

HIT Application Form – Q&A, 2nd meeting



Draft Agenda 10 November 2020 Online



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Outline

Harmonisation of practices in Interreg programme and project management has started many years ago and it continues while we are preparing for the next programming period. In this period (2014-2020) Interreg programmes harmonised implementation tools (templates and guidance documents) used for selection and monitoring of Interreg projects. The HIT tools are: application form, assessment criteria and checklists, progress reports, management verification templates.

HIT was taken up by 60% of Interreg programmes and it provided more harmonised interpretation of regulatory requirements for many more. This led to increased legal certainty for programme authorities given this large number of adopters. The impact evaluation found out that HIT contributed to a more efficient programme implementation as it offered off-the-shelf implementation tools in line with EU regulations and guidance, sparing programmes from having to develop tools on their own. Above all, HIT achieved simplification for actors working in multiple programmes, including Interreg applicants, beneficiaries, and national controllers.

With the existence of HIT, a harmonised approach to programme management was created. Only with this harmonisation, it was possible to create the electronic monitoring system.

In 2019 the process of developing HIT for 2021-2027 period started. A HIT Core Group has been established - 25 programmes from all strands are participating in the group. The group met already several times. The task is to update and optimise HIT tools from 2014-2020. Focus is on changes required by the regulatory framework and simplification for projects and programme bodies.

Tools (mainly application form) used in the project selection process will be available as final drafts by May. To enable smooth implementation of these tools we are inviting all Interreg programmes, including IPA CBC and ENI programmes, to an online question and answers session where we will explain the underlying approaches used in HIT tools. Participants will have an opportunity to ask detailed questions and discuss potential challenges in project selection in the next period.

Session objectives

- To explain the agreed approaches in HIT tools
- To reply to questions programmes might have about the HIT tools and their use, including flexibility options
- To promote Harmonised Implementation Tools for 2021-2027 period

Who is it for

This event is for you, if you are or will be responsible for preparing the implementation tools for the next period (2021-2027) in your Interreg programme.

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Preparation for the online session

After your registration will be accepted, you will be asked to prepare for the online session by checking the available tools – they will be sent in the registration approved email. You will be asked to send your questions by <u>5 November</u> to help us tailor the online session to your needs.

For further details, please e-mail hit@Interact-eu.net

Please note that this event will be held online. For that reason, please log on 15 minutes beforehand so that we can deal with any technical issues before the event starts.

Day Tuesday, 10 November 2020

13.00 - 14.20

Welcome and Introduction to HIT

- Meeting objectives and meeting etiquette
- Presentation of main changes in HIT templates

Intervention logic

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Questions and answers – Intervention logic

Simplified Cost Options

- Flat rates
- Unit costs and Lump sums

Questions and answers - SCOs

14.20 – 14.30 Comfort break

14.30 - 15.30

Questions and answers – Other parts of HIT Application Form

Questions sent in before the meeting will be answered here

Summary

End of online event