

Controllers workshop

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Controllers workshop

Welcome and introduction

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Agenda/ day one

10:00

**Welcome and
introduction**

10:15

**News and
updates**

10:45

**First audit
results in
Interreg**

11:15

Coffee break

11:45

**Irregularities
and Anti-fraud**

13:00

Lunch break

14:00

**Eligibility of
expenditure
and Simplified
cost options**

15:30

Coffee break

16:00

**AI and
Control**

FIN

End of day 1

Agenda/ day two

9:30

Reconnection
and recap of
the first day

9:45

Risk-based
management
verifications

11.15

Coffee break

11:30

State aid

12:30

Wrap-up and
next steps

End of the meeting!

Objectives of the Workshop

To get updates on, learn about and exchange on:

- News on finances in Interreg
- First audit results and Irregularities
- Eligibility of Expenditure and SCOs
- RBMV methodologies, practical application, first results
- State aid

Exchange experience and share good practices among participants

House Keeping

Be active

Ask Questions!

Be open

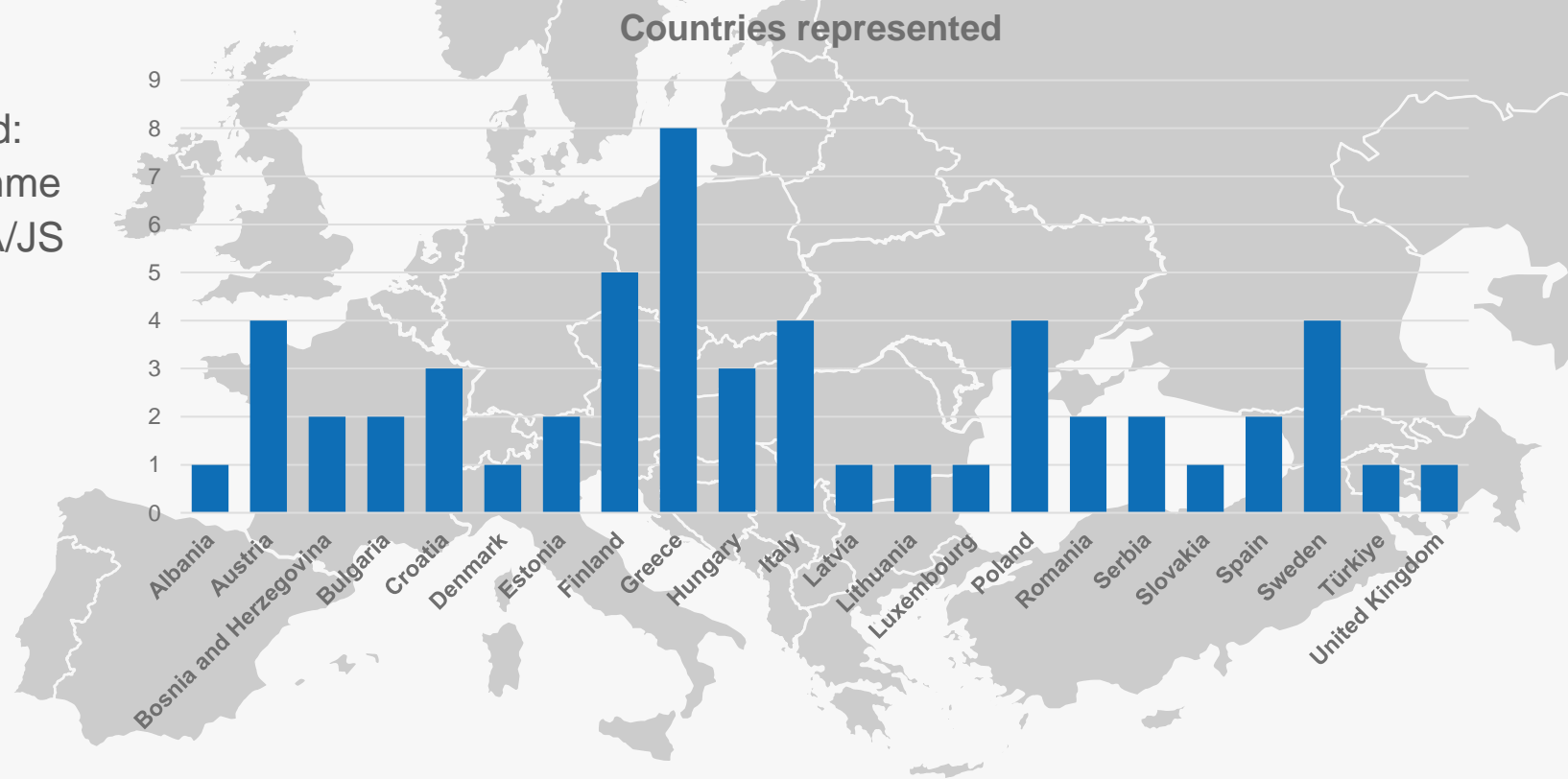
Be patient with your peers

Have a good time!

Participants

55

22 countries represented:
Controllers and Programme
representatives from MA/JS



Ice breaker

Get to know each other!

Stand up and line up according to:

1. Country names in English from A to Z
(the country where you work)
2. Number of years worked in the field of
control

Time limit: **5 min for each round!**

Practicalities

All presentations will be uploaded the Interact library!

Coffee breaks/lunch – get to know each other!

Questions and answers are always welcome and what cannot be answered will be investigated after the event!

Be active!



Questions from registration

