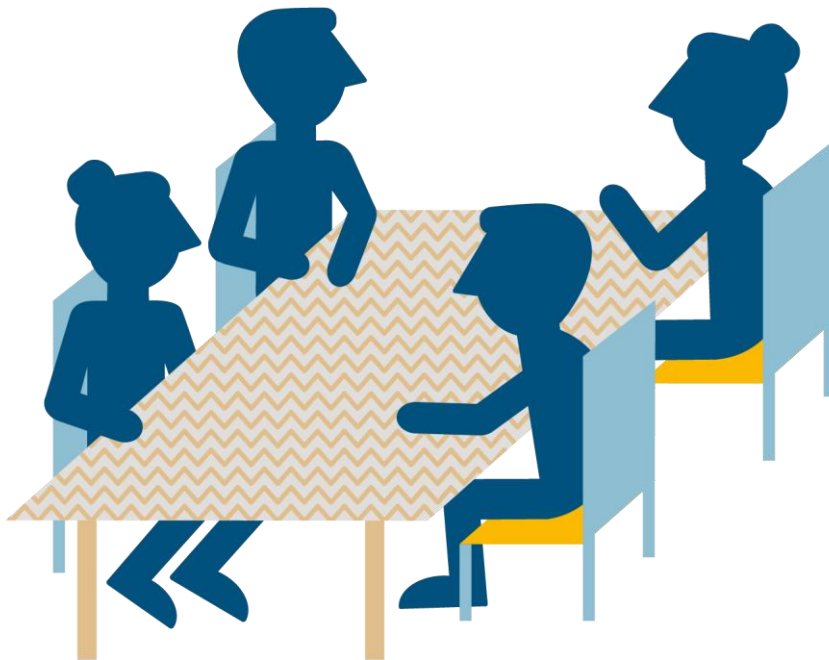


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### **Outline**

Citizens and civil society organizations are crucial in enhancing the efficiency of public investments within Interreg programs. To this end, Interact, in collaboration with the European Policy Research Centre (EPRC), is conducting a pilot initiative.

This pilot aims to assess the current level of citizen and civil society engagement in Interreg programmes, identify factors that encourage the involvement of citizens and civil society in Interreg programmes and come up with feasible approaches (methods and tools) to help Interreg programmes enable engagement with citizens and civil society.

The last activity for this pilot is this focus group meeting with programmes' representatives that already expressed their interest in sharing on-the-ground insights. At the conclusion of all the activities, the key findings will be consolidated into a comprehensive publication.

Additional focus group sessions can be scheduled if there is expressed interest from the participants following this meeting.

### **Additional information**

For more information about the study or the focus group discussion, please feel free to contact

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**Wednesday, 15 November 2023**

**09.30 – 09.50**

**Welcome, introduction, and setting of the scene**

*Interact*

**09.50 – 10.20**

**Key findings of the pilot**

*European Policy Research Centre*

**10.20 – 12.00**

**Comfort break  
included**

**Tour de table**

- **How do you consider engaging with citizens and civil society in your programme?**
- **What are your perceptions and potential next steps?**
- **Which stage(s) of the programme's lifecycle are you willing to explore to ensure citizen and civil society engagement?**

*Open discussion and exchange, all*

**12.00 – 12.20**

**How can Interact support you in your process?**

*Open discussion and exchange, all*

**12.20 – 12.30**

**Wrap-up and next steps**

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