6th Contact Point (NCP) network meeting

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Durability of project results

How is it defined

Harmonised definition

Durability refers to the fact that project achievements will be available/accessible/useful to relevant groups (after the project's lifetime), in order to have a lasting effect on the territory and the population.

Programmes also talk about

Sustainable development which is understood as an increase in economic activity which respects the environment and uses natural resources harmoniously so that future generations' capacity to meet their own needs is not compromised.

Requirements and agreements

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Interreg is part of the ERDF fund family, therefore, the set rules for funds also apply. In addition, programmes with the support of Interact have developed harmonised implementation tools (HIT), that is the basis for the joint monitoring system.

Interreg Regulation (EU 2021/1059)

Art 22: Programmes must verify that beneficiaries have financial resources and mechanisms to cover operation and maintenance costs for infrastructure or productive investments.

CPR (EU 2021/1060) – Articles 65 & 66

Article 65: No major change within 5 years after final payment. Article 66: Investment must stay within the region; relocation = ineligibility + repayment risk.

Harmonised Approach via HIT Tools

From applications, to assessment, to final report and control.

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Harmonised approach - Harmonised Implementation Tools (HIT)

- Best-practice templates and tools for Interreg programmes and cover the full life-cycle of projects.

- Co-created, meaning they are agreed best practice templates and tools that have been simplified for use by Interreg programmes.

- Easier for applicants to apply in different Interreg programmes, and for programmes to learn from each other.

- Offer a sound basis to build the monitoring system, and helps to provide structured data for Keep.eu.

The HIT Packages 2021-2027

HIT Selection Package

HIT Contracting package

HIT Reporting Package

HIT Control Package

HIT Factsheets

PDF: HIT Glossary Final

Excel: HIT Glossary Final

Harmonised approach

Application Form:

C.8.2 Durability: Describe post-project use of outputs and who will use them.
C.8.3 Transferability: Measures to ensure uptake and reuse in other territories.

Quality Assessment Criteria:

Assessment of the project's potential for long-term impact and sustainability during the selection process.

Final Report:

C.3.1: How outputs will be maintained and made available.
C.4.2: Long-term cooperation to sustain project results (e.g., institutional structures, action plans, strategic alignment).

Control Report and Checklist:

Verification of the continued use and maintenance of project outputs post-completion.

C.4.2 Cooperation beyond this project

Please indicate by Yes or No how you will continue the cooperation beyond this project (to ensure durability of project outputs). Cooperation should not only concern partners and associated partners but also cooperation with stakeholders.

Measures	Yes/No	Comment
Institutional structures for maintaining of the project results (if yes, please indicate what structures for maintenance of the project results were established, which partners will support them financially, what will be the tasks for such structures)	Yes/No	Enter text
Long run action plan for maintaining the project results (if yes, please indicate by whom an action plan has been agreed and what is its time horizon)	Yes/No	Enter text
Adjustment of the regional/national strategic documents or/and planning procedures for maintaining the project results (if yes, please indicate the nature of such adjustments and names of documents and procedures affected)	Yes/No	Enter text
Follow-up projects (if yes, please describe them briefly possible funding sources e.g. European Territorial Cooperation, national public funds, national private funds, other EU funds)	Yes/No	Enter text
Other (please specify)	Yes/No	Enter text

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Let's exchange

- **Practical durability:** Which approaches have proven most effective in ensuring that project results remain accessible and valuable for stakeholders once the funding period is over?

- **Financial & legal aspects:** In line with Article 22, how can programmes assess whether beneficiaries have the means to maintain results, while keeping the process simple and supportive?

- **Risk prevention:** With Articles 65 and 66 in mind, what risks do you most often encounter in practice, and how can programmes best accompany beneficiaries to mitigate them?

Cooperation works

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