Audit / Irregularities / Anti fraud

- Key focus areas, findings and recommendations from system audits
- Conflict of interest handling and differences in programme manuals (esp. staff vs. external costs)
- Audit findings on conflict of interest
- Audit requirements and findings related to simplified cost options.
- Approaches to “separate accounting” under EU state aid law

Risk-based Management Verifications

- Sharing experiences on RBMV
- Comparison of approaches to selecting risky projects and implementing RBMV
- Use and necessity of 100% checks in risk-based scenarios
- Adjustments to RBMV methodology based on audit findings
- First audit experiences with KR4 and RBMV methodologies

Questions from registration

Eligibility

- Common procurement eligibility issues
- Rules and practices on low-value procurement and conflict of interest
- Staff cost eligibility when conflict of interest is present.
- Staff cost reporting for partial periods (e.g. 1 out of 6 months)
- Staff cost eligibility under the 1720 method, especially for private entities
- Eligibility cases related to state aid

Simplified Cost Options

- Audit procedures and findings related to SCOs
- Results and challenges of applying SCOs and risk-based controls
- Experiences verifying lump sums based on draft budgets
- Concerns about the 1720 method and lack of proof of payment checks

Questions from registration

State aid

- Understanding and implementation of Article 20a GBER and related verifications/reporting
- Controllers' role and responsibilities regarding state aid
- Eligibility of VAT and additional contributions under state aid schemes
- Country approaches to state aid-related accounting practices

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What's new in Interreg?

