

Subnational B-Ready in Germany

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Promoting regional economic growth



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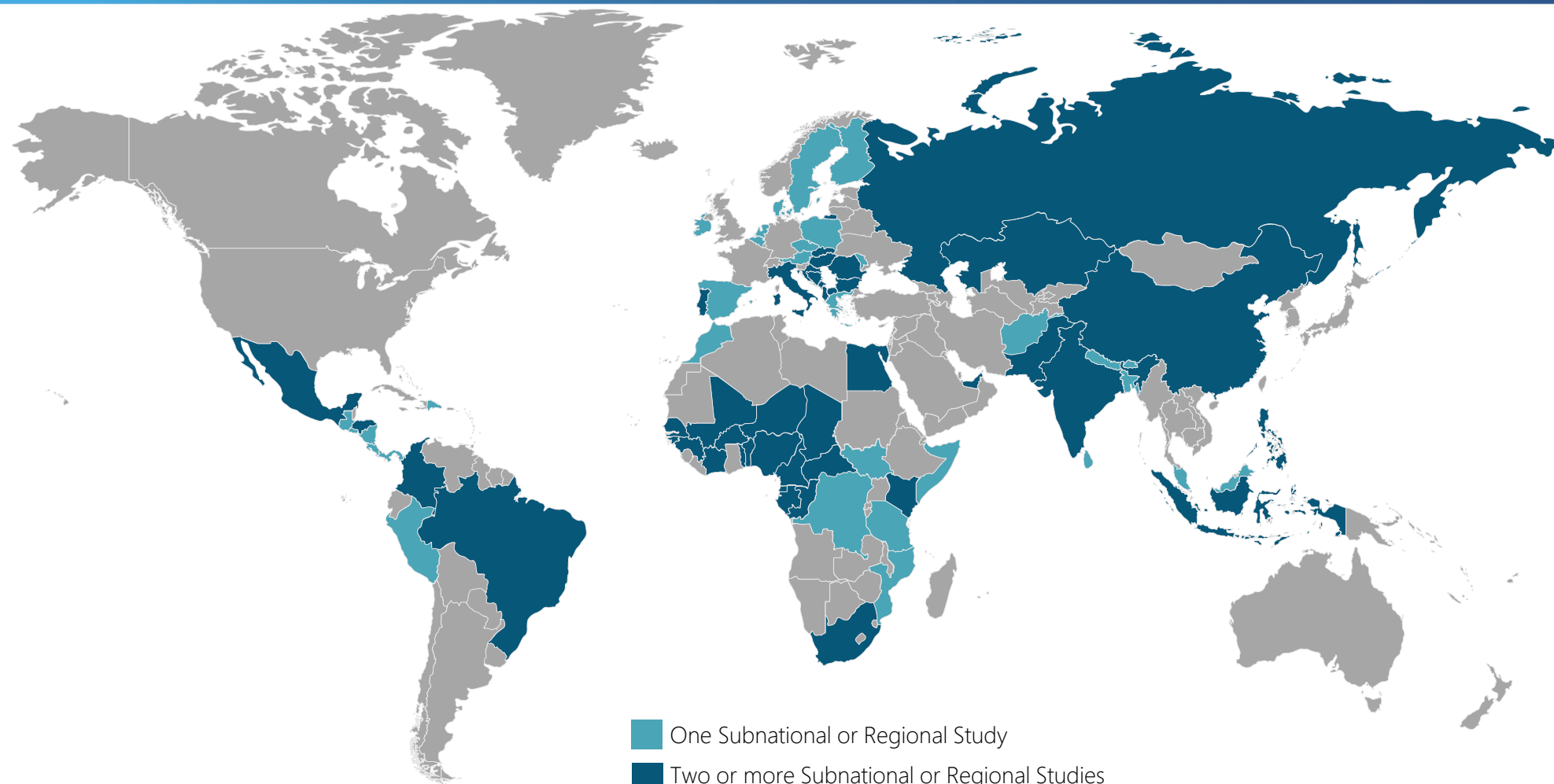
ENCOURAGE PEER-
TO-PEER LEARNING



