

Raising Project Quality (workshop)



Agenda
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Outline

This event is a continuation of the Raising Project Quality workshop held in Rome in October 2016.

At this workshop we will continue with the identification of existing and new solutions that programmes can use during the project development, selection and implementation process to improve project characteristics that increase the quality.

Format of the workshop

The workshop foresees a contribution from all participants in the form of active participation in discussions about programme practices used to increase the quality of projects.

Who is it for?

The event is dedicated to experienced Interreg programme staff from the Joint Secretariats, Managing Authorities and other programme bodies which are working on development of practices aimed at raising project quality.

Please note that the primarily target group for this event are the participants from the first Raising Project Quality workshop.



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Timetable – Day 1

09.00 – 09.30 Welcome and Introduction

09.30 – 12.30 Project Development

*Coffee break
at 10.30*

Objective of the session is to identify the existing and new practices in the development and selection phase that will help increase the quality of Interreg projects.

Main discussion topics:

- Guidance for projects: How to make sure they are read, understood and taken into account by project applicants when preparing a project? What can we do differently?
- Project assessment: How to improve assessment procedures to make sure the best quality projects (and not best written projects) are recommended for funding? We will focus on scoring (weighting, thresholds), assessors, and different approaches to assessment.
- Project selection and complaints: Building trust and competence of staff involved in the selection of projects and consequences of selection decisions (types of complaints).

12.30 – 13.30 Buffet Lunch

13.30 – 17.00 Project Development – continuation

*Coffee break
at 15.00*

Project Implementation

Objective of the session is to identify the existing and new practices in the implementation phase that will help increase the quality of Interreg projects.

Main discussion topics:

- Contracting: What can/should be done at this stage to improve the project quality (revision of AF)?
- Guidance, capacity building and assistance to partnerships: How can the programme help partnerships to at least maintain the project quality or even increase it during the implementation?
- Reporting and quality check: How can the quality of projects be checked and how to capture the success stories of projects? Other means of following the project (not only reports) during the implementation.



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- Project underperformance: What does it mean and when can it be observed? What are the consequences of underperformance (procedures used), if any? What measures can be taken to improve it?
- Follow-up activities: Can we increase the quality of projects during implementation by introducing the follow-up procedures and which could these be?

Timetable – Day 2

09.00 – 12.30 **Project Implementation - *continuation***

Coffee break
at 10.30

12.30 – 13.30 **Buffet Lunch**

13.30 – 17.00 **Project Implementation - *continuation***

Coffee break
at 15.00