Latest news and Updates

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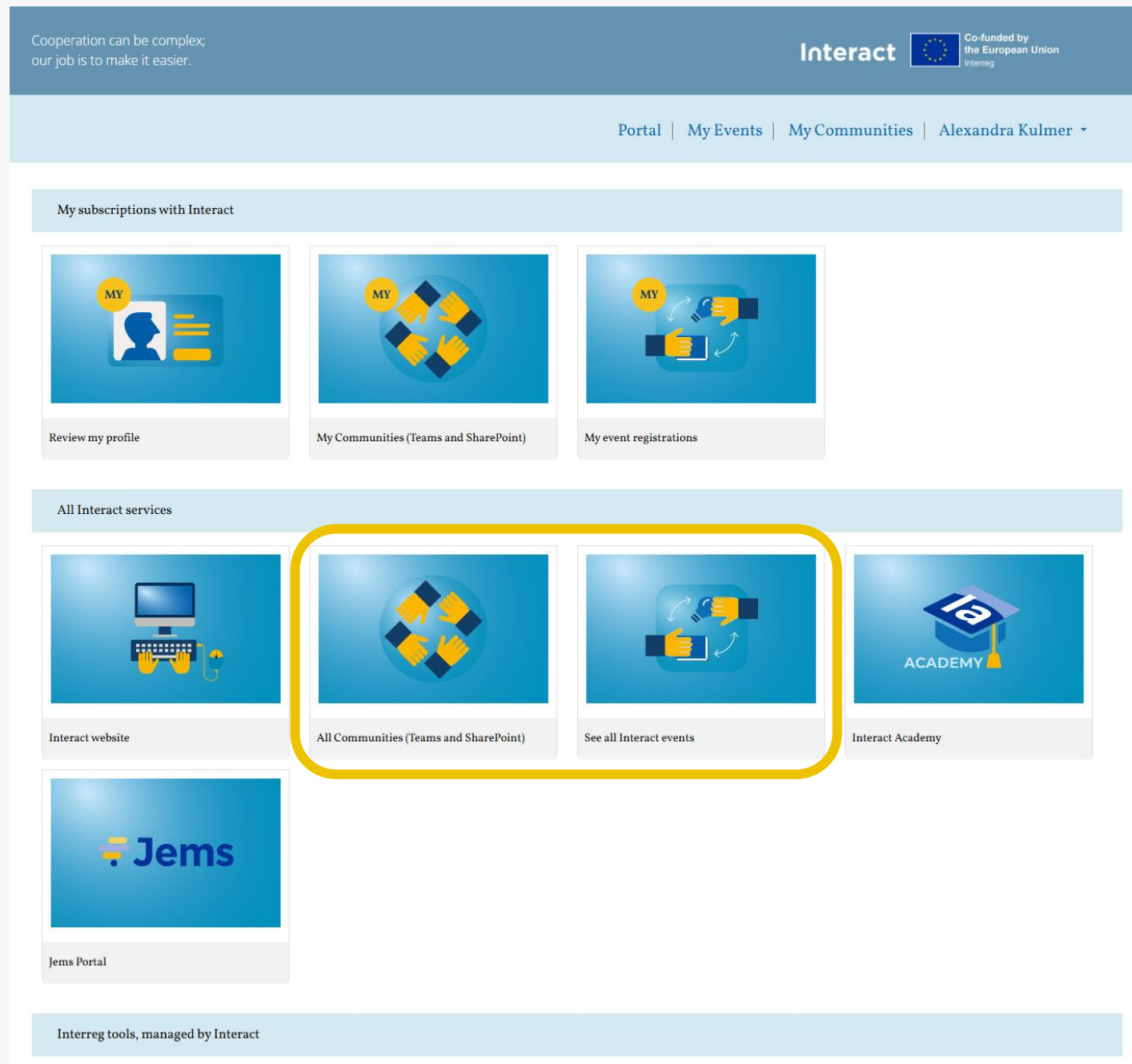
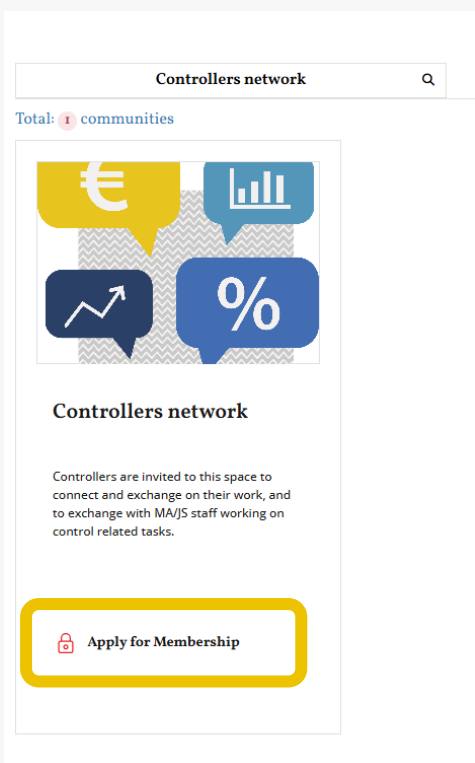
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Interact portal

<https://portal.interact.eu>





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

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- Welcome to our Controller network channel!**
 Welcome to the main exchange point for our Controllers network. This 'Announcements and updates' channel is created for us to keep each other up to date and to exchange with each other. Please react to this message to show you made it this far – and if you have any questions or comments, feel free to share them here!
 Reactions: 5 thumbs up, 2 hearts, 1 smiley face.
- Controllers Workshop 4-5 June**
 In six weeks, our next Controllers Workshop will take place from 4 to 5 June 2025 in Athens, Greece. Registration for the event is now open via our new Interact portal. You can find the registration link on our website: <https://www.interact.eu/events/256>



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Welcome to our new collaboration space for Controllers

Welcome to MS Teams and SharePoint Interact is...



