

# AA and GoA network meeting



## **Agenda**

**8-9 June 2022**

Turku, Finland

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### **Outline**

It has been 12 years since we created a network for auditors who audit Interreg programmes and focus on specific Interreg related problems. After 2 consecutive years of online meetings the time has come to meet and talk in person.

The networking meeting brings together the representatives of Audit Authorities and Group of Auditors' members working with Interreg programmes and provides a unique platform for exchange and collaboration exclusively for this community. The Interact network complements discussions that take place in the Homologues Group and Technical Meetings organised by the European Commission, and provides a forum for going deeper into the "hot topics" of the Technical Meetings for ESIF programmes, as well as for tackling some of the specific issues connected to Interreg. The meeting also provides an opportunity to exchange in person about various issues with the European Commission auditors and peers.

### **Objectives**

The general aim of this year's meeting is to enable Interreg AAs and GoA members to exchange among themselves about their work related to Interreg programmes of the 2014-2020 programming period, and also about their plans and current activities related to the new 2021-27 programming period. A wide range of topics will be covered, including the assessment of the assurance packages of the 2020-2021 accounting year, updates on the regulatory framework of the 2021-2027 programming period, and discussions on best practices, findings, as well as plans, strategies, challenges, possibilities for harmonisation of approaches in the coming programming period. As always, the event also aims to provide opportunities for knowledge sharing, and exchanges with the European Commission and colleagues working in other audit authorities, thus contributing to building relationships and cooperation within the Interreg audit community.



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**Day 1, Wednesday, 8 June 2022**

- 09.00 – 09.30** Registration and welcome coffee
- 09.30 – 09.45** **Welcome and introduction**  
*DG REGIO and Interact*
- 09.45 – 10.30** **Session 1**
- Report on the assessment of the assurance packages 2020-2021 with a special focus on irregularities  
*Presentation by DG REGIO*  
State of play of financial implementation of Interreg programmes (2014\_2020)  
*Presentation by Iuliia Kauk, Interact*
- 10.30 – 10.45** **Coffee break**
- 10.45 – 12.00** **Session 2**
- Regulatory updates for the 2021-27 programming period  
*Presentation by DG REGIO*  
State of play of implementation of 2021-27 Interreg Programmes  
*Presentation by Interact*
- 12.00 – 13.30** **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 15.30** **Session 3**
- Discussion on irregularities found during audits in the 2014-2020 programming period (please bring with you 3 detailed examples of recent or typical cases)
- Discussion on anti-fraud strategies and strengthening of fraud detection in Interreg
- 15.30 – 15.45** **Coffee break**
- 15.45 – 16.45** **Session 4**
- Discussion on challenges related to keeping an adequate audit trail, including the impact of digitalisation, and the use of Interreg monitoring systems / Jems
- 16.45 – 17.00** **Wrap up**
- 19.00 – 22.00** **Networking dinner**



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### **Day 2, Thursday, 9 June 2022**

**09.00 – 9.15      Recap of Day 1**

**09.15 – 10.15      Session 5**

Presentation on plans for risk-based management verifications –  
case study: North West Europe and ESPON programmes

Harmonisation of Interreg audit methodology with a special focus on  
system audit checklists

*Presentation by Orsolya Alföldy, Interact*

**10.15 – 11.00      Session 6 with coffee**

Grab a coffee + discussion on the planned set up of audit work for  
2021-27 and expected changes in the audit strategy

**11.00 – 11.05      Wrap up**

**11.05 – 11.50      Lunch**

**Train to Helsinki departs from Turku railway station at 12.25.**