

Project Monitoring and Reporting Workshop for Interreg programmes

Focusing on reporting procedures

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2014-2020 Monitoring

Requirements

- Result orientation
- Performance framework
- Short annual reports to EC
- Comprehensive annual reports in 2017 and 2019
- Risk and fraud control
- Programme evaluation

Tools

- E-cohesion requirements
- Harmonisation (eg. HIT)
- Simplification (eg. Eligibility rules)







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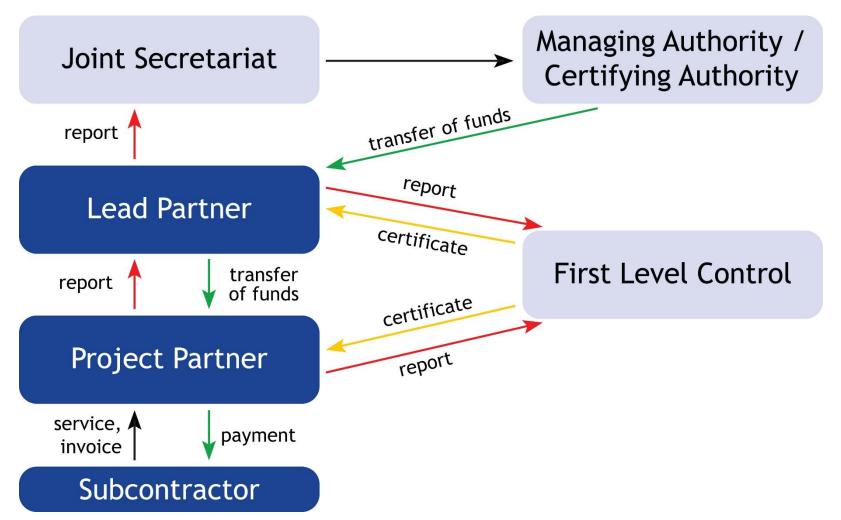
A Progress Report is ...

A written document describing the findings of an assessment that takes place during the project by project partners, that conveys details such as what objectives have been achieved, what resources have been expended, what problems have been encountered, and whether the project is expected to be completed on time and within budget.





Reporting Process







Frequency of the reports

- Each programme has its own rules
- Programmes require to report twice a year, covering 6 months periods.
- CBC programmes frequencies vary from 1 to 4 reports per year, such as:
 - fixed reporting periods, same date for all projects
 - vary from project to project, date of approval or signature of subsidy contract.





Timing and submission of the report



- Projects submit the report 2 or 3 months after the end of the reporting period
- deadlines could be extended up to 6 months.
- Most usual practice: the entire report has to be submitted both electronically and in paper version
- Usually all reports are sent to the JTS (some exceptions, CBC)





Managing project modifications

- Reporting of problems, deviations / delays and required modifications in project implementation compared to the approved application.
- The structure and detail of modification procedures varies to a large degree between programmes.
- Managing modifications, deviations and delays is closely connected to the degree of problems encountered incurred during project life







Definitions

Term	Definition
Deviation	Deviation is any departure from the original plan presented in the application form. Deviations are minor modifications from the work plan (can be positive or negative in the sense of a delay) which (according to programme rules) don't require an 'official' change procedure, as opposed to modifications which require a change procedure (according to programme rules).
Delay	A period of time before an activity or delivery occurs, when the activity or delivery will take place later than originally planned. Departure from the time plan.
Modification	Change of the agreed-upon project scope as defined by the approved application form.





Problems, deviations and modifications (1)

- Reporting problems, deviations/delays and required modifications in project implementation compared to the approved application.
- Reporting modifications, deviations and delays is closely connected to reporting as problems often cause the preceding.
- Many programmes combine questions on deviations and problems.





Problems, deviations and modifications (2)

Different approaches:

- Reporting on deviations summarising the alterations occurred, explanations and outlining solution strategies.
- Separate questions about deviations per topic (e.g. modifications to the partnership, budget plans etc.).
- Broader questions where the project can mention any type of deviation (e.g. major modifications experienced).





Project modifications (1)

Usually, for programmes, modifications to the approved application might occur.