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Quick Links

-  [Old IBM Space](#)
-  [New MS Portal](#)


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Interreg events related to Management verifications

- Risk-based management verifications in Interreg, Budapest, Hungary, 7 November 2025
<https://www.interact.eu/library/346>
- Workshop on management verifications, Valetta, Malta, 22 May 2025
- Management verification in Interreg, Athens, Greece, 3 June 2025

Jems development

End of Development phase

20 December 2024 – Release of Jems Version 12

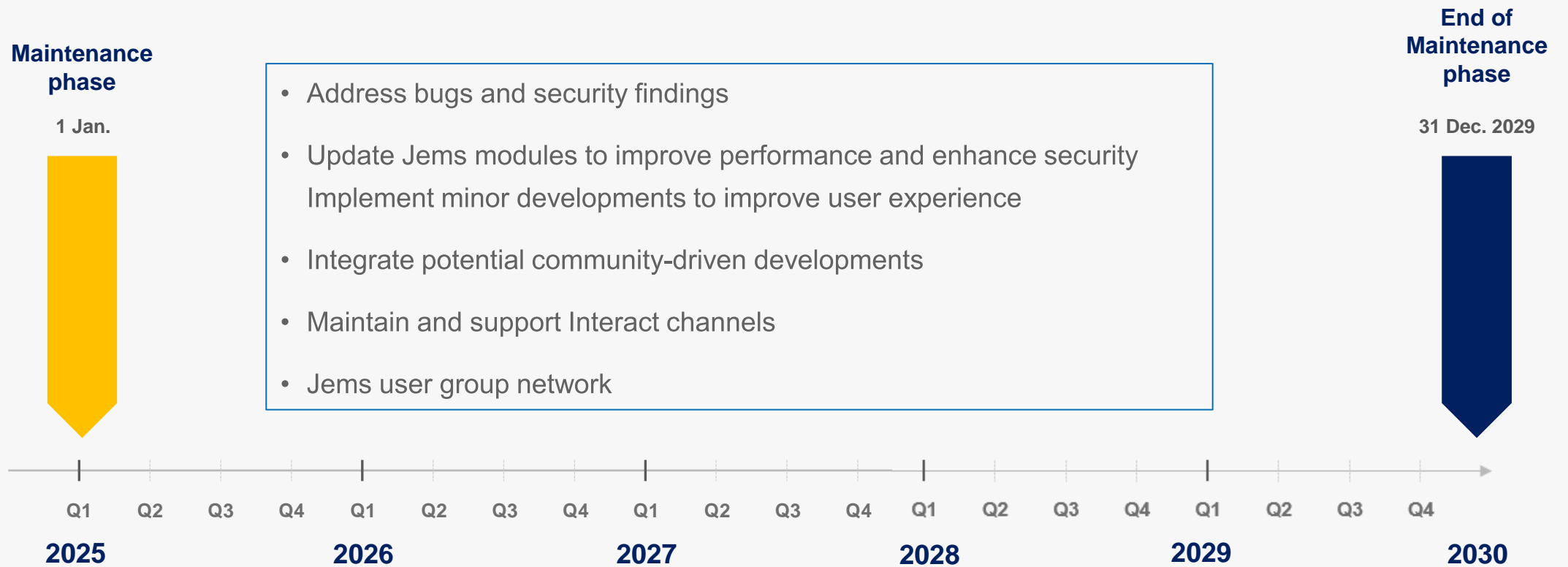
New features in Jems v11 and Jems v12 relevant for Controllers:

- Financial living tables
- Bulk file download
- 1-click export of UI tables to excel
- Highlight expenditure items in a Partner report which were changed during last reopening
- Update of procurements

New Export Plugins relevant for Controllers:

- Partner Report PDF export
- Global partner list of expenditure XLS export

Jems – 2025-2029 Maintenance phase



Jems – 2025-2029

Maintenance phase

21 March 2025 – Controller demo and consultation hour

- Updates and news on Jems
- Demo of Jems v11 and v12 features
- Questions and answers session

