

Interact Regional Network Meeting



Agenda

22 - 23 November 2015

Sense Hotel

16 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.,
1000 Sofia, Bulgaria





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Timetable

Day 1 - Tuesday, 22 November

08.45 – 09.00 Registration with morning coffee

09.00 - 12.30 Welcome, objectives and introduction

Morning Session – Plenary and discussions

News from Brussels by Nathalie Verschelde, Deputy Head of D2 Unit, DG Regio, Q&A

News from Interact and brief presentation of Interact 2017 Work plan

Coffee break at 10:30

Designation: Management and control system descriptions
Presentation of designation process by Maria Duzova, Managing Authority, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria

Programme evaluation: Highlights, by Interact

Programme communication: Highlights, by Interact

Open discussion and questions

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 17:00 Afternoon sessions

Parallel workshop for IPA CBC Programmes. Representatives of Interreg-IPA CBC programmes will be invited to the next room for discussions about outstanding performance framework issue.

The rest of participants will join interactive table discussions on themes with most ‘votes’ during registration. The objective of this day’s ‘group therapy’ sessions is to provide programmes with the opportunity to exchange relevant information and possible solutions for the most problematic issues.

Table discussions: 3 thematic discussion rounds. Participants will be able to discuss all 3 topics:

- Project management: Generation and assessment and reporting/monitoring
- Management verification: National control and MA tasks + Simplified costs options
- Programme communication + Capitalisation of 07-13 projects



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Coffee break at 15:00 **After coffee break joint session**

Presentation of the group discussion outcomes per each group, Interreg-IPA CBC programmes will join the rest of the group.

Open discussions and questions

Wrap up of the day

Short walk around the city centre

19:00

Networking Dinner at Moma Restaurant <http://moma-restaurant.com/>

Day 2 - Wednesday, 23 November

09.00 – 09.15 **Conclusions from Day 1**

09.15 – 12:45 **Cross-border Review and Interreg post-2020**

This session of the meeting aims at:

1. Presenting by DG Regio the Cross-border Review and its outcomes as well as discussing the possible actions and governance to be introduced by CBC programmes
2. Brainstorming about the future of Interreg CBC programmes. After having presented by DG Regio and Interact plans for work on Interreg post-2020, we would discuss 2 issues:
 - What is our unique selling point which distinguishes CBC programmes from other EU instruments?
 - Where we would like to be in 2030 – what kind of change we are capable and would like to deliver? What kind of framework do we need for that (eg. legislative, delivery mechanisms, geography, etc.)?

12.45 – 13.00 **Meeting closure**

13.00 – 14.00 **Farewell Lunch**



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Practical Details

Participation in the meeting is free of charge and includes refreshments and lunch. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. If you registered, but are no longer able to participate, please inform us as soon as possible in order to give other interested people the opportunity to participate.

