

Transitioning from 2014-2020 to 2021– 2027



Agenda, 9 - 10 December 2019
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Outlines and objectives

Although the proposed regulations are still being negotiated, the significant changes in the programmes' management proposed for Interreg deserve an early discussion on their impact and practical implementation. The finance and management related novelties proposed are, among others;

- simplification package general (management verifications, audit, accounting function, stronger use of SCOs, verification of SCOs, SCOs built on results and milestones, sampling methodology),
- anti-gold-plating
- risk-based approach for checks (management verifications, audit)
- risk management (anti-fraud strategy, conflict of interest etc.)
- common sample for audit of operations
- flexibility rule for transferring programme budget between priorities
- TA flat rate
- programme monitoring system (harmonisation of functions, procedures, templates) data exchange (with beneficiaries, SFC, national systems)
- liquidity influencing factors (decommitment targets, pre-financing, 10% retention, limited amount of payment claims etc)
- new types of operations, small projects funds, involvement of SMEs
- new territorial approach.

All the proposed novelties will strongly influence the way Interreg programmes are set up, moreover will require new and innovative ways to run future programme. At the same time, other issues can be continued from this programming period to the next. But do we want to keep all those elements? What do we want to change and improve in running Interreg programmes?

The aim of this workshop is to give an opportunity for Interreg programmes to discuss and exchange of their understanding of proposed novelties, and the way they plan to implement them. The event will at the same time give the opportunity to reflect on current practices in the management and control system, their value and how to improve them, if needed.

Common understanding and knowledge gained will support programmes in setting-up their management and control system in compliance with the new regulations, with a particular focus on simplification, innovations and avoiding gold-plating.

Target group

This workshop is targeting programmes (Interreg, IPA and ENI) staff being responsible for setting up a new programme, including audit authorities and interested Member States representatives.



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Timetable

Day 1

- 13.00 – 14.00 Welcome lunch
- 14.00 – 15.30 Introductions to the proposed regulations and state of play
Interact
Q & A and discussions
Introduction to the workshops
- 15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45 – 17.15 5 parallel workshops
- cash flow
 - control
 - simplifications
 - types of operations
 - territorial approach
- (all workshops will be repeated 3 times to give participants the opportunity to attend 3 different ones).*
- 17.15 – 17.45 Brief reporting to the plenary

Day 2

- 09.00 – 10.00 Reporting on IMS and HIT developments
Interact
Q & A
- 10.00 – 12.00 Parallel workshops
Including coffee break
- 12.00 – 12.30 Brief reporting to the plenary
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 – 14.30 Reporting on SCOs developments
Interact
Q & A
- 14.30 – 16.15 Parallel workshops
Including coffee break
- 16.15 – 17.30 Reporting to the plenary and summary of the event
Q & A and follow up