IMPROVE LOCAL
BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

PROMOTE REGIONAL
ECONOMIC GROWTH
AND CONVERGENCE

Subnational studies benchmarked 619 locations in 86 economies since 2005



Applying the new B-READY methodology at Subnational level

Global B-READY

Annual cycles



Standardized B-READY methodology



Country-wide coverage



Global report



Subnational Studies

Demand driven projects

Methodology adapted to project needs; process mapping

Measures multiple cities/regions

Economy reports

Identifying Regulatory Bottlenecks at a Local Level

Obtaining an Electricity Connection in Croatia

Submit application and receive preliminary connection approval and contract

- HEP website (my Network)
- Average time: 30 days
- No cost

**External connection works
HEP**

- Average time: 19 days
- Average cost: EUR 36,433

Receive visit by utility to activate the meter

- HEP
- Average time: 10 days
- No cost



**Excavation permit
Local municipality and any relevant agencies
(e.g., Croatian Roads, etc.). HEP requests the permit on behalf of the client.**

- Average time: 17 days
- No cost

**Submit internal wiring certificate to utility and request final connection
HEP**

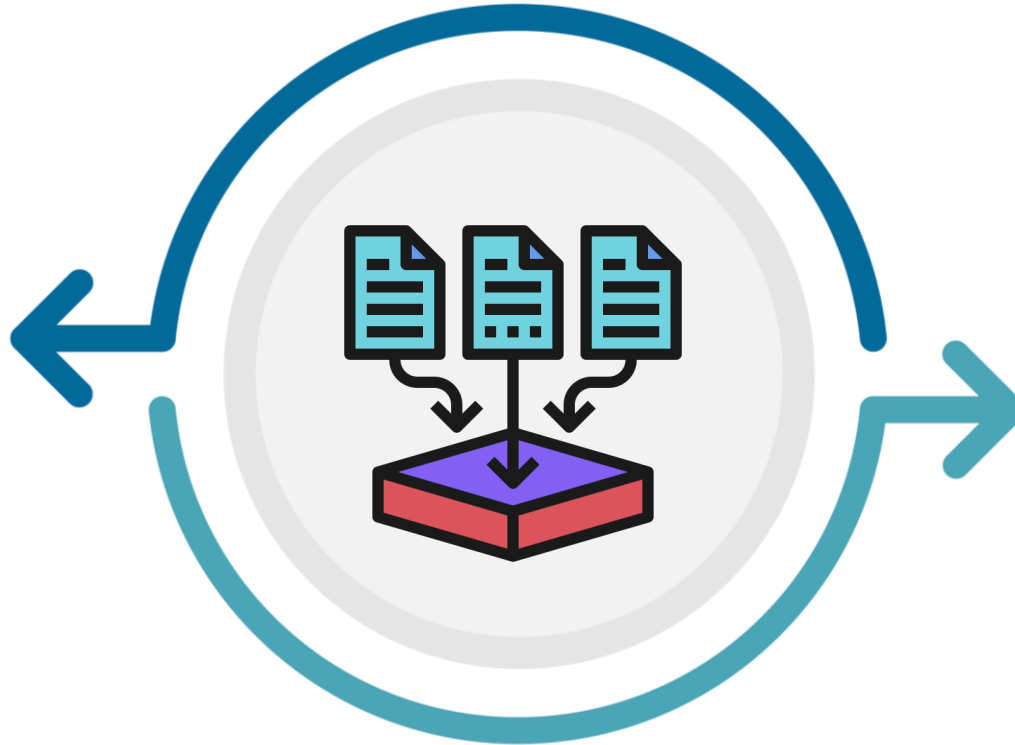
- Average time: 14 days
- No cost

Source: Subnational Business Ready

Two data sources



**Expert
Questionnaires**



**Enterprise
Surveys**

Subnational B-READY assessments in the EU

- **Context:** Requested & funded by the European Commission (DG REGIO)
- **Countries:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia benchmarked in 2024; Czechia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Spain benchmarked in 2025 (publication imminent); **France and Germany to be benchmarked in 2026.**
- **Topics:** Business Entry, Business Location, Utility Services, Dispute Resolution, Business Insolvency
- **City Selection:** Based on population and geographical representation at the NUTS2 level

