

# Raising Project Quality in Interreg - workshop for beginners – Summary

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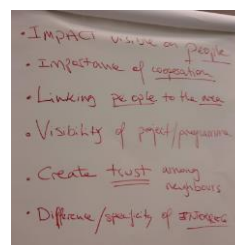
**Pisa, Italy**

This event, “Raising Project Quality in Interreg - workshop for beginners” is a spin-off of the Raising Project Quality workshop held in Rome in October 2016 and in Prague in February 2017. At this workshop we aim to explain existing and new solutions that programmes can use during the project development, selection and implementation process to improve quality of Interreg projects. The event was addressed to novel Interreg programme staff from the Joint Secretariats, Managing Authorities and other programme bodies which are working on project assistance, development and monitoring and wish to increase their knowledge of practices aimed to increasing project quality.

The objective of the event was, through active participation, to identify and learn existing practices in the project's lifecycle (development, selection, contracting, implementation, reporting phases) that help increase the quality of Interreg projects. Interact facilitated the workshop which counted with active participation and relevant contributions about programme practices used to increase the quality of projects.



Facilitators Manuel Gonzalez and Ivano Magazzù from Interact started by asking participants which are, according to them, the characteristics of quality project in Interreg. Participants had the opportunity of expressing their ideas in a flipchart, and discuss with the rest of participants. This useful idea-collection exercise led the way to explaining in further detail the main elements of quality projects on a publication by Interact ([link](#)).



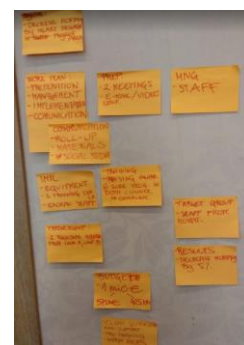
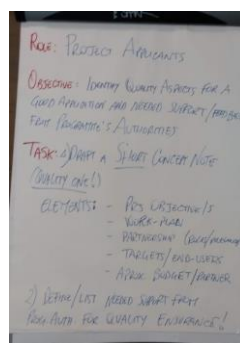
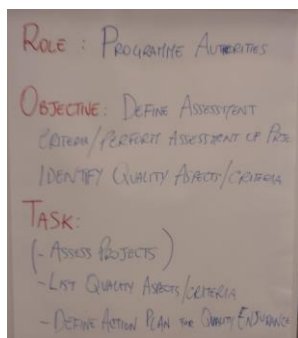
The next part of the agenda was a presentation of some elements which, according to programmes, raise the quality of Interreg projects in the different parts of projects' lifecycle. Each phase was further elaborated in detail, asking participants about their programme's experience in this regard. This sharing of experiences by different programmes was very much valued by participants.



After the initial insight was made, participants were divided in 4 groups, in order to carry out a practical exercise in the modality of “role play”, where 2 different project ideas were presented to “programme authorities”, who had developed a set of project development tools and assessment criteria. After an exchange between groups, the



project ideas were improved thanks to the support of programme authorities, who used different techniques presented by the facilitators in the previous session.



The lively discussions and presentations were highly appreciated by participants, who expressed that thanks to this exercise, they could feel how applicants feel at the time of presenting a project idea to Interreg programmes. Different speakers had the opportunity of presenting their ideas to the rest of participants, generating debate and exchange of experiences.



After another set of presentations, the workshop concluded with each participant producing one "post-it" note expressing what they had valued the most from the event. Most answers (see below) relate to the exchange of experience between participants and the practical exercise, where they had the chance of "putting into practice" the main ideas and hints presented in the morning session of the workshop.

