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Outlines

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.

This HIT group meeting will focus on harmonising the budget and co-financing for when P-BA is used for the project implementation (P-BA lower level).

Please note: The current exercise is to develop a HIT application form template for when P-BA is used at the lower level. Another exercise will take place for what the implications for the HIT templates is when P-BA is used at the upper level and real costs/SCOs used at the lower level. This will be a separate exercise and follow once the regulatory frame is clearer.

Objectives

The primary aim of HIT group meetings is to harmonise templates, procedures, factsheets and guidance together with programme experts. The goal is to go beyond a shared understanding of the regulation and to agree on common practices and simplified ways of working. Each meeting is expected to result in an agreed template, factsheet, or section thereof.

This meeting marks the kick-off for designing the relevant parts for the application form for projects using P-BA.

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.

For this particular session, we welcome anyone interested in implementing P-BA at project level (lower level).



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10.00 – 10.15

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.

10.15 – 10.45

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.

10.45– 12.25
(incl. comfort
break)

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 reach concrete agreements and adjustments.

12.25 – 12.30

Wrap-up & next steps

Interact programme

A summary of the agreements and adjustments reached during the session, followed by a clear outline of next steps.