

# Meeting of macro-regional coordinators



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### **Outline**

EU macro-regional strategies are aiming at addressing challenges shared within a functional area. They also aim at better implementation of the EU policies and more coordination of existing institutions and financial resources. Macro-regional strategies address broad scope of priorities, making an effort for cooperation and coordination across the territory.

Currently there are four EU macro-regional strategies adopted and in different implementation stages. However, it is clear that most of the priorities or policies addressed by the strategies are similar. Acknowledging specifics of each of the macro-regional strategies, their goals and individual approaches established, there are certain processes all coordinators experience, e.g. setting up governance structures for the implementation of specific priority, defining focus of the action/priority or thematic field, reaching common agreement across the countries and defining milestones to be achieved, involving relevant institutions and multi-level actors, monitoring implementation of the priority/ policy/ pillar/ action. Even more, through macro-regional actions and aligned efforts, coordinators are aiming at contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Acknowledging experience of INTERACT II Programme, Interact III Programme has been asked to support developing new ways of cooperation where macro-regional framework is a part of it. Interact is working towards increasing awareness of macro-regional framework, developing pilot models for coordination and cooperation, strengthening dialogue across funding programmes for creating synergies within macro-regional framework and supporting exchanges across macro-regional strategies. With primarily focus on supporting Interreg programmes, Interact has launched an Interreg programmes network addressing climate change and risks thematic. Close link between this network of programmes and macro-regional coordinators could be built. Interreg programmes involved in the network are invited to take part in the meeting.

Taking into account above said as well as by the initiative of the coordinators of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and DG CLIMA of the European Commission, Interact III is calling for a Joint meeting of macro-regional coordinators on climate and disaster risk reduction from the all four EU macro-regional strategies.

### **Objectives**

The meeting is inviting coordinators dealing with climate and disaster risk reduction matters in all four macro-regional strategies for informal exchange of practices and experiences in implementing their tasks.

It is aiming at providing general overview on the state of play in implementation of each of the Strategies, identifying and addressing shared challenges that hamper smooth implementation of the respective actions and would require to be addressed in a coordinated way. Furthermore, the meeting will address the question of key areas of cooperation and closer coordination between climate change and civil security experts.



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*Moderated by Andriy Martynenko, consultant*

### **Day one**

**16 November 2017**

**11.00 – 12.30**

Registration and Welcoming lunch

**12.30 – 13.00**

#### **Welcoming words**

*Gabor Jenei, Deputy National Coordinator of the EUSDR, Hungary*

*Baiba Liepa, Interact*

*Tour de table*

**13.00 – 15.00**

#### **Experiences of coordinators: Challenges, achieved solutions and detected failures to address particular aspect in the macro-regional strategy**

- Setting up governance structures for the implementation of priority (policy area, priority area, pillar, action).  
*Wolfgang Lexer, representing Action Group 8 'To improve risk management and to better manage climate change, including major natural risks prevention', EUSALP*  
*Inputs from all coordinators, discussion*
- Involving relevant institutions and multi-level governance actors in implementation of priority (policy area, priority area, pillar, action). How to reach common agreement across the countries involved in the implementation of even more than one macro-regional strategy.  
*Mitja Bricelj, Pillar 3 'Environmental quality' coordinator, EUSAIR*  
*Inputs from other coordinators, discussion*

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**15.00 – 15.30**

Coffee break

**15.30 – 17.30**

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- Defining focus of priority (policy area, priority area, pillar, action) and how to interlink the work of coordinator to the Agenda 2030 and relevant SDG.

*Krista Kampus, Horizontal Action 'Climate' coordinator, EUSBSR*

*Janusz Gaciarz, Policy Area 'Secure' coordinator, EUSBSR*

*Inputs from all coordinators, discussion*

- Defining milestones to be achieved and monitoring of priority (policy area, priority area, pillar, action).

*Karoly Gombas, Priority Area 5 'To manage environmental risks' coordinators, EUSDR*

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### **17.30 – 18.00 Summary of the discussions during the Day: Solutions to implementation and management aspects in macro-regional strategies**

*Andriy Martynenko, moderator*

**20.00 – 22.30** Dinner  
[Café Intenzo](#) (Kálvin tér 9, 1091 Budapest)

### **Day two 17 November 2017**

#### **08.30 – 09.00 Conclusions from the study 'Macro-regional strategies and their links with Cohesion policy'**

*Jean-Marc Venineaux, DG REGIO*

#### **09.00 – 09.30 Interlinks between the EU macro-regional strategies and the Sendai Action Plan: how can we closer interlink both frameworks?**

