

# AIR and Performance Review



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#### **Outlines and Objectives**

Interact invites Programme Managers from different Interreg programmes to join this workshop on Annual Implementation Report and Performance Review.

The main objective of this day-and-a half-meeting is to discuss common challenges and share practical solutions relating to the Annual Implementation Report (AIR) and the Performance Review. We would like to highlight the expectations related to annual reporting and to reflect jointly on approaches to the challenging tasks in reporting. Next to these issues we will also discuss and develop preparatory steps for the AIRs 2019 which form the basis for the performance review.

Drafting the AIR is a recurring task; it might be challenging for persons new to the task but is also at risk to be considered as a mere compliance exercise by experienced staff.

One has to see that it is evidently more than a compliance exercise since it should provide a comprehensive but concise insight to the state of play in the programme – at first hand mainly for the MC and the EC. Result orientation as a guiding principle calls for qualitative information going beyond mere description towards the analysis of internal and external factors influencing the programme implementation.

Project-led debates in the MC meetings quite often do not provide sufficient room to

- reflect on cause-effect relations influencing programme performance
- discuss strategic issues
- pro-actively prepare preventive steps

The AIR should be understood as one vehicle to do so.

The year 2019 is a special one in terms of reporting: The Commission should undertake a performance review based on a performance framework and in cooperation with the Member States, in 2019. In practical terms it means that the AIR submitted in 2019 has to include comprehensive information on progress made based on the milestones included in the performance framework.

Throughout the whole event two members of the European Commission (John Walsh and David Alba) will be present.

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### **Day 1: Tuesday, 6 March 2018**

- 09.00 – 09.30**      **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09.30 – 09.45**      **Welcome and introduction**  
*Interact*
- Identify links between evaluation, monitoring and reporting**  
*Presentation, Interact*
- 10.15 – 10.45**      **Expectations/perceptions/challenges related to reporting**  
*Group work on problems encountered in relation to performance framework*
- 10.45 – 11.15**      **Challenges related to Performance Review**  
*Group work on problems encountered in relation to performance framework*
- 11.15 – 11.45**      **Coffee Break**
- 11.45 – 13.00**      **Requirements for the Performance Review**  
*Presentation and Q&A David Alba, Evaluation Unit, European Commission*  
*Group work*
- 13.00 – 14.00**      **Lunch Break**
- 14.00 – 14.30**      **Performance (data) audits**  
*Presentation and discussion on how to achieve data reliability and a common understanding of programme's performance indicators (beneficiaries, programme bodies, control bodies).*  
*Interact*
- 14.30 – 15.30**      **AIR: Programme experiences of data collection from projects: technicalities and practical aspects**  
*Presentation and Q&A, Andreas Weiß, Interreg Alpenrhein-Bodensee-Hochrhein (CBC DE-AT-CH-LI)*  
*Group exercise*
- 15.30 – 16.00**      **Coffee break**
- Lessons learned from the AIR reporting**



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**16.00-16.30**      *Presentation and Q&A, Isabelle Roger, Interreg TN South West Europe*

**16.30-16.45**      **Wrap up and End of day 1**

## **Day 2: Wednesday, 7 March 2018**

**09.00 – 09.15**      **Introduction**  
*Interact*

**09.15 – 10.15**      **Requirements for the Annual Implementation Report (AIR)**  
*Presentation and Q&A John Walsh, Evaluation Unit, European Commission*

**10.15 – 11.15**      **Discussion round: lessons learned from AIR reporting**

- how to report indicators (especially common output indicators, result indicators)
- how to report on topics such as horizontal principles, partnership principle, contributions to integrated territorial development and MRS

participants: *Simona Ene (Interreg TN Danube), Oana Cristea (IPA CBC Romania – Serbia), Merike Niitepold (CBC Central Baltic), Elena Ferrario (CBC ALCOTRA France-Italy)*

**11.15 – 11.45**      **Coffee break**

**11.45 - 12.45**      **Open discussion on how to improve the reporting**  
Group work on problems encountered related to horizontal principles, partnership principle, contributions to integrated territorial development and MRS

**Future of indicators. Feedback on the state of play of the indicator post 2020**  
*Presentation, Interact*

**12.45 – 13.00**      **Wrap up of the event and upcoming events**

**13.00 - 14.00**      **Farewell Lunch**