

Improving Synergies across the Mediterranean for post 2020 II:

Who does what?

Please note that to run a smooth and participatory meeting this event is strictly dedicated to Heads of Managing Authorities and Secretariats, Member States and Commission staff working on the programming for post 2020 in the Mediterranean Area.



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2nMeeting. Online_ 9.00 - 12.15 CET

Outlines.

With the new programming period the renowned calls for more integrated approach to sectoral and/or territorial policy implementation are being raised. In the meanwhile, the Commission through the Orientation Papers encourages a stronger cooperation between programmes operating within the same area(TN-CBC-including_IPA, Interreg next). Working together, promoting common objectives and reinforcing synergies between programmes leads to a higher EU added value, a stronger impact in the area, a better allocation of public resources and improves the capacities of the programme authorities and beneficiaries. In this spirit and within this goal the Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes are encouraged as well to use cooperation more actively.

Interreg programmes operate in a specific territory/geographical area thus give response to territorial challenges. Based on this reality, improving synergies and intercoordination of the operations implemented by the most appropriate geographical scale can increase its efficiency when giving response to territorial challenges.

A dialogue between the programmes is, therefore, essential, to agree on challenges and type of actions /interventions. This should be addressed from an early stage of the programming, as a basis for long term coordination during the programme's implementation.

Objectives

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE.

To reinforce the cooperation covered by the ETC regulation from the programming process to its implementation for a higher impact in the territory and efficiency while using public funds in the Mediterranean area.

To explore the need for a **coordination mechanism/solution** to address geographical and thematic challenges and build synergies.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE.

Last June, during the first online meeting on Improving synergies across the Mediterranean, there was a focus on the **WHAT**, here there were updates on the Mediterranean programming task forces and the identification on possible common challenges. These tackled jointly, in a complementary way should be more efficient.

The second meeting focuses on **WHO does what**. *To ensure programme inter-coordination all, Programme authorities, Commission and Member states have an active role*. During this meeting Commission and Member States will take the opportunity to clarify/explain about their views to improve the synergies across programmes and programme authorities will explore their added value and discuss the type of operations they may finance _based on their nature, TN, CBC,



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neighbourhood, pre-accession_ to be more efficient reaching such complementarity. In this way striving to avoid overlaps and finance the same kind of operations.

To be more pragmatic, the idea of this second meeting will be collecting relevant information for the programmes to fill in section 1.2 and 2.1.2 of their Cooperation programmes.

Target group

This meeting will be prior invitation.

- MA or JS (only 1 representative).
 1. TN Med
 2. TN Adrion
 3. TN Sudoe
 4. TN BalkanMed
 5. CBC Italy France Maritime,
 6. CBC Italy Malta
 7. CBC Italy Croatia
 8. CBC Italy Slovenia
 9. CBC Italy Greece
 10. CBC France Italy Alcotra
 11. CBC Spain France Andorra
 12. CBC Greece Cyprus
 13. CBC Greece Bulgaria
 14. CBC IPA Croatia Bosnia Montenegro
 15. CBC IPA Italy Albania Montenegro
 16. CBC IPA Greece Albania
 17. NDICI CBC MED
 18. NCICI CBC Italy Tunisia.
- Observers:
 - MS (member of Interact MC or Interreg programme TF member) Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain. 2 maximum,
 - TESIM
 - EUSAIR and WestMed representatives.

Methodology of the whole process.¹

Organising an event online uses a different methodology than a physical one, this means that each meeting will not take more than 2 hours and only one objective will be tackled by each meeting. There are three meetings foreseen:

1. The first meeting focuses on WHAT. During this session, the programmes operating in the Mediterranean will share information and identify their common challenges, common needs, based on each programme's territorial assessment. If possible, select 1 or 2

¹ Too consider the Paper: OVERLAPS IN INTERREG: A view from Transnational Cooperation practitioners.18 October 2019.



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possible common strategic themes to work on together. (Ex. ICZM, Sustainable Tourism, Plastic free sea....). 15 of June 2020. Online.

2. The second meeting focuses on WHO does what. To ensure programme inter-coordination Programme authorities should not be left alone. Commission and Member states have also a role in encouraging synergies across programmes and improving such coordination. During this meeting they will take the opportunity to explain it. On the other hand, programme authorities will explore their added value and discuss the type of operations they may finance in the most efficient way _based on their nature, TN, CBC, neighbourhood, pre-accession_ to achieve such complementarity. In this way striving to avoid overlaps and finance the same kind of operations. 29th of September 2020. Online
3. The third meeting focuses on HOW to build a lasting cooperation and exchange. This will be achieved by reviewing the main difficulties when working on synergies with other programmes. During this session, programmes will identify suitable ways and levels of coordination and cooperation to improve complementarities across Interreg programmes working in the Mediterranean. Find [here](#) some [examples](#) of those already existing and [suggestions](#) for improvements, based on Interact's work on "Coordination and Cooperation across programmes " group from 2016-2018. (Ex. Specific type calls, joint ToR, participation in each other's' MS or selection committee, staff exchanges, etc). November 2020.

Beyond 2021. Starting putting into practice the identified ways to improve complementarities and coordination during 2020-2027 programing period.



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Tuesday, 29th Sep. 2020

8.30 - 9.00

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 will start on time. The room will be open half-an-hour before the meeting will start (i.e. at 8.30 CET). Be aware that online registration takes time.

9.00 – 12.15

Event: Who does What?

9.00 - 9.10

Introduction to the meeting, objectives and approach.

“Who Are the main actors when talking about programmes interprogramme coordination?”

Moderation and technicalities: Interact

9.10 – 10.00

Discussion with the Commission on its role when improving inter-programme coordination and on the importance of the territorial impact.

Objectives of the session:

- 1.- DG Regio will clarify through questions and answers its role in the inter-programme coordination process in the Mediterranean zone.
- 2.- Territorial framework in the area, considering EUSAIR and WestMed as territorial/maritime frameworks
- 3.- Links to section 1.2 and 2.1.2 of Interreg template. Where to show interprogramme bottom up coordination in the new CP for 2021-2027?

Speakers:

- Jean Pierre Halkin. Head of Unit D1-DG REGIO. EU Commission.
- Pascal Boijmans . Head of Unit D2-DG REGIO EU Commission

Debate session.

10.00- 10.35

Discussion with MS. National solutions How do you foresee programme intercoordination?

Objectives of the session:

MS will discuss on the role of the MS in improving complementarity in Interreg programmes. Their role in programming and in implementation. 3 MS will set the ground for discussion.

Speakers:

- Monica Bellisario. Dipartimento per le politiche di coesione. Italy.
- Mitja Bricelj. EUSAIR Environmental National Coordinator. Slovenia.
- Jean Luc Frés. Agence nationale de la cohésion des territoires France.

Debate session

10.35- 10.45

Break



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10.45- 12.00

Thematic Discussion Who does What 1/2 themes (break out rooms)

Objectives of the session:

Participants will discuss on the nature and scope of the implemented operations and actions within the most appropriate geographical scale (TN.CBC)

Discussion in break out rooms

12.00 -12.15

Conclusions and next steps.

Practicalities

Online meeting and meeting times

All times indicated in this agenda are CET (Brussels time).

We will meet online using the video conferencing tool Zoom. Together with your registration confirmation, you will receive the link and further information how to access the virtual meeting room.

To enable a swift start at 9:00, the virtual room will open half an hour before (8.30) the meeting start and we will be present for your (technical) assistance.

This meeting will be recorded but not published.

Other information

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