

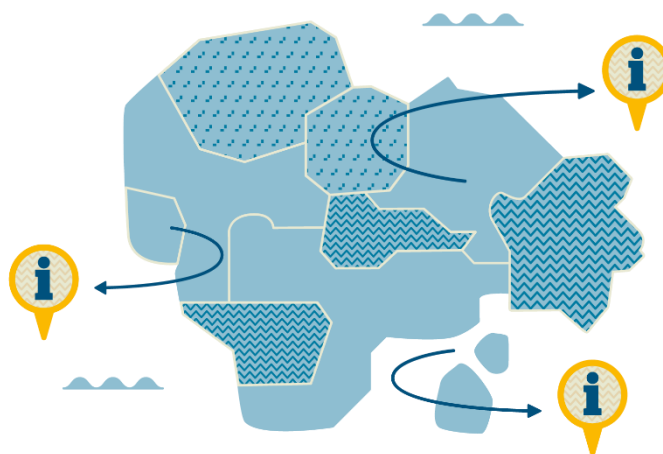
Coordination and cooperation across programmes



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Meeting between Interreg and other EU programmes on coordination and cooperation: extended 3rd Task Force meeting

Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi, 1040
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Outlines

During the events organised by Interact it was concluded that coordination and cooperation among Interreg programmes and beyond is not yet a daily practice but rather an exception. Therefore in late 2016 Interact invited few Interreg programmes to come together and work on developing and describing different coordination and cooperation activities.

Throughout these month the group of Interreg programmes (Task Force) developed descriptions of activities for four coordination and cooperation levels (options), clarifying and providing for each of the descriptions: objectives, activities (ideas) on how the coordination and cooperation is/ could be implemented, benefits and difficulties, sharing experiences as well as defining open issues/questions for improvement, especially post 2020.

For capitalisation purposes, transferability and roll-out of Interreg project results, as well as with aiming at integrated territorial development - coordination and cooperation with European Structural and Investment Funds programmes and directly managed EU wide programmes is of great interest for Interreg.

Taking into account above said, the upcoming extended Task Force meeting will invite some of the EU wide programmes and Interreg Europe programme to discuss how coordination and cooperation between these programmes and Interreg programmes could be improved. Based on Interreg programmes' experiences some open issues will be raised for the discussion.

More specifically, questions we wish to address during the meeting are:

- How to improve exchange between Interreg and EU wide programmes, should contact/coordination agents be appointed in relevant Interreg and EU wide programmes?
- How to build complementarities between Interreg and EU wide programmes' projects? How could programmes better contribute to integrated territorial development?
- What agreements and processes are missing to build coordination and cooperation throughout project life cycle? To what extent programmes can support 'project chain' development?

The meeting will address operational questions of coordination and cooperation without going to specific thematic issues. However, innovation is selected as thematic interlink across programmes for this meeting.

Objective

The aim of the meeting is to discuss how coordination and cooperation between Interreg programmes and EU wide programmes, such as Horizon 2020, LIFE could be improved now and in post 2020 period.



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Day one

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

09.00 – 09.30

Welcoming coffee break

09.30 – 10.15

Opening of the meeting

- Tour de table
- Short introduction of the Task Force aim, work process and outcomes
Baiba Liepa and Mercedes Acitores, Interact
- Potential for complementarities between Interreg and other funds
Vasileios Margaras, Members' Research Service, European Parliament

Objective of the session: This session will shortly introduce participants of the meeting and present outcomes of the Task Force work. It will also share some views on where there is a potential for coordination and cooperation.

10.15 – 11.00

Interreg programmes – what are open issues in coordination and cooperation?

- Efforts in coordination and cooperation - open issues
Gianluca Ferreri, Interreg 2 Seas programme, Task Force member
Completed by other Task Force members
- Policy Learning Platforms: how to better exploit coordination and cooperation possibilities for Interreg cross-border and transnational programmes
Eilish O'Loughlin, Policy Learning Platform coordinator, Interreg Europe

Objective of the session: This session will provide short overview of Interreg and mainly will focus on lessons learnt and identified open issues in coordination and cooperation across Interreg and with EU wide programmes.

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30

EU programmes – overall introduction and where coordination and cooperation could be improved?

- Horizon and Interreg – can we better coordinate our policies and programmes?: view of a practitioner
Agata Kotkowska, Horizon 2020, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), European Commission
- Promoting synergies and coordination: the experience of the LIFE programme
Silvia Donato, LIFE, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), European Commission

Objective of the session: This session will provide an overview on invited EU programmes' work. Programme representatives will highlight open issues and their proposals for closer coordination and cooperation with Interreg.

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch break



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13.30 – 15.00

Suggestions for closer coordination and cooperation between Interreg and EU programmes in 2014-2020 and post 2020

All participants

Objective of the session: The session is aiming to define and agree on few concrete actions on how coordination and cooperation could be improved between Interreg and EU wide programmes.

15.00 – 15.30

Conclusions and closure of the meeting

Vasileios Margaras, Members' Research Service, European Parliament

Mercedes Acitores and Baiba Liepa, Interact



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Practicalities

Venue

The meeting will be held in Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.

Travel

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

Accommodation

Every participant is responsible to take care of his/her accommodation in Brussels.

Other information

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