

HIT group meeting on capitalisation and synergies



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Outline

For two programming periods, HIT has supported the harmonisation of Interreg project-specific templates. As we enter the 2028-2034 period – where the regulatory framework is changing significantly – we are also evolving the HIT approach. Rather than working template by template with a selected HIT Core Group, all programmes are now invited to participate in open, thematic HIT groups.

HIT group meetings are active working sessions, not passive presentations. We therefore expect participants to come well prepared:

- Please read the relevant working documents provided within the HIT Teams channel ahead of the meeting. It may also be useful to discuss it internally within your programme beforehand.
- If a survey link is included in your registration confirmation, you are required to complete it before the meeting. The feedback you provide on the working documents through the survey will help us work more efficiently and reach a data-driven, harmonised consensus during the session.

Objectives

This first HIT group meeting on capitalisation and synergies will open a joint discussion with programmes on how both topics are currently considered in the HIT Application Form and assessment criteria. Taking stock of programme experiences, expectations and needs, the discussion will look at how capitalisation and synergies are reflected, how they are understood by applicants and assessors, and where the current HIT templates could better encourage a practical and consistent approach.

- Share an initial overview of how capitalisation and synergies are currently addressed in the HIT Application Form and assessment criteria.
- Discuss programme feedback collected through the survey, looking at capitalisation and synergies both together and separately where relevant.
- Identify the main points where the templates could better support applicants and programmes in applying these concepts in practice.
- Start defining possible directions for integrating the survey inputs into the future revision of the HIT templates.

Target group

This meeting is aimed at programme practitioners from Interreg Managing Authorities and Joint Secretariats who have hands-on experience applying HIT in their programme, or who are planning to adopt HIT in the future and want to actively contribute to the development of the tools.

HIT group meetings are working sessions where agreements are made – not just discussed. We therefore particularly welcome participants who bring practical programme experience and are willing to engage actively in shaping the templates, factsheets and guidance. The more diverse the experience in the room, the stronger and more broadly applicable the agreed outcomes will be.

We kindly encourage you to complete the related survey by 10 September: You can access the survey here [HIT Capitalisation and synergies in project design and assessment – Fill in form](#)

Your input will help guide the discussion. Thank you!



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9.30 – 9.45

Welcome and introduction

Interact programme

Welcome remarks and a brief overview of the agenda and objectives of the meeting. Introducing the HIT context, the specific topic and the expected outcome of today.

9.45 – 10.30

Bringing programmes up to speed

Interact programme

- Presentation of the work carried out so far on this topic, including the working documents shared in advance.
- Review of the survey results and any feedback received from programmes ahead of the meeting.
- Ensuring that all participants have a clear and shared understanding before moving into discussions.

10.30 – 12.00

Working Session: Feedback and Harmonisation

Interact programme & Interreg programmes

Open discussion in which all participating programmes are invited to provide feedback on the working documents. Followed by a structured round of harmonisation, working through the feedback to guide agreements and adjustments related to the consideration of capitalisation and synergies in the HIT AF and assessment templates.

12.00 – 12.30

Wrap-up & next steps

Interact programme