

Interreg OMR Network Meeting

Shaping the 2028-2034 Programming Period

Thursday 14 January 2027

Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Bruxelles



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Outlines

The Interreg OMR Network Meeting brings together programmes involving the EU Outermost Regions for a full day of peer exchange. Programmes will share experiences and challenges from current implementation and discuss their progress and needs as they prepare the 2028-2034 programming period.

With DG INTPA joining the discussion, the meeting will provide an opportunity to lay the first groundwork for future Global Europe funding for Interreg OMR programmes. Drawing on current ERDF-EDF/NDICI experience, emerging project pipelines and envisaged thematic priorities, programmes will explore how to strengthen the articulation between Interreg and Global Europe from the start of the next programming period, and identify initial common messages and next steps.

The day will also include exchanges with DG REGIO on the OMR orientation papers and the new EU Strategy for the Outermost Regions, alongside practical management questions. Time is reserved for bilateral exchanges between programmes, Interact and Commission colleagues where useful.

Objectives

The meeting aims to:

- Take stock of implementation and programming preparations across the OMR programmes.
- Lay the first groundwork with DG INTPA for future Global Europe funding to Interreg OMR programmes, drawing on current ERDF-EDF/NDICI experience and envisaged cooperation priorities.
- Exchange with the European Commission on orientations for the Outermost Regions and their consideration in the 2028-2034 programmes.
- Address practical programme management questions and identify follow-up actions and support needs.

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09.00 - 09.20	Welcome and framing of the day Recent developments since the June OMR meeting, objectives and expected outcomes for the day.
09.20 - 10.30	Tour de table: where do OMR programmes stand? Short updates from programmes on current implementation, including ERDF-EDF/NDICI where relevant, key developments, challenges and lessons emerging.
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 - 11.45	Preparing the 2028-2034 programmes State of play of programming preparations and progress in setting up Programming Committees. Follow-up on the programming chapter template, including common questions and support needs.
11.45 - 12.30	OMR orientations for the future period Exchange with DG REGIO on the Commission orientation papers, if available, or update on the process and expected next steps, with discussion of implications for OMR Interreg programmes.
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.45	Interreg + Global Europe: laying the groundwork together First exchange with DG INTPA and the programmes on potential Global Europe funding for Interreg OMR programmes from the beginning of 2028-2034. DG INTPA: state of play of the Global Europe legislative proposal, planned next steps and how the OMR programmes could benefit from this funding from the start of the programming period. Interreg MAC and Indian Ocean: scope of their current ERDF-NDICI calls and expected project pipelines, highlighting experience relevant to future cooperation. Joint discussion: link the programmes' envisaged thematic priorities and cooperation needs to the orientation papers, identify initial common messages and agree on next steps for continued dialogue with DG INTPA.
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 - 16.30	From experience to practice: advance payments and preparation costs Practical case and peer exchange on approaches to advance payments and preparation costs for projects, including solutions and lessons from programmes.

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16.30 - 17.15	The new EU Strategy for the Outermost Regions: what does it mean for Interreg? Exchange with the DG REGIO on emerging orientations for the new strategy, programme perspectives, and how regional cooperation and future Interreg programmes can contribute.
17.15 - 17.30	Conclusions and next steps Common messages, issues requiring follow-up, next steps towards 2028-2034 and possible follow-up with DG INTPA.

Practicalities

Venue

Brussels, Belgium. Thon Hotel EU

Travel

Accommodation

Participants are invited to arrange their own accommodation in Brussels. Further practical information will follow.

Other Information

The working language will be French and English as appropriate.