

2028-2034

# HIT group meeting on Partnership and Project management

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# Agenda



## Welcome & Introduction

HIT context, topic and expected outcome

## Bringing programmes up to speed

What has been done so far?

## Feedback rounds & harmonisation

Discussion of the draft template

## Wrap up & Next steps

New HIT Group meeting / follow up steps

# Teams



Central place for all activities, what can you find here:

- Relevant HIT groups
- Every event will be announced
- Every working document
- Final agreements & tools (surveys, etc).



# Website




Main purpose:

- Inform about HIT
- List of HIT groups and events that will contribute to HIT
- Downloadable final HIT packages
- Link to Teams

Link: <https://www.interact.eu/programme-management/post-2027/hit-2028-2034>

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Organisation	Implementation	Post 2027
Monitoring systems	Closing programmes 2014-20	Future regulatory discussions
Partnerships	Cross-border obstacles	<b>HIT 2028-2034</b>
Procedures	EGTCs	Interreg wide consultation
Roles and responsibilities	Harmonisation and simplification	Programme own consultations
	Localism and PO5	Performance-based approaches
	Programme evaluation and indicators	
	Small project funds	

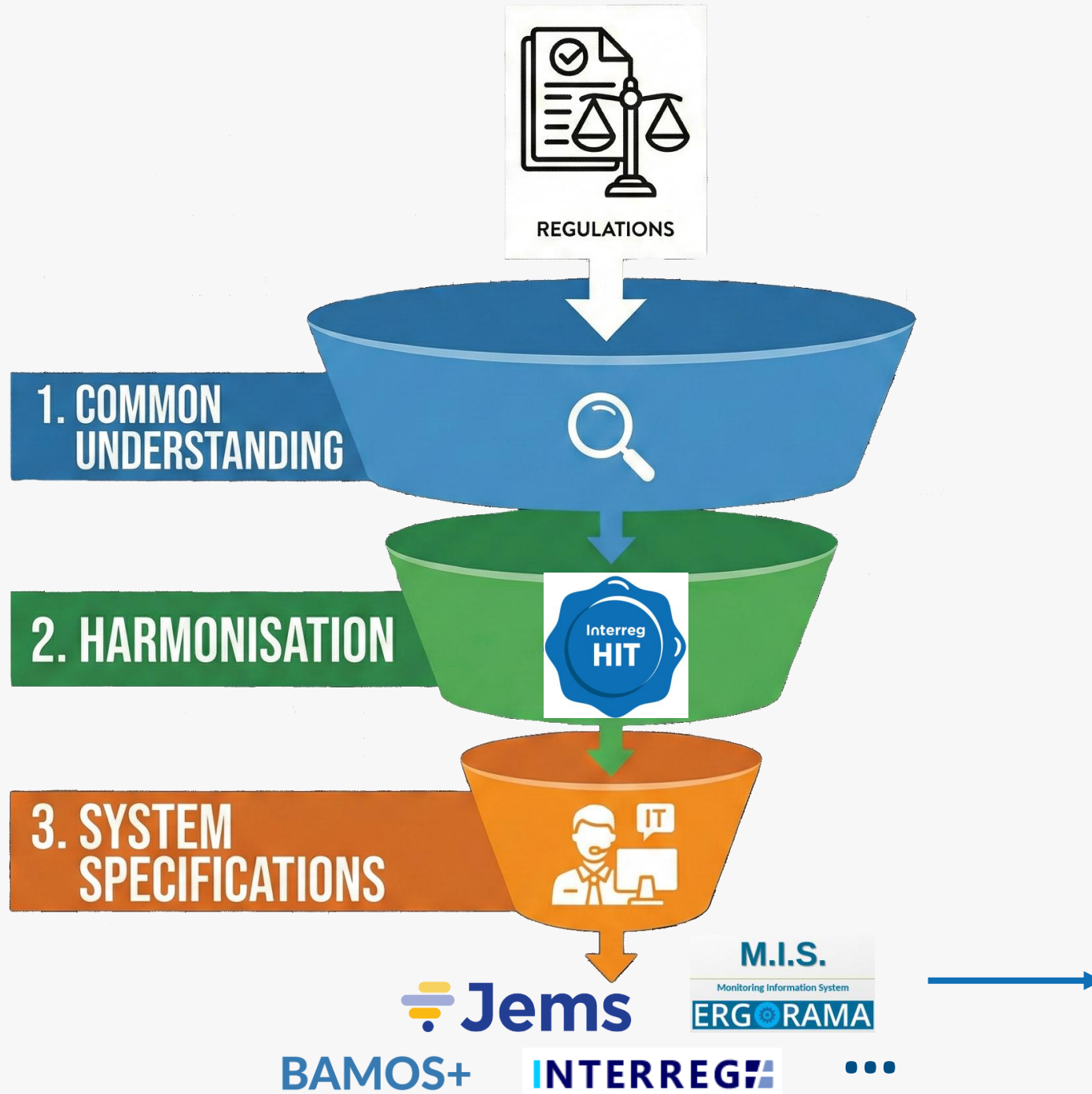
**Where to start**

If you are new to Interreg, or new to HIT, visit the linked page to find out about [HIT as a tool](#) as well as see and download previous versions of HIT templates.



# Objective

- HIT is more than a regulatory framework translated into templates.
- It harmonizes how we work through a shared language and common methodology.
- It reduces confusion for beneficiaries by promoting consistent approaches and terminology.
- It reinforces the Interreg brand as a professional and cohesive community.
- It provides the foundation for IT tool development, enabling more efficient and standardized programme implementation.



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# HIT 2028-2034

What stays:

- We keep harmonizing templates, factsheets and guidance.

What changes:

- From a Core Group to allowing all programmes to provide their feedback.
- HIT groups decide on part of a template through a thematic focus, in this meeting this focus is **Partnership and Project management**.
