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Capitalisation of INTERREG projects in Latvia

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INTERREG/ENI programmes 2014-2020 in Latvia

- INTERREG V-A Latvia-Lithuania
 - INTERREG V-A Estonia-Latvia
 - INTERREG V-A Central Baltic Programme
 - INTERREG Baltic Sea Region Programme
 - INTERREG EUROPE
 - URBACT III
 - ESPON 2020
 - INTERACT III
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- Latvia-Russia CBC ENI programme
 - Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus CBC ENI programme

coordinated by
one National
Authority-

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Cross-programme work environment – National Authority





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Cross-programme work environment – National Authority

- one office working both with **INTERREG** and **ENI programmes** (7 persons)
- cooperation with mainstream programmes (ESI funds) via **National sub-committee** for ensuring synergy and additionality
- internal division of staff – **capitalisation of processes**
 - **by territorial approach** for overlapping territories
 - **by policy making approach** in relevant region
 - **by thematic specialization** across programmes
 - **by inter-programme capacity building approach**



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Coordination/communication on national/international level

- **INTERREG page on Ministry's web page** (one-shop approach for applicants)
- **facebook account** on INTERREG programmes in Latvia
- contribution to national/international thematic events
- participation in different **policy-making discussion formats and coordination of strategic issues for INTERREG** (CBC obstacles, MRS, Cohesion Policy post 2020)



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Could we do more for INTERREG?

Coordination + communication = not enough?

Capitalisation on Programme level = not enough?

Thematic clustering among programmes = not enough?

Capitalisation on INTERREG community level (INTERACT networks, KEEP) = not enough?

**Projects – the best ambassadors of
INTERREG!**

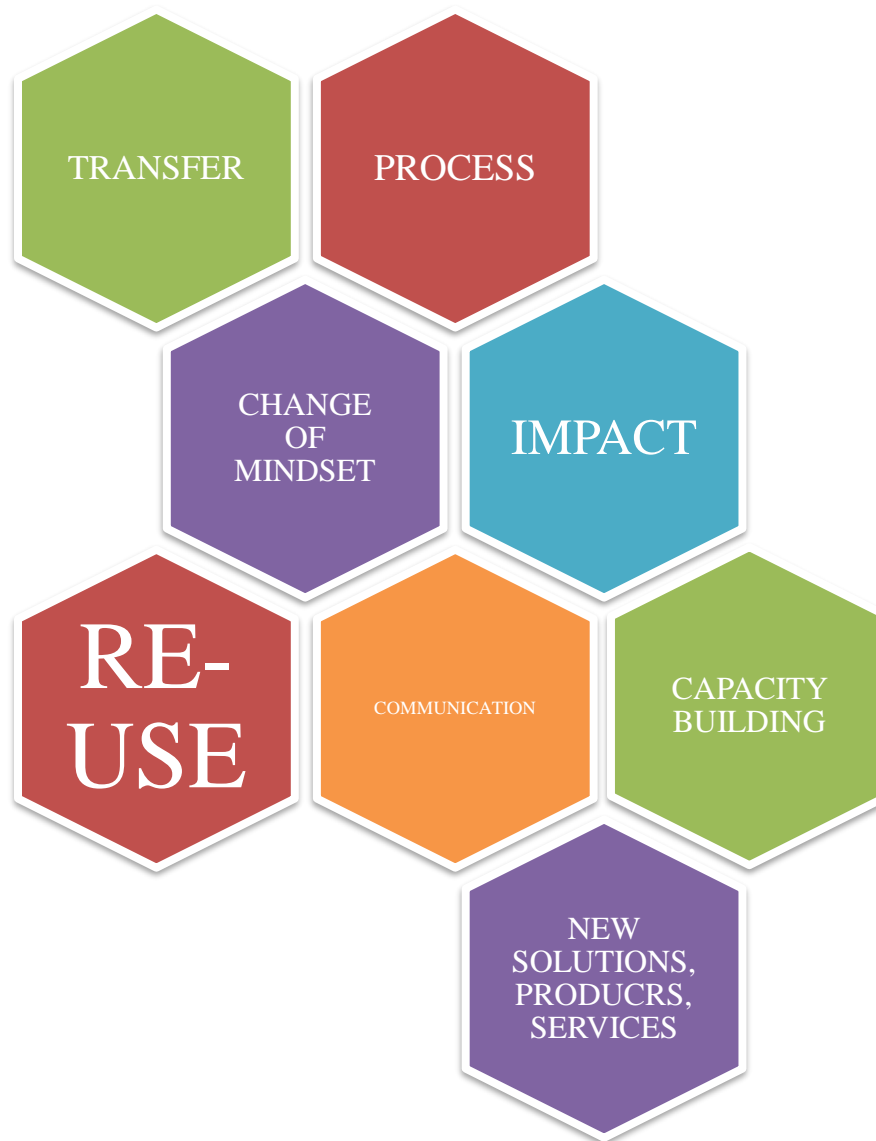
**Capitalisation on national level for ALL
INTERREG/ENI programmes and projects!!**





