

Improving Synergies across the Mediterranean for post 2020

Tools and Themes



28 of April 2021.

Online Meeting_ 9.00 - 12.30 CET

Please note that this is a technical meeting where no decisions are taken but allows programme bodies to exchange on their visions



Improving synergies across Mediterranean for post 2020 IV.

How? Tools and Themes

28 April 2021.

Online (9.00-12.30 CET).

Reminder.

With the new programming period the renowned calls for more integrated approach to sectoral and/or territorial policy implementation are being raised. In the meanwhile, the Commission through the Orientation Papers encourages a stronger cooperation between programmes operating within the same area (TN-CBC-including_IPA, Interreg next). Working together, promoting common objectives and reinforcing synergies between programmes leads to a higher EU added value, a stronger impact in the area, a better allocation of public resources and improves the capacities of the programme authorities and beneficiaries. In this spirit and within this goal the Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes are encouraged as well to use cooperation more actively.

Interreg programmes operate in a specific territory/geographical area thus give response to territorial challenges. Based on this reality, improving synergies and intercoordination of the operations implemented by the most appropriate geographical scale can increase its efficiency when giving response to territorial challenges.

A dialogue between the programmes is, therefore, essential, to agree on challenges and type of actions /interventions. This should be addressed from an early stage of the programming, as a basis for long term coordination during the programme's implementation.

So far, there were 3 meetings took place: The first one, June 2020 the focus was on WHAT theme could programmes be interested in working jointly. The second, September 2020, on WHO does what to ensure programme inter-coordination. The third of HOW to do Inter-programme coordination considering the territorial and sea basin strategies and the template for programme's submission.

Objectives

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE.

To reinforce the cooperation between TN, CBC, ENI and IPA from the programming process to its implementation for a better coordination across programmes
Higher impact in the territory. More efficiency while using public funds.

To explore the need for a coordination mechanism/solution to address geographical and thematic challenges and build synergies.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE.

This fourth meeting will focus on Tools and Themes, based on the information to be provided in sections 1.2 and 2.1.2 of the programme's template.

- Update on programmes thematic choice for next period based on the task Forces decisions.
- Discussion on possible activities programmes may finance under each theme.
- Information and discussion on existing tools that could ease future activities on synergies.



Improving synergies across Mediterranean for post 2020 IV.

How? Tools and Themes

28 April 2021.

Online (9.00-12.30 CET).

Target group

This meeting will be prior invitation.

- MA or JS (only 1 representative).
 1. TN Med
 2. TN Adrion
 3. TN Sudoe
 4. TN BalkanMed
 5. CBC Italy France Maritime,
 6. CBC Italy Malta
 7. CBC Italy Croatia
 8. CBC Italy Slovenia
 9. CBC Italy Greece
 10. CBC France Italy Alcotra
 11. CBC Spain France Andorra
 12. CBC Greece Cyprus
 13. CBC Greece Bulgaria
 14. CBC IPA Croatia Bosnia Montenegro
 15. CBC IPA Italy Albania Montenegro
 16. CBC IPA Greece Albania
 17. NEXT TN MED
 18. NEXT CBC Italy Tunisia.

- Observers:
 - Member States, Partner and IPA countries members of TF meetings. 1 representative
 - EUSAIR and WestMed representatives. (WestMed Assistance Mechanism on behalf of the Initiative)
 - EC: DG Regio, DG Mare



Improving synergies across Mediterranean for post 2020 IV.

How? Tools and Themes

28 April 2021.

Online (9.00-12.30 CET).

8.30 – 9.00

Check-in to virtual meeting room and technical settings.

Please join the virtual meeting room in good time to test technical settings and to ensure we will start on time. The room will be open 30 minutes before the meeting will start (i.e. at 8.30 CET).

9.00 - 9.05

Welcome and technicalities.

Introduction to the meeting, objectives and approach.
Interact/TESIM

9.05 – 9.20

Information and Updates.

- Objective: Commission will update on the most recent news for Interreg programmes
- Speakers. Jean Pierre Halkin and Pascal Boijmans. DG Regio
- Moderation: Interact

9.20 - 10.25

Thematic Concentration

- Objective: State of play on programmes choices in SO and themes provided by the MA based on TF meetings. Discussion in 4 thematic break out rooms on the kind of activities/operations programmes may finance/support in 2021-2027. Possibilities for capitalisation.
- Moderation: Interact/TESIM

10.25 - 10.30

Comfort break

10.30 – 11.25

How Interact harmonization tools (HIT, Jems and Keep 3.0) can improve Interprogramme Coordination in the Mediterranean?. Technical Discussion

- Objective: Discussion on possibilities to use existing management support tools for better exchange during programme implementation (exchange during application phase, delivered outputs, partner involvement etc.) To launch the discussion, the existing Interact tools HIT, Jems and Keep will be presented. The session will demonstrate what are there for programmes and how these tools could potentially improve Interreg programmes coordination and synergies.
Examples: HIT (common/joint/chain calls), Jems (comparing proposals) and Keep (data base, etc).
- Speakers. Isabella Leong_HIT, Alexandra Kulmer and Aija Prince _Jems, Rafael Agostinho_Keep 3.0
- Moderation: Interact

11.25 - 12.25

Breakout rooms in themes to discuss about the possibility offered by the tools.

- Objective: Programmes would go back to the thematic breakout rooms and continue discussion on possible cooperation/coordination within the selected thematic topics, including, operational aspects such as, e.g, sharing calls, applications and data, use of different tools.
- Moderation: Interact/TESIM

12.25 – 12.30

Conclusions and next steps.

Interact/TESIM



**Improving synergies across Mediterranean for post 2020 IV.
How? Tools and Themes
28 April 2021.
Online (9.00-12.30 CET).**

Practicalities

Online meeting and meeting times

All times indicated in this agenda are CET (Brussels time).

We will meet online using the video conferencing tool Zoom. Together with your registration confirmation, you will receive the link and further information how to access the virtual meeting room.

To enable a swift start at 9:00, the virtual room will open half an hour before (8.30) the meeting start and we will be present for your (technical) assistance.

This meeting will be recorded but not published.

Other information

In case of questions related to content, please address Mercedes Acitores
mercedes.acitores@interact-eu.net.

If there are any technical issues with Zoom, then please contact Ilze Ciganska
ilze.ciganska@interact-eu.net.