- Outcome of HIT groups will be presented to a wider audience in the HIT consolidation meetings where minor changes for matter of consistency might still occur.

# Hit classification



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Harmonised Implementation Tools 28-34

## Application form

Partnership and Project Management  
(Draft version 0.1 – May 2026)

This is an Application Form template for standard projects applying for funds in any Interreg strand.

The main objectives of this template are:

- for applicants to submit their project proposal,
- for assessors to determine the project's eligibility, quality and relevance for the programme during project selection, and
- for programme bodies to have a baseline for monitoring the project's progress during its implementation.

How to understand the template:

Blue text	Describes the purpose and logic of a section for Interreg programmes. It is not to be included in the actual programme templates.
Field label	Black text in white fields is the field label text.
Field input	<i>Italic text in grey fields describes the expected field input.</i>
Optional fields with yellow background	Optional fields have a yellow background and can be left out partially or in full.
Field labels with asterisk (*) are mandatory	n/a
Light grey text	<i>These parts of the template are to be defined by another HIT group.</i>

Blue = guidance  
Grey = core field  
Yellow = Optional  
*Italic = Input hint*

# Additional, non-HIT documentation



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Online

Please make this document per meeting if there are agreements to NOT do something in HIT. So, if the decision is to leave something out.

Template, section	Programme(s)	Request	Reason to reject
<i>Example Application Form, C.7.1 How will you coordinate your project?</i>	<i>Example Interreg XY</i>	<i>Example Extra field because MC needs it</i>	<i>Example Too few programmes request it</i>

Why:

- To make sure that we are consistent with your agreements across templates
- This document will be public.



# Partnership and Project management

**what has happened  
so far**



# Background information



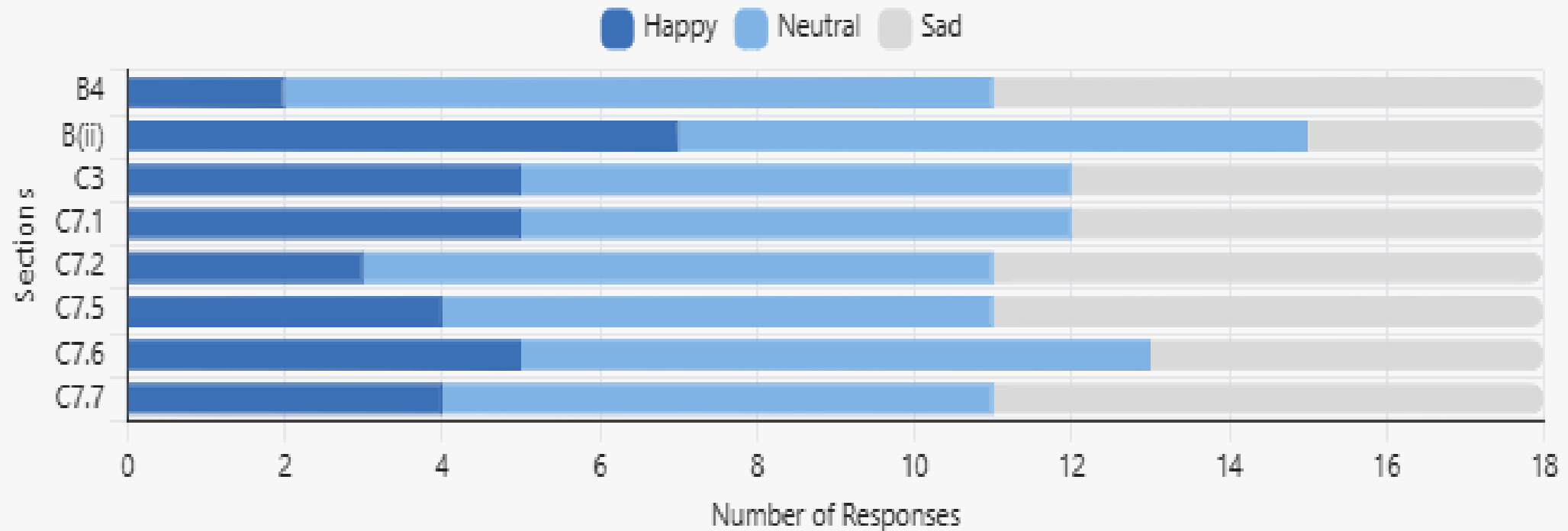
Approach and rationale for Part B and C fields of the Application Form

