



# Developing impact pathways to demonstrate the added value of Interreg

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Agenda

Ljubljana, Slovenia





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### Outline and objectives

This meeting is a follow-up to the pilot exercise “**Harmonised approach to capture and highlight the added value of Interreg.**” Six meetings have already taken place in this context. The materials and results from these meetings are available [here on SharePoint](#) and will be shared with participants in advance. The primary objective of this pilot is to support the launch of impact evaluations and facilitate the exchange on evaluation perspectives and methods, ultimately contributing to shaping the future of Interreg. This initiative adopts a bottom-up approach, empowering participating Interreg programmes to collaboratively decide on topics for exchanges and reflections, and developments. This includes jointly developing an evaluation methodology, agreeing on data collection methods, and defining common evaluation questions, impact pathways, and eventually maybe some core messages to be communicated to stakeholders and policymakers.

The event builds on recent events and aims to advance the development and use of impact pathways in programme evaluations. It has two main purposes. First, it will provide an opportunity for a **peer review exercise** based on the experience of the **Interreg Flanders–Netherlands programme**. Following the meeting [in Vienna in June 2025](#), the programme developed a first set of impact pathways based on the summary and background materials shared. Hence, during this event, the programme will present its approach, explain how the impact pathways were developed, and reflect on the challenges encountered. This will serve as the basis for a peer review discussion, allowing participants to provide feedback, draw lessons, and reflect on the applicability of the approach to their own programmes. On the other hand, it will benefit to the Flander-Netherlands programme to finetune their impact pathway and finally include it in the development of the terms of reference for impact evaluation.

Second, the event will focus on **jointly developing further impact pathways through group work**. Building on the common background and insights from previous events and the peer review exercise, participants will work together on drafting or refining impact pathways for different thematic areas. The group exercise will focus on clarifying the logical links between activities, outputs, outcomes, and longer-term impacts, and on identifying how these pathways can support evaluation design and practice.

The meeting will also create space to reflect on the formulation of **evaluation questions** that can be derived from impact pathways and that can guide future evaluations in a more strategic and structured way. Through a combination of presentations, group discussions, peer exchange, and collaborative exercises, the event is designed to be highly participatory. By the end of the meeting, participants should have a stronger shared understanding of impact pathways, practical feedback on a concrete programme approach, and group work results that can support the further development and use of impact pathways in Interreg evaluations.

Throughout the event, **Thomas Delahais from the European Commission Evaluation Helpdesk for Cohesion Policy** will actively support and contribute to the discussions and exercises.

### Target group

The event is aimed at representatives of Interreg programmes participating in evaluation activities, especially impact evaluations.

### Registration:

The registration is now open. Please access it [here](#).



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08.30 – 09.00

**Welcome coffee and registration**

09.00 – 09.10

**Introduction and objectives**

*Interact*

09.10 – 09.45

**Update on impact pathways: status quo**

*Interact and Thomas Delahais (Quadrant, Evaluation Helpdesk)*

Objectives of the session:

To recap the progress made on impact pathways across the six previous events, the online exchanges, and the Vienna meeting, and to confirm the shared understanding developed so far. Interact will provide an overview of the main achievements from these discussions, while Thomas Delahais will present the core building blocks of an impact pathway and explain the method for developing impact pathways. Together, these inputs will provide the basis for agreeing on the current state of play and identifying next steps.

09.45 – 11.15

**Peer review: Impact pathways of Interreg Flanders-Netherlands**

*Sofie Van Overschelde, Interreg Flanders-Netherlands*

Objectives of the session: To present the methodology and selected concrete impact pathways of the Interreg Programme Flanders–Netherlands, including the challenges encountered in drafting them, the methodology applied, and the process through which the programme developed the impact pathways.

11.15 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

**Development of impact pathways**

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Building on the progress achieved across the six previous events, we will continue developing impact pathways.

