



'EU news'

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STEERING GROUP
MEETING

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2021 Interreg Annual Event

Innovative format, dialogue, focus on practical issues:

- Hybrid from Brussels on 7-8 October 2021
- Elisa Ferreira, novelties for the 2021-2027 period, 4 parallel sessions: communication, EGD, implementation, governance
- Marjorie Jouen (Jacques Delors Institute)
- Dialogue with young people



<https://interreg-annual-event.tw.events/en/recording>

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ELISA FERREIRA
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LOOK
OUT
FOR
VIDEOS

GREENER
EUROPE

INTERREG
FOR A GREENER,
CARBON FREE
EUROPE

WELCOME

MODERATOR
DIANA MADILL

A
HYBRID EVENT
SLIDO

→ INTERREG 2021



SCARS OF
CONFLICT

YOUTH!
ENERGY

OUR
CHALLENGES
ARE
OBVIOUS

OUR PART IN THE
FUTURE OF EUROPE
AT
THE
CROSS
ROADS

THE GREEN
DEAL &
IT'S PREDECESSORS
PROVIDE MANY
EXAMPLES

COVID HAS
SHOWN US
WHAT WE
CAN DO
WHEN WE
MUST

THESE
THINGS
ARE
BEYOND
BORDERS

THESE ARE
COMMON
CHALLENGES

CLIMATE
CHANGE

DIGITISATION

LIFE & WORK

OUR TOOLS
TO
CHANGE

VALUES
EUROPEAN TO SUPPORT EUROPEAN

QUESTIONS...
LOCATION &
VIRTUAL LOCATION
ON THE GROUND
& COLLABORATION

EXPANSION TO THE
ACCESSION COUNTRIES

THE IDEAL
INTERREG
PROJECT?

IN THE
STAR
HEAD

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PANEL: DG REGIO

JEAN-PIERRE HALKIN
IPA, NEXT, MRS

PASCAL BOIJMANS
CROSS BORDER
PROGRAMME

MORAY GILLAND
ECONOMIC
ANALYSIS

DARIA GISMONDI
EVALUATION

MARCELA BUZOI
AUDIT & CONTROL

NOVELTIES FOR
THE 2021-2027
PROGRAMMING
PERIOD

MORAY

WHAT ARE
THE 2 MOST
IMPORTANT
FEATURES OF
MS?

THE REGULATORY
PROCESS WAS LONG
& TWISTY!

SHH!
WE ALL WANT
MORE MONEY
FOR INTERREGG
(A BADLY KEPT
SECRET)

SPECIFICITY

$$x + y = z$$

&
SIMPLICITY



WE NEED TO GET THIS UP & RUNNING!

DARIA

WHAT ADVICE
WOULD YOU
GIVE?

WE HAD A
LIMITED
NUMBER
OF COMMON
OUTPUT
INDICATORS...



...SO WE'VE
BEEN UNABLE
TO DEMONSTRATE
THE IMPACT!

THE 2021-
2027
PROGRAMME
WILL HAVE
MANY MORE



...USE THE
COMMON
OUTPUT
INDICATORS
FIRST..

A TOOL THAT
CAN SUPPORT
THE WHOLE
PROGRAMME!



START
THINKING
NOW!

PASCAL

HOW WILL
WE TRANSLATE
TERRITORIAL
ASPECTS INTO THE
PROGRAMME



WE'VE ALWAYS
HAD A
TERRITORIAL
ASPECT

HOWEVER,
YOU MAY
HAVE TO
INVEST
OUTSIDE
YOUR AREA...

“FLEXIBLE
GEOGRAPHY!”

WE ALSO
AIM TO BRING
EUROPE
CLOSER TO
IT'S CITIZENS



Why embedding?

- Zagreb November 2019
- Cooperation high on the EU agenda: It was asked for by stakeholders: And it became a horizontal objective for EU Cohesion Policy 2021-2027
- Cooperation central to the implementation of MRS: and if we want to succeed with the MRS, the transnational Interreg programmes are not enough
- Embedding is a political priority: Commission's third report on the implementation of MRS, clear message from the ministerial meeting at the EUSDR AF 2020
- And in the Council Conclusions on the implementation of the MRS
- MA networks (ESF, ERDF-CF, NDICI, IPA)
- An inclusive process where we all have important roles to play!

Which are the legal provisions?

Programming phase:

Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (CPR)
supports embedding:

Article 22 on Content of programmes

Under (3): Each programme shall set out:

(a) a summary of the main challenges, taking into account:

(vi) macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies where Member States and regions participate in such strategies;

(d) for each specific objective:

(i) the related types of actions and their expected contribution to those specific objectives and to macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, where appropriate



What do we do in the Commission?

Screening of mainstream national and regional programmes within European Commission: REGIO geographical units should consult units D1 and D2 on the draft (and final version) of programmes received. D1 and D2 screens the programmes and make comments that GUs are asked to forward to Member State authorities. We also attend meetings with Member State authorities to explain the rationale:

- Thematic embedding of MRS into national and regional 'mainstream programmers' (including link to Annex D)
- Mechanisms for implementing the embedding at project level: Potential tools which can be utilised by managing authorities to incorporate the EUSDR objectives into their actions
- Coordination between funding instruments: Participation in MA networks

How can this be done?

Under “Interregional and transnational actions — Article 17(3)(d) (v)” in the template for **each** specific objective:

- Indicate the fields of actions in which the programme will support transnational cooperation (water management, reduce nutrient levels, secure viable populations of endangered species.....)
- Indicate which PAs/actions of the MRS that cover these topics
- Indicate any particular actions, networks, initiatives falling within these PAs/actions where the programme will support cooperation
- Indicate which regions covered by the MRS that are particularly targeted
- If for some specific objectives no cooperation activities are foreseen, say so and explain why!

What do we see in the programmes?



Which are the next steps?

Implementation phase:

Council conclusions from 2 December 2020: Actions which need to be addressed as priorities in 2021 based on the Council conclusions:

- Council calls on COM to report on the embedding
- Council calls on all participating countries/regions, with the support of the Commission and as soon as possible, to establish networks of (managing) authorities of relevant 2021-2027 EU funding programmes (Cohesion Policy Funds, EAFRD, EMFF, IPA, NDICI)
- Monitoring of the embedding: current work by DSP