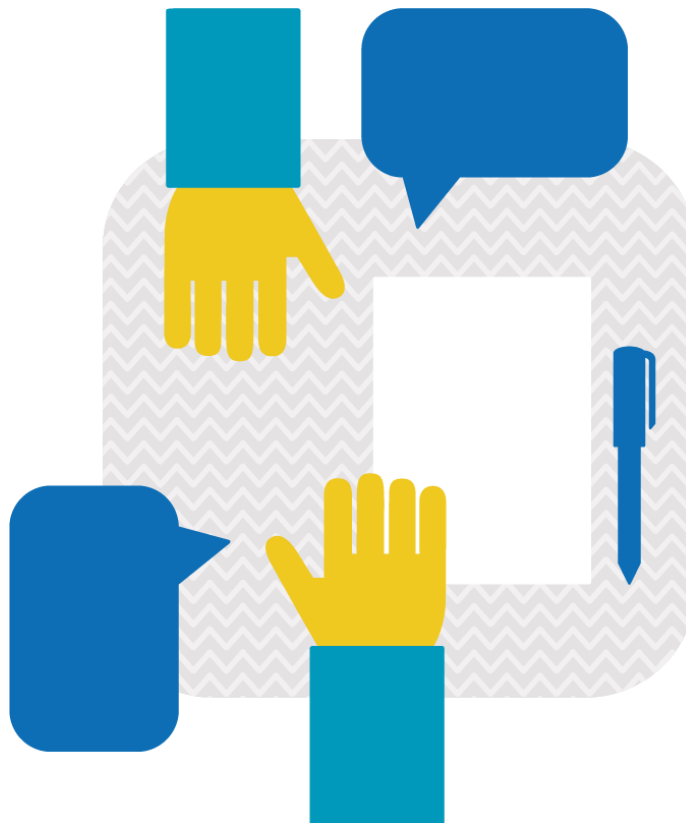


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Outline

A growing number of Interreg programmes are using, or considering, dedicated calls to support the transfer, reuse, uptake and impact of project results. These capitalisation calls have different names, take different forms, pursue different objectives, depending on programme contexts.

This is a timely moment for exchange. Many programmes have already launched such calls and can share early or more mature experience on their rationale, design, implementation and project response. Others are currently preparing calls, considering them for the remainder of the 2021-2027 period, or reflecting on their possible use in the next programming period.

This workshop will create space for mutual reflection, honest review and shared inspiration. It will bring together programmes at different stages to compare approaches, test assumptions, discuss whether expectations were met, and identify how capitalisation calls could have the potential for better performance and effect in future.

Objectives

- Take stock of the variety of capitalisation calls developed across Interreg, including their rationale, objectives, target groups and delivery models.
- Share practical experience from calls already launched, including early lessons, challenges and feedback from applicants and projects.
- Examine the extent to which calls have delivered, or are likely to deliver, the expected added value for programmes, projects and territories.
- Provide peer input and inspiration to programmes currently preparing or considering capitalisation calls.
- Identify practical lessons and success factors to improve the design, implementation and effectiveness of future calls.



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Wednesday, 2 December 2026

12:30 - 13:30

Registration and networking lunch

13:30 - 14:15

Setting the scene: capitalisation calls across Interreg

- Different names, formats, purposes and programme contexts.
- Positioning of programmes, from calls already implemented to future consideration.
- Key questions, expectations and issues to explore during the workshop.

Objective of the session: Establish a shared understanding of capitalisation calls and position programmes according to their experience, plans and expectations.

14:15 - 15:45

Sharing programme experiences

- Rationale, objectives and expected added value.
- Target groups, eligible activities and delivery models.
- Implementation experience and lessons emerging so far.

Objective of the session: Explore how programmes have translated their capitalisation ambitions into concrete calls.

15:45 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:15

Expectations vs reality: an honest review

- Quality and relevance of applications received.
- Alignment between programme expectations and project responses.
- Feedback on practical challenges, requirements and support.

Objective of the session: Examine whether calls have worked as intended, what programmes would reconsider and what the projects' perspective is.

17:15 - 17:30

Day 1 wrap-up



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Thursday, 3 December 2026

09:00 - 10:30

Design clinic: capitalisation calls as a bridge between programming periods

- Peer review of draft concepts and key design choices for calls planned in the remainder of 2021-2027.
- How calls can sustain momentum, transfer mature results and prepare partnerships and pipelines for 2028-2034.
- Practical action points: what to adjust now and what to carry into the programming process.

Objective of the session: Help programmes strengthen planned calls and use them deliberately to connect current results with future priorities, structures and opportunities.

10:30 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 12:00

Doing it better: from call experience to future programme design

- Lessons from current calls that should shape programme strategy and intervention logic for 2028-2034.
- Decisions to anticipate during programming: objectives, target groups, project architecture, selection criteria, funding and support mechanisms.
- How calls can bridge the periods by sustaining results, communities, partnerships and routes to uptake, replication and scale-up.

Objective of the session: Identify what programmes can already build into the 2028-2034 programming process to make future capitalisation calls more strategic, effective and connected to current achievements.

12:00 - 12:30

Conclusions and next steps