

Building North- Western Interreg programmes together – a coordinated approach to shared priorities



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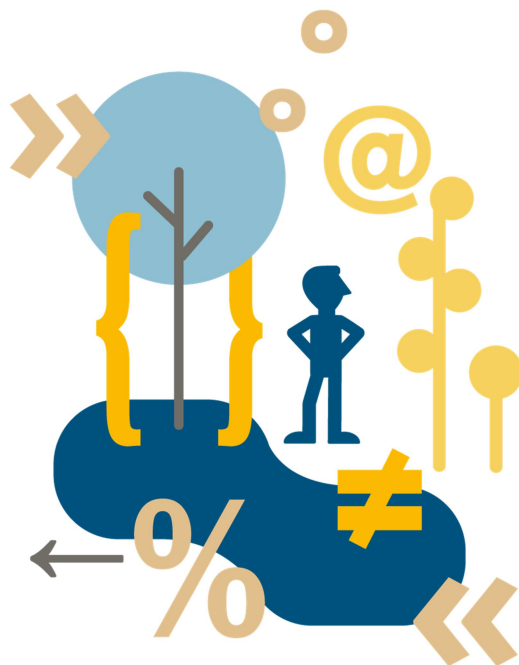
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Outlines

The draft regulatory proposals for the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy underline cooperation as a horizontal objective. Synergies and complementarities across funding programmes are encouraged. Taking this into account, Interact is organising meetings to bring together Interreg programmes (both cross-border and transnational) as part of our support to the post-2020 programming, for a discussion on territorial impact and coordination. These pilot events will be held in four different areas of Europe, one of which is the North-Western part of Europe.

The North-Western part of Europe is a unique area with a long history of successful Interreg cooperation, covering many geographically overlapping Interreg programmes. It is not fully covered by a macroregional strategy or sea-basin strategy, and recently has been affected by the departure of the UK. Thus, the overall aim of this forum is two-fold; to discuss previous experiences and possible synergies of programme contributions to the main thematic challenges of the North-Western part of Europe, and to informally exchange on other programmes' thematic focus in 2021-2027.

The main target group for the meeting are the programmes' Managing Authorities. However, if considered relevant, the participation of representatives of Member States or Joint Secretariats is welcome.

Please note that this event is strictly dedicated to programmes of the North-Western part of Europe.

Objectives

The objective of the meeting is to enhance exchange between programmes, and to support coordination in Interreg programming in 2021-2027 in the North-Western part of Europe. This will provide an overview of the thematic directions programmes intend to take in 2021-2027, and allow for an initial exchange on possible synergies and complementarities.



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Check-in to virtual meeting room and technical settings.

Please join the virtual meeting room in good time to test technical settings and to ensure we can start on time. The room will be open half-an-hour before the meeting starts (i.e., at 9:00 CET). Be aware that online registration takes time.

09.30 – 09:40

Welcome and Introduction to the meeting

Interact

Objectives of the session:

- An introduction to the event
- What are the objectives?
- Why this approach?
- Why now?
- What are the benefits for beneficiaries?

09.40 – 11:45

Thematic relevance and potentials for closer coordination, taking into account lessons learnt from previous experiences for designing future programmes

Objectives of the session:

- clarifying the notions of territoriality of functional areas
- an introduction to the specific features of the North-Western area (mapping, key opportunities and challenges)
- taking stock of the current and previous coordination activities

Preliminary plans and ideas for thematics in Interreg NW programmes in 2021-2027

Objectives of the session:

To initially discuss and exchange on:

- thematic directions/prioritisations within the programme (what themes do programmes plan to focus on?)
- how does the COVID-19 crisis influence thematic choices and supported activities in future programmes?
- identification of territorial cooperation platforms
- possibilities for further cooperation between programmes.

11.45 – 12.00

Summary, conclusions and next steps