Jems – 2025-2029 Maintenance phase

June 2025 – Release of Jems Version 13 planned

Bug fixes and small improvements relevant for Controllers:

- Financial living tables
- Corrections form
- Partner report overview tables – Investments
- Control report pdf – Job Title
- Add report ID to update of procurements
- Increase number of attachments for procurements from 30 to 120

New features relevant for Controllers:

- Project filter for dashboard

Jems – 2025-2029



Maintenance phase

Summer 2025 – Self-paced certified training: Jems for Controllers

- What is Jems
- Control in Jems – Reporting and Control Module
- Tips for Controllers
- Quiz to gain a certificate

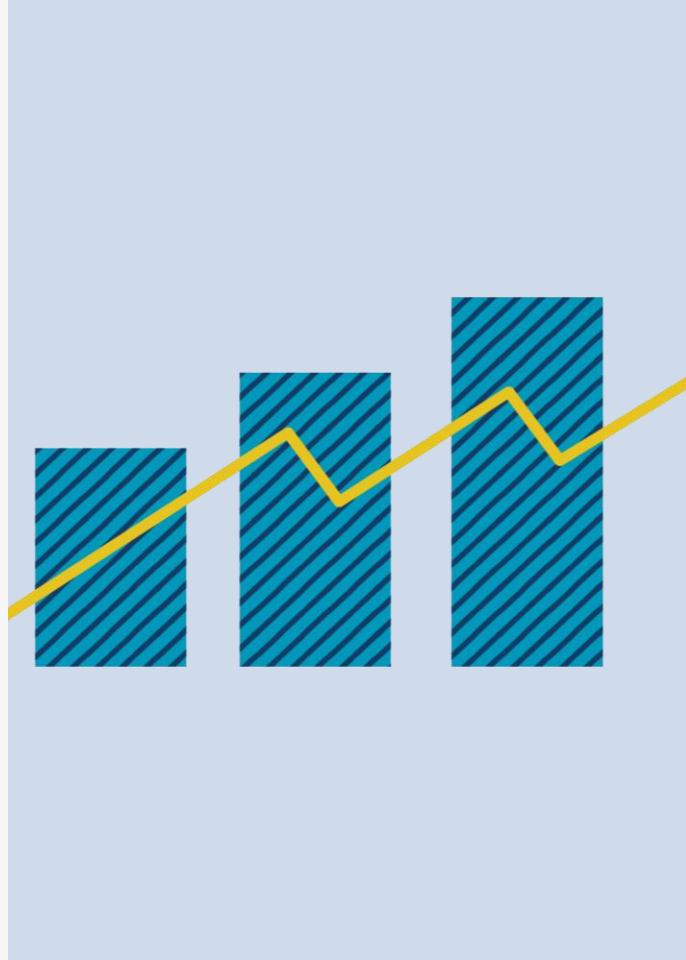
Interact Academy Calendar 2025 Certified Trainings



Type	Title	September	October	November	December
Online 	Interreg programme introduction	05/09 - 26/09			
	Interreg management verifications		22/09 - 20/10		
	Storytelling in Interreg		01/10 - 31/10		
	Interreg project management			10/11 - 05/12	
	Interreg evaluation foundations			13/11 - 12/12	
Online+ in-person training 	SCOs for practitioners	15/09 - 28/11			