It is quite common in Interreg programmes to split project modifications to different categories which require different procedures.





Project modifications (2)

Minor modifications	Major modifications
Administrative modifications (e.g. change of contact information, change of bank account)	Modifications to the partnership (e.g. partner drop-out, new partner)
Budget modifications below the flexibility rule	Budget modifications above the flexibility rule
Minor modifications of the project content (e.g. activity modifications, time-schedule related modifications)	Significant modifications of the project content (e.g. considerable extensions of project duration, indicator target modifications, objective modifications)





Project modifications (3)

Minor modifications:

- in line with the approved application
- do not have any significant impact on the project implementation.
- do not require any formal procedure sometimes the JTS has to be informed by the Lead beneficiary,
- in other cases, reporting of the change within the next progress report.





Project modifications (4)

Major modifications:

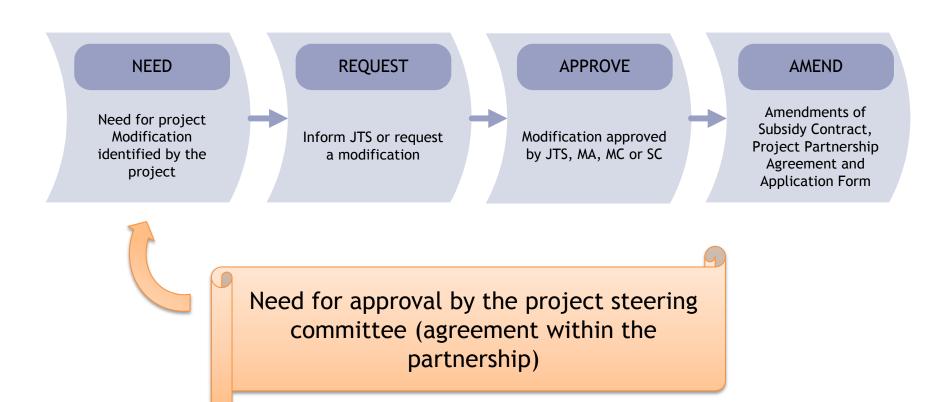
- have a substantial impact on project implementation
- require the submission of a project modification request to be approved by the programme bodies
- in most cases major modifications result in the amendments to the Subsidy Contract, Project Partnership Agreement and Application Form.







Project modification procedure (1)







Project modification procedure (2)

Main question: How often?

Some programmes do not have any limitations whilst others have restricted the number of modifications possible:



- one budget reallocation below the flexibility limit per year,
- major modifications once during project lifetime,





Monitoring Project modifications



→ For a better overview a summary table of approved modifications could be required. It can also be automatically generated from the monitoring system.

List of project modifications compared to the application form
occurred during this reporting period.

Project modification	Justification of modification	Impact on project implementation	Date of modification approval (if needed)





The role (and legal basis) for Monitoring Systems

For monitoring and reporting functions (Programme and project side):

- Reg. 1303/2013 art. 72 (d) (computerised systems ... for monitoring and reporting), art. 125.2 (d) and 125.8 (store computerised data on each operation for monitoring), art 126 (d) and (g) (computerised records of expenditures declared)
- Reg. 821/2014 art. 9 (reporting function and generation of reports)
- Reg. 1011/2014 art. 8 (exchange of documents and reporting on progress and payment claims)





Some example...









Another example...







Main features of reporting process in eMS

- All data only once in the system from project application, to contracts and monitoring
- Online content trail from project application to project reports to online publication of outputs and results;
- Online audit trail that collects, stores and provides all required information;
- Functionalities for all roles foreseen in this process including project partners, first level controllers, joint secretariats, managing authorities, certifying authorities, audit authorities, monitoring committees, evaluation experts and contact points.

Let's have a look to the Workflow ...

