

7th Contact Point (NCP) network meeting

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Preparing for project closure: Experiences and approaches

- Why discussing closure and why does closure matter for NCPs?
- How project closure is organised and what is the NCP role around project closure?



Why talking about project closure?

3+ years of implementation: first calls for the 2021–2027 programming period began in spring 2022, making 2025 the end of the third full year of active implementation;

Major budget commitments: Interreg programmes have successfully committed more than €7.5 billion to nearly 6,000 active projects across Europe and beyond;

High allocation rate: This massive funding commitment represents 70% of the overall Interreg budget. When excluding technical assistance, the allocation rate rises to approximately 75% of available project funds

More than 90% allocated: 15 programmes

More than 80% allocated: 17 programmes

More than 70% allocated: 13 programmes



Project closure: more than the final report

- Complete reporting and close outstanding issues;
- Demonstrate and document results;
- Communicate achievements;
- Think about sustainability;
- Assure transferability of project results;
- Consider what happens to the partnership and results afterwards.

Project closure is not the end of the project — it is about making sure its results, partnerships and benefits continue beyond the project funding period.

Where in the process can NCPs add value?

NCPs can potentially help beneficiaries to:

Understand what they need to focus on (prioritise);

Navigate towards the right programme support (JS, MA, other?);

Connect with relevant stakeholders and networks;

Communicate and showcase results;

Identify opportunities for transfer, continuation or future cooperation

Bring lessons and experiences back to the wider Interreg community



Preparing for project closure: GREENLINK project - Group work

20 min. Discuss and agree

1. Prioritise

What should GREENLINK focus on during its final six months?

→ **Choose 3 priorities**

2. Define the NCP role

For each priority:

→ What could the **NCP do**?

→ What should remain with the **project / JS / MA**?

3. Look beyond the closure

→ Identify **1 concrete action** to help the results, learning or partnership continue after closure.

4. Choose a rapporteur and be ready to share:

- Your 3 priorities
- The most important thing an NCP **can** do
- One area where the NCP should step back

Think:

SUPPORT – CONNECT – CAPTURE – STEP BACK



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Programme approach

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Cooperation works

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