

Exploring synergies between Interreg IPA and IPA-IPA programmes



18 May 2022 (08:30 – 12:30 CEST)

Final agenda

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Tirana, Albania

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08:30 – 9:00

Registration and welcome

For online participants: Please join the virtual meeting room in good time to test and ensure that the technical settings enable you to participate actively during the meeting.

9:00 – 10:15

Welcome, introduction, and setting the scene

Interact programme

CBIB+3 project

Mr Jean-Pierre Halkin, Macro-regions,
Transnational, Interregional, External Cooperation, Enlargement,
DG REGIO

Mr Elbert Krasniqi, Minister of Local Government
Administration of Kosovo*

Mr Mauro di Veroli, IPA planning, reporting and coordination for
Western Balkans, DG NEAR

Mr Massimo Gerli, EU funds National Coordinator, Presidency of
the Council of Ministers – Department for Cohesion Policy of
Italy

Ms Stella Arneri, Director-General – Ministry of Regional
Development and EU funds of Croatia

Ms Irena Bošković, Head of the Operating Structure for cross-
border cooperation programmes - Ministry of European Affairs
of Montenegro

Mr Andi Seferi, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Tirana

Q&A moderated by Interact (both online and in-situ)

10:15 – 10:30

Comfort break

10:30 – 11:45

From vision to implementation: Food for thought

Mr Robert Lichtner, Danube Strategy Point (DSP) Coordinator
“The role of macroregions as frameworks for synergies”

Mr Ivano Magazzu, Interact programme
“Strategies for synergies: an Interreg example “

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



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Mr Gilles Kittel, Team Leader - EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, IPA and enlargement negotiations, DG REGIO
“Prespa area: an example of possible synergies”

Mr Mauro Novello, Head of JS, Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro programme
“How can we create synergies”

Discussion facilitated by Interact and CBIB+3 (both online and in-situ)

- 11:45 – 12:00** **Wrap up, evaluation & next steps**
- 12:00 – 12:30** **Celebrating IPA: 15 years of progressive and positive developments in the Western Balkans**
All participants (location: Maritim Hotel Plaza)
- 12:30 – 13:00** **Light Lunch**
- 13:00 – 15:00** **Project visit - CIRCE**, funded by Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro programme
Academy of Arts (5' walk from Maritim Hotel Plaza)
All participants
- 18:00 – 19:00** **Projection of Tirana cinema students' movies**
Academy of Arts
Sheshi Nënë Tereza 2, Tiranë 1019, Albania
All participants
- 19:00 – 20:00** **A debate with the students**
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