

Let's put territoriality on the map

Discussing territorial tools and the future of territoriality



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Outline

Join us for the discussions on why territorial approaches matter more than ever. Many challenges can't be solved within administrative borders alone - real solutions require cooperation across regions, taking into account the unique characteristics of each territory. That's why multilevel governance and place-based approaches are the core of Interreg programmes.

This event will dive into how territoriality works in practice for Interreg programmes. We'll explore existing tools like ITI, CLLD, PO5, and TIA - what's working, what's not, and how they can be simplified to boost their impact. In addition, together with programmes we will explore other innovative territorial tools or strategies that could help tackle territorial challenges.

Additionally, we would like to brief you on the discussions going on for the Post27 programme period.

Don't miss this opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences, and shape the future of territorial governance.

See you in Vienna!

Objectives

This event aims to:

- Explore the territorial instruments that are used by Interreg
- Discover which territorial instruments are working and which one are not,
- Map other territorial instruments and tools used by programmes and explore their potentials
- Gather input to policy debate on territoriality in post 2027 Interreg.

Target group

This event is aimed at staff the Managing Authority or Joint Secretariat of Interreg programmes, as well their respective decision-making bodies. We welcome Interreg programmes from all strands to participate and actively contribute to the discussions.

Please note: Interreg Central Europe is also hosting an event on territoriality on 27 May, the day before this event. This is a great opportunity to explore the topic from different perspectives and gain even more insights by attending both events. You can find more information [here](#).

Registration:

The registration is already open. Please access it [here](#).



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Wednesday, 28 May 2025

9.30 – 10.00

Welcome and introduction

Interact

10.00 – 10.20

Inspirational speech

Moray GILLAND, Head of Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement, Unit D1 (tbc)

10.20 – 13.00

Incl. coffee

break

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World café

Objective of the session: This session aims to explore how Interreg programmes are implementing territoriality in practice. Together, we will map the tools currently in use, identify gaps, and discuss additional approaches that go beyond regulatory frameworks. Participants will also evaluate the advantages and challenges of these tools and practices, fostering a collective understanding of effective territorial cooperation.

Territorial instruments in Cohesion Policy: experiences and lessons so far

Stefan Kah, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 17.00

Incl. coffee

break

TA2030 and territoriality

Presentations and Q&A

Objective of the session: This session explores how the Territorial Agenda 2030 (TA2030) integrates territoriality into policymaking and implementation. It will highlight practical approaches, key challenges, and opportunities for strengthening place-based cooperation across regions.

Territoriality Post27

Presentations and panel discussion (tbc), open discussion with all participants

Objective of the session: Explore current developments and ongoing high-level discussions related to territorial cooperation and assess their potential impact on Interreg programmes.

17.00 - 17.30

Wrap up and outlook

Interact



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Practicalities

Venue

Europahaus Wien, Tagungs- und Veranstaltungszentrum
Linzer Straße 429, A – 1140 Wien

How to reach the venue?

The meeting venue is located

- 15 minutes walking distance from the metro station **U4 Hütteldorf** or
- **U4 Hütteldorf** and then take **Bus 49 A** or **Bus 50 A** or **Bus 50 B (4 minutes)**.

Travel

Travel to and from Vienna: The closest airport is Vienna International Airport. Vienna has direct flight connections with most of the European capitals. For more information please visit: www.viennaairport.at

Transfers to and from the airport to the city centre

- CAT – City Airport Train: Train between the Airport and Station Landstrasse/Wien-Mitte (16 minutes); Tickets can be purchased in the ticket machines at the station or online at www.cityairporttrain.com.
- Airport Bus: Buses to Westbahnhof (45 minutes) or Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz (30 minutes); Ticket can be purchased on the bus; www.postbus.at.
- S-Bahn (Suburban rail): Train between the Airport and Station Landstrasse/Wien-Mitte (24 minutes); Tickets can be purchased in ticket machines at stations.
- Railjet trains – direct connection from the Airport to the Vienna main train station (Hauptbahnhof). It takes 15-17 minutes, and the ticket costs 4.40 EUR (<https://shop.oebbtickets.at/en/ticket>).
- Taxi (about 35 EUR if pre-ordered): www.airportdriver.at; www.ck-airportservice.at; and others.

For more details please see: www.viennaairport.at and www.wienerlinien.at.

Accommodation

We are using a meeting space, not a hotel for this event. We were not able to reserve accommodation for our participants. Please use a search engine such as hotels.com, booking.com, etc., to book your accommodation. Vienna has a variety of accommodation, to suit all tastes and budgets.

We look forward to meeting you in Vienna!