



Navigating Project Monitoring: practices, challenges, and new perspectives

17-18 March 2026

Helsinki | Finland (Original Sokos hotel Presidentti)

Agenda

Day 1

Tuesday, 17 March

09.00 – 9.30

Registration and welcome coffee

9.30 – 10.00

Welcome and introduction

The aim of the session is to get to know each other, set the scene for the event, gather expectations and present the agenda.

10.00 – 11.00

Insights: navigating the latest trends in project management

The objective of this session is to have exchange on the latest trends in project management and have a brief reflection about their relevance to Interreg.

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Smart monitoring in the project startup phase

The objective of the session is to explore together the effective strategies in laying a strong foundation for the high quality and sustainable project results at the start-up phase of the project implementation.

13.00 – 13.55

Lunch break

13.55 – 15.30

Establishing trust and setting collaboration up for success

How trust is built, destroyed, and regained? What topics should be covered and discussed early in the collaboration to set up the stage for good collaboration and even better problem-solving?

External expert Marta Karlson

15.30 – 15.50

Coffee break

15.50 – 16.50

Project reporting

The objective of this session is to exchange on current practices in project reporting aiming to better support high-quality results, and smooth cooperation between beneficiaries and programmes.

16.50 – 17.00

Closure and reflection of day 1



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Day two

Wednesday 18 March

09.30 – 10.00

Reflection of day 1 and introduction to day 2

10.00 – 11.30

Project changes

This session will provide a platform to exchange current practices on project reporting and changes, identify what works well, and collaboratively explore potential improvements to make the change management process more effective. We will also discuss the project changes from the finance perspective.

11.30 – 12.00

Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00

Project changes continued

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Challenging conversations and conflict management

We'll look at why we tend to avoid challenging conversations in the early stages and how that is one of the biggest culprits. We'll also look for ways to gather courage and empathy to step into those challenging conversations with honesty and respect toward everyone involved with the main goal in mind - maintaining trust and efficient collaboration.

External expert Marta Karlsone

15.30 – 16.00

Closure

16.00 – 17.00

Possibility for peer to peer exchanges.