



P-BA & Interreg: some philosophical questions



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Agenda



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Context

Preparing for a new programming period provides an opportunity for reflection on some of the bigger questions:

- What makes Interreg unique in the EU funding landscape?
- Besides territorial cooperation, are there other features that make Interreg distinctive?
- What is my programme's niche? How can I make sure my programme adds value to other EU instruments?

These questions are especially relevant, with the proposed introduction of performance-based approaches (P-BA). This is because P-BA prompts the additional question:

- Can we ensure that what makes Interreg distinctive is compatible with P-BA? How?

“Delivery” vs “Pilots”

This short webinar aims to assist programmes with their reflections by introducing two philosophies for running a programme: "delivery" vs "piloting".

It could be said that these represent two philosophies as to what kind of instrument Interreg should be.

Delivery

One philosophy is that Interreg should be about “delivering” specific outcomes (build roads, improve water-quality, create jobs etc.) during their programme lifetime.

Pilots

An alternative philosophy is that it is more appropriate for Interreg programmes to test solutions and disseminate knowledge as to which solution works best. The actual use of these solutions to deliver concrete outcomes should be financed by other instruments.

There may be other philosophies.

Objectives of the webinar

This webinar will provide a platform for an initial exchange on these two philosophies and others. The ultimate objective of webinar is to identify:

- Is it useful to think of these two philosophies when answering the question: what makes Interreg unique? What other philosophies should we also consider?
- Is one philosophy more prevalent among Interreg programmes than the other?
- Looking to the future, are both philosophies compatible with performance-based approaches?

Who is this webinar for?

Interreg programme practitioners involved in strategic preparations for post-2027.



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Tuesday, 28 April 2026

09.00 – 09.30

Presentation of two philosophies: “delivery” and “piloting”
Interact

09.30 – 10:30

Discussion
Interact, Interreg programmes

Participants will discuss the following questions

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