

Future regulatory discussions

MFF Check-in

Interreg and the path to Post 2027

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Agenda for today

Guest Speaker

Eleni Marianou
Former Chair of the
SMOR Working Party

Moderated by Jelena
Stojovic

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Kevin Fulcher
Overview of Interact
work, plus Interreg
observations

DG REGIO

Moray Gilland
Nathalie Verschelde
Updates from D1 and D2

Q&A

Steered by the MS Tool,
Moderated by Interact.

How to **engage** with us today

Q&A Tool

Use the Q&A tool to ask Questions for the Q&A later.

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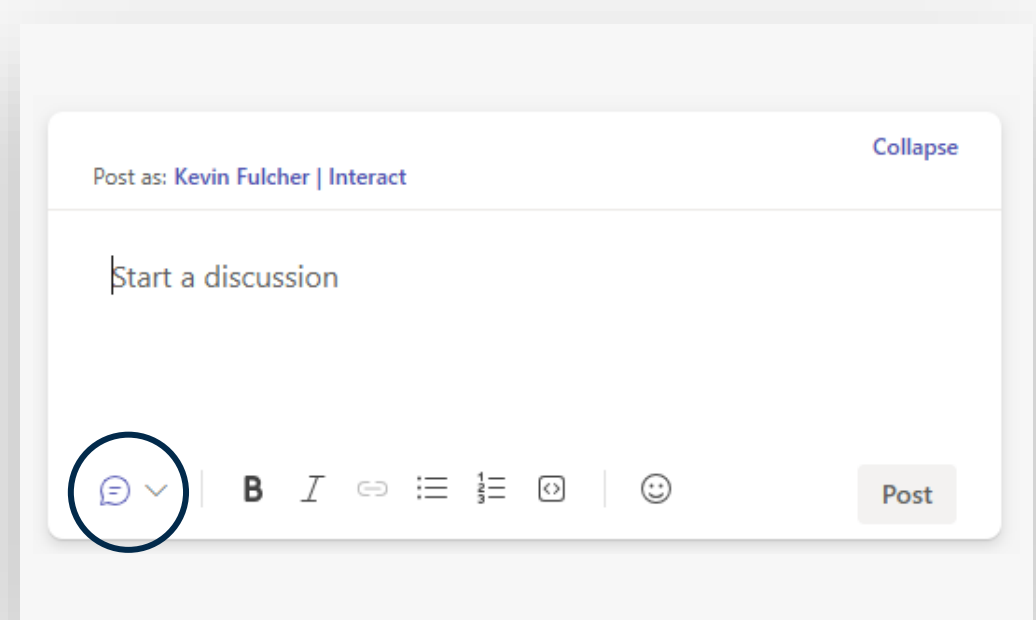
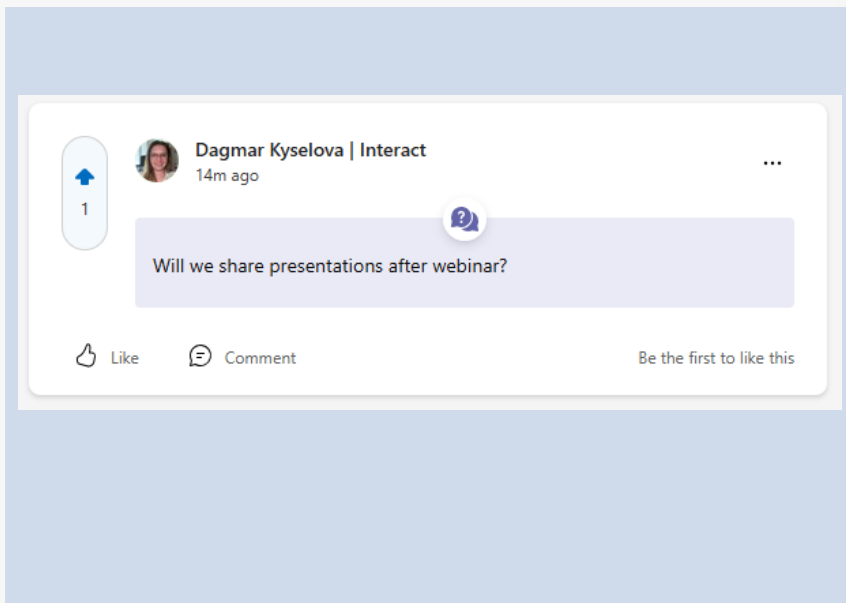
Technical issues only! We will close it shortly, and share links here, so the focus is the Q&A.

