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New Waters Ahead: Strengthening Synergies and Capitalisation

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Setting the Compass

Objectives

- Strengthen **Interreg's future impact** through better synergies and capitalisation
- **Identify how** these can be embedded in the 2028–2034 period (practice and policy), based on the Harvesting conclusions
- Exchange experiences and contribute to a **shared understanding** of post-2027 proposals
- Reflect on the **implications** of Article 7(5) of the proposed Fund Regulation for Interreg
- Provide input to **Interact** on where it can add the most value in supporting Interreg post-2027

Setting the Compass

Concepts

- **Synergies** in Interreg: **Working together** makes things better. When programmes join forces and align efforts, they can do more than they could alone. They are sharing what they have and working as one.
- **Capitalisation** in Interreg: **Learning from success**. It's about taking good ideas from one project and sharing them so others can use them too. This means gathering information about what worked well and telling others about it.

“Synergies are about rowing in the same direction. Capitalisation ensures we steer better, guided by past journeys.”

Art. 7.5 The Fund Regulation

The Commission and the Member States concerned shall, in a manner commensurate to their respective responsibilities, ensure coordination, consistency and synergies between the Fund and other Union programmes and instruments. For that purpose, they shall ensure the following:

- (a) **complementarity** and consistency among different instruments at Union, national and regional levels, both in the planning phase and during implementation;
- (b) close cooperation between the authorities responsible for implementation and control at Union, national and regional levels to achieve the objectives of the Fund and **synergies** between measures under different objectives of the Fund. (art 7.5 _the Fund_Horizontal Principles)

Synergies & Capitalisation

Key Gaps and How to Improve

SYNERGIES	What's Missing	How to Improve
Governance & Roles	Unclear responsibilities; weak coordination across strands/funds	Define clear roles; strengthen coordination via ISO1 or MRS/SBS
Resources & Incentives	No budgets or recognition for synergy work	Dedicate funding/staff; create incentives and visibility
Clarity, Culture & Strategy	Terminology and approach inconsistent, treated as ad-hoc	Harmonise definition, integrate synergy thinking in Interreg/other funds
Capacity, Evidence & Tools	Limited know-how; weak data use	Train staff; improve interoperability and indicators
Integration & Recognition	Interreg not visible to other funds, procedures and timing not aligned	Pilot joint calls; promote Interreg's territorial impact

CAP	What's Missing	How to Improve
Integration in Programme Cycle	Not embedded across project lifecycle	Include from application to closure
Governance & Commitment	Lack of structured ownership, prog team and MC engagement	Establish capitalisation plans and governance groups
Mindset, Capacity & Tools	Limited understanding; poor access to results	Build awareness; improve guidance and sharing tools
Incentives & Coordination	Low resources or motivation; weak policy links	Provide incentives; Encourage thematic clustering and joint visibility actions
Strategic Recognition	Not seen as core Interreg principle	Position as key to Interreg's impact and legacy

World Café

Goal

Collect concrete ideas to strengthen programme readiness for 2028–2034 - so all programmes sail in the same direction.

Setup

Each corner = one discussion port
Both **synergies** and **capitalisation** are discussed.

Structure

3 rounds × 20 minutes each round
The same group moves to the next port.

Roles

Facilitator briefly summarises previous inputs

World cafe



The Crew

Responsibilities

Who can make synergies and capitalisation happen, and how?



The Treasure

Incentives

What kind of incentives do you need to devote greater resources to achieving synergies and capitalisation. How would this work for you?

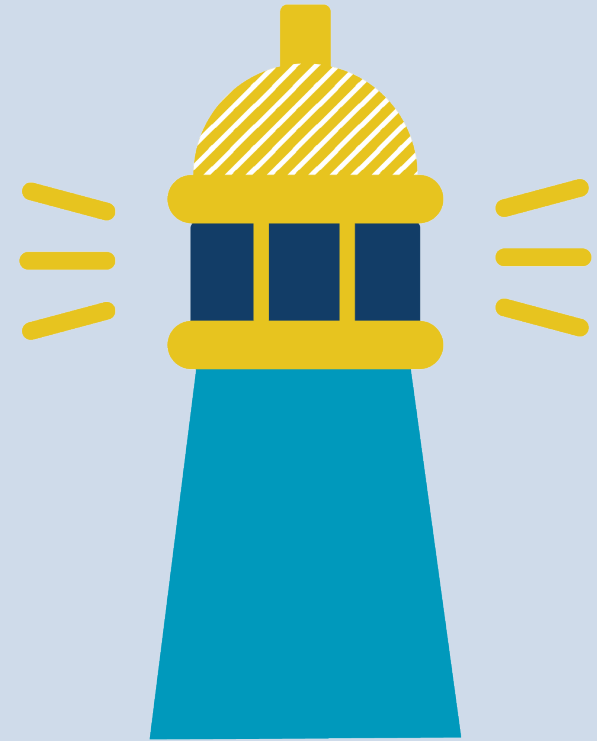


Before setting sail...

Programming

Looking back at the 2021-2027 programming, what could have been done differently - strategically or operationally ?

Wrapping up



Cooperation works

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