

Developing impact pathways to demonstrate the added value of Interreg



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Outline and objectives

This online meeting is organised as a follow-up to the pilot exercise “Harmonised approach to capture and highlight the added value of Interreg.” It is open to all Interreg programmes interested in the topic and aims to provide a clear overview of the work carried out so far, the main methodological steps taken, the tools and products developed, and the next steps foreseen.

The event will explain the overall process of the pilot and present how participating programmes have worked together to develop a common approach to impact evaluation. In particular, it will introduce the main methodological elements discussed so far, including the development of impact pathways, the formulation of evaluation questions, and the role these elements can play in preparing impact evaluations and related terms of reference.

A key part of the meeting will be to explain in practical terms how impact pathways can be developed and used. This will include presenting examples from Interreg programmes, showing how pathways can help clarify the links between activities, outputs, outcomes, and longer-term impacts, and how they can support a more strategic and structured evaluation design.

The event will also provide an overview of the main outputs produced in the context of the pilot, such as background materials, methodological reflections, draft impact pathways, and examples of evaluation questions. It will conclude with a presentation of the next steps and possible ways for interested Interreg programmes to make use of the results in their own work.

Throughout the online 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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Wednesday, 3 June 2026

09.30 – 09.40

Introduction and objectives

Interact

09.40 – 10.00

Overview of the process so far

Interact

Objectives of the session: Summary of the pilot exercise, the topics discussed in previous meetings, and the main methodological steps taken

10.00 – 10.30

Developing impact pathways in practice including evaluation questions

Interact and Thomas Delahais (Quadrant, Evaluation Helpdesk)

Objectives of the session: Explanation of how impact pathways are developed, including the main building blocks and their role in evaluation design.

10.30 – 11.45

Impact pathways of Interreg Flanders-Netherlands

Jip Wolterinck, 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.

11.45 – 12.00

Wrap up and next step