



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.

9:15 – 9:45

Introduction – framing: towards a more systematic process of supporting RUP programmes

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9:45 – 11:15

State of play of the current period

Tour-de-table

- Updates by the 5 Interreg programmes on current implementation
 - Call planning – expectations vs reality
 - Projects selected, contracted, budgets
 - Next MC meetings
- Specific RUP challenges to highlight
- Ways forward and support needed

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Post-27 – where do we stand

- Review of the post-27 harvesting vs current stage
- Update based on the latest version of the Interreg plan
- RUP questions in focus
- Sense-checking – Performance-based Approach – resources available
- The quest for external (Global Europe) funds

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



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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

- Highlights of the key considerations related to regional integration
- How Interreg RUP programmes can contribute to the strategy

15:30 – 16:30

Inspiration and next steps

- Recap on today's discussions and expected actions/timeline
- Needs for additional support
- Next event: November meeting, Brussels