Use voting

Upvote what you want us to focus on. We will moderate to cover topics within the time frame.

Today we are using MS Teams Q&A Function

You have two options in the Q&A. You can ask a Question (blue box below), or 'start a discussion'. **Only questions can be upvoted**, and you can comment (to add to a question) on each others questions. Most upvoted questions are most likely to be answered.





Let's hear from our speaker

Eleni Marianou | Senior Advisor on the Multiannual Financial Framework and Cohesion Policy, Former Chair of the SMOR Working Party of the Council under the Cyprus Presidency of the EU

Additional input from Member State representatives

Moderated by Jelena Stojovic



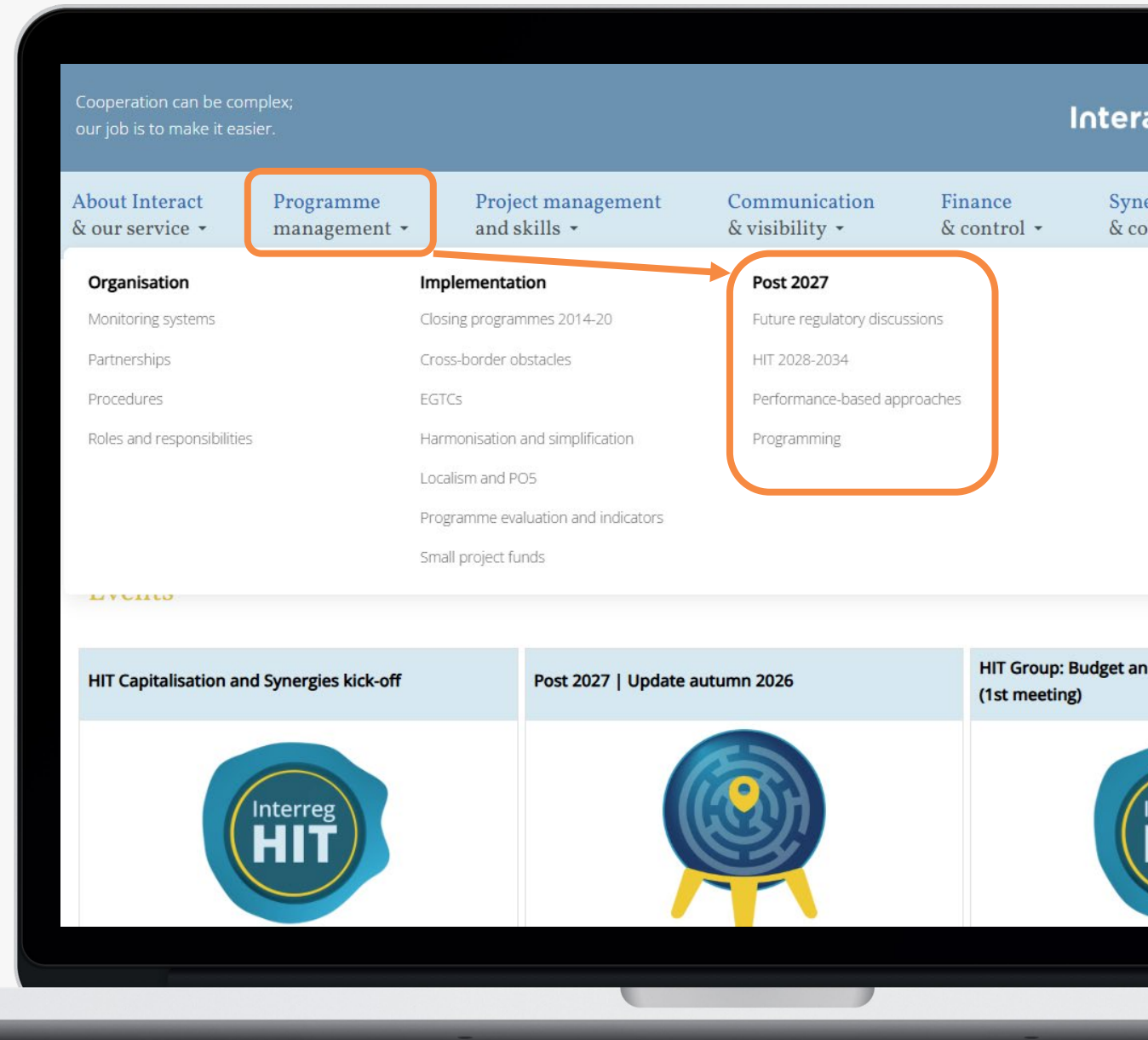
What about the work in Interact?

