

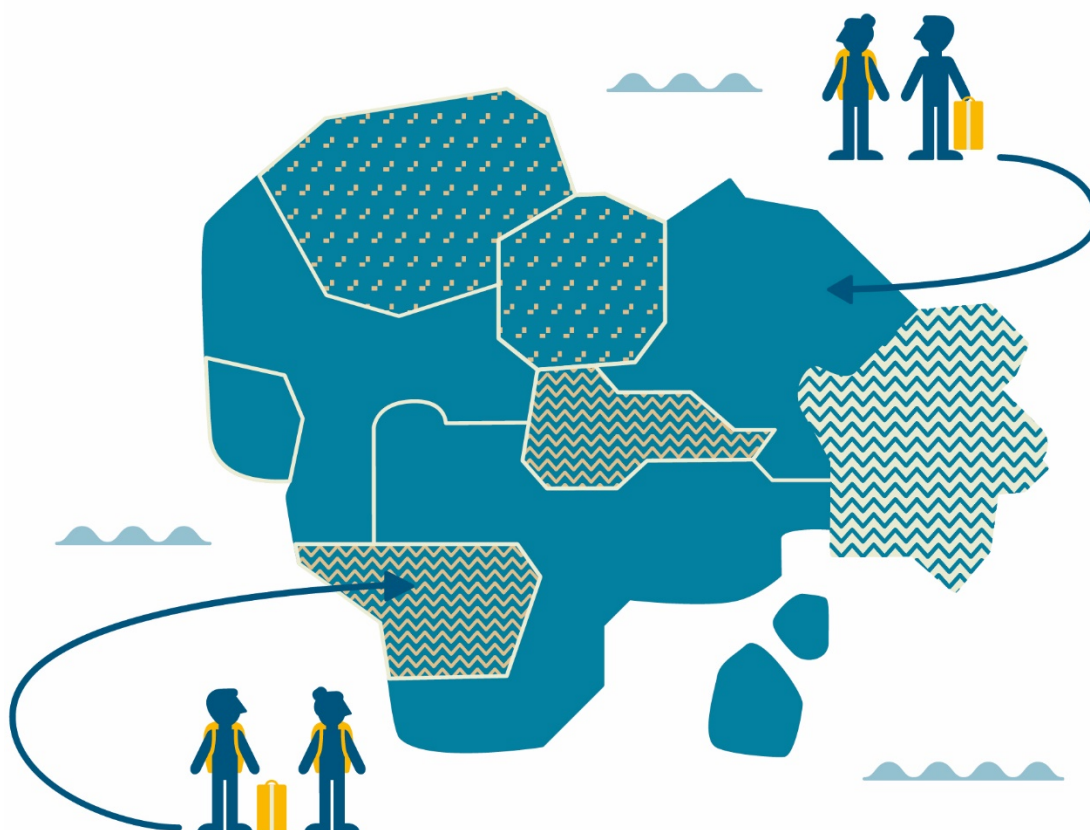
# Interreg response to migration challenges



## Agenda

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Kirchbergasse 33-35  
1070 Vienna, Austria





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### Background

As in the Conclusions of General Affair Council of 19 November 2015 *“Interreg programmes, even though operating with a medium and long-term perspective, may support, where necessary and justified, and in complementarity with other appropriate funding streams, to help respond to migration related challenges within the framework of existing programme priorities and agreed intervention logic.”*

It is indeed recognised that after 25 years of cooperation, Interreg could also provide evidence of what could be achieved thanks to cooperation across borders. In this framework, Interact within the scope of its objectives, is supporting Interreg Managing Authorities and other programme bodies in tackling these challenges. To do this a Pilot Action has been proposed and drafted in cooperation with European Commission DG REGIO and ESPON Programme in order to establish a network for Interreg response to migration-related challenges.

The objective of the pilot action is to establish an exchange and cooperation network between Interreg, Interreg-IPA CBC and ENI CBC Programmes, implementing a series of activities such as exchange meetings and conference, on-line platform and discussion for a through:

- Making available relevant data;
- Spreading knowledge about the current experiences and/or practices of programmes;
- Analysing and facilitate exchange and peer learning about programmes' migration-related measures and projects, aiming to support the adoption of possible Interreg response and actions in this respect: a specific focus will be made on the question of resilience of the regions concerned, to consider how to help those territories to absorb this kind of external shock and increase their capacity in this respect.
- Elaborating a mapping of programmes and possible measures that could be implemented;
- Defining an Action Plan for programmes to implement possible options.

### Objectives

Building on this background, Interact is organizing the technical meeting in order to help reaching common understanding of the topic and all related issues and implications for Interreg Programmes. The meeting will focus on exchanges on migration-related measures and projects. In order to facilitate discussion and exchange, Interact intends to provide data on migration-related information, collection/analysis of available project data related to migration, based on KEEP, up to the 2007-2013 programming period in order to define a list of programmes that could work on the topic (sharing of experiences and knowledge) and also implement possible measures to tackle these challenges (according to programmes' selected priorities).



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### Day One

**Tuesday, 5 July 2016**

**08.30-09.00**

Registration and Welcome Coffee/Tea

**09.00-09.45**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

- Objectives, main expectations and presentation of the Pilot Action

**09.45-12.45**

#### **State of play of Migration Agenda and related initiatives**

- Policy paper and data evidence on migration flows  
*Sandra Di Biaggio and Martin Gauk, ESPON*
- Initiatives at EU level  
*European Commission – DG Regio*
- Conclusions and follow-up of the Council of the EU  
*Frederick-Christoph Richters, Luxembourg Presidency*
- Other initiatives  
*Eberhard Lueder, Red Cross EU Office*  
*Conny Reuter, Solidar*  
*Katie Klaffenböck, Katharina Benedetter and Tania Dedovic, International Organisation for Migration*  
*Gabriela Sonnleitner, Magdas Hotel Vienna*  
*Frode Mortensen, EFTA/EEA grants*

**12.45-13.30**

#### **Experiences under Investments for Growth and Jobs Programmes**

- Desk research analysis and Working Paper  
*Interact*
- Programmes' case studies  
*Dario Caputo, Italy National OP LEGALITA*  
*Nicola Mayerà, Italy Regional OP Calabria 2014-2020*

**13.30-14.30**

Lunch break

**14.30-15.30**

#### **Experiences under Interreg programmes**

- Programmes' case studies  
*Gianluca Ferreri, Interreg 2 Seas project AIMER*  
*Chiara Casarella, Interreg Central Europe project Re-Turn*
- Set-up of future measures  
*Lodovico Gherardi, Interreg ADRION*

**15.30-16.30**

#### **Discussion on the possible role of Interreg**

- 'World café' discussion
  1. What can Interreg achieve (objectives)?
  2. What are the possible measures to tackle these issues (implications)?
  3. What are the main technical needs?
- Plenary discussion and definition of a list of programmes working on the topic (establishing the network)



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**16.30-17.00**

**Wrap-up and next steps**

- Next steps according to pilot Project, needs and set up of the exchange platform

**17.00**

**Closure of the meeting**