

Strategic projects ahead!



Using and benefiting from strategic projects in Interreg
15 June 2021 (10.00 – 12.30 CET)

Online event
Draft Agenda





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Outline

Pondering on the list of strategic projects

The Interreg Regulation for 2021-2027 includes the option to submit a “list of operations of strategic importance” as annex to the draft programme upon submission to the European Commission. It is not an obligation but an option. And it is not the only moment during programming and programme implementation when strategic projects can be on the agenda.

From an overarching perspective annexing such list means to identify at an early stage the projects making a difference. It is considered a help to highlight such projects and thus contribute to the narrative of Interreg at the European level.

From the “internal” programme perspective motivations to agree on strategic projects at an early stage might differ across programmes. Reasons might range from an early agreement on larger (infrastructure) investment to ensuring to implement some key projects for the territory and hereby helping other project developers to understand what kind of projects are needed to implement the programme’s objectives.

However, the option to provide the list as annex to the programme is just a voluntary option upon submission. Programmes can define strategic projects any time during the programme life cycle, e.g. deciding later on to run a focused call for applications for strategic projects.

Give it a meaning in your programme!

We will take the definition of an operation of strategic importance in the CPR (art. 2(5) on definitions) as point of departure:

“operation of strategic importance’ means an operation which provides a significant contribution to the achievement of the objectives of a programme and which is subject to particular monitoring and communication measures;”

From there we will invite you to a brief journey through brief testimonials on strategic projects to an open exchange on experiences, pros and cons and implications. Covering both the integration of predefined strategic projects in the draft programme as well as integrating strategic projects later on during programme implementation.

Objectives

We will:

- Share initial reflections on making use of strategic projects
- Present examples of when and how to do it
- Discuss and exchange on pros and cons as well as major implications for programme implementation and management



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Day

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09.45 – 10.00

Check-in to virtual meeting room and technical settings

Please join the virtual meeting room in good time to test and ensure that the technical settings enable your active participation in the meeting. The room will be open 15 minutes before the meeting will start.

10.00 – 10.15

Welcome and introduction

- Welcome and introduction
- Event objectives

10.15 – 10.45

Set up & background

- How have strategic projects been used in 2014-2020
- Initial reflections by Interact

Discussion

Objective:

We will briefly present background information and share initial reflections on strategic projects

10.45 – 11.15

Examples

- “Danube water management research lab” (City of Vienna)
- Project example 2

Objective:

Examples should help to illustrate key features of strategic projects, pinpoint critical paths throughout the project life cycle and highlight major opportunities for the programme narrative.

11.15 – 11.30

Comfort break

11.30 – 12.30

Open discussion



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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 10.00, the virtual room will open 15 minutes before the meeting start and we will be present for your (technical) assistance.

Registration

Please register your participation at latest by Monday, 14 June 2021.

Other information

In case of content questions, please do not hesitate to address

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