

Regional network meeting



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Interact office Vienna network meeting of CBC programmes

Hotel Excelsior Congressi
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Outlines

It's time to meet again! It's time for the 11th edition of Interact Office Vienna Network meeting of CBC programmes of Central and South East European area, but we welcome also colleagues from all interested Interreg programmes to join us.

This meeting will be a great occasion to discuss with the programmes the recent novelties related to Interreg Post 2020 as well as current implementation topics. Simplification is the key word of present and of the future. Therefore, as it was the case in the past, Interact wants to provide a chance to programmes to exchange experiences and to support each other as well as to identify needs for Interact's support on their preparation for the new period.

Accordingly, one of the topics we will address in this meeting is Interreg post-2020, i.e. the preparations for the new programming period. At the same time due attention will be paid to topics relevant for the current period such as the Omnibus regulation, de-commitment risk and/or other financial concerns.

There will be other topics of interest we will discuss together such as the cross-border mechanism (CBM) and its complementarities related to EGTC and their concrete involvement within the programmes as well as the preliminary results of the study on "Risk management in project selection in Interreg" undertaken by Interact.

As per tradition, also this year the annual network meeting is dedicated to managers from MA and JS invited to exchanging Interreg-related experiences, their comments and reflections for post 2020 and for joint learning and problem solving.

The content of this final agenda was defined following the thematic survey during the participants' registration and covers important topics from different implementation areas, including content, finance and communication.

Objectives

This network meeting aims at joint learning and exchange of experience and information among managers of CBC programmes primarily in the Central and South East Europe area but the event is open to all Interreg programmes.

The event will provide room for discussion with colleagues from different countries on actual topics, common challenges and difficulties faced and share options and solution to overcome them.



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Day one

Thursday, 4 October 2018

- 09.00 – 09.30** Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 09.30 – 09.45** **Introduction and welcome**
Mag. Martin Pospischill, Head of Department, MA27-European Affairs
Interact programme
- 9.45 – 10.00** **Interreg and Interact news**
- 10.00 – 11.00** **Post 2020 – Introduction**
Interact programme
Presentation of new proposals regulation (feedback, timeline, next steps)
Nathalie Verschelde, European Commission
Q&A session and open discussion
Nathalie Verschelde, European Commission and Interact Programme
- 11.00 – 11.15** Coffee break
- 11.15 – 12.00** **Q&A session and open discussion (cont.)**
Nathalie Verschelde, European Commission and Interact Programme
- 12.00 – 12.30** **New programming period, new monitoring systems?**
Presentation and open discussion
- 12.30– 13.30** Lunch break
- 13.30 – 15.30** **Support in programming.**
Presentation and group work
- 15.30 – 16.00** Coffee break
- 16.00 – 17.00** **How to enhance the use of instruments such as CLLD, EGTC, Cross-border Mechanism, Small Projects Fund?**
Interact programme
- 19.00** Networking dinner



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Day two

Friday, 5 October 2018

09.00 – 09.15

Recap of previous day

Interact programme

9.15 – 10.00

The Omnibus regulation

Nathalie Verschelde, European Commission

10.00 – 11.00

De-commitment – experiences and other financial concerns

Interact programme

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 – 11.45

First results of the survey on “Risk management in project selection in Interreg programmes”

