

# Meeting of the thematic network on Inclusive Growth

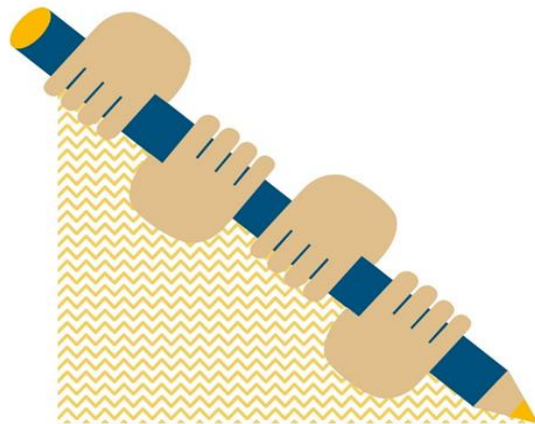


**13-14 November 2018**

Dornbirn, Austria.

Life Cycle Tower One (LCT ONE)

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### **Outlines**

Interreg programmes also invest in social policy topics such as unemployment and self-employment, labour mobility, social inclusion and fighting against poverty (including health investment). Professional skills and lifelong learning have been addressed for many years. In the current programming period 2014-2020, 1.4 billion euros are being allocated by Interreg to Inclusive Growth challenges.

In this context, Interact launched the **Inclusive Growth thematic network** in order to build capacity among the EU cooperation programmes. Its primary goal is to make available relevant data to better understand the topic in the EU context and to share practices among the social policy stakeholders. Through the network we will intend to articulate and support a common Interreg response to the EU Inclusive Growth policy.

It is difficult to avoid the EU current challenges. On the one hand, the fact that the new financial perspectives are being negotiated with a lower budget. On the other, the implementation since November 2017 of the EU Social Pillar, giving a higher relevance to a Social Europe. Under this framework, the network will be used as a space of information and exchange on the latest financial and legislative updates for Inclusive Growth after 2020.

### **Objectives**

When talking about “Inclusive Growth”, people automatically think of specific funds devoted to this area, such as the European Social Fund (ESF). But not many of them know that Interreg, ENI and IPA programmes also promote inclusive growth with projects that work hard to increase the quality of the labour market and employment, foster vocational training, or fight against discrimination and poverty. In this context, the event will have 3 main objectives:

- 1. To demonstrate the added value of Cooperation programmes (Interreg, ENI and IPA) in the European Social Policy.** Interact will present the Desk Research launched in May 2018, followed by a debate with the EC Commission and practitioners.
- 2. To learn more about the programmes financing EU Social Policy and discuss on how overlaps can turn into complementarities.**
  - Different EU Cooperation programmes, together with the ERDF and ESF funds will share their experiences on how there are tackling Inclusive Growth and improving EU social policy in the current period
  - On day 2, a field visit is organised by Vorarlberg Region, Alpine Space and Interact. We will visit several projects financed by different funds but all related to Inclusive Growth such as migrants’ integration, ageing and children social inclusion.
- 3. To know more about the social dimension on the post 2020 discussions for Interreg and ESF+.**

The meeting will be interactive between speakers and audience. For this, questions and answers will be encouraged during all sessions.



