

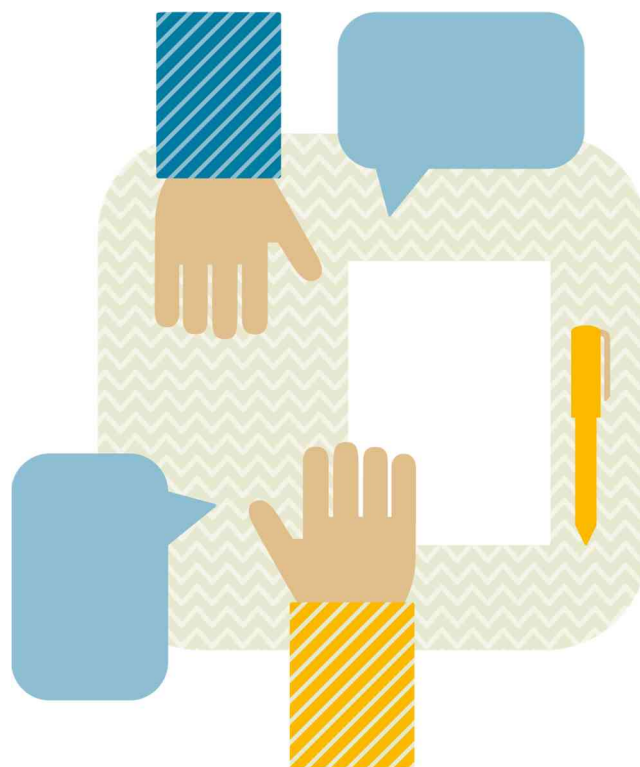
Improving the cross-programme work environment



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Gathering ideas for inter-programme capacity and competence in the near and further future

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Outlines

Although Interreg programmes have (to) describe(d) in their Cooperation Programmes their plan how to coordinate with other funding sources, a systematic coordination among funding sources within and beyond Interreg is still more of an idea than reality. Partly, this is based on coordination been seen as an “extra”, if time allows. Partly, how to do coordination in practice is still a challenge. Since 2014, Interact has been dealing extensively with this issue. A special focus laid on the precondition of the necessary capacity and competence for coordination and cooperation with other funding programmes.

Objectives

Although only 3 years into the new programming period 2014-2020, the discussions about the post-2020 period have started. This event now will give the participants a first opportunity to exchange and discuss in more detail, based on their experiences, how coordination and cooperation with other funding programmes can be made more integrated in the day-to-day programme implementation – with a special focus on the capacity and competence aspects of cross-programme cooperation, hence both the human aspects and the needed working environment.

The aim is to provide relevant findings for creating the right working environment making coordination and cooperation among funding programmes happen and more successful first of all in the present programming period. And at the same time, the ideas collected at the event will contribute to the work of Interact on Interreg post-2020.

Target group

The main target group of this event are the 2014-2020 Interreg programmes. Due to the topic of coordination and cooperation with and across other programmes, participation for other than Interreg programmes will be possible as well. To ensure a good brainstorming atmosphere, the number of participants will be limited to max 30 participants.



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Timetable

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration and welcome coffee
- 09.00 – 09.30 Welcome and introduction
Philipp Schwartz and Aleksandra Rapp, Interact
- 09.30 – 12.00 Strategic stakeholder view – Monitoring/Steering Committee members and National Coordinators & Inter-programme capacity and competence
Philipp Schwartz, Interact
- Presentation and discussion of the Interact survey on how Monitoring/Steering Committee members and National Coordinators think about inter-programme capacity and competence as precondition for inter-programme coordination and cooperation.
- 09:30-10:00 Setting the stage – Reflections on the role and support by the Monitoring/Steering Committee in view of coordination and cooperation*
- *Iruma Kravale (Latvia), Monitoring Committee Member, Interreg Baltic Sea Region / Interreg Europe / Interact / Urbact / ENI Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus*
 - *Teresa Marcinów (Poland), Monitoring Committee Member, Interreg V-A Czech Republic - Poland / Interreg Baltic Sea Region / Interreg Central Europe / Interreg Europe*
- 10:00-11:30 Monitoring/Steering Committee members and IPCC – Presentation of the Interact study and main findings*
- 11:30-12:00 Q&A and main message(s) to be taken home*
- NB! Coffee break will be provided during the morning session.
- 12.00 – 13.00 Visualise the future
Be creative and express how you perceive coordination with other funding programmes in 2014-2020 and how you would like to see it in post-2020.
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break



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14.00 – 16.30 Looking ahead – Coordination & cooperation until and after 2020
Aleksandra Rapp, Interact

Discussion and group work on the lessons learnt and next steps to create/improve the working environment for coordination and cooperation among programmes. The discussion will look at both the strategic/organisational framework (set-up, roles and responsibilities etc.) as well as the individual mind-set, knowledge and skills.