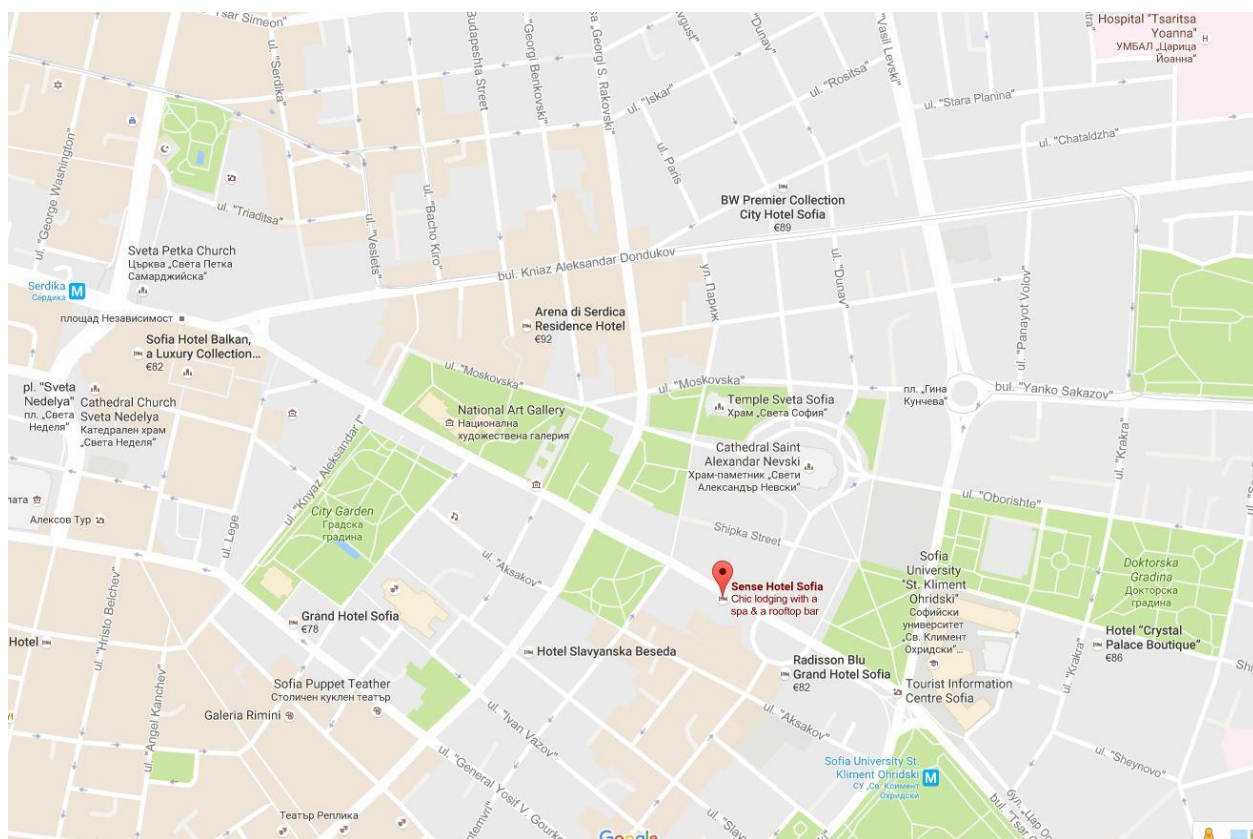
Venue

[42.694260, 23.331444](https://www.google.com/maps/place/42.694260,23.331444)

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The hotel is in the city centre of Sofia, very close to the iconic Cathedral Aleksandar Nevski, one of the symbols of the city.



How to reach:

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

The venue is located 6 minutes walking distance from Metro station Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (СУ „Св. Климент Охридски“) with Metro lines 1 and 2.

From airport to city centre



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Sofia Metro Line 1 connects Sofia Airport to the city centre and provides direct connection from the airport. The journey time from Sofia Airport to the city centre is approximately 18 min. The metro trains on the route to the airport operate from 5:30 a.m. to midnight on weekdays and weekends/holidays.

The metro station at Sofia Airport is located in the eastern part of Terminal 2. You can reach it by following the floor markings in blue at the public area of Terminal 2. Sofia Airport provides free-of-charge transportation between the two terminal buildings. The shuttle bus stops located in front of the terminal buildings are designated by signage and pavement markings.

Ticket machines for metro tickets are located at Sofia Airport Metro Station. The ticket machines accept Bulgarian banknotes and coins, and one of them accepts credit cards as well. Important: Any piece of baggage exceeding 60x40x40 cm requires a separate ticket.

For further details on the routes, timetables, and tariffs of the public transport, please refer to <http://www.metropolitan.bg/en>

<http://www.sofia-airport.bg/en/passengers/and-airport/public-transport>

Taxi

Taxi operator OK Supertrans AD is contractual partner of Sofia Airport. You can request the service at the offices of OK Supertrans in the Arrivals of Terminal 1 and Terminal 2.

Phone +359 2 973 2121; www.oktaxi.net and the floor markings in yellow will lead you to the taxi stand area.

Where to stay:

Sense Hotel (the event venue): <http://www.sensehotel.com/>

Rodisson Blu (150 meters from event venue): <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-sofia>

To find the most appropriate accommodation, many websites provide also with interactive maps, such as www.booking.com, www.hrs.com and many others.

Contact

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Sofia!