

Evaluation – how does it go?



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Outlines and Objectives

Interact invites representatives from Interreg programmes working on and with evaluations to join this workshop to discuss current challenges in their evaluation process – and possibly also to discover the opportunities provided by an evaluation.

The main objective of the first day is to exchange with colleagues from other Interreg programmes on the procedure, challenges and lessons learned when drafting Evaluation Terms of References (ToR):

- What are the advantages and lessons learned of having **one ToR for all evaluations** planned for your programme in this programming period?
- What are the advantages and lessons learned of having **several ToRs for the different evaluations** planned for your programme in this programming period?

On the second day you will hear first findings from several evaluations presented by Interreg programmes: what were the challenges and are the lessons learned from the evaluations you have carried out in this period so far? What can be improved for evaluations still to be conducted? How can the operational evaluation be used as a preparation, as input for the impact evaluation?

In addition we will also follow up on our discussions on indicators, which we have started at our previous evaluation events. We will present existing output libraries of Interreg programmes and then discuss how a joint output library of all Interreg programmes could/should look like (output library = an approach for a output typology so that data across programmes could be aggregated and also communicated).

Throughout the workshop guidance and feedback will be available from representatives from the Evaluation Unit of DG Regio.

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Registration

The registration of this meeting is open at our website under: <http://forms.interact-eu.net/evaluation-how-does-it-go>. The registration deadline is 15 May 2017.

Please notice the Smart Specialisation Conference organised by the European Commission taking place on 1-2 June in Helsinki.



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Day 1: Tuesday, 30 May 2017

- 13.00 – 14.00** Registration and welcome lunch
- 14.00 – 14.30** Welcome and Introduction
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- 14.30 – 15.00** ToR and first findings of evaluation
Presentation and Q&A, David Alba, Evaluation Unit, DG Regio
- 15.00 – 15.30** Experiences with drafting one ToR for all evaluation activities in 2014-2020
Presentation and Q&A, Maria Domzal, Interreg North-West Europe
- 15.30 - 15.45** Coffee Break
- 15.45 – 16.15** Experiences of drafting ToRs for impact evaluations planned in 2014-2020
Presentation and Q&A, Jan Pikna, Interreg CZ-PL
- 16.15 – 16.45** Indicator framework against Cohesion framework policy
Presentation and Q&A, Maria Domzal, Interreg North-West Europe
- 16.45-17.00** **Summing up**

Joint Dinner: Interact will make a table reservation in a restaurant offering the possibility for the participants to network in an informal atmosphere (to be covered by the participants themselves).



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Day 2: Wednesday, 31 May 2017

- 09.00 – 09.15** Welcome coffee and introduction
- 09.15 – 09.45** **First findings and process of the operational evaluation**
Presentation and Q&A, Monika Schönerklee-Grasser, Interreg Central Europe
- 09.45 – 10.15** **Lessons learned from previous (impact) evaluations: as preparation, as input for the impact evaluations 2014-2020**
Presentation and Q&A, Shaun Henry, Interreg Ireland-Northern Ireland-Scotland
- 10.15 – 11.00** **Table discussion: How to use operational evaluation for impact evaluation**
- 11.00 – 11.15** Coffee break
- 11.15 – 11.45** **Open Source and added value of cooperation**
Presentation and Q&A, David Alba, Evaluation Unit, DG Regio
- 11.45 – 13.15** **Output library: aggregation of outputs across Interreg programmes:**
Panel discussion with Stefanie Amorosi (Alpine Space), Anu Roomere (Estonia-Latvia); Simona Vasile (Romania-Bulgaria); Polona Frumen (Interact), Rafael Agostinho (Interact, KEEP);
- 13.15 – 13.30** *Summing up and next steps*
- 13.30 – 14.30** *Farewell Lunch*