

CBC/ IPA-CBC finance network meeting



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Network meeting of finance officers of Interreg CBC and IPA-CBC programmes

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Outlines

Drawing on the positive experience of the network meetings of finance officers of transnational and interregional programmes, Interact is now organising a meeting for experienced finance officers of Interreg CBC and IPA-CBC programmes.

This meeting will kick-off a biannual platform for exchange and network activities between the finance officers of the cross-border programmes. The event is designed to create a space for exchange on various finance-related issues, relevant for all cross-border programmes. Participants will gain an understanding/ overview of approaches applied by different programmes when tackling financial issues; they will share ideas and work together towards solutions to common challenges.

This agenda provides an overview of topics that could be of interest for finance officers from all Interreg CBC and IPA-CBC programmes, however, the list of topics to be discussed during the event is not exhaustive. This is due to the primary goal of the network event, i.e. to respond to the programmes' needs and challenges. Thus, the agenda's topics remain subjects to be adjusted in line with the information collected from the participants during the registration.

Objectives

This network meeting aims at exchange of experience and information and joint learning among experienced finance officers of Interreg cross-border programmes. The main objective of the meeting is to work on a number of subjects related to the financial management of the 2014-2020 programmes. These subjects can include programme rules and procedures, stages of programmes financial implementation, challenges related to it, Omnibus Regulation and implications it has for the remaining implementation of the current programming.

Target group

This network meeting is targeting experienced finance officers, working at the Joint Secretariats/ Managing Authorities of the Interreg CBC and IPA-CBC programmes. To ensure participation of a wide range of programmes in the network meeting, the participation will be limited to 1-2 representatives per programme/ Member State (depends on the demand). ENI-CBC programmes are welcome to participate as well.



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Day one

Tuesday, 16 October 2018

13.00 – 14.00 Welcome lunch and Registration

14.00 – 14.45 Introduction and getting to know each other
All participants, Interact

14.45 – 15.30 Interreg CBC programmes financial implementation
Malgorzata Zdunek, Interact

- Financial implementation of Interreg CBC programmes
- Current challenges and problems (identified by participants at the registration stage)
- Discussion on the possible solutions

Objectives of the session: During the session, participants will get an update and overview of the state of play in the financial implementation of Interreg CBC programmes; the session will also cover the most 'burning' challenges and problems in the financial implementation of the programmes.

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.15 Managing programme's financial implementation
Malgorzata Zdunek and Iuliia Kauk, Interact

- Monitoring of the programme's cash flow
- Decommitment
- Discussion

Objectives of the session: During the session, participants will discuss and exchange on how the monitoring of the programme's cash flow is organised at their programmes, with a focus on liquidity. Decommitment mechanism and methodology will be presented, followed by a discussion on monitoring decommitment targets and methods to ensure meeting them.

17.15 – 17.30 Wrap up and closure of Day 1

19.00 – 21.00 Networking dinner



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Day two

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

09.00 – 10.00

Financial audit and control, irregularities

Katja Ecke, Interact

- Different levels of audit and control, challenges and obstacles
- Sampling methods for management verifications applied by different programmes
- Irregularities and errors

Objectives of the session: during this session, participants will discuss different approaches to management verifications; identify challenges, and potential for improvement; sampling approach for management verifications, as well as errors, typology of errors, definition of irregularities and the impact on the implementation.

10.00 – 11.00

Eligibility of expenditures and SCOs

Iuliia Kauk, Interact

- Eligibility of expenditures outside programme eligible area
- Eligibility of expenditure of partners coming outside programme eligible area
- Programme's specific cases, SCOs and Q&A

Objectives of the session: this session provides an opportunity to discuss programme's specific cases with eligibility of expenditures, current SCOs, share experience and practices.

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30

Omnibus regulation and future

Maria Soumela, Charlie Grant, DG Regio

- Omnibus regulation and SCOs: new SCOs, methods for establishing SCOs, use of SCOs and public procurement, calculation of staff costs, audit of SCOs
- Future: post 2020 proposal

Objectives of the session: At the end of this session, participants will get familiar with updates coming from the Omnibus regulation, and their implications. A special time will be dedicated to the discussion on the post 2020 draft regulations, novelties and changes they would bring.

12.30 – 13.00

Any other issues and Closure of the meeting

Remaining issues, wrap up, evaluation of the event, next meeting, upcoming

13.00 – 14.00

Farewell lunch