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Opening remarks

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Panel 2 | Ensuring the Impact of Interreg

Panel 3 | Navigating new territorial directions

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**Permanent Secretary of the Directorate
General Growth, Ministry of Finance,
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Raffaele Fitto

**Executive Vice-President for Cohesion
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Panel 1

Interreg in 2028-2034: Interreg looking ahead to support Europe's strategic priorities

To explore how Interreg can be positioned within the broader strategic context, ensuring its continued relevance and impact in a changing political and financial landscape

Moderator | Eleni Marianou, Cyprus EU Presidency



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Panel 1

Interreg in 2028-2034: Interreg looking ahead to support Europe's strategic priorities



Hugo Sobral

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Committee of the Regions



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European Economic and Social Committee

Moderator

Eleni Marianou Cyprus EU Presidency

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Panel 2

Ensuring the impact of Interreg in the Post 2027 context

To consider how Interreg's impact can further contribute to wider EU objectives, such as competitiveness, resilience, security and territorial cohesion - within a more integrated and performance-driven policy framework

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Panel 3

Navigating New Territorial Directions - strategic perspectives with regard to the Mediterranean Strategy and the EU Strategy for Islands

To introduce a forward-looking EU territorial agenda reflecting evolving geopolitical, economic, and environmental dynamics

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Navigating New Territorial Directions



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Key takeaways



Nathalie Verschelde

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Closing remarks



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