

Future regulatory discussions

Interreg beyond 2027

Navigate the changes and shape the future

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Agenda

What remains, what's new?

Brief Overview

What's interact doing?

Quick update

Interreg consultation

Let's discuss

3 Layers of legislation remain

MFF (draft)	Accompanied by political communication
NRP (draft) & ERDF –CF (draft)	Comparable to: 21-27 CPR 21-27 ERDF-Cohesion Fund Regulation
Interreg Plan (not published yet)	Comparable to: General part → Interreg regulation incl. identification of geographic areas and allocation breakdown for each chapter <i>[Article 9(1) ERDF]</i> Chapters → Programmes Interreg Plan is to provide continuity with the existing programmes

Design & Roles remain

- Interreg in 4 strands *[Article 7(1) ERDF]*
- partnership requirements *[Article 6 NRP]*
- similar Programme Authorities: MA, JS, AA *[Article 10(1) and (4) ERDF]*, GoA *[Article 10(5) ERDF]*, MC *[Article 10(6) ERDF]*
- *Annual system audit*



Finance structures **remain**

- Total Interreg budget: EUR 10.264 billion [Article 10(2)(c) NRP]
- TA Flat rate: 8% Interreg 10% OMR
- EU co-financing: 80% Interreg 85% OMR



Monitoring systems, IT Tools & Data fields **remain**

- A new **SFC2028** will be there, Automatic data transfer responsibility of MS.
- **Single Gateway project** from EU is rather a single portal tool for all funds similar to KOHESIO & Cohesion open data platform(not a monitoring system).
- **Monitoring systems are still required** NRP Article 51 (H), Article 58 (K)
- NRP Article 63 **Data collection and recording** (Less data fields mentioned compared to CPR Annex XVII)

New legislation

Performance framework and budget tracking Regulation

Performance based approach reporting to EC
System audit on milestones and targets, not expenditure
Management verification on milestones and targets, not expenditure

Global Europe

Article 7(2) ERDF, allows for OMR, IPA, NEXT programmes to make use of Global Europe fund

New aspects

Reform dimension

- The combination of reforms and investment will be a key element for the national plans
- Reform dimension also important for Interreg, think of contributing to reforms through Interreg projects.

Performance based approach

- Relationship with the Commission to be based on performance
- Each Interreg chapter to contain a list and description of measures to be supported, along with milestones and targets *[Article 8(3)(c) ERDF]*
- Total estimated costs of the measures to also be set out *[Article 8(3)(d) ERDF]*

General and Interreg specific objectives

- 5 General objectives, 3 ISO
- There will no longer be a thematic concentration → Programmes can choose what they want to focus on

New programme financing

Pre-financing

Change of approach – 4% per year for the first three years *[Article 17(2) NRP]*. All pre-financing to be cleared at closure *[Article 17(3) NRP]* (currently 14% over 6 years)

Automatic decommitment

Reduction in timing to n+1 to accelerate the spending *[Article 15(1) NRP]*

However, both needs to be viewed along with performance-based payments – procedural targets will provide additional payments early on if set as milestones



How Interact can help prepare Post 2027

Our roles and remit



Helping Interreg speak

Continuity of work since mid-2024. **Support Interreg to engage, speak and be heard.**

Working Groups (i.e. Performers) as well as sector specialist engagement during events.

Anticipate further large check-in **webinars**, to update and give you a chance to hear, and be heard as well as our **regular events**.

Interact Working Groups

All on our website!

- Evaluation ("Evaluation pilots")
- Indicators ("Informal Working Group on indicators")
- Performance-based approach ("The Performers")
- State aid

Sectoral and regional events



MFF Webinar

What's published

What's next

12 September 2025

- 2-hour recording available
- At least one-podcast (<15 mins)
- Slides

!! Essential reading / listening !!



Post 2027 in-focus

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Two-full days

Plus a second webinar (event attendees only?) on 22 October.

Session agenda published, hotel discount code expired - sorry.

First opportunity for significant exchange with programmes.

May influence Interreg Plan!



'Milestone' events

Sept. 2025

**MFF Webinar
What's
published**

Nov. 2025

**Knowledge
Fair event**

Spring 2026

**Planned
Webinar**

Autumn 2026

**Planned
Webinar**



Now it is (almost) time for you to talk

Group exercises and discussions



Open MFF consultation

Context

- **156 submissions** (24 September 2025)
- Support of **AI** to run an analysis on 'recurring comments'
- **Human** intelligence to interpret the results for our context
- **10 recurring themes** to review and prioritise

Themes

1. Interreg Plan
2. Cash-flow
3. Eligibility and fraud
4. Scope and Objectives
5. Indicators and performance-based approach
6. Cross border and external
7. Simplification and administrative burden
8. Partnership and governance
9. Communication and visibility
10. Role of MA

Review the handouts

Choose three you want to discuss

Review the **handouts**

Choose three you want to discuss

We will use **NOISE format**, which will help explore uncertainty – it won't give us answers

- Needs** – What is missing or required?
- Opportunities** – What can be gained?
- Improvements** – Can it be better?
- Strengths** – What would work well?
- Exceptions** – What doesn't fit?

Cooperation works

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