Reports

ems demo

- ▼ Personal
- Dashboard
- Mailbox
- Generated Files
- User Account
- Applications
- Assessment: First Step
- Assessment
- ▶ Handover And Contracting
- ▶ FLC
- ▶ Programme Tables
- Archive
- ▶ eMS Management
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- Project Idea
- ▼ Reporting
- Open JTS Project
 Progress Reports
- Open Contact Points





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Open Project Progress Reports

Project \$	Period ≎	Start ¢	End ≎	Submitted \$	View
TP296	Period 1: 27.02.2015 - 27.02.2016	27.02.2015	27.02.2016	12.03.2015	P
TP305	Period 0: 05.02.2015 - 05.03.2015	05.02.2015	05.03.2015	24.03.2015	P
ITP319	Period 0: 19.03.2014 - 19.03.2015	19.03.2014	19.03.2015	07.04.2015	P
TP344	Period 2: 02.04.2017 - 13.04.2020	02.04.2017	13.04.2020	14.04.2015	P
ITP319	Period 2: 11.07.2015 - 30.09.2015	11.07.2015	30.09.2015	29.04.2015	ø
ITP353	Period 1: 05.05.2015 - 05.05.2016	05.05.2015	05.05.2016	05.04.2016	P
ITP368	Period 1: 28.05.2015 - 01.01.2016	28.05.2015	01.01.2016	09.06.2015	P
ITP368	Period 2: 02.01.2016 - 25.05.2016	02.01.2016	25.05.2016	09.06.2015	P
ITP296	Period 1: 27.02.2015 - 27.02.2016	27.02.2015	27.02.2016	12.03.2015	ø
ITP382	Period 1: 23.06.2015 - 22.12.2015	23.06.2015	22.12.2015	29.10.2015	ø
ITP385	Period 0: 02.07.2015 - 02.07.2015	02.07.2015	02.07.2015	07.07.2015	ø
ITP390	Period 1: 15.07.2015 - 14.01.2016	15.07.2015	14.01.2016	15.07.2015	ø
ITP390	Period 1: 15.07.2015 - 14.01.2016	15.07.2015	14.01.2016	15.07.2015	ø
ITP390	Period 3: 15.07.2016 - 14.01.2017	15.07.2016	14.01.2017	15.07.2015	ø
ITP390	Period 2: 15.01.2016 - 14.07.2016	15.01.2016	14.07.2016	15.07.2015	P
ITP390	Period 4: 15.01.2017 - 15.07.2017	15.01.2017	15.07.2017	15.07.2015	P
ITP325	Period 0: 25.03.2015 - 25.03.2015	25.03.2015	25.03.2015	01.04.2015	P
ITP325	Period 1: 25.03.2015 - 19.11.2015	25.03.2015	19.11.2015	01.04.2015	P
ITP325	Period 2: 20.11.2015 - 01.06.2016	20.11.2015	01.06.2016	01.04.2015	ø
ITP325	Period 3: 02.06.2016 - 31.07.2016	02.06.2016	31.07.2016	01.04.2015	P
ITP391	Period 1: 15.07.2015 - 14.01.2016	15.07.2015	14.01.2016	27.07.2015	P
ITP410	Period 1: 30.07.2015 - 31.07.2016	30.07.2015	31.07.2016	30.07.2015	P
ITP430	Period 1: 18.08.2015 - 18.08.2016	18.08.2015	18.08.2016	18.08.2015	P
ITP382	Period 1: 23.06.2015 - 22.12.2015	23.06.2015	22.12.2015	29.10.2015	P
ITP433	Period 0: 21.08.2015 - 21.08.2015	21.08.2015	21.08.2015	29.10.2015	ø
ITP307	Period 1: 10.03.2015 - 09.09.2015	10.03.2015	09.09.2015	22.01.2016	P
ITP307	Period 2: 10.09.2015 - 09.03.2016	10.09.2015	09.03.2016	22.02.2016	ø
ITP505	Period 1: 03.02.2016 - 02.08.2016	03.02.2016	02.08.2016	05.02.2016	P
ITP505	Period 1: 03.02.2016 - 02.08.2016	03.02.2016	02.08.2016	05.02.2016	ø
ITP541	Period 1: 14.03.2016 - 13.09.2016	14.03.2016	13.09.2016	16.03.2016	P
ITP541	Period 2: 14.09.2016 - 13.03.2017	14.09.2016	13.03.2017	16.03.2016	ø
ITP552	Period 0: 25.01.2016 - 25.03.2016	26.01.2016	17.03.2016	29.03.2016	P
ITP554	Period 3: 02.02.2017 - 01.04.2017	02.02.2017	01.04.2017	30.03.2016	ø
ITP564	Period 0: 04.01.2016 - 04.04.2016	04.01.2016	04.04.2016	04.04.2016	P
ITP573	Period 1: 07.04.2016 - 06.10.2016	07.04.2016	06.10.2016	11.04.2016	P
ITP575	Period 0: 01.04.2016 - 01.04.2016	01.04.2016	01.04.2016	13.04.2016	P



