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21 September 2021 (13:00-15:00 CET)
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Outlines

The two objectives of Interact's Knowledge of the seas network are on the one hand to provide an opportunity for a thematic exchange and learning from each other. And on the other hand, to jointly promote the added value of maritime cooperation, of cooperation across maritime borders supported by Interreg. For this purpose, the Knowledge of the seas organises annual thematic events which bring together the maritime Interreg (programme and project) community with thematic actors and experts as well as the policy and (regional) strategy level.

Objectives

This year's thematic event of Interact's Knowledge of the seas network will focus on Blue Energy. In the [EU Blue Economy Report 2021](#), Ocean Energy has been highlighted as one of the Emerging Sectors. It is therefore interesting to discuss and exchange on what is the potential for maritime cooperation, for cooperation across maritime borders supported by Interreg in the field of marine renewable energy. Especially in view of the soon-to-kick-off new 2021-2027 Interreg programmes.

The format of this year's thematic event will be different from previous years. While the event itself will be a 1,5h interactive discussion and exchange on the potential of Interreg in the field of Blue Energy, all the information, presentations etc. will be provided beforehand. This way, participants can receive and digest the information at any time and place they prefer before the event, and the online meeting itself can focus on the discussion among the participants.



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Before the event Preparatory work by participants

All information, which at a 'traditional event' would be provided during the event by different speakers and presentations, is this time available already before the event. We have asked our speakers to provide their presentations as pre-recorded videos. You can find all the video presentations [here](#). Enjoy watching!

Hereby, you, the participants are enabled to receive and digest the relevant information at a time and place you prefer – and the meeting itself can be focused on the interactive discussion and exchange.

As the discussion at the event will be based on the information contained in the different video presentations, it is therefore highly recommended for participating and benefitting from the 21 September event to have watched the different presentations beforehand. At the event, no presentations will be given.

Online event **Tuesday, 21 September 2021** (All times indicated are CET)

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| 13:15 – 13:30 | Virtual meeting room opens |
| 13.30 – 13.45 | Welcome and introduction
<i>Philipp Schwartz, Interact</i> |
| 13.45 – 14.00 | 'Questions and answers' session with the speakers
Objectives of the session: Having watched the pre-recorded video presentations, there might be some questions to the speakers which the participants now have the opportunity to ask. |
| 14.00 – 14.45 | The potential of Interreg in Blue energy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where is Interreg cooperation good at in the field of Blue Energy? What are your experiences from <i>present and past</i> (projects) where cooperation made a difference?• What is the potential of Interreg cooperation in the field of Blue Energy in the <i>future</i>? What are your general or specific (project) plans in this field? Objectives of the session: Together (group work) to brainstorm and collect experiences, thoughts and ideas as well as plans for future cooperation (projects) in the field of Blue Energy. |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | Summary and closing of the meeting
<i>Philipp Schwartz, Interact</i> |



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Practicalities

Online meeting (venue)

The meeting is going to take place via the online meeting tool Zoom. Participants will receive the link and password to the online meeting room together with confirmation of their registration. To ensure a smooth start, participants are kindly asked to join in the online meeting room already at 13:15 CET.

Pre-recorded video presentations

The pre-recorded video presentations are available [here](#). Please ensure that you have watched them before the online event on 21 September. The videos remain available on Interact's website also after the 21 September event.

Registration

Please register your participation [here](#) by Monday, 20 September 2021. As during registration, you will be asked some questions related to the pre-recorded presentations, please consider registering only once you have watched the videos. Thank you.

Other information

For more information on this event and/or Interact's Knowledge of the seas network in general please contact Philipp Schwartz (philipp.schwartz@interact-eu.net).