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## Capitalisation of INTERREG results 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

- one office working both with **INTERREG** and **ENI programmes** (7 persons)
- cooperation with mainstream programmes (ESI funds) via **National sub-committee**
- 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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## Cross-programme work environment (2)

### ➤ **Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat/Branch Office:**

- INTERREG V-A Latvia-Lithuania
- Latvia-Russia CBC ENI programme

### ➤ **Hosting institution for National Contact Points:**

- INTERREG V-A Central Baltic Programme
- INTERREG EUROPE
- URBACT III



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## Cross-programme work environment (3)

- Coordination of communication activities within **Communication team**
- **Joint events** (European Cooperation Day/Info seminars)
- **Interaction with other INTERREG/ENI programmes** for overlapping territories
- Networking and capacity building via **INTERACT/TESIM activities**
- **Thematic specialization of staff members** (permanent capacity building in specific field + working in pairs)



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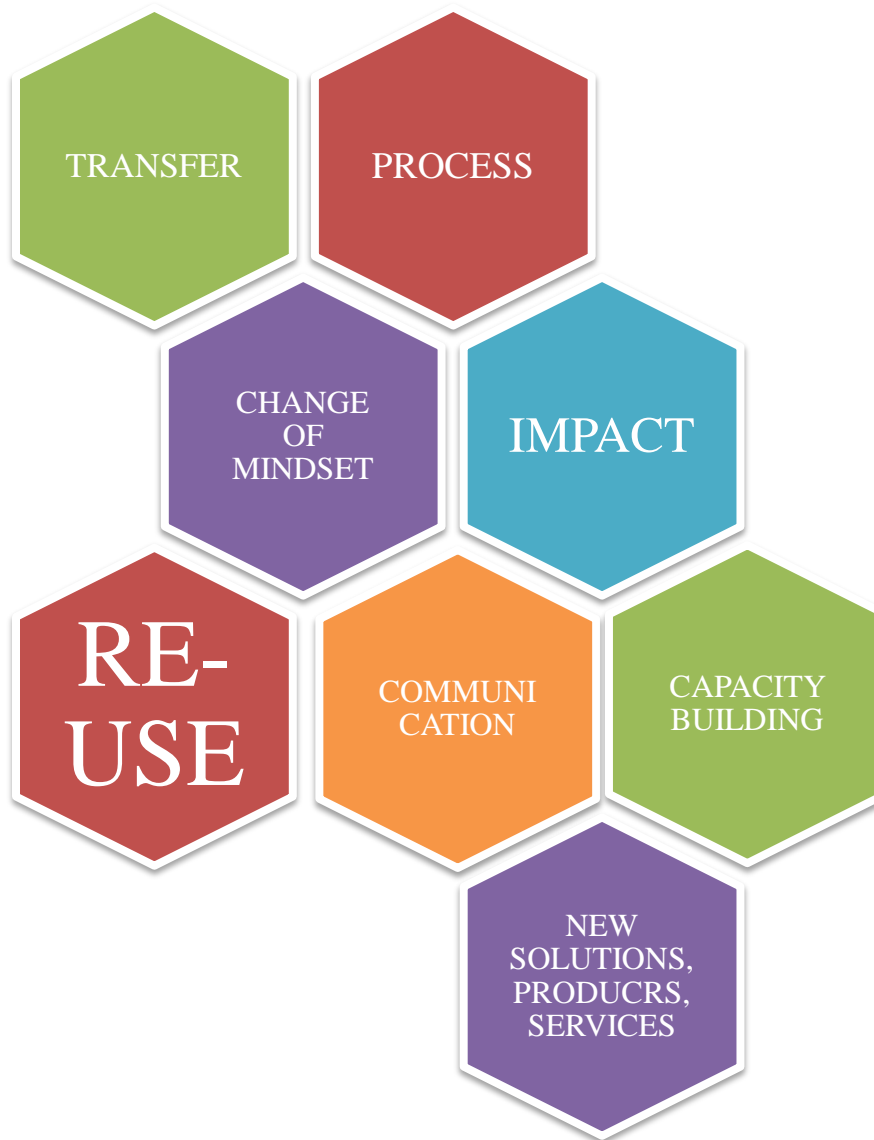
## Coordination/communication on national/international level

- **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** (Intergovernmental Commissions) **and coordination of strategic issues for INTERREG** (CBC obstacles, MRS, Cohesion Policy post 2020)



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# Capitalisation - a process or a goal?





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## Capitalisation on national level in Latvia – 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** (cooperation across borders) outside community
- Lack of permanent **cooperation with mainstream programmes**
- Searching for **new formats/good speakers/ media attention** (stories for general public)
- Trying to **reach out from the usual suspects**



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## Capitalisation– Latvia perspective

- More specific events, more success stories on INTERREG
- Separate web page for **INTERREG in Latvia**
- **Cross-sectoral capitalisation event** (inclusive urban governance) – **Summer School for municipalities 2018**
- Synergy and additionality to mainstream programmes - via **National sub-committee**
- Replication potential /transferability of results

BUT ALSO

- Assessment of impact/ **analytical work for discussion on INTERREG post 2020**
- **Capitalization in new formats (video? bus tour?)**



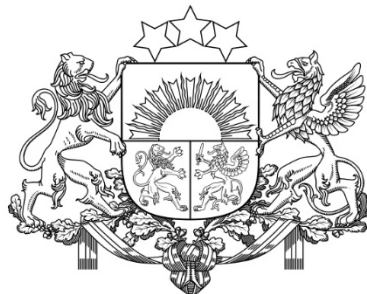




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# TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE!





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**Thank you!**

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