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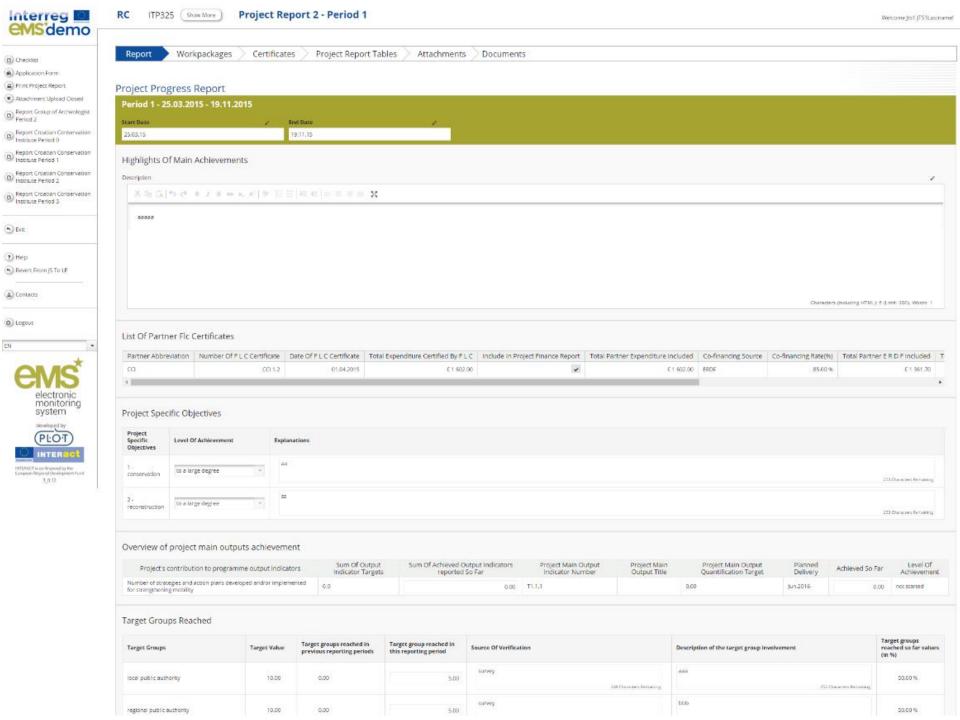
Project Reports

Report	Report Start	Report End	State	Date Of Project Submission	Total Expenditures	View Report		
Period 1 07.	04.2016 - 06.10.201	6						
Report 1.1	07.04.2016	06.10.2016	Report Submitted	11.04.2016	€ 0.00	P		
Period 2 07.	10.2016 - 06.04.201	7						
Report 2.1	07.10.2016	06.04.2017	Report In Progress	In Progress	€ 0.00	P		
Period 3 07.04.2017 - 06.10.2017								
Period 4 07.	10.2017 - 06.04.201	8						
Period 5 07.	04.2018 - 06.10.201	8						
Period 6 07.	Period 6 07.10.2018 - 06.04.2019							
Period 7 07.	Period 7 07.04.2019 - 06.10.2019							
Period 8 07.	Period 8 07.10.2019 - 07.04.2020							