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Capitalisation?





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Capitalisation on national level – first steps

➤ **NEW! common data base on ALL approved projects** with Latvian partners in INTERREG/ENI programmes



➤ **NEW! Thematic seminars** on project activities/results from various INTERREG programmes in Latvia





3 thematic seminars on INTERREG: 2016-2018





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Thematic capitalisation on national level

❑ **Thematic seminars – INTERREG make a difference**

- ❑ At least **twice a year**
- ❑ Gathering together projects and final beneficiaries from different INTERREG programmes **dealing with the same theme (clustering)**
- ❑ Highlighting **planned results and benefits for Latvian partners** in simple language (telling stories), but also individuals! 😊
- ❑ Involving moderator/ policy-makers/ stakeholders **outside INTERREG community**
- ❑ Providing format for **panel discussion** among projects/outside projects
- ❑ Boosting potential ideas **for future projects / finding partners**



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Thematic capitalisation - challenges

- **Gaps between calls** for proposals/ project activities
- **Variety of themes** in INTERREG projects
- **Different understanding** of TOs/SOs
- **Different expectations** from stakeholders
- Lack of understanding on **INTERREG specificity**
- Lack of permanent **cooperation with mainstream programmes**
- Lack of **monitoring tools for follow-ups**

- **SOLUTIONS?**



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Expected results of capitalisation activities

- ✓ **Visibility/understanding of INTERREG results** on national level
- ✓ Identifying **good practices to be multiplied and re-used**
- ✓ Valuable **exchange/feedback** from different stakeholders **on spot**
- ✓ Development of **a pool of contact + networking for projects**
- ✓ Contribution to **staff capacity building**
- ✓ Contribution to targeted **communication on INTERREG**
- ✓ Contribution to **policy-making discussion on strategic level** (line ministries, responsible bodies)
- ✓ **Intra-programme synergies** within /beyond INTERREG

BUT MAY BE ALSO

- ✓ Increased **impact on territory** (beyond one Programme)
- ✓ Emerging ideas for **new partnership/follow-up activities**
- ✓ Support for **promotion of INTERREG for post 2020?**





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Capitalisation– next steps?

- More specific events, more success stories on INTERREG:
 - **Transport**
 - **Better governance/public services**
- Separate web page for **INTERREG in Latvia**
- **Cross-sectoral capitalisation event** (inclusive urban governance) – **Summer School for municipalities 2018**
- **Capitalisation in new formats?**
- Trainings led by **external thematic experts?**





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Capitalisation for strategic purposes

- **Assessment of impact/ analytical work for discussion on INTERREG post 2020**
 - Thematic scope (demand vs offer)
 - Geographical scope
 - Needs for simplification
 - Value of money
 - New trends in cooperation
 - Synergy and additionality to mainstream programmes
 - Replication potential /transferability of results
 - Impact and added value of INTERREG on policy level
- **Lobbying exercise** via **National sub-committee**
- **Positioning of INTERREG** (meta-story/critical mass) **in overall discussion on Cohesion Policy post 2020**

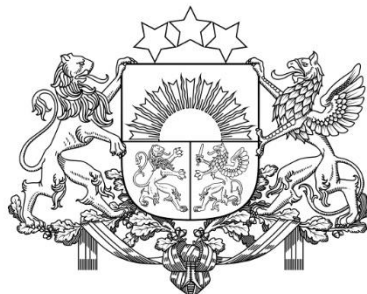




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TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE!





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Thank you!

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