#### **Future regulatory discussions**

# Interreg beyond 2027 Navigate the changes and shape the future

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# Agenda

What remains, what's new?	What's interact doing?	Interreg consultation
Brief Overview	Quick update	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 [Article 9(1) ERDF]

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

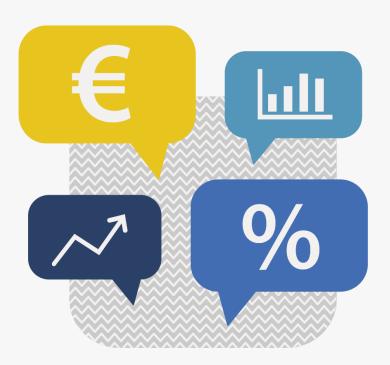
[Article 10(5) ERDF], MC [Article 10(6) ERDF]

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



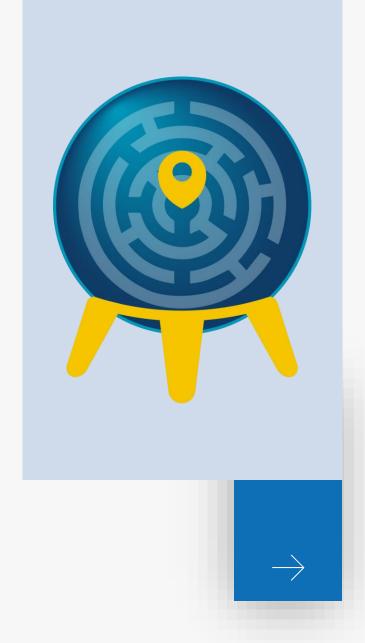
## New programme financing

#### **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**.



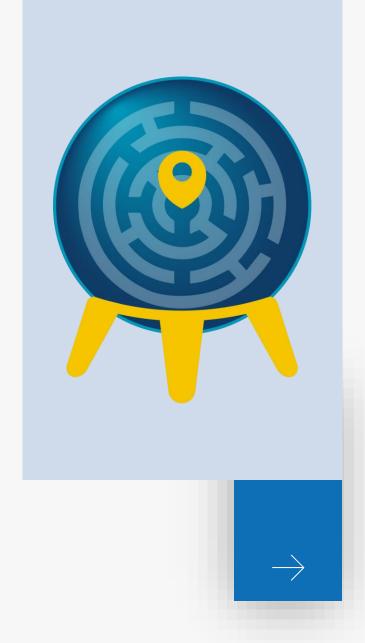
### **Interact Working Groups**

#### 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)</li>
- 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.

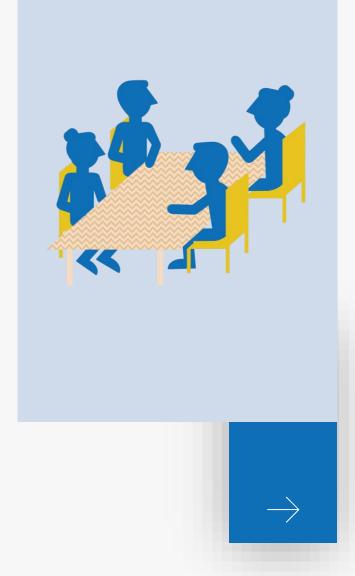
First opportunity for significant exchange with programmes.

May influence Interreg Plan!



#### 'Milestone' events

<b>Sept. 2025</b>	Nov. 2025	Spring 2026	Autumn 2026
MFF Webinar What's published	Knowledge Fair event	Planned Webinar	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 performancebased 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**

All materials will be available on: Interact.eu/Library

Want to discuss it? Join our MS Teams environment!

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