Partner Reports

1 - My lead partner1 - My lead partner1

Report	Report Start	Report End	State	Date Of Partner Submission	Included In Project Report	Total Partner Expenditure Declared ERDF	View Report	Certificate
Period 1 07.04.20	016 - 06.10.2016							
Report 1.1	07.04.2016	06.10.2016	Report FLC Certified	08.04.2016	Not Included	€ 9.38	ø	(A)
Period 2 07.10.20	016 - 06.04.2017							
Report 2.1	07.10.2016	06.04.2017	Report In Progress	In Progress	Not Certified	€ 0.00	ø	
Period 3 07.04.20	017 - 06.10.2017							
Period 4 07.10.20	017 - 06.04.2018							
Period 5 07.04.20	018 - 06.10.2018							
Period 6 07.10.20	018 - 06.04.2019							
Period 7 07.04.20	019 - 06.10.2019							
Period 8 07.10.20	019 - 07.04.2020							
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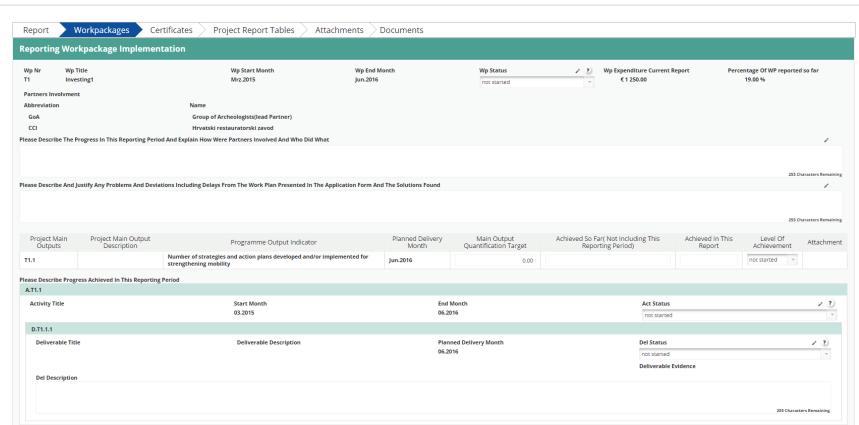
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Project Report 2 - Period 1



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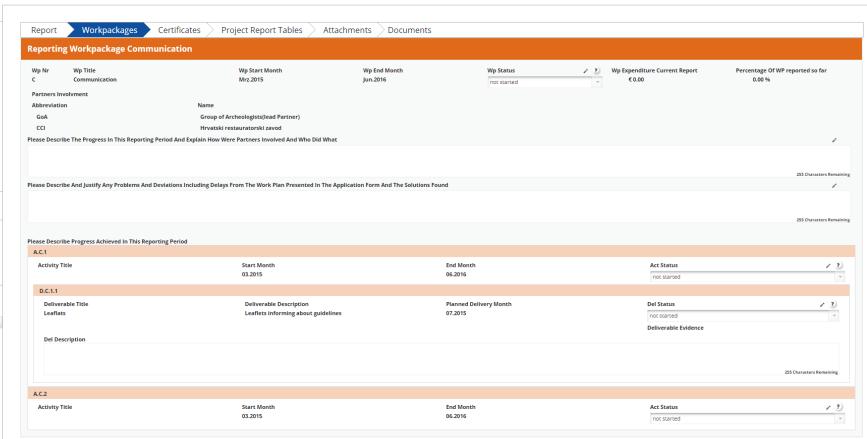
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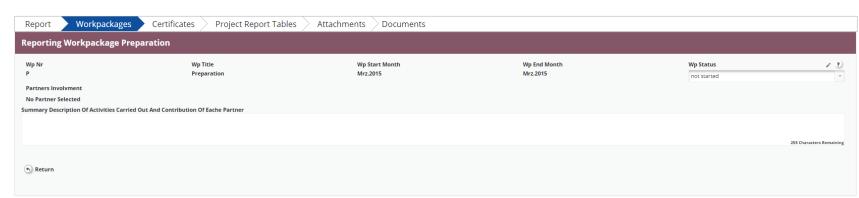
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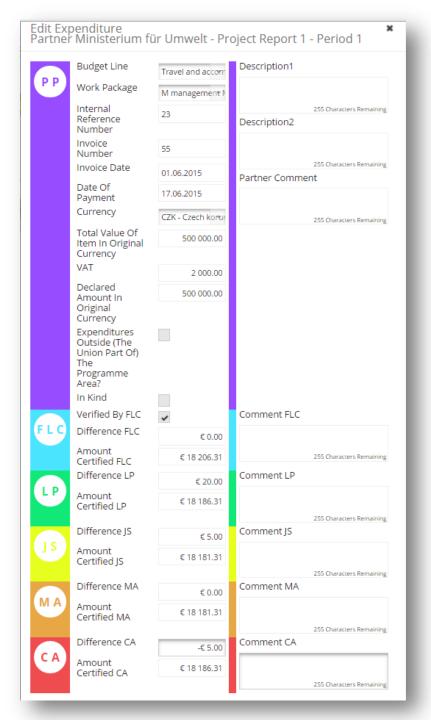
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FLC Certificate