Interact programme

11.45 – 12.00

The new on-line learning platform tool

Interact programme

12.00 – 13.00

Communicating cooperation

Interact programme

13.00– 13.15

Summing up and future plans

Interact programme

13.15 – 14.15

Farewell lunch



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Practicalities

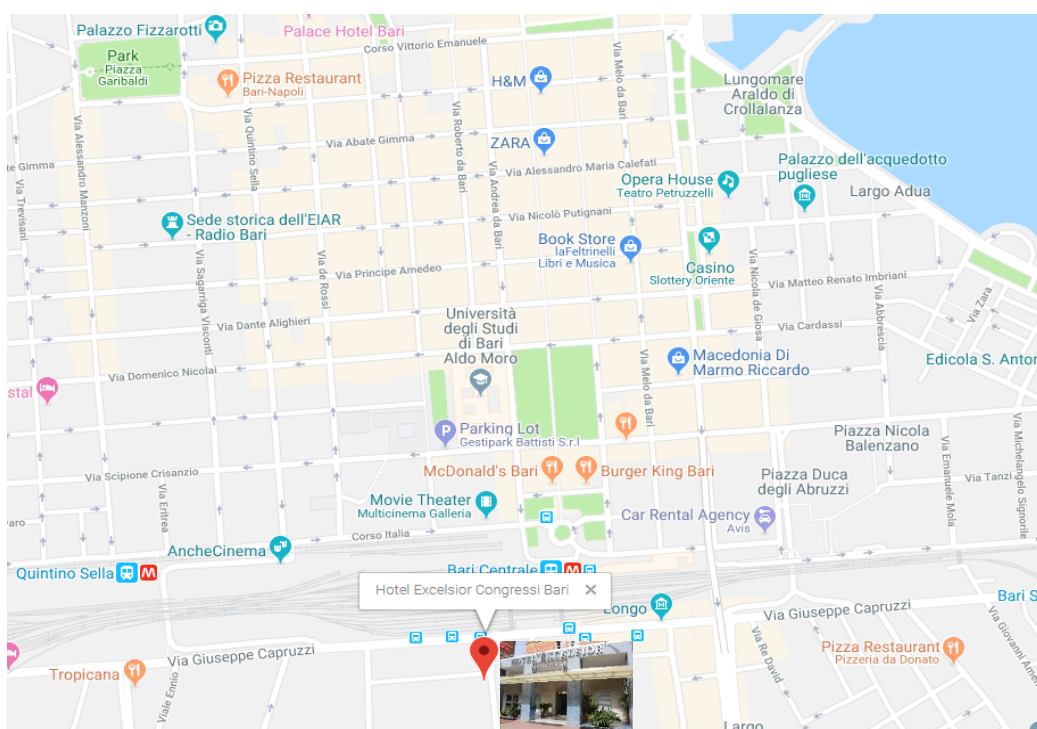
Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. Should you not be able to participate, we strongly invite you inform us as soon as possible! The event will be held in English.

Venue

Hotel Excelsior Congressi

Via Giulio Petroni, 15 - 70124 Bari, Italy

<https://excelsiorbari.it/en/>



Travel

Bari airport, officially known as the Karol Wojtyła Airport, is located some 8 kilometers from the city centre.

“Hotel Excelsior Congressi” is located nearby Bari’s central railway station.

Airport shuttle: The shuttle bus provided by the Tempesta company runs every half an hour from the airport to the central train station in Bari (located in the city centre). The price of one-way ticket is EUR 4 and the buses are located in front of Departures section.

NOTE: An advantage of the Tempesta Buses is that you can pay the driver directly, and do not have to worry about purchasing a ticket in advance.

Local bus: Bus line nr.16 provided by the local bus service and getting to the centre of Bari (Piazza Aldo Moro is the last stop). Price of the ticket EUR 1. The first bus departs at 5:10 am and the last one at 21:35.



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Train: The metroline FM2 gets you to the central train station in just 13 minutes. The ticket price is EUR 5.

NOTE: The metroline isn't really a metroline, but a regional train that runs approx. every 45 minutes and the train comes from Bitonto to Bari Centrale, passing the Airport.

The up to date timetable can be found at: <http://www.ferrovienordbarese.it/railway-timetables-departures-from-airport-bari>

and the timetable for ongoing trains from Bari Central at: www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en/Purchase

Taxi services: Taxis are available 24/7 and they are located outside the Arrivals section. The most recommended taxi services at the airport are EuroTaxi, Radiotaxi and Taxi Apulia. Make sure to agree on 'Tariffa fissa' with the driver which should be approximately EUR 25.

NOTE: Avoid unofficial drivers who offer cheaper services, as you might get charged with much higher prices once you arrive at your destination.

Accommodation

Hotel Excelsior Congressi (Venue) has a special rate of EUR 80 for the participants of the Interact event (upon availability of rooms). A credit card number as guarantee will be needed for booking. You can use the name of the event for the booking or you may contact Ms Laura Calisi (by email direzione@excelsiorbari.it or by phone +39 080 556 43 66).

For additional accommodation possibilities please check: www.booking.com, www.hrs.com, or similar hotel booking websites.

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Bari!