14:00-15:00 Now – What in view of the lessons learnt from the Interact study influences and otherwise positively or negatively influences the working environment for coordination and cooperation with other funding programmes? What can/should be changed already now?

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:30 Later – What kind of working environment we need in the future post-2020 for coordination and cooperation with other funding programmes? What will make inter-programme coordination and cooperation easier post-2020?

16.30 – 17.00 Summary and closure of the event



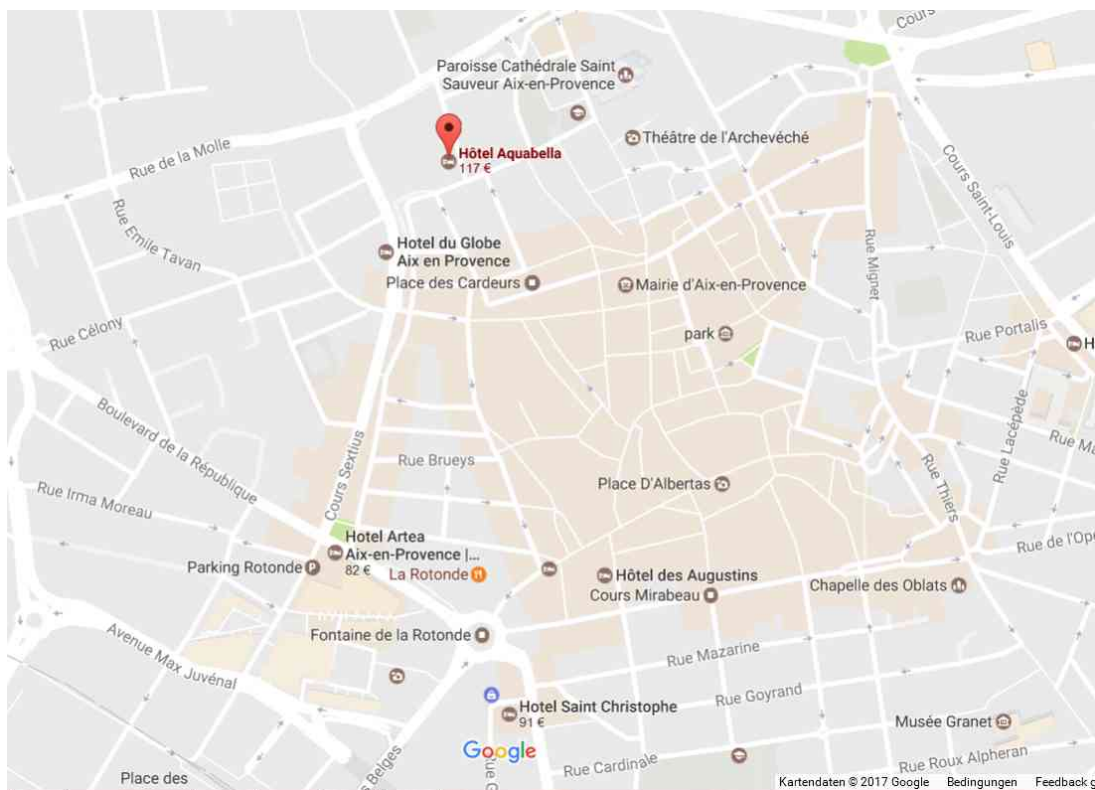
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Venue

The meeting will take place in Aix-en-Provence which you reach easily from the Marseille airport. It actually takes the same time to get from the airport to Marseille city center as it takes to go from the airport to Aix-en-Provence (about 30 minutes by train). Further information on the transfer options can be found at <http://www.marseille-airport.com/access-car-parks/access/by-train-or-by-bus>

In Aix-en-Provence, the meeting will take place in the **Aquabella Hotel** (www.aquabella.fr), 2 Rue des Étuves.



Accommodation

Every participant has to take care of his/her travel and accommodation arrangements. For your convenience, 10 single rooms have been blocked in the Aquabella Hotel (139 EUR/night incl. breakfast). If you want to make use of this reservation, please contact directly the hotel, Mr Marc Fromentin, by e-mail (mfromentin@partouche.com) by **29 January 2017**.