Recent Subnational B-READY Publications



Each topic rests on three pillars

Regulatory Framework

Procedural Standards

Regulatory Restrictions

Public Services

Availability

Digitalization

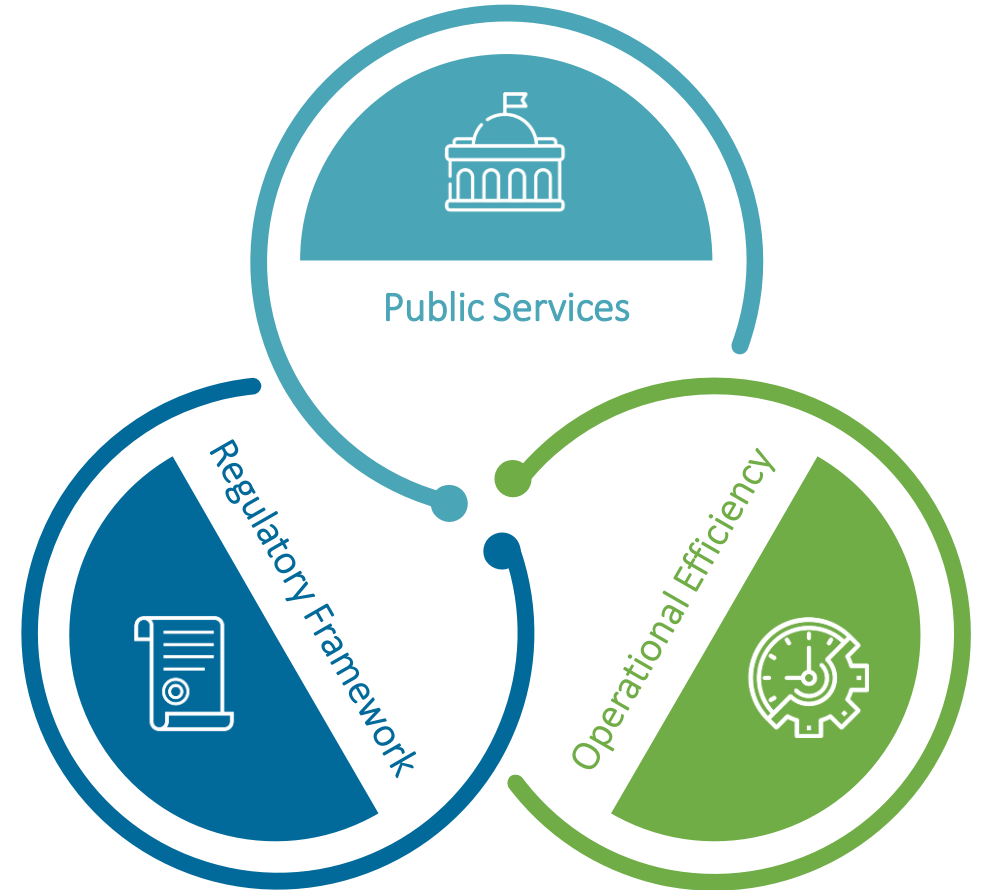
Transparency

Operational Efficiency

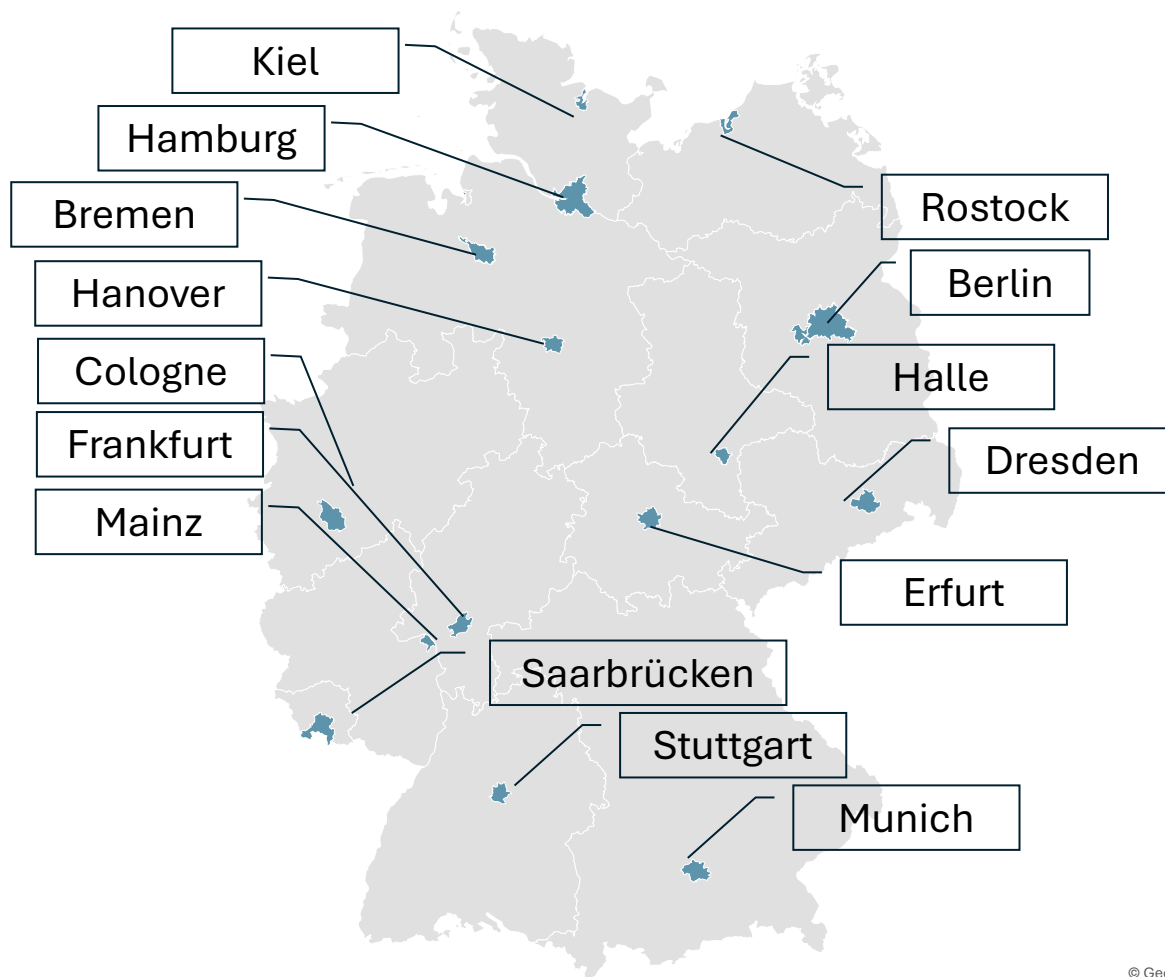
Time

Cost

Reliability



Subnational BREADY in Germany



Business Entry



Business Location



Utility Services



Dispute Resolution



Business Insolvency

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Partnering for Impact



Federal Ministry
for Economic Affairs
and Energy



The World Bank is currently identifying key project counterparts and the regulatory agencies relevant to the study to enlist their support for the project

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Public sector stakeholders – National level

BMWE - Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs & Energy

Bundesgerichtshof - Federal Court of Justice

BDI - Bundesverband der deutschen Industrie

BMWSB - Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building

UBA - Umweltbundesamt

BMJV - Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

BMDS - Federal Ministry for Digital Affairs and State Modernization

BMV - Federal Ministry of Transport

BMUKN - Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

BMLEH - Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity

BaFin - Federal Financial Supervisory Authority

Bundeskartellamt - Federal Cartel Office

Bundesnetzagentur - Federal Network Agency

BAFA - Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control

BSI - Federal Office for Information Security

Private sector stakeholders – Regional and local level

Ingenieurs- und Baukammern der Länder - Federal Chambers for Engineers and Construction

