



Inclusivity - a pan-European regional perspective

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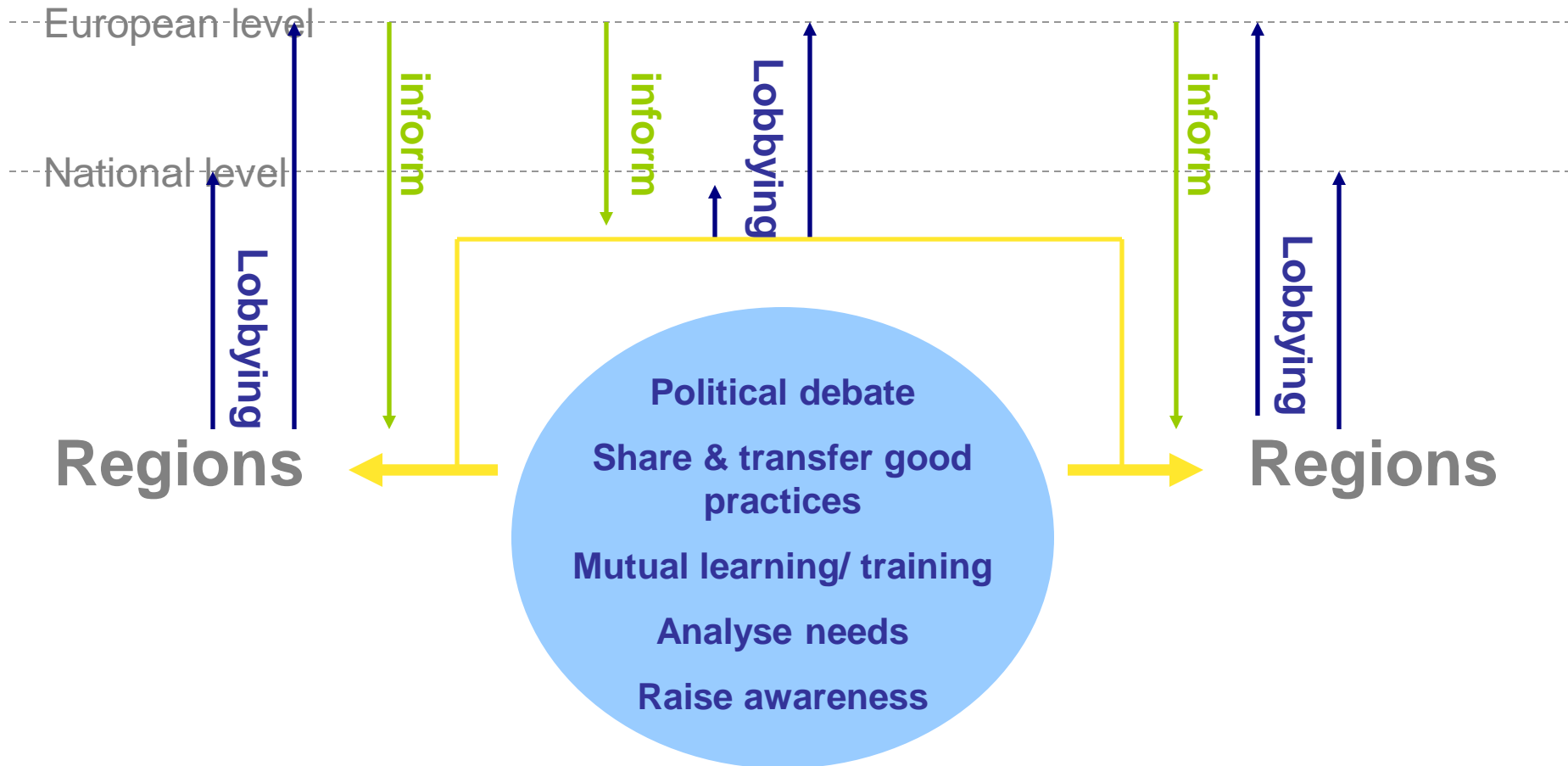
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How does the AER work?





Why the regions?

- **Critical mass of stakeholders:**

social policy + education + territorial development + companies + NGOs

- **Flexibility:**

Regions are pioneers in many ways because they can test solutions

Regions are incubators!





Scaling up regional action on disabilities

CREATE CONTENT

- Share experience: good and bad practices
- Explore transferability
- Organise seminars
- Create „A region’s handbook to understanding and implementing the UN convention on the rights of people with disabilities”

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MAINSTREAM THE TOPIC

- Awareness raising events
- MYFER Award on social inclusion of youth with disabilities
- Make AER tools more disability-friendly

DISSEMINATE CONTENT

- Publish handbook
- AER campaign on Cohesion policy & Health to inform about potential funding opportunities



Lobbying: social inclusion is a priority!

- Monitoring of EU & National developments
- Lobbying for social inclusion to be an important element of the new European Structural and Investment Funds
- Collaboration with thematic networks
- AER position on the European Accessibility Act
- Increase the visibility of regional good practices to highlight the role of regions

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Capacity building & training

- Lack of awareness and political will to implement the UN Convention and more generally to respond to the needs of persons with disabilities
- The AER will therefore organise in cooperation with the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, a Training Academy on their toolkit

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Thank you!

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