

Putting the draft MFF in focus



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Outlines

Following the publication of the draft legal package for 2021-2027, Interact will focus the planned Knowledge Fair 2025 on the topic of the MFF. With support from DG REGIO, this two-day event will focus on the future, including what's known, what's unsure and what's not mentioned.

Topics to be covered include the start-up of programmes as well as roles and responsibilities in Post 2027. It will also explore the key changes proposed in July and elaborated in the Webinar on 12 September 2025.

The event objectives below set out how this event can build a better shared understanding, explore the vision of Interreg in the future period, and seek paths ahead to ensure the most effective Interreg yet.

Please note, the agenda below is draft, and may still be updated following further development.

Target audience

The topics for the event will concern the practical application of the proposed rules, as well as reflect on what's missing. Experienced Interreg colleagues who are able to reflect on how the regulations will likely be applied in their programme will be best placed to participate in the Fair.

Objectives

The event shall:

- 1. Build on the shared understanding of the draft proposals
- 2. Bring experienced Interreg experts together to discuss the implementation of the proposals
- 3. Explore some of the key changes, and how Interreg could adapt to them
- 4. Enable wider exchange and networking between programmes
- 5. Help Interact understand where further interventions can add more value for Interreg Post 2027



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Day One	Tuesday, 4 November 2025
08.30 - 09.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea
09.00 - 10.00	Plenary MFF and a vision for Interreg Interact, DG REGIO
10.00 – 10.30	Plenary Interreg and the Performance-based approach Introduction to the morning activities
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.00	Parallel sessions on the Performance-based approach Parallel offer on PBA, details to be confirmed
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Programming Post 2027 Two tracks available, full details to be confirmed: Design - How to start development of 2028-2034 Roles - Partnership principles, management and control
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.45	Programming Post 2027 Two tracks available, full details to be confirmed: Design - How to start development of 2028-2034 Roles - Partnership principles, management and control
16.45 – 17.30	Plenary Closing Day one Interact, DG Regio

Social activity

A social activity is planned for Tuesday evening. Details of this will be confirmed shortly.



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Day Two

Wednesday, 5 November 2025

09.00 - 10.30

Parallel sessions | Session registration available 6 October

Participants shall choose from the following options:

- Working on Capitalisation and Synergies with new Thematics
- Interreg Specific Objectives 2 and 3
- [Financial block]
- Interreg visibility, going beyond the regulations

10.30 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30

Parallel sessions | Session registration available 6 October

Participants shall choose from the following options:

- External Cooperation
- Territoriality and ISO1
- Data requirements in Post 2027
- HR in Interreg

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 - 15.30

Open Discussion Room

This session will enable participants to add to the discussions, including to cover new topics and other elements not yet discussed.

It will also provide an opportunity to reflect on the discussions over the past two days, and to define the key takeaways from the discussions.

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00

Plenary | Taking stock, and what next?

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Practical details

Venue

Our venue is the Royal Hotels and Resort, Dubrovnik. There are around four hotels within this complex.

The Conference will take place in both the Coral and Princess Meeting rooms.

The venues website is available on the link below and has four hotels within the 'Royal' complex.

https://www.royaldubrovnik.com/en/

The hotel address is: UI. kardinala Stepinca 31a, 20000, Dubrovnik, Croatia



Travel

The Dubrovnik Ruđer Bošković Airport, also referred to as Čilipi Airport Dubrovnik is the nearest airport. It is approximately 20 km from the venue and has connections from major hub airports.

Other travel options to Dubrovnik are limited, due to its seasonal nature. The agenda has designed to offer best value for a full-day of travel to arrive, and a full-day to return home.

Accommodation

Participants wanting to stay in the hotel, can take advantage of a booking code. This will be provided to participants on their approval to participate. The booking code is for the Royal Ariston Hotel, but rooms will be assigned throughout the complex based on availability. The booking link and discount are not available after 30 September.

There are also a number of hotels in the vicinity of the venue, in the Babin Kuk district of Dubrovnik.

Other Information

Please note, the plan was to hold the Knowledge Fair in Belgrade, Serbia. This was cancelled due to the on-going situation in Belgrade. You can see Interact's official <u>News item</u> on this on our website.