Architektenkammern der Länder - Federal Chambers for Architects

Anwaltskammern der Länder - Federal Chambers for Lawyers

Regionale **Notarkammern** – Regional Chamber for Notaries

Anwaltskanzleien in ausgewählten Städten - Large lawyer firms in selected cities

Public sector stakeholders – Regional and local level

Baden-Württemberg International

Invest in **Bavaria**

Berlin Partner

Wirtschaftsförderung **Brandenburg** -
Economic Development Agency

BremenInvest

Hamburg Business

Hessen Trade & Invest

Wirtschaftsförderung **Frankfurt**

Invest in **MV**

Invest in **Niedersachsen**

NRW Global Business

Rheinland-Pfalz - Ministry for economic
affairs, traffic, agriculture and oenology

Germany's **Saarland**

Saxony!

Invest in **Sachsen-Anhalt**

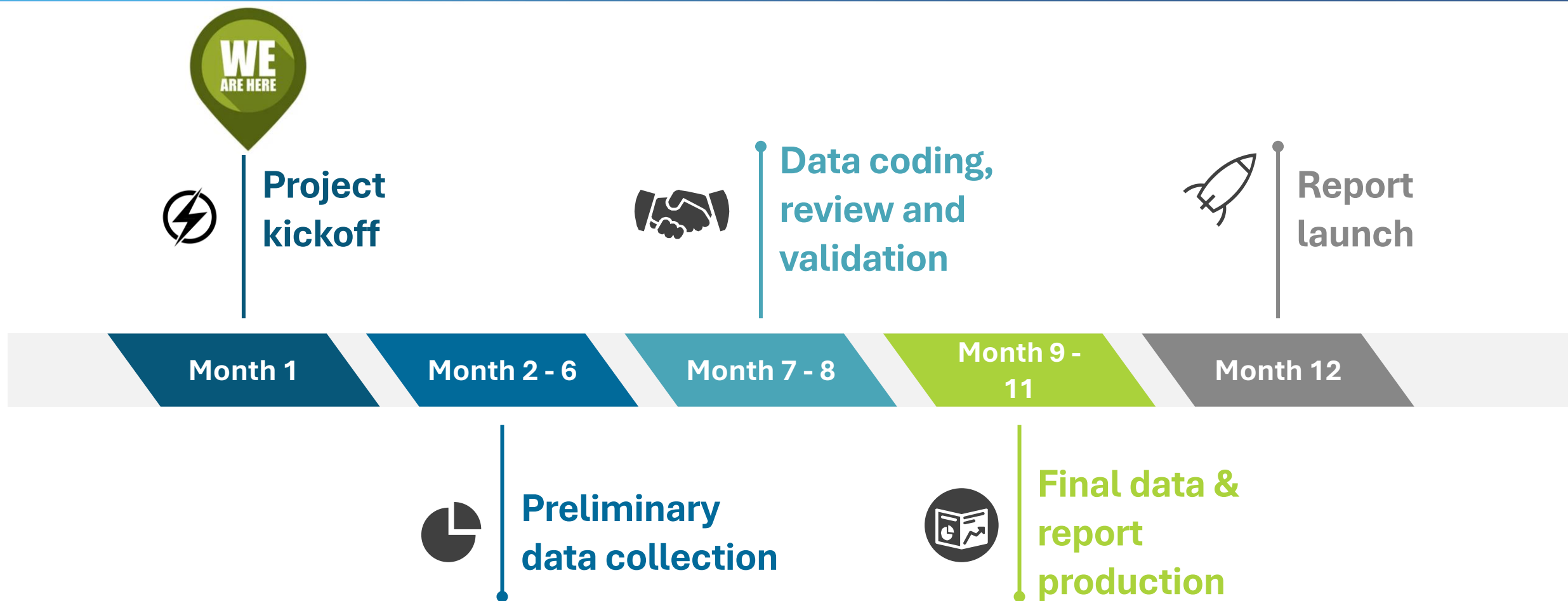
Invest in **SH**

Invest in **Thuringia**

**Ministries on state level and city administrations that cover the topics from
the national level:**

**Justice – Industries – Housing - Urban Development – Energy – Digital Affairs –
Agriculture – Cartel Oversight – Networks**