*Karolina Kalinowska, DG ECHO*

#### **09.30 – 11.00 Key focus areas on climate and security during 2018 and 2019 in implementation of macro-regional strategy (governance aspects and thematic issues)**

*Short presentations by coordinators (Tour de table)*



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### **Potential for coordinating activities within and across macro-regional strategies**

*Krista Kampus, Horizontal Action 'Climate' Coordinator, EUSBSR*

*Proposed questions for the discussion:*

- Joint platform for cooperation for climate change and civil security experts and explore possibilities of establishing a pan-European framework for the joint venture.
- Most efficient ways of contributing to the achievement of 2030 Agenda and SDGs (with special focus on Goal 13 and Goal 16) by HA 'Climate' and PA 'Secure' joint initiatives.
- Explore possible ways of disseminating best practices in the area of prevention of natural disaster caused by climate change.

Objectives of the session: The session is aiming to present priorities for coordinators work in 2017 and 2018. Even more, during this session possibilities for coordinated activities across macro-regions in addressing relevant and shared issues/areas will be proposed and explored.

**11.00 – 11.30** Coffee break

**11.30 – 12.00** **Interact capitalisation network for Climate change and risks**

*Manuel Gonzalez, Interact*

Objectives of the session: This session will provide information on Interact capitalisation network addressing climate change and risks. Interreg programmes efforts and project achievements will be shortly presented.

**12.00 – 13.30** **Coordination and cooperation between macro-regional coordinators and Interreg programmes: 2014-2020 and post 2020**

*Baiba Liepa, Interact*

*All participants, discussion*

*Proposed questions for the discussion:*

- [keep.eu](https://keep.eu): how the data can be used?
- Synergies between macro-regional strategies and Interreg; open issues and proposals for financing transnational climate and disaster risk reduction projects.
- EU Cohesion Policy post 2020 – how better to align EU financial instruments with specific needs and requirements of macro-regional cooperation.

Objectives of the session: The session will be shortly kicked off by Interact presentation on [keep.eu](https://keep.eu) database. The session will provide



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the opportunity to discuss how coordination and cooperation could be improved across programmes and between macro-regional coordinators and programmes.

**13.30 – 13.45**

### **Conclusions from the discussions and closing of the meeting**

*Andriy Martynenko, moderator*

*Baiba Liepa, Interact*

**13.45 – 15.00**

Farewell lunch



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#### **Practicalities**

For registration to the event, please follow the link below:

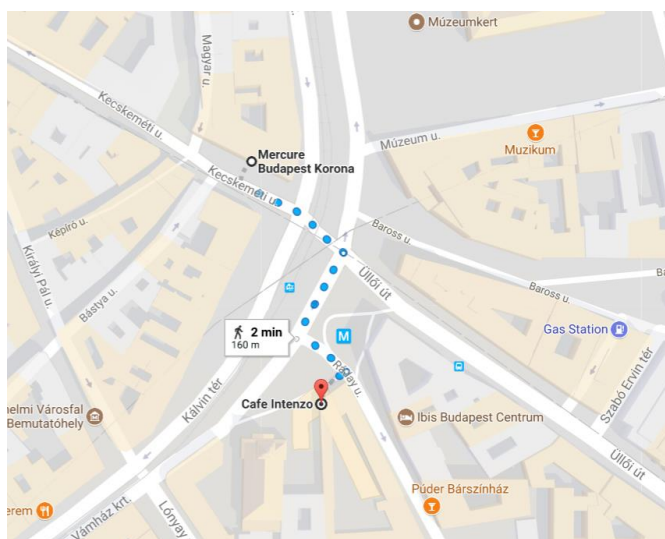
<http://forms.interact-eu.net/meeting-of-macro-regional-coordinators-16-17-nov>.

The registration to the event was open until 6 November 2017.

#### **Venue**

The meeting will be held in the [Hotel Mercure Budapest Korona](#), Kecskeméti utca 14, 1053, Budapest, Hungary.

All participants are invited to join the dinner in [Café Intenzo](#) (Kálvin tér 9, 1091 Budapest). The restaurant is located next to the meeting venue.



#### **Travel**

Every participant is responsible to take care of his/her travel.

#### **Accommodation**

Organisers have agreed special room rates in the venue hotel (79 EUR/per night for a single accommodation, including breakfast, VAT and city tax). The booking form is sent after the registration is accepted. Every participant is responsible for covering the cost for the accommodation.

#### **Other information**

In case of any question, please contact Baiba Liepa ([baiba.liepa@interact-eu.net](mailto:baiba.liepa@interact-eu.net), +358 40 1599 430).