Let's see how it looks <u>like</u>...



Investments (if applicable) are in line with the application form and properly progressing

The description of problems is clear and complete and the adopted/proposed measures

Target groups were involved in the development of main outputs delivered in this

and documented.

reporting period and are realistic.

are suitable to overcome the problems.

Report > Workpackages > Certificates > Project Report Tables > Attachments > Documents

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/eight	Question	Value	Weighted Value	Comment	Confirmed
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)	Delivered to the right location by the set deadline. Day, time of the day or within a certain period.	Yes No Not Applicable		2005 Charazars Renaiding	
	Required number of project progress report versions is submitted. Progress report is submitted in required number of paper and electronic versions.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Characters Remaining	
	Paper and electronic versions are identical. The same templates are used for paper and for electronic version. The content is identical.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Character's Renationing	
	All obligatory annexes are submitted. Obligatory annexes are attached where applicable.	Yes No Not Applicable		2005 Character's Femaleing	
	The project progress report is signed by the authorised signatory. The progress report and its annexes are signed where necessary.	Yes No Not Applicable		2005 Characters Remaining	
	Project progress report and its annexes are correctly filled in. All applicable sections of the progress report are correctly filled in (no automatic errors or missing information).	Yes No Not Applicable		2008 Characters Senaining	
HIT Progres	s Report Check - General Information		0.00		
)	Highlights of main achievement are cumulative (overview from start of the project to the current period), precise, interesting and understandable for non-specialists.	Yes No Not Applicable		2005 Characters Remaining	
	The project website (if existing) is up to date.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Characters Renaining	
)	Information and publicity rules of the EU and the programme were compiled with.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Character's Remaining	
)	In the case of the delayed project, the consequences are not significant for the achievement of project objectives.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Characters Remaining	
HIT Progress	s Report Check - Reporting per Workpackage		0.00		
	The progress on outputs, activities and their deliverables is clearly described and understandable.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Characters Renaining	
	Outputs, activities and their deliverables are in line with application form and communication strategy (if available), if noc, it is justified.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Character's Femaleing	
	There aren't any obvious issues/shortcomings regarding the quality of delivered outputs and deliverables.	Yes No Not Applicable		2005 Churzoses Femaleing	
	The project is well on track to reach or surpass the target values in application form.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Character's Renalising	
)	Reported indicator values are realistic in view of the project progress.	Yes No Not Applicable		2000 Character's Renalising 2000 Character's Renalising	
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Some example...





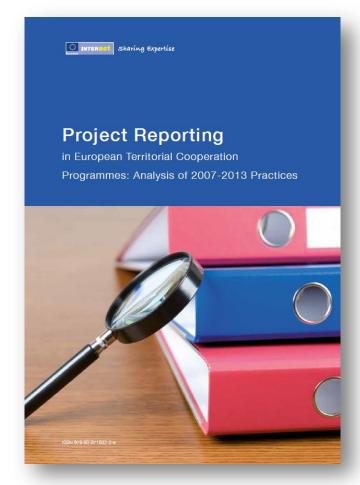


More tips for Project Partners



In order to facilitate the implementation of this phase, Interact produced an exhaustive Manual for Project Reporting, also at benefit of Project Partners, it is available on our website!

As for this procedure, please suggest reading...







Thank you for your attention

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information or visit www.interact-eu.net

