

# Med Lab Group meeting



**Final Agenda, 7-8 February 2017**

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SH Valencia Place. Paseo de la Alameda, 32\_ 46023 Valencia, España.





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#### **Background**

Interact Office in Valencia, since 2011, has been gathering people and programmes around the Mediterranean area under the **Med Lab Group**, always adapting itself to the programmes' needs. In its beginning, the Med Lab Group was used by programmes to share experiences, practices and thematic knowledge on a wide range of topics, such as Natural Risks, Maritime Transport, Energy Efficiency in Buildings, SMEs.

In November 2015, the Mediterranean Transnational Programmes meeting was organised on behalf of the European Commission with the objective to set the basis for permanent platform for coordination and exchange between programme authorities, in order to improve synergies and complementarities between funds designated to territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean area. A report entitled *"Mediterranean dialogue: towards stronger synergies between transnational Interreg programmes"* was produced as a consequence of such meeting.

Building on the work previously achieved and considering all the thematic forums which already exist, it is time to redefine the new aims and contents of the Med Lab Group. This will be done based on the programmes' needs and results of the discussions of these days. This meeting will act as a springboard for a permanent forum, where CBC and transnational programmes of the Mediterranean area will address together management and strategic issues.

#### **Objectives**

The Med Lab Group will take place the 7 and 8 of February, and will hold the following meetings:

##### **Day 1: 7th of February (afternoon session):**

- Exchange practices and solutions between the programmes, based on the topics chosen in the survey sent with the registration.
- Get together transnational and cross border programmes in the Mediterranean to define the aim and content of the MED LAB GROUP as a permanent forum of Interreg Programmes in the area.

##### **Day 2 : 8th of February( morning session):**

- Presentation by DG. REGIO of the Cross Border Review and its outcomes as well as a meaningful discussion about the possible actions and governance to be introduced by the CBC programmes, after having presented DG Regio and Interact plans to work on Interreg post 2020.



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#### **Target groups**

##### **Day 1: 7th of February (afternoon session):**

The Med Lab Group meeting is open to all (**cross/border and transnational**) Heads of Managing Authorities and Joint Secretariats of Interreg programmes in South Europe and Mediterranean area.

##### **Day 2: 8th of February (morning session):**

Cross border review and Interreg post 2020: Heads of Managing Authorities and Joint Secretariats of **only cross-border** programmes, with priority for the South Europe and Mediterranean area.

#### **Methodology**

The session will have an interactive approach, where participants will be able to discuss together matters of mutual concern, facilitated by Interact team members.



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**Timetable**

**Day 1 – Tuesday, 7 February (afternoon session)**

<b>14.00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
<b>14.30 – 15.15</b>	<b>Welcome and Objectives of the meeting</b> <i>Tomasz Petrykowski. Interact</i>
<b>15.15 – 15.45</b>	<b>News from Brussels</b> <i>Nathalie Verschelde. European Commission. DG Regio.</i>
<b>15.45 – 16.05</b>	<b>News from Interact and Presentation of Interact Work Plan for 2017.</b> <i>Tomasz Petrykowski. Interact.</i>
<b>16.05 – 16.20</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16.20 – 17.00</b>	<b>Med Lab Group's evolution, from 2010 to 2020. Existing initiatives going on in the Mediterranean.</b> <i>Mercedes Acitores Interact.</i> <i>Patrizia Busolini. Programme Interreg Med.</i>
<b>17.00 – 18.15</b>	<b>Round Table 1: Discussion and Sharing experiences</b> <i>Interact Team.</i>
<b>18.15</b>	<b>Wrap up of the day. End of session.</b>
<b>20.00</b>	<b>Meeting at the Hotel Hall for Social activity and Networking Dinner</b>



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**Day 2 – Wednesday, 8 February (morning session).**

<b>8.30 – 9.00</b>	Coffee and registration
<b>9.00 - 9.30</b>	Dreaming on an Interreg Perfect World... <i>Interact Team.</i>
<b>9.30 – 10.15</b>	Cross border review Outcomes and possible links to CBC programmes <i>Nathalie Verschelde. European Commission. DG Regio.</i>
<b>10.15 – 13.00</b>	<u>Cross Border Post 2020 Brainstorming exercise</u>
<b>10.15 - 10.45</b>	Interact plans for work on Interreg post-2020. <i>Aleksandra Rapp and Lise Espersen. Interact.</i>
<b>10.45 – 11.00</b>	Coffee Break.
<b>11.00 -12.30</b>	Round Table Discussion. <i>Facilitated by Interact Team.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is our unique selling point which distinguishes CBC programmes from other EU instruments? (30 min)</li><li>• What kind of framework do we need in the future to make the delivery of our programmes more effective and efficient? (30 min).</li><li>• Feedback from participants in the plenary</li></ul>
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b>	Meeting closure.
<b>13:00</b>	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**

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