- Introduction to the exercise: A short briefing on the concept of impact pathways, the main building blocks to be considered (such as inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impacts), and the purpose of the exercise.
- Working group session: Participants will work in groups to draft impact pathways for different topics or thematic areas. Each group will



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collaboratively map the logical links between activities, outputs, outcomes, and longer-term impacts.

Objectives of the session: To develop draft impact pathways for different relevant topics and ensure a clear and coherent logic from activities and outputs to expected outcomes and longer-term impacts.

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 16.00  
incl.  
coffee break

### Formulation of evaluation questions

*All: group work*

- Introduction: Brief overview of the role and importance of well-formulated evaluation questions in assessing impact pathways and guiding the evaluation process.
- Group work: Participants will work in small groups to identify and draft potential evaluation question.

Objectives of the session: To reflect on the role of evaluation questions in structuring an effective evaluation process and to collaboratively formulate potential questions that can guide and focus our future evaluation work.

16.00 – 16.45

### From impact pathways to measures: open discussion

*Interact, Viktoria Bolla (DG REGIO), Thomas Delahais (Quadrant, Evaluation Helpdesk)*

Objectives of the session: To discuss how to use the results of the evaluation of the impact pathways to build measures.

16.45 – 17.00

### Wrap up and next steps



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### Practicalities

**Please note: Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements!**

#### Venue

City Hotel Ljubljana  
Dalmatinova 15, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia  
<https://www.cityhotel.si/>  
Phone: +386 1 239 00 00  
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#### Travel

City Hotel Ljubljana is located at the heart of Ljubljana, at the beginning of the traffic -free area and only a 3-minute walk from the Prešeren square.

#### By plane

Ljubljana is easily accessible by plane. The international Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (Brni k) lies 25 km northwest of Ljubljana. It hosts flights to all the major European cities and airports. You can also reach Ljubljana relatively easily from neighboring country airports:  
Austria (Klagenfurt - 79 km or Graz - 160 km)  
Croatia (Zagreb - 135 km)  
Italy (Trieste - 120 km, Venice - 220 km)

The most affordable way to get from Ljubljana Airport to the city centre is by public bus. Buses on relation Ljubljana Airport – main bus station in Ljubljana and vice versa operate regularly at least once per hour between 5 AM and 9 PM, seven days a week. From Monday to Friday, a single one-way ticket for bus 28 from Ljubljana Airport to Ljubljana main bus station costs 3.30 EUR, and only 1.30 EUR on weekends. You can buy the ticket directly from the bus driver in cash. We advise you have some small money at hand. The average journey takes around 50 minutes. However, please note, that on the way from the airport to the city centre, the bus makes several stops and the same applies in the opposite direction.

The bus station at Ljubljana Airport is located right outside the arrivals area of terminal A. Buses run directly to Ljubljana, Kranj and Bled. Check the schedule for bus in [direction to Ljubljana](#) and back [to the airport](#).

Useful tips for taking the bus from Ljubljana Airport to the city:

- We advise you to buy your ticket online in advance. Doing so, tickets are often cheaper than those purchased directly on the bus.
- Keep in mind that departure times can slightly vary due to factors such as heavy traffic, bad weather conditions or operational requirements.
- Since this is a public bus and not a direct shuttle service, the bus has several stops on the way to Ljubljana main bus station or contrary to back to the airport.
- The bus to the airport departs from terminal 28 at the Ljubljana main bus station.
- Bus 28 is operated by Arriva Slovenia.

#### By bus

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### **By train**

Ljubljana has excellent international railway connections due to its central geographical location. The meeting venue is located only 400 meters from the main train station and easily accessible.

### **How to reach the venue from main train station:**

Simply head southeast on Trdinova Street, then turn left onto Dalmatinova Street, where you'll find the venue on the right-hand side.

### **Other information**

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact: Daniela.minichberger@interact.eu.

**We are looking forward to meeting you in Ljubljana!**