1. **Built on this programming period template** *to ensure continuity, consistency and user-friendliness for programmes and projects.*
2. **Based on practical implementation experience** *to improve usability.*
3. **Reflecting on evolving regulatory requirements** *to ensure clarity in project relevance, results, and management aspects.*

# Survey results overview



18 valid responses representing 18 Interreg programmes



# Survey results\_ Cross-cutting input



1. Too many **text-based** answers
2. Risk of “**copy-paste**” answers
3. Simplified to guide applicants to show the **full picture**.



# Survey results

## PART B – Project partners



### B.4 – Partner motivation, contribution & expertise

#### Feedback summary:

1. Overlaps with C3 (roles already described).
2. Some questions seen as not relevant (e.g. strategic plan, past experience).
3. Risk of generic answers if cooperation motivation is not clearly explained.

# Survey results

## PART B – Project partners



### B(ii) – Associated organisations (if applicable)

#### Feedback summary:

1. Keep focus on role.
2. Clarify contribution to project objectives and activities.
3. Limit/expand data to what is essential - (not) like regular partners).

# Survey results

## PART C – Project description



### C.3 – Project partnership

#### Feedback summary:

1. Suggestion to focus
  - on complementarity and added value
  - reduce narrative descriptions
2. Request to better capture long-term impact / partnership strength
3. “Shared ownership” concept → unclear and difficult to assess

# Survey results

## PART C – Project description



### C.7.1 – Project coordination

#### Feedback summary:

1. Strong overlap with C7.6 (reporting / coordination)
2. Consider including the achievement of project quality C7.2

# Survey results

## PART C – Project description



### C.7.2 – Project quality

#### Feedback summary:

1. Consider including this in C7.1 (coordination)
2. “Programme expectations” unclear  $\Rightarrow$  applicant confusion  $\therefore$  limited added value for assessment

# Survey results

## PART C – Project description



### C.7.5 – Cooperation elements

#### Feedback summary:

1. Consider move this to C.3 (project partnership)
2. Simplify structure ⇒ checklist with short explanatory texts
3. Different practices across programmes (not always all elements assessed)

# Survey results

## PART C – Project description



### C.7.6 – Project coordination (reporting)

#### Feedback summary:

1. Overlap with C.7.1 (project coordination)
2. Relevance of this information at the application stage
3. Ability of partners to provide this information at an early stage

# Survey results

## PART C – Project description



### C.7.7 – Risk management approach

#### Feedback summary:

1. Important to keep, but consider integration into C7.1 (project coordination) or C7.2 (project quality)
2. Ability of partners to provide this information at an early stage



# Partnership and Project management

**feedback and  
harmonisation**





**Let's discuss  
and try to come  
to agreements**

# Wrap up & next steps



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 1st HIT ... Projec...	3 1st HIT ... Projec...	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 1st HIT ... Partn...	25 2nd HIT ... Admi...	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



1. Create and publish **Version 2** of the AF based on the agreed discussion outcomes.
2. Make Version 2 available to the programmes for a **one-week review and comment period.**

**Please provide  
your feedback  
about this  
event!**

Your opinion matters to us.

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# Cooperation works

All materials and the final templates will be available on :

1. [Partnership and Project management Channel in Interact HIT Teams](#)
2. [Interact Website](#)

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