

# Regional Network meeting



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### **Outlines**

This is the 10th meeting of the regional network of CBC programme managers in the Central and South-Eastern European region. As it was the case in the past, this annual network meeting is dedicated towards exchanging Interreg-related experiences and information among participants. The meeting invites experienced managers from JS and MA to intensive dialogues for joint learning and problem solving. Together, we will explore current challenges in implementing Interreg programmes and take cooperation to the next level.

Following this flexible and participants-driven approach, the detailed content of this meeting is established based on a thematic survey during registration that covers all important topics from different implementation areas, including content, finance and communication. While there will be room for presentations from both Interact and Programmes, the agenda clearly emphasises the character of the meeting as a networking event that strongly builds upon the expertise of participants rather than pre-selected experts.

### **Objectives**

This network meeting aims at joint learning and exchange of experience and information among manager of CBC programmes in the Central and South East Europe area. There are many topics of joint interest to CBC programme managers such as clarifying financial issues and processes, working jointly on content-related matters of capitalisation and pursuing a constant strive for more and better visibility of Interreg CBC programmes in Europe.

Many programmes have also experienced a very intense start-up phase of the 2014-2020 period, trying to navigate the fine line between ever increasing complexity of Interreg programmes and the actual needs of the cooperation territory. The 'new' programmes have hardly started, some 'old' programmes are not yet closed and yet we have already started to prepare the new post 2020 programming period. Therefore, another objective of this network meeting is to provide room for reflections on the larger picture of balancing limited programme resources against growing demands.

Another objective of this meeting is to provide a relaxing and informal atmosphere where managers can discuss strategic approaches as well as practical solutions.



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**Day one**

**Wednesday, 6 December 2017**

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| <b>09.00 – 09.30</b> | Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea  |
| <b>09.30 – 10.00</b> | <b>Introduction and warmup</b><br><i>Interact</i>  |
| <b>10.00 – 10.15</b> | <b>Latest Interreg news</b><br><i>By Nathalie Verschelde, European Commission</i>                            |
| <b>10.15 – 11.00</b> | <b>Evaluation and Performance framework</b><br><i>Presentations and discussions</i>                          |
| <b>11.00 – 11.30</b> | Coffee break   |
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| <b>12.00 – 12.30</b> | <b>Interreg communication: news, tools and events</b><br><i>Presentation and Q&amp;As</i>                    |
| <b>12.30 – 13.30</b> | Lunch  |
| <b>13.30 – 15.00</b> | <b>Simplification</b><br><i>Group discussions on different simplification options in Interreg programmes</i> |
| <b>15.00 – 15.30</b> | Coffee break   |
| <b>15.30 – 17.00</b> | <b>Interreg Post 2020</b><br><i>Group work on future of Interreg</i>   |
| <b>18:00 – 20:00</b> | Networking dinner  |



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**Day two**

**Thursday, 7 December 2017**

- 08.30 – 09.00** Welcome Coffee / Tea
- 09.00 – 09.15** **Reconnection and warmup**
- 09.15 – 10.00** **Managing programme finances (including annual accounts)**  
*Presentation and discussions*
- 10.00 – 10.30** **Results of survey on 2007-2013 spending level – lessons learnt**  
*Presentation and Q&As*
- 10.30 – 11.00** Coffee break
- 11.00 – 11.30** **Audits and irregularities**  
*Presentation and discussions*
- 11.30 – 12.45** **Eligibility of expenditure**  
*Case study*
- 12.45 – 13.00** **Summing up and future plans**
- 13.00 – 14.00** Lunch