



Network meeting of the Interreg RUP Programmes

23 June 2026

Brussels

European Commission DG REGIO

Cours Saint Michel 1 - Floor 0 Room 052

This meeting will bring together Interreg programme representatives in the Outermost Regions and the European Commission to take stock of progress in the current programming period. It will provide a space to exchange on key implementation updates and challenges, and identify practical ways forward.

The discussion will also look ahead to the next programming period, reviewing upcoming tasks and priorities, and ensuring a shared understanding of the main steps needed to prepare for the future.

10:00 – 11:00

State of play of the current period

Tour-de-table

- General update on Interreg 2021-2027 state of play (by Interact and DG REGIO)
- Updates by the 5 Interreg programmes on current implementation, calls + showcasing project examples – pitch format

11:00 – 12:00

Challenges in current implementation and ways forward

- Implementation, monitoring and reporting
- Call planning – expectations vs reality
- Governance and capitalisation approaches
- Communication and outreach, esp. towards non-EU partners

12:00 – 13:00

Post-27 – where do we stand

- Review of the post-27 harvesting vs current stage
- Sense-checking – Performance-based Approach and Reforms in RUP programmes
- The quest for external (Global Europe) funds

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



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Paris | Venue TBC

14:00 – 15:00

Steps to get ready for the new programming period

- structuring of the new programme
- programming taskforce
- alignment on new objectives and proposed thematic areas
- integration of past/current experience and new processes

15:00 – 15:30

EU Strategy for the Outermost Regions (*if available*)

- Highlights of the key considerations related to Interreg

15:30 – 16:00

Next steps

- Recap on today's discussions and expected actions/timeline
- Events and opportunities for support