Most key topics have started...



Post 2027 section Regular updates

- Future regulations
- HIT 2028-2034
- P-BA
- Programming
- [Jems coming soon]



High level overview

P-BA in Interreg

5 events before year end
Beginners, measures,
advanced, more!

HIT 2021-2027

7 live topics, 3 to follow
Check-in before year end



New publications supporting Post 2027 work

Policy analysis based on the position at end of June
Timeline documents for Legislation and Programme Support

Policy Analysis | Interreg 2028-2034
What has changed, what it means

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August 2026

TLDR | What everyone needs to know

Interreg programmes are replaced by **chapters** within a single **Interreg Plan**, funded through a **delivery-based payment model** (sometimes referred to as a performance-based approach), where **milestones and targets trigger reimbursements** from the Commission, rather than expenditure declarations.

Most of what managing authorities, joint secretariats and controllers do today is **structurally redesigned**. Some core rules that currently sit in the regulation move to a Commission implementing act.

GOVERNANCE

CHANGED

No more individual programme approval decisions. All chapters are approved through a Commission implementing act covering all Interreg chapters simultaneously (the Interreg Plan). A separate Commission decision approves each chapter (ERDF/ Interreg Art.9, 29 June). Amendments need a new implementing act.

PROGRAMMING

CHANGED

The chapter replaces the programme. Core programming unit shifts from priority/specific objective to measure, which must include milestones, targets based on output indicators and total estimated costs at submission. Cost plausibility is assessed by the Commission at approval.

CHANGED

Post 2027 Update

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Legislation | August 2026

The process towards adopted legislation continues, following the publication of the Commission's proposals in July 2026. The anticipated timeline is set out below, and is subject to revision.

July 2025	In-progress	2027	2027	2027
Drafts published	Institutional positions	Trilogues	Final drafts	Legislation adopted

Overview of institutional positions

From a broader perspective, the following is the state of play of each institution:

	ERDF/Interreg

Overview

1. Commission published documents (July 2025)
2. Institutional positions formed (Ongoing)
 - ✓ Council ERDF/Interreg, NRPP, PERF, and Global (partial positions)
 - Parliament ERDF/Interreg, NRPP, Global (Ongoing)
3. Trilogues
4. Final drafts
5. Legislation adopted

Summer 2025

Autumn 2025

Winter 2025/6

Spring 2026

Summer 2026

Autumn 2026

Winter 2026/7

Spring 2027

Summer 2027

Autumn 2027

Winter 2027/8

Open comments and questions Resolved

Council discussions have advanced understandings. First draft of Parliament opinion has also shown areas of agreement and disagreement

Horizontal bits

Environment target applies to Interreg

NRPP 1a what does and what does not apply

Definitions

General terminology has been expanded

Single Gateway

Interreg Strand C

Financial

Data collection, no exemptions

Technical Assistance to be percentage flat rate

Other

MC Voting rules

National authorities, broad definition

SEA – at least screening

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Financial

Budget in 2028

Reversal and
durability of results

Volume (Interreg
and whole MFF)

Thematic Concentration

Out (Commission)

Out (Council)

In (Parliament)

Communication

100,000 euros on
tangible assets

Two funding
statements in
Interreg

Indicator

Intervention
field 142, connection
to targets and
coefficients

Annex I PERF

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European Parliament has a fundamental objection to P-BA and the way milestones and targets are verified (management verifications & audits).

