

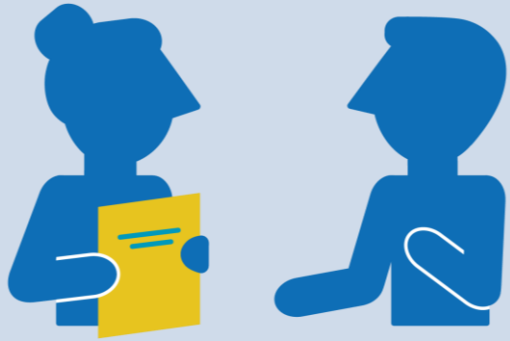
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The evolving role and responsibilities of National Contact Points



Six thinking hats



LOGIC - facts,
neutral data,
information



EMOTIONS –
feelings, hunches,
intuition



CAUTION –
problems, risks,
threats



POSITIVISM –
benefits,
advantages, values



CREATIVITY – new
ideas, solutions,
alternatives



PROCESS –
procedures

How it will work



Please choose your BLUE HAT person to:
Keep you on track, make decisions, take notes and report back in plenary
😊



GREEN HAT – Brainstorm
Generate ideas without judging them!
What could the role and responsibilities of Interreg NCPs look like in the future?

... now

Identify what brings value and where boundaries are needed.



YELLOW HAT – Value

Where does the NCP add clear value?



BLACK HAT – Boundaries

Where could the role create duplication, confusion, inconsistency?

Agree on:

- 3 essential responsibilities
- 1–2 responsibilities that should remain flexible
- 1 important boundary or responsibility that should sit elsewhere

... to conclude



BLUE HAT – ELABORATE

In the 2028-2034, the NCP will ->identify the purpose
Core responsibilities: every NCP should (up to 3)

Flexible responsibilities

Depending on the programme or national context, an NCP may (up to 2):

Boundaries

The NCP should not normally be responsible for (only 1):

What is needed

For NCPs to fulfil these responsibilities, they need:

Insights from the group work

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Identify the purpose: Provide guidance to resolve pending project issues, facilitate the capitalization and long-term sustainability of project results, and serve as an active bridge to the broader NCP network.

Core responsibilities:

- **Provide guidance on pending project issues:** Offer advisory support on implementation, documentation, final events, and project extensions, while helping navigate escalation steps between the NCP, National Authority (NA), and Managing Authority (MA).
- **Support capitalization and sustainability:** Assist beneficiaries in capturing case studies, analysing evidence of results, promoting successful system solutions, and creating links to maintain impact after project completion.
- **Engage in NCP network outreach:** Actively reach out to and coordinate with the external NCP network for broader exchange and alignment.

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Flexible responsibilities:

Depending on the programme or national context.

- **Knowledge-collection workshops:** Organise workshops to capture project findings, outputs, good practices and relevant knowledge.

Identified boundaries:

NCPs are not expected to take responsibility for management verification, public procurement-related matters, or completing application forms. While they may provide information, clarification or guidance to potential applicants, the responsibility for preparing, completing and submitting an application remains with the applicant. Their role is to provide guidance and support within their remit, rather than take on programme management or control responsibilities.

You told us you would like to exchange on...



Upcoming events Online

11.09.2026 09:30 - 12:00	P-BA in Interreg: the basics #5
11.09.2026 09:30 - 12:00	HIT group: Kick-off on Intervention Logic
18.09.2026 09:30 - 12:00	HIT Capitalisation and Synergies kick-off
28.09.2026 10:00 - 12:30	HIT Group: Budget and co-financing - P-BA lower level
06.10.2026 09:30 - 12:00	P-BA in Interreg: the basics #6
09.10.2026 09:30 - 12:00	Interreg for Urban Sustainable Mobility

Upcoming events

In person

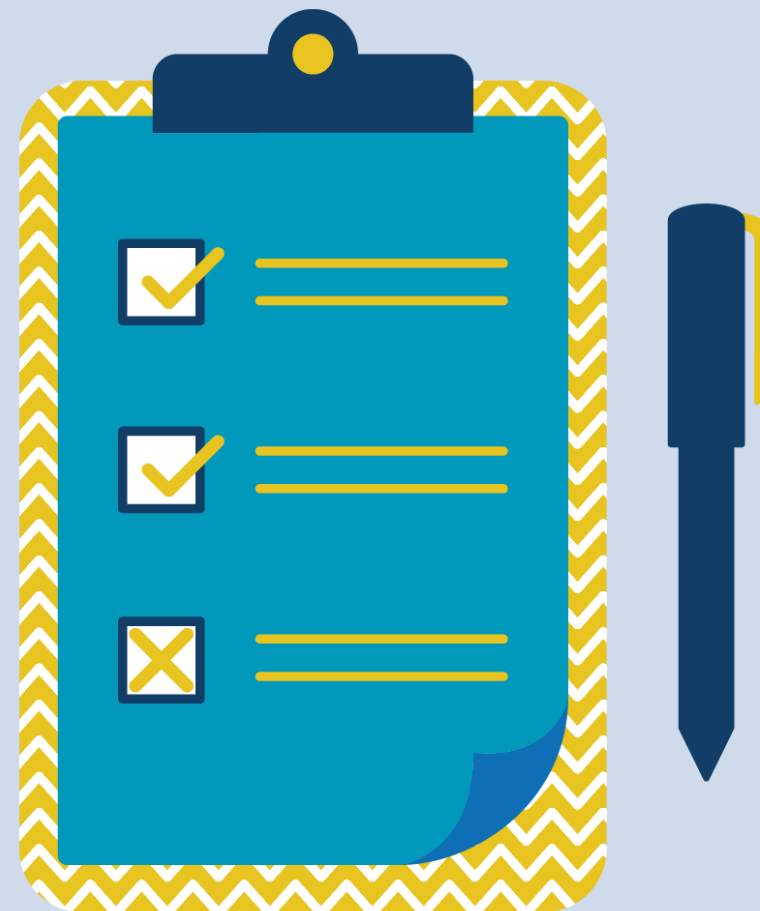
16 - 17.09.2026 Thessaloniki (GR)	Bridging the periods – keeping the momentum
30.09 – 01.10.2026 Prague (CZ)	From Click to Call: AI in Action for Interreg
13.10.2026 Brussels (BE)	Interreg projects: reforming the territory in healthcare, education, employment and tourism
21-22.10.2026 Kortrijk (BE)	Interreg Private Sector Roadshow 2026
22-23.10.2026 Prague (CZ)	Small projects and SPF Meeting
TBC	Navigating Project Closure

Thank you for being here!

Your opinion matters to us.

Please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback to help us improve our services.

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