

Evaluation pilots

Working group specifications

Overview and purpose

In May 2024 Interact started working on an activity to pilot cooperation between programmes to support more impactful evaluations, and to facilitate exchange on perspectives and methods of evaluation in Interreg. Through the early meetings, a series of pilots were started, which enable a more specific exchange between specialisms within Interreg.

These pilot groups were not formally constituted as working groups, rather a continuation of ongoing activities aimed at those working extensively with evaluation. However, in order to avoid confusion, Interact publishes the following information to ensure transparency on the composition and purpose of these pilot groups.

Entry criteria

The starting point of the combined work was the Interreg Knowledge Fair, Riga, 2024, which launched the activities. Each of the pilot groups formed and followed up on the work. This was done bottom-up and not set in a top-down strategy.

The pilot groups have now been working for more than 1 year and have had several meetings. Participation in each pilot group requires a commitment of time and effort, not just attending the meetings, but investing in the work and output.

Report back and field of work alignment

The documentation will appear on the Interact website in the following location:

Programme management → Implementation → Programme evaluation and indicators.

Membership lists

Pilot 1: Capturing the added value of Interreg cooperation

Lead(s) in Interact: Daniela Minichberger, Besiana Ninka, Phil Heaton

- Austria – Czechia
- Belgium – The Netherlands
- Czech Republic – Poland
- Estonia – Latvia
- Finland – Estonia – Latvia – Sweden (Central Baltic)
- France–Germany – Switzerland (Upper Rhine)
- Germany (Mecklenburg – Vorpommern – Brandenburg) – Poland
- Germany/Sachsen – Czech Republic
- PEACE PLUS Ireland – Northern Ireland/United Kingdom
- Poland – Denmark – Germany–Lithuania – Sweden (South Baltic)
- IPA Croatia Bosnia and Herzegovina Montenegro
- IPA Romania – Serbia
- Atlantic Area
- Baltic Sea
- Central Europe
- Danube
- North West Europe
- IPA ADRION
- NEXT MED

Pilot 2: How are Interreg programmes adding value to the MRS/SBS

Lead(s) in Interact: Besiana Ninka, Daniela Minichberger, Ilze Ciganska, Baiba Liepa

- Alpine Space
- Atlantic Area
- Baltic Sea
- Danube
- North West Europe
- IPA ADRION

Pilot 3: ISO1 Evaluating governance achievements taking a more holistic perspective

Lead(s) in Interact: Daniela Minichberger, Besiana Ninka, Kelly Zielniewski

- France – Belgium – Germany–Luxembourg (Grande Region)
- Estonia – Latvia
- Poland–Germany/Saxony
- IPA Romania – Serbia
- PEACE PLUS Ireland – Northern Ireland/United Kingdom
- Atlantic Area
- Baltic Sea
- Central Europe
- IPA ADRION

Approximate timeline of operation

The activities of the pilots are ongoing; it is anticipated they will complete their initial work within 2025 and 2026. The use of the output, and the connection to impact evaluations will likely mean work continues beyond this, and such activities will be specified in annual work plans.