

# Maxmising programme achievement and spending levels

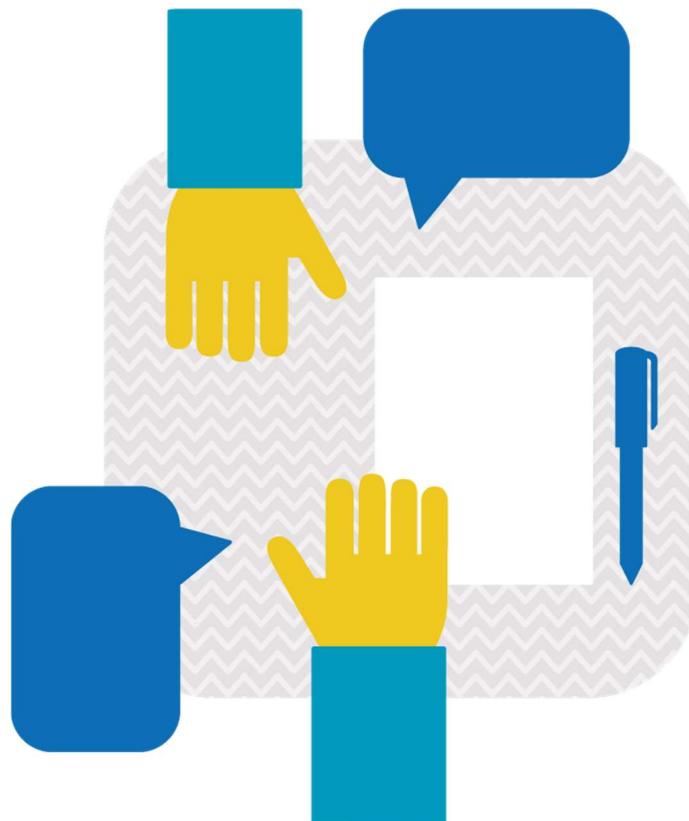
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### Outlines

With only a few years left until the formal end of the programming period 2021-2027, Interreg programmes are approaching the critical stage of their implementation. Most of the resources are already committed and programme indicators are almost reached (or are close to be reached). Many projects are still under implementation, and some of them may generate savings that can be used for both enriching programme achievement or filling the gaps where indicators are still not met. Thus, at this stage of implementation, many programmes consider different activities to fully fulfil their potential.

Programmes may apply different solutions, depending on their individual characteristics; nevertheless, several joint limitations remain e.g. time, human resources, etc. Therefore, with this event we would like to jointly explore what can be done to maximise programme achievement, taking into consideration all those limitations.

During the workshop we will work towards a joint understanding how to make the most out of programmes and use their resources to the greatest possible extent. Together, we will try to identify existing and new solutions that programmes can use during the final stage of their implementation.

### Objectives

We foresee that the workshop will be based on the contribution of all participants in the form of active participation in discussions and in the form of presentation of programme practices used to maximise programme achievement and spending levels. Interact will mainly facilitate the workshop and lead the discussion to conclusions that can be shared Europe-wide.

Together we will identify existing and new solutions that programmes can use to maximise programme achievement. **Participants are encouraged to indicate in the registration form which practice / experience they would be willing to present to fellow participants.** The length of presentations should be max 10 minutes. Once registration is confirmed, Interact staff will contact the participants to discuss the details of their presentations.

### For whom is it for?

The event is mainly intended for experienced Interreg programme staff, from Joint Secretariats, Managing Authorities and other programme bodies which are directly involved in programme implementation practices.

To ensure fair representation of participants from all over Europe, and secure the best possible outcome, we will limit the number of participants from each zone (north, south, east, and west) and programme.



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Please note: As the event will build on the outcomes of each discussion, thus it is not certain that all points on the agenda will be fully discussed. First, we would need to agree what we are looking for to be able to discuss how we want to achieve it.

### Day One

**Tuesday, 23 September 2025**

**08.45 – 09.00**

Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea

**09.00 – 09.30**

#### **Welcome and introduction**

*Interact*

**09.30 – 12.30**

#### **Session 1: Final stage of the programme life cycle**

- a) What is the main characteristic of the final stage of the programme life cycle?
- b) What does it mean to maximise programme achievement?
- c) What are the limitations and challenges?

*Objective of the session is to agree on the key characteristics and to acknowledge the opportunities and challenges connected to the final stage of the programme implementation.*

Coffee break (included in the session)

**12.30 – 13.30**

Lunch

**13.30 – 17.00**

#### **Session 2: Solutions vs. limitations – current practices**

What can be done to increase programme achievement and spending levels, exchange on current and previous practices, taking into consideration the following elements e.g.:

- Capabilities (strengths and weaknesses),
- Feasible measures,
- How to streamline the process?
- Mistakes to avoid.

*Objectives: To discuss and recognise the most appropriate measures in a programme specific environment to maximise achievement.*

Coffee break (included in the session)



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### Day Two

**Wednesday, 24 September 2025**

**09.00 – 12.20**

#### **Session 3: New solutions – out of box practices**

Brainstorming on completely new approaches to use programme resources to the highest possible extent, taking into consideration e.g.:

- Capitalisation and sustainability,
- Promotion of results and widespread communication,
- Capacity building activities,
- Next programming period, etc.

*Objective of the session is to identify completely new practices that could improve programme overall achievement and spending levels.*

Coffee break (included in the session)

**12:20 – 12:30**

#### **Wrap-up and conclusions**

**12.30 – 13.30**

#### **Lunch**