

Day One Thursday, 18 September 2025**09.00 – 09.30**

Registration
Meet your fellow NCPs from across Europe.

09.30 – 09.45

Welcome and purpose of the network meeting
Interact

09.45 – 10.30

Around the table: Who is with us today
All the participants

Objectives of the session: This session is about getting to know who is with us - connecting the dots between our diverse backgrounds and setting the basis for collaboration and shared purpose, because behind every badge is a story and a set of experiences.

10.30 – 11.15

Enhancing project quality: The role of national and regional contact points in supporting applicants
Introduction by Interact

Practical programme experience. *Niels Remmen, Interreg Meuse-Rhine (NL-BE-DE)*
Presentation, question and answers

Objectives of the session: We will discuss how national and regional contact points currently support project beneficiaries and how these efforts influence project quality. Participants will exchange on existing support mechanisms, identify gaps, and explore the link between effective beneficiary support and high-quality project proposals.

11.15 – 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 – 13.00

Group work: How do we define quality? Why it matters? What are the quality characteristics of Interreg projects?
All the participants

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 14.30

Capitalising project results: Funding, engagement and support
Caroline Gauthier, Interreg North Sea Region
Presentation, question and answers



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14.30 – 15.45

Intelligent capitalisation: How AI tools are supporting capitalisation

Introduction by Interact

Group work and discussion

Objective of the session: We will showcase the potential use of AI in analysing programme and project data, both directly from programme websites and Keep.eu. The interaction will also include work with prompts, AI based summaries of conclusion and visualisation of the data.

15.45 – 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 – 16.30

Durability of project results

Introduction by Interact and discussion round

Objective of the session: We will exchange on how to ensure that project results are sustained beyond the funding period. Participants will discuss key factors for long-term impact and share practical approaches to strengthen the durability of project results.

16.30 – 17.00

Update on evaluation pilots

Objective of the session: This session will provide an update on the evaluation pilots, highlighting lessons learnt so far and key insights. Participants will gain insights into how these pilots contribute to improving programme performance and shaping future evaluation approaches.

Interact and Q&A

17.00 – 17.15

Closure of the first day

19.00

Social activity to be agreed on the day – Participants are responsible for covering their own expense!

Day Two

Friday, 19 September 2025

09.15 – 09.30

Recap of the first day and introduction to the second day

09.30 – 10.10

Interreg and the I3 Instrument: Boosting innovation through interregional cooperation

Kyrillos Dimanopoulos, Project Adviser at European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)

Presentation and Q&A (online)



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Objective of the session: This information session will introduce the Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) instrument and explain its relevance for Interreg programmes. Participants will learn about the instrument's goals, how it supports innovation across regions, and where it complements Interreg's work. It will highlight opportunities for synergies and practical ways Interreg actors can engage with I3.

10.10 – 10.45

B-solutions: Tackling cross-border challenges

Leonie Wunsch, b-solutions Project Assistant, Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

Objective of the session: We will introduce the b-solutions initiative as a practical tool to address legal and administrative obstacles in cross-border cooperation. Participants will learn how b-solutions support partners in identifying barriers, developing joint solutions, and improving the framework for smoother cooperation. We will showcase examples and discuss how to engage effectively in b-solutions projects.

Presentation and Q&A

10.45 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00

Interreg finances made easy

Introduction by Interact, group work and discussion round

Objective of the session: we will share the latest updates on financial topics like SCOs, eligibility, irregularities and management verifications in Interreg, share practical tips and real-life examples, exchange ideas, and identify what works in practice.

12.00 – 12.45

Looking ahead - Interreg beyond 2027. What stays, what changes, what's needed?

Objectives of the session: This session will focus on the draft post-2027 regulation, exploring its key changes and implications for Interreg programmes.

All the participants

AOB

Discuss other topics highlighted during the registration.

12.45 – 13.00

Wrap-up, considerations, and future plans of the network