

# Improving Synergies across the Mediterranean: Updates for 2021- 2027 programming



**5 of October 2021.**

**Online Meeting\_ 9.00 - 12.15 CET**

**Please note that this is a technical meeting where no decisions are taken but allows programme bodies to exchange on their visions**



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### Introduction and meeting objectives.

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

So far, 4 meetings took place, focusing on What, Who and How synergies in the Mediterranean area could be improved, leading to a more effective use of funds and a higher impact of the results in the respective territory. Now, during the last quarter of the year, most of the programmes have their strategies already decided and are about to submit their proposals for 2021-2027 period.

This fifth meeting will focus on sharing and updating information relevant to all programmes before submitting the CP to the Commission on the opportunities for complementarities ([sections 1.2 and 2.1.2](#)) of the programme's template. We will follow the discussion based on the notes recommended by the Commission in particular:

- Thematic mapping and line of actions, based on July's bilateral meetings.
- EUSAIR and WestMed developments towards the Interreg family
- Bridging experiences from 2014-2020 to 2021 in Interprogramme coordination
- Type of operations to be financed and kind of calls for 2021-2027

Participants will be engaged through polls and the questions in the chat for an active exchange.

Please, before the meeting we would kindly suggest you check the information registered under updates July 2021 in the [Med Lab Community](#).



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### Target group

This meeting will be prior invitation and it will be mainly focus on MA and/or JS

1. TN Med
  2. TN Adrion
  3. TN Sudoe
  4. CBC Italy France Maritime,
  5. CBC Italy Malta
  6. CBC Italy Croatia
  7. CBC Italy Slovenia
  8. CBC Italy Greece
  9. CBC Spain France Andorra
  10. CBC Greece Cyprus
  11. CBC Greece Bulgaria
  12. CBC IPA Croatia Bosnia Montenegro
  13. CBC IPA Italy Albania Montenegro
  14. CBC IPA Macedonia
  15. CBC IPA Greece Albania
  16. NEXT TN MED
  17. NEXT CBC Italy Tunisia.
- Observers:
    - Member States, Partner and IPA countries members of TF meetings. 1 representative
    - EUSAIR and WestMed representatives. (WestMed Assistance Mechanism on behalf of the Initiative)
    - EC: DG Regio, DG Mare



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**8.45 – 9.00**

### **Check-in to virtual meeting room and technical settings.**

The room will be open 15 minutes before the meeting will start (i.e. at 8.30 CET).

**9.00 - 9.05**

### **Welcome and technicalities.**

**9.05 – 9.20**

### **Commission Updates**

- Objective: Commission will update on the most recent news for Interreg programmes
- Pascal Boijmans. Head of Unit D2. DG Regio

**9.20 – 10.00**

### **Thematic Clusters and line of actions.**

- Objective: State of play on programmes choices in SO and themes provided by the MA based on TF meetings. Opportunities for last modifications and clarifications.
- Tesim and Interact

**10.00 – 11.00**

### **Exploiting results from 2014-2020 for 2021-2027: type of actions and kind of calls. Some pioneering examples.**

- Objective: Some programmes have already started to discuss to capitalize their current results into new type of actions and calls to be launched under 2021-2027
- Speakers:
  - Barbara Di Piazza. Interreg Adrion
  - Laura Righi. Interreg Italy France Maritime
  - Sophie Scarvelis. Interreg MED,
  - Mauro Novello. Interreg IPA Italy-Albania-Montenegro
  - Aldo Puleo. Interreg NEXT MED

### **Confort Break (5 minutes)**

**11.00 – 12.00**

### **Updates on EUSAIR and WestMed and Interreg contributions.**

- Objective: EUSAIR and WestMed, as the 2 existing frameworks in the area are also involving Interreg programmes in their process, an update on their development and discussions is the aim of this session.
- Speakers.
  - Gilles Kittel and Giuseppe Di Paola. DG Regio.
  - Battistina Cugussi. Italian Department for Cohesion Policy.
  - Manuel Pleguezuelo. DG Mare.

### **Updates on other initiatives: Mediterranean multiprogramme flagship . Italian's proposal.**

- Monica Bellisario. Italian Department for Cohesion Policy.

**12.00 – 12.15**

### **Conclusions and next steps.**

Interact/TESIM



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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.

This meeting will be recorded but not published.

#### **Other information**

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