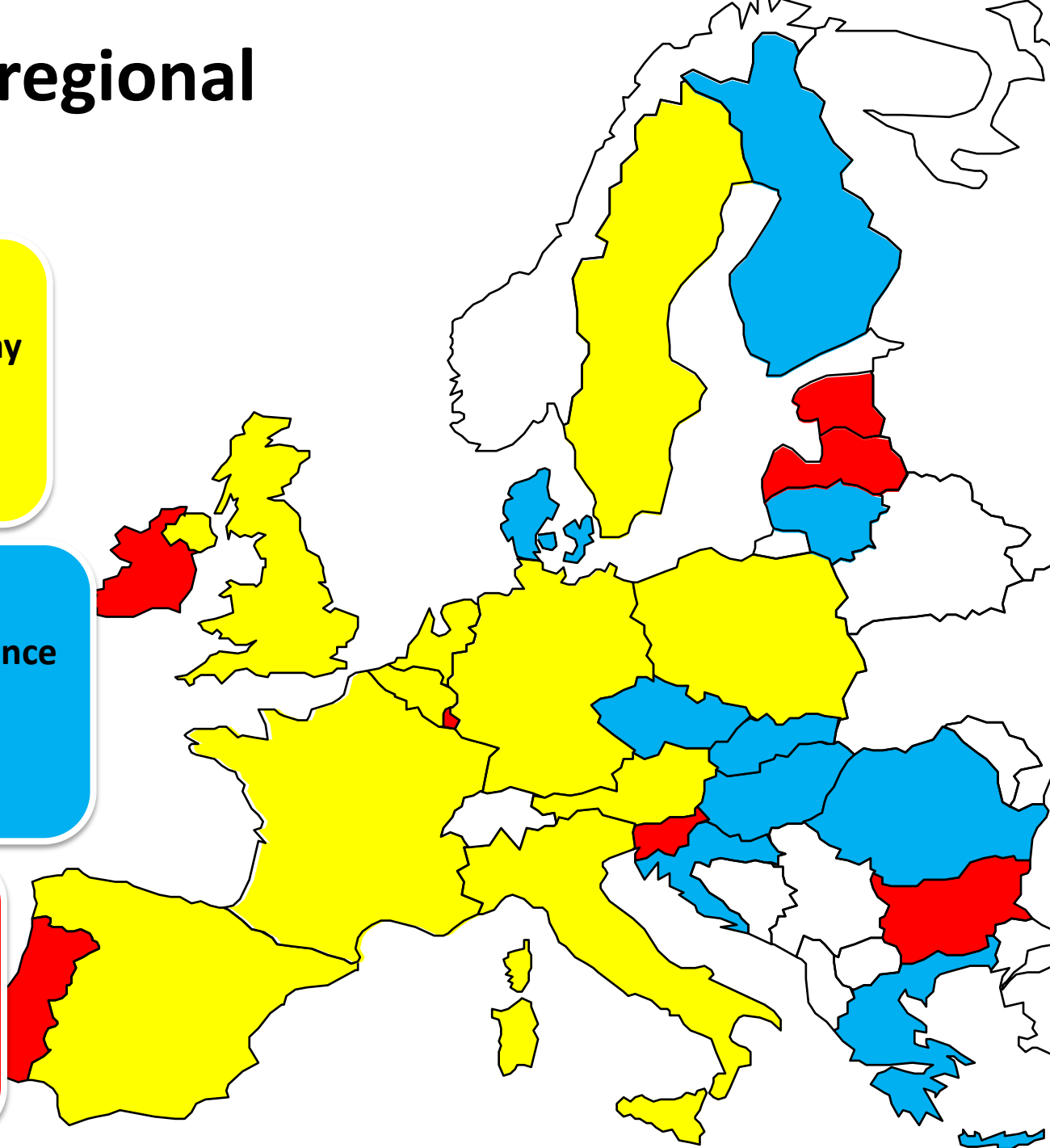
Large regions with autonomy
Enable action through
strategic planning and
support

