



Navigating Project Monitoring: practices, challenges, and new perspectives

20-21 May 2025

Helsinki | Finland

Agenda

Day 1**Tuesday, 20 May****09.00 – 9.30
(EET)**

Registration and coffee break

9.30 – 10.00**Welcome and introduction**

The aim of the session is to get to know each other, set the scene for the event, gather expectations and present the agenda.

10.00 – 11.00**Insights: navigating the latest trends in project management**

The objective of this session is to present the latest trends in project management and have a brief reflection about their relevance to Interreg.

11.00 – 11.30**Coffee break****11.30 – 13.00****Smart monitoring in the project startup phase**

The objective of the session is to explore together the effective strategies in laying a strong foundation for the high quality and sustainable project results at the start-up phase of the project implementation.

Programme experience: Christophe Ebermann (Central Europe)

13.00 – 13.55**Lunch break****13.55 – 15.30****Establishing trust and setting collaboration up for success**

How trust is built, destroyed, and regained? What topics should be covered and discussed early in the collaboration to set up the stage for good collaboration and even better problem-solving?

Programme experience Aleksandra Gierat (South Baltic programme)

External expert Marta Karlsone

15.30 – 15.50**Coffee break****15.50 – 17.00****Approaches when the unexpected strikes**

This session will focus on real cases from programmes. Participants will discuss root causes, exchange on potential strategies for handling project setbacks and reflect on how early risk signs could have been identified or addressed to avoid such setbacks.

Programme experience: Inese Nikopensius, Riina Vaap (Estonia–Latvia programme).



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Day two

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Reflection of day 1 and introduction to day 2

9.50 – 11.00

Project changes and reporting

This session will provide a platform to exchange current practices on project reporting and changes, identify what works well, and collaboratively explore potential improvements to make the change management process more effective.

Programme experience Ágnes Dobrotka (IPA Hungary-Serbia programme)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Project changes and reporting continues

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Challenging conversations and conflict management

We'll look at why we tend to avoid challenging conversations in the early stages and how that is one of the biggest culprits. We'll also look for ways to gather courage and empathy to step into those challenging conversations with honesty and respect toward everyone involved with the main goal in mind - maintaining trust and efficient collaboration.

External expert Marta Karlson

15.30 – 16.00

Closure

16.00 – 17.00

Possibility for peer-to-peer exchanges