



## **Fine-tuning 4S: SMEs & small-scale, small projects & Simplification & State aid**

**17 December 2021**

**Online**

**CET**

**Friday, 17 December 2021**

**09.20 – 09.30**

Access of participant to Zoom, technicalities

**09.30 – 09.40**

Introduction & objectives of the meeting

*Interact*

**09.40 – 10.00**

Testimonials from 2 SMEs participating in Interreg projects

*Practitioners' perspective*

- Cooperation needs, why SME cooperation support
- Experiences and wishes for future cooperation

**10.00 – 11.15**

Different options of SMEs involvement in Interreg projects

*Interact and Interreg programmes*

- SMEs as direct beneficiaries
- SMEs as target groups
- SMEs as part of SPF – contribution from Interreg Italy – Croatia programme
- Open projects – testimonial from Interreg Belgium – the Netherlands programme
- Q&A

Objectives of the session: to discuss different forms of involvement/ management models that Interreg programmes have used/ are planning to use to work with SMEs in their projects. To exchange on challenges if any and points of attention of each option of SMEs involvement.

**11.15 – 11.30**

Comfort break

**11.30 – 12.00**

Simplification measures for SMEs participation in Interreg programmes: SCOs

- Simplification measures offered by different programmes
- SCOs from mainstream programmes (current & plans for 2021-2027)

Objectives of the session: to discuss on simplification measures which Interreg programmes can offer to SMEs to make their participation in Interreg projects smoother and leaner.



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**State aid and projects with SMEs**

- State of play: overview of 2021-2027 provisions, incl. GBER, Articles 24 and 25 Interreg Regulation
- Practical examples

**12.30 – 12.45**

**Final remarks, evaluation, closure of the meeting**