Tentative project timeline

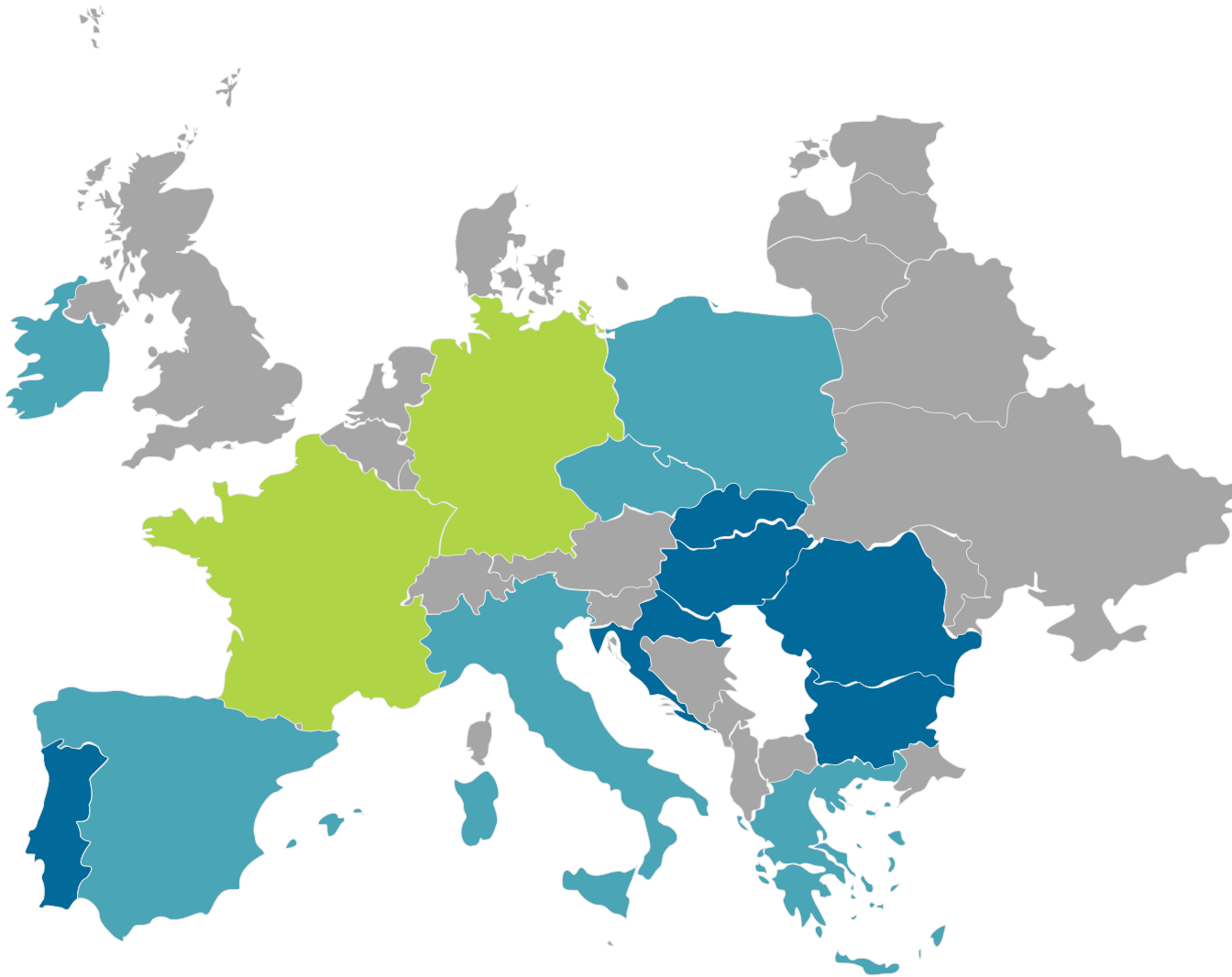


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Annex

Subnational B-READY – Two Main Work Programs





Subnational Business Ready **European Union**

Covering 15+ countries (150+ cities) over
three years.

Measuring 5 B-READY topics, 9
Questionnaires.