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| <b>Day one</b>       | <b>Tuesday, 13 November 2018</b>  |
| <b>8.30 – 9.00</b>   | <b>Registration</b>   |
| <b>9.00 – 9.30</b>   | <b>Welcome to the Network of Inclusive Growth: Who cares about this?</b><br>Welcome Speeches by Ms Martina Rüscher, Vice President of the Parliament of Vorarlberg, spokesperson for health, women, child care, people with disabilities, Hubert Hämmerle. EU office of Vorarlberg Region Peter Steurer, Manager Regional Development Vorarlberg .  |
| <b>9.30 – 9.45</b>   | <b>Introduction to session by Interact</b>  |
| <b>9.45 – 10.10</b>  | <b>On our way to a more social Europe</b><br>Elena Pascual Jiménez from DG Employment will introduce to the audience the European Pillar of Social Rights as a joint responsibility and an umbrella for EU social issues.   |
| <b>10.10 – 10.30</b> | Coffee break  |
| <b>10.30 – 12.30</b> | <b>EU Cooperation Inclusive Growth Report: From the current situation to post 2020</b><br>Interact will present the “report on the analysis and current trends of Inclusive Growth on EU cooperation” focusing on Interreg and ENI role as social policy implementers.<br><br>Comments on the report and Post 2020 updates on Inclusive Growth and social policy. Participants, Valentina Caimi _ESF and Olivier Baudelet DG Regio.(tbc). |
| <b>12.30 – 13.40</b> | Lunch   |
| <b>13.40 – 15.00</b> | <b>Programmes Speed Dating.</b><br>The programmes will do a practical exercise in order to get to know more about projects financed by other programmes.  |
| <b>15.00 – 16.00</b> | <b>Knowing more about our Inclusive Growth Projects.</b><br>Presentation of Interreg projects.  |
| <b>16.00 – 16.30</b> | <b>Wrap up and next steps</b><br>Interact   |
| <b>19.30</b>         | <b>Networking activity</b>  |



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**Day two**

**Wednesday, 14 November 2018**

**8.15 – 15.00**

**Field visit**

During the second day, there will be the opportunity to visit several projects, not only PlurAlps from Alpine Space programme, but also other projects in Vorarlberg Region (Austria) financed with other funds focused on ageing and children inclusion.

PlurAlps is financed by the Interreg Alpine Space programme. The Alpine area is experiencing the combined challenges of an ageing population and new migration models. At the same time, increasing cultural diversity and pluralism are opportunities for social innovation and development.

The project PlurAlps aims to develop and promote a welcoming culture, and improve knowledge and awareness regarding the integration of all types of migrants in Alpine area. If you want to know more about this project, come to the meeting and check here.

**Lunch is included**

**A detailed programme is attached as Annex 1**



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**PRACTICALITIES**

**1) Venue**

**Life Cycle Tower One (LCT ONE), Färbergasse 17b  
6850 Dornbirn (Austria)**

**2) Travel**

The meeting takes place in the Life Cycle Tower One (LCT ONE, Färbergasse 17b, 6850 Dornbirn, Austria).

The LCT ONE is located 8 minutes walking distance from the main train station in Dornbirn. If you come by car you have to leave the motorway A14 at the exit "Dornbirn Nord". With 45 km distance the airport in Friedrichshafen is the closest. On fixed times an airport shuttle is departing to Dornbirn.

**3) Accommodation**

Every participant is responsible to take care of his/her accommodation. Please find here some suggestions:

**Katharinenhof**

Franz-Michael-Felder-Straße 2, Dornbirn

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[info@hotel-katharinenhof.at](mailto:info@hotel-katharinenhof.at)

[www.hotel-katharinenhof.at](http://www.hotel-katharinenhof.at)

Single rooms starting from € 65

13 minutes walking distance from the conference venue.

**Harry's Home**

Klostergasse 8, Dornbirn

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[dornbirn@harrys-home.com](mailto:dornbirn@harrys-home.com)

<http://www.harrys-home.com/de/dornbirn>

Single rooms starting from € 65

13 minutes walking distance from the conference venue.

**Martinspark**

Mozartstraße 2, Dornbirn

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Single rooms starting from € 79  
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**4) Other information**

In case of any question, please contact Mercedes Acitores: [mercedes.acitores@interact-eu.net](mailto:mercedes.acitores@interact-eu.net), or Laura Belenguer: [laura.belenguer@interact-eu.net](mailto:laura.belenguer@interact-eu.net)

**Things to do in Dornbirn and surroundings:**

Vorarlberg is a popular destination with a rich offer for tourists interested in outdoor activities, culture and architecture. For more information, visit the following websites:

[www.vorarlberg.travel](http://www.vorarlberg.travel)  
[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com)  
[www.bregenzerwald.at](http://www.bregenzerwald.at)  
[www.montafon.at](http://www.montafon.at)