

# 3<sup>rd</sup> CBC finance network meeting



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Network meeting of finance officers of Interreg CBC programmes

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### Outlines

Building on the positive experience of the first two network meetings of finance officers of CBC programmes, Interact is organising the 3<sup>rd</sup> network meeting for experienced finance officers of Interreg CBC programmes.

This meeting will continue the 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 and 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 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 items remain subject to adjustment, 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 simplified costs options used currently and plans to enlarge its usage for post 2020. We are planning also to cover the topic of financial instruments to discuss its potential, future use. We would also like to focus on future programming perspective and challenges already foreseen related to financial programme management.

### Target group

This network meeting is targeting experienced finance officers, working at the joint secretariats/managing authorities of the Interreg CBC programmes. To ensure participation of a wide range of programmes in the network meeting, the participation will be limited to 2 representatives per programme/ Member State (depends on the demand).



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Day one                      Tuesday, 15 October 2019

13.00 – 14.00      Welcome lunch and Registration

14.00 – 15.00      Introduction and getting to know each other  
*All participants, Interact*

- Burning issues collected during registration
- Latest updates and state of play of financial implementation of Interreg CBC programmes

During this session participants will be able to familiarise themselves with the current stage of the CBCs implementation and most 'burning' challenges and problems in the financial implementation of programmes.

15.00 – 15.45      Follow up on the Tallin "Embracing SCOs" event

Presentation, Q & A and discussions

During this session participants will get knowledge about what were the main conclusions of the Tallin meeting on SCOs, also will be able to ask additional questions and discuss the event results.

15.45 – 16.15      *Coffee break*

16.15 – 17.15      Simplified costs options – the future  
*All participants, group work and case studies*

- Reflection on which simplified costs options worked best and are planned to be continued
- Discussion on potential Interreg-specific SCOs

During this session, participants will discuss and exchange on SCOs potential, future enhanced usage.

17.15 – 17.30      Wrap up and closure of Day 1

Networking dinner  
Restaurant Escondidinho, Rua Passos Manuel 142, Porto.



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Day two                      Wednesday, 16 October 2019

09.00 – 09.45      Recap day 1 and warm-up

09.45 – 11.15      Financial instruments – future use by Interreg?

- Presentation
- Q & A
- Discussions

During this session, participants will get to know the basics of the financial instruments, discuss and exchange on its potential use.

11.15 – 11.45      *Coffee break*

11.45 – 13.00      Post 2020 – what's nice and what's ugly in the proposal?

- Presentation of current stage of regulations
- Group work on different topics related to post 2020
- Plenary discussions and needs collection

During the sessions, participants will discuss and exchange on different topics related to post 2020. In addition, the sessions will cover the most 'burning' needs finance officers have related to future programmes.

13.00 – 14.00      *Lunch*

14.00 – 16.30      **Any other issues and closure of the meeting**

- Management of revenues
- Shared procurement
- Annual accounts
- Risk assessment
- Financial corrections.



## Venue

The meeting venue is [Mercure Hotel Centro Porto](#).



The best way to get from the airport to the city is to take metro (tram), line E (Aeroporto – Estádio do Dragão) and exit at Bolhão station.

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements. There are plenty of hotels due to the central location of the meeting venue, which you would easily find at any accommodation search platform.

Should you be not able to participate in the camp once received confirmation of your participation, please Malgorzata Zdunek at [malgorzata.zdunek@interact-eu.net](mailto:malgorzata.zdunek@interact-eu.net)) in due time – the event is popular and there are plenty of waiting people.