◆ In-person event on 26–27/11

Get more information at academy.interact.eu



Spending in Interreg

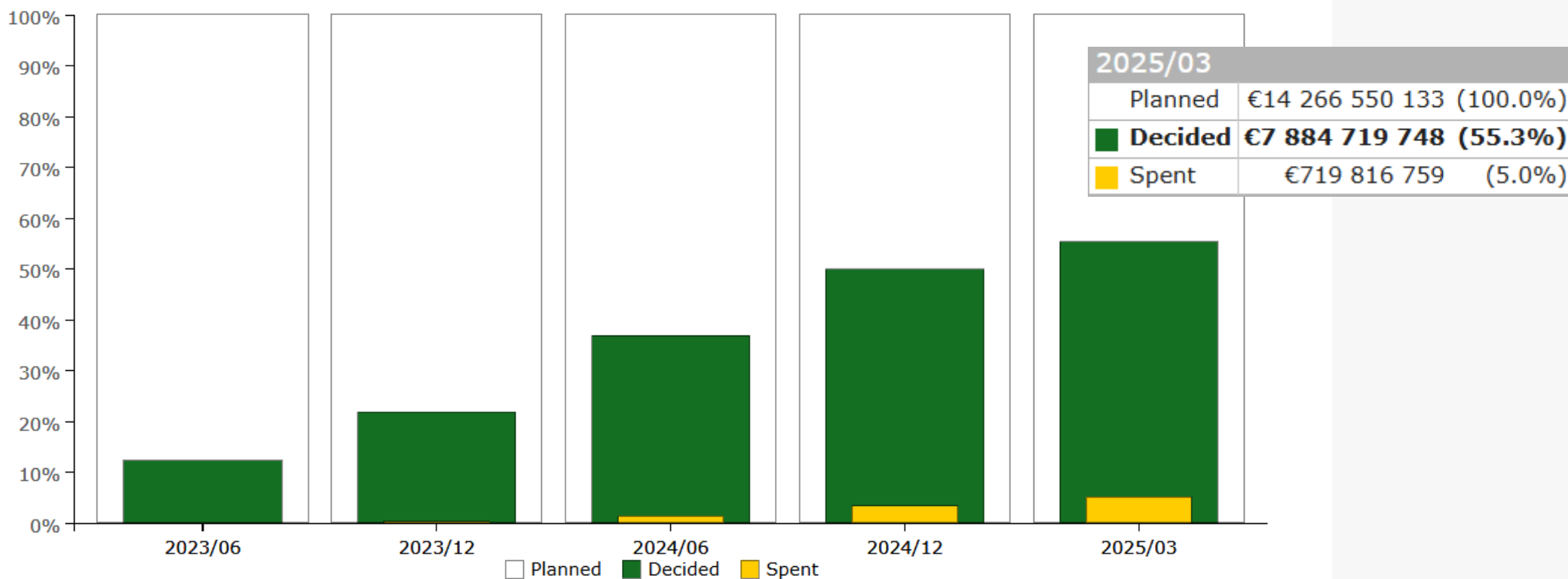


Interreg Implementation progress

2021 2027 Implementation progress (total cost) for Interreg

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Period Covered: up to 31/03/2025

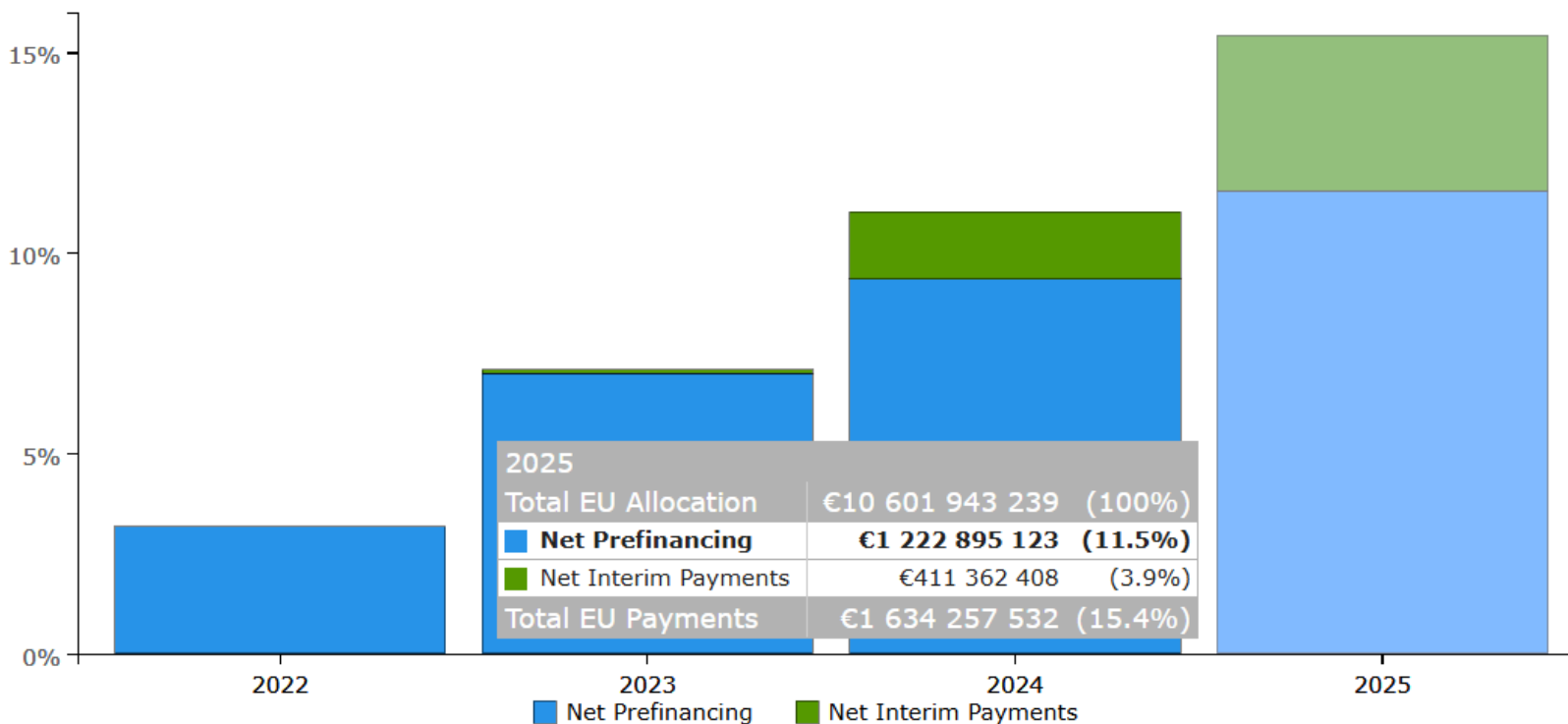
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Interreg EU payments 2022-2025