Issue would not be fixed by any adjustment to terminology of P-BA...

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Council solves this by amending financial regulation.

Open comments and questions Hoped for in Act

N.B. Implementing Act will not go through an examination process (agreement with SMOR), so the draft provisions will be released to Member States for comment.

Hierarchy of rules

Legal value to joint
programme rules

Hierarchy of (joint)
eligibility rules

SCOs & Finance

Off-the-shelf

Cost categories

Common exchange
rate

Finance & Audit

Common sample

Correction rules

Partnership

Cooperation
principles

Q&A Prep!

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Nathalie Vershelde | Head of Unit D2

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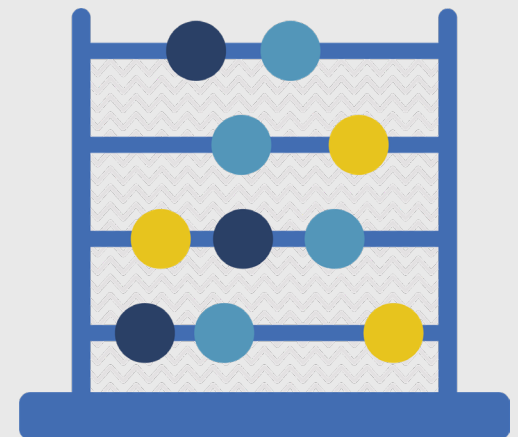
Question: Timeline

- We are currently preparing the programme timeline and would like to ensure that it is as realistic and accurate as possible. Could you please indicate (based on the latest available info) when the Regulations are expected to be formally adopted and when the related implementing acts are expected to be published?



Question: Audit

- Will the Interreg guideline tackle that ex ante or ex post checking of costing is beyond the AA scope?
- Did Moray say something about common sample, will it be retained?



Question: Targets and Interreg application

- Will the contribution to the environment targets be counted at Interreg Chapter level, Interreg plan level or MFF level?
- Plus social targets?

Question: P-BA

- It has been stated that the PBA for the Interreg is complicated. What significant changes are currently planned to better address the realities of Interreg?
- Do you have any updates on the EC guidance document regarding the performance indicators?
- According to the PGA on the Performance Regulation, the Commission is required to draw up definitions for the indicators set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation by 1 November 2026. Could you, please, provide any details regarding the progress of this work? The definitions are important for establishing performance frameworks for the measures. Thank you.

Question: P-BA (cont.)

- If the PBA mechanism would stay, and reimbursement would be based on milestones and targets, do I understand correctly that double-counting of indicator is not a problem, indeed, if a partner is involved in 2 projects, that from reimbursement point of view, it counts 2 times (partners cooperating). (?)

Question: Quick fire

- SEA | Does Strategic Environmental Assessment apply for Interreg
- DNSH | Interreg and the single and simple guidance?
- CLLD | Local and territorial impact retained?

Question: P-BA (cont.)

- One of the good things in interreg is that it provides risk capital i.e. we accept that a project may fail in achieving a goal. Will it be possible under the PBA regime to accommodate for this or will we just have to play safe and forget about innovative project ideas.
- We plan to apply PBA (FNLC) to certain projects at the lower level. What is the main rule for link between the lower and upper levels? What I mean is, when estimating an output at the lower level for projects, is it mandatory to use the same output value estimated at the upper level? Or these values can be set separately, and they can be different?

Question: P-BA (cont.)

- If it comes to costing of reform (I mean costly reforms) and investment located in one Measure: Should the costing to investment should be increased to include the cost of reform? Or reform's costing should be estimated separately

Thank you for being here

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