Group 2

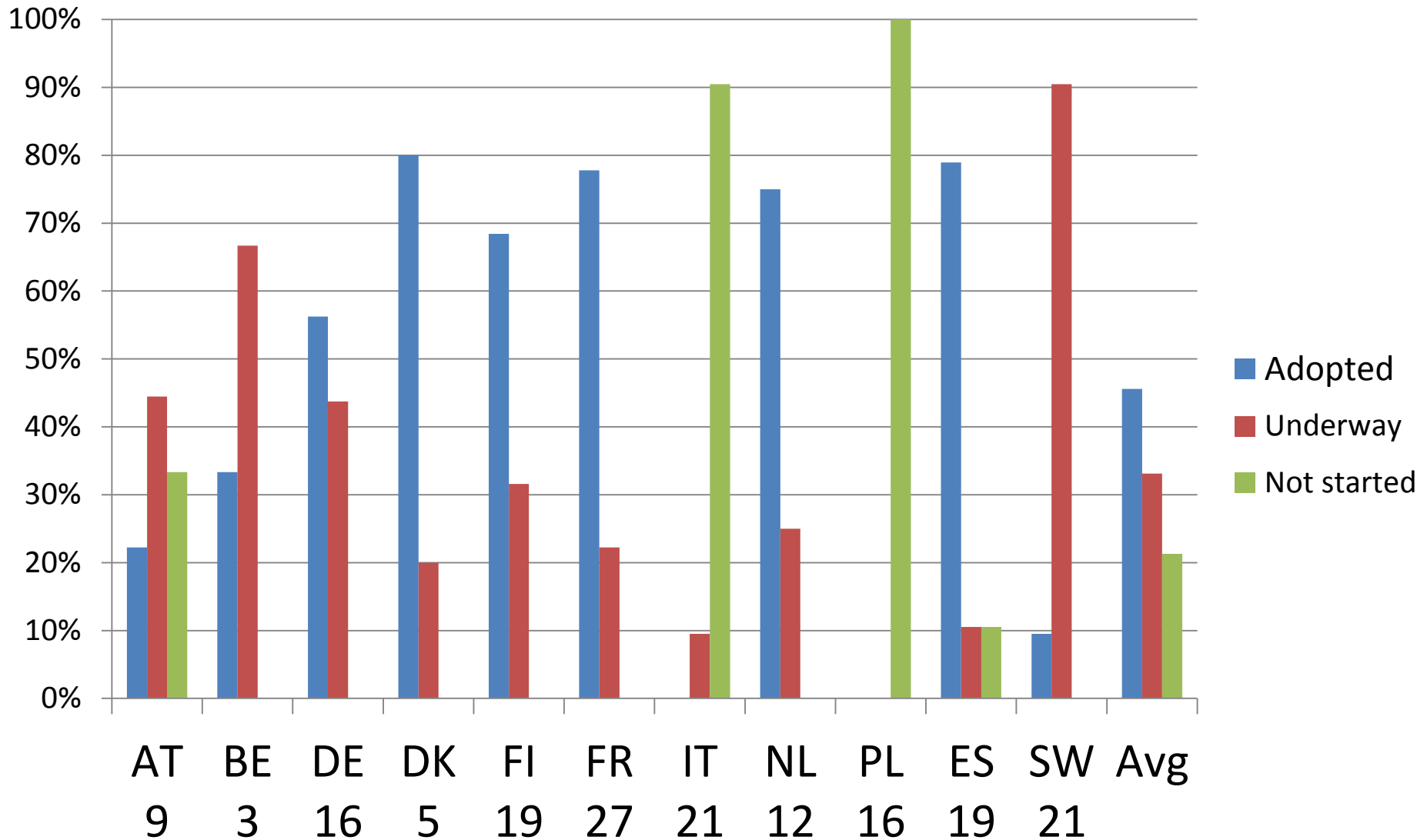
Regions have some competence
Mix of enabling and
implementing

Group 3

National level planning,
local level
implementation



Regional-level adaptation strategies



National support for competence, capacity and collaboration

France: SRCAE (regional) + PCET (local) required by law

Germany: national strategy commits federal-level support

Netherlands: regional level as coordination platform in policy memo

Spain: national plan requires regional plans

Ireland: national framework requires local development plans to integrate adaptation

EU funds are a major driver

- EU funded projects have been very important for regions and transnational level – INTERREG, LIFE
- INTERREG capitalisation work aims to capture policy recommendations and good practices and make them widely available

<http://www.interreg4c.eu/capitalisation/>



Final thoughts

- More advanced countries have given competence, capacity and collaboration support to lower levels
- No one-size fits all approach for multi-level governance or role of regions in adaptation
- Matching administrative/legal competence with climate impact considerations is a challenge
- No comprehensive stock-taking of local-regional level actions, experience and practice in the EU

Thank you!!

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