

Where does Interact stand? | August 2026

Complementing similar documents on the progress of the Post 2027 legislation, as well as the support to programming, Interact shares the current information on its own progress towards the future.

Dec 2025	In-progress	TBC	TBC	TBC
Programming Committee established	Programme (/Chapter) drafting	Programme document finalised	MS agreements and submission of chapter	Adoption and start date

For a more detailed description, please see the meeting-by-meeting summary, [available on our website](#).

Key ongoing discussions

The first **Interreg SWOT** analysis took place in April 2026, the conclusions from the discussions are being drafted for further elaboration.

Our **Data and communication tools** (Index, Interreg.eu, keep.eu) were discussed online in May 2026. There will be a review of Interact's tools to support improving these tools for the future period.

The **Expansion of the Programme**, particularly the membership of the Programming Committee, was discussed in November 2025, April 2026 and in May 2026. Expressions of interest have been received from Albania, Montenegro and Serbia. Several Programming Committee members need a mandate to confirm their position, and this work is underway. It is anticipated countries interested in joining the future programme could become Observers of the Programming Committee as a first step.

The process to **designate a Managing Authority** started in May 2026. The Bratislava Self Governing Region confirmed it would like to continue to be the Managing Authority of Interact. A process, where any participating country can apply to be the designated Managing Authority will conclude in July. This will enable the designation of the future Managing Authority to be taken either at the next meeting (if there is only one interested party), or in December (if there is more than one interested party).

Concluded discussions

The **rules of procedure** were agreed at the first meeting (November 2025), while being subject to updates through the programming process.

The Programming Committee has given its support to continue **Jems** (the Joint Electronic Monitoring System) (April 2026). It is agreed to provide an adapted and updated version of the software suitable for 2028-2034. Key work to operationalise this decision is a matter for the Interact IV Monitoring Committee. The Programming Committee will have further discussions on the realisation of this adapted and updated version at a later stage.

Meeting summaries

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Furthermore, understanding and knowledge evolves throughout the programming period. If you spot something out of date or inconsistent, please contact us at communication@interact.eu

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