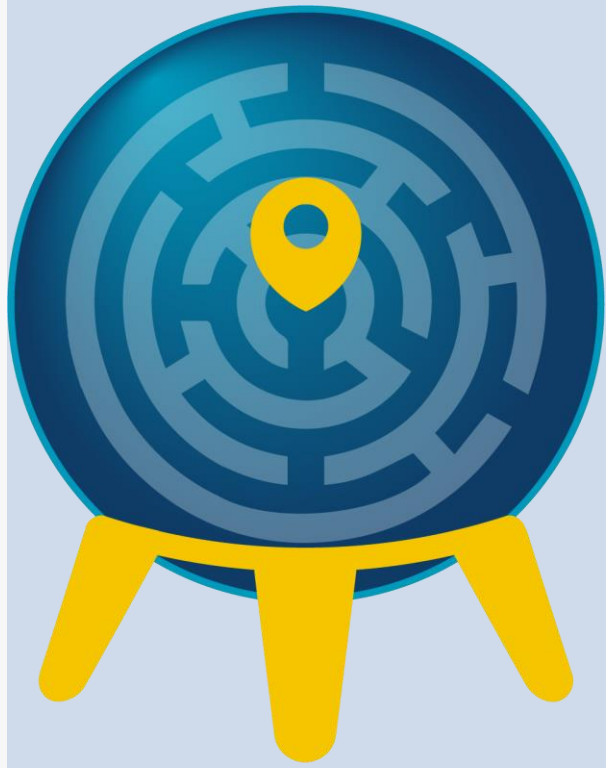
2021 2027
2021-2027: Total EU payments – time series cumulated to the end of each year (daily update):
Interreg

Explore this Data

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Post2027 update



Steps from Harvesting to Interreg GO

November 2024

Harvesting events

Webinar to introduce the harvesting event topics

Harvesting event to discuss and exchange on what has been collected

January 2025

Publishing the harvesting report

The report has been finalised, taking into account the discussions held during the harvesting event

<https://www.interact.eu/library/367>

March 2025

Interreg GO

Interreg Annual event where one part was dedicated to announce the outcomes of consultations conducted by programmes with their stakeholders and Interact with programmes



Useful resources

Interact.eu/programme
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Programme own consultations

[Interreg wide consultations](#)

[Future regulatory discussions](#)

Interact.eu/events

Harvesting event

Cooperation works

All materials will be available on:

[Interact library](#)