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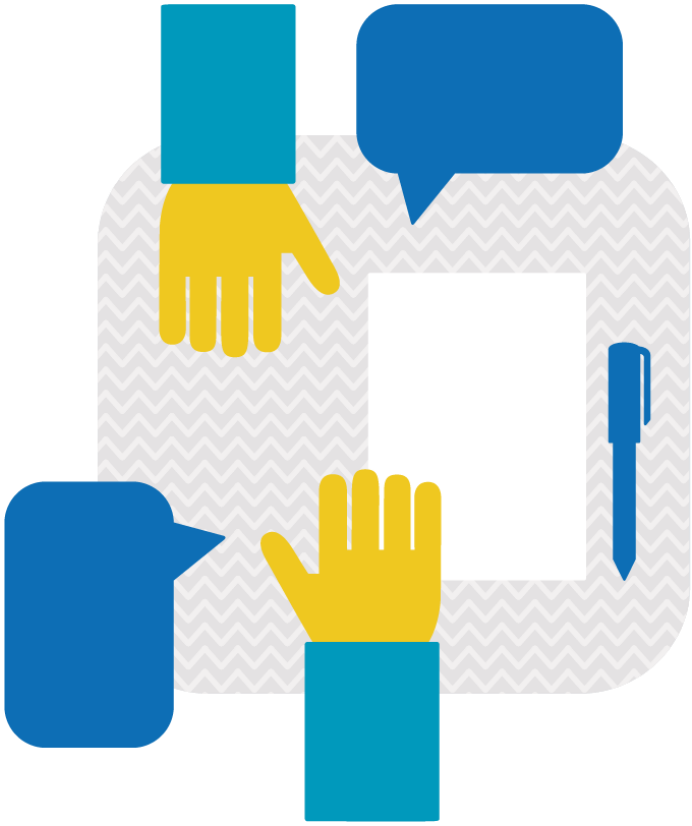

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Outline

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 explore a variety of 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.
- Explore how AI-driven thematic analysis and analysis of project results can support capitalisation and preparation for the next programming period.

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Wednesday, 2 December 2026

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:45 **Setting the scene: capitalisation calls across Interreg**

- Different names, formats, purposes and programme contexts.
- Positioning of programmes, from calls already implemented to future consideration.

Objective of the session: Establish a shared understanding and identify the questions to explore during the workshop.

09:45 - 10:30 **From ambition to a concrete call: programme stories, part 1**

- Hosted conversations with three programmes on their ambition, call design and experience so far, followed by questions.
- What has the response revealed, what remains uncertain, and what comes next?

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

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 11:45 **From ambition to a concrete call: programme stories, part 2**

- Three further hosted conversations, followed by questions.
- Insights adapted to each call's stage, from applicant response and selection to early implementation or more mature experience.

Objective of the session: Broaden the collection of approaches and lessons. Concrete examples may illustrate a design choice, applicant question or project experience, where available.

11:45 - 12:45 **Open exchange: bring an experience, bring a question**

- Small-group discussions around topics proposed by participants during the morning.
- All programmes can spontaneously share an approach, raise a difficulty or ask a question, including those still developing their calls.

Objective of the session: Extend the exchange beyond the invited stories and identify useful lessons and unresolved questions for the afternoon reflection.

12:45 – 13:45 Networking lunch

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13:45 - 14:45 **Expectations vs reality: an honest review**

- Collective reflection drawing on the programme stories and open exchanges.
- Alignment between programme ambitions and applicant or project responses; practical challenges, requirements and support.
- What can be improved now, and what is still too early to judge?

Objective of the session: Identify lessons and questions to follow during implementation, drawing on project feedback where available.

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:00 - 17:15 **AI-driven analysis to support programme needs**

- Input and exchange on AI-driven thematic analysis and capitalisation of project achievements.
- How analysis can help programmes identify relevant outputs, thematic strengths, gaps and opportunities for uptake.
- Using this evidence to inform planning and programming for the next period.

Objective of the session: Explore how AI-driven analysis can support programme decisions and connect current achievements with future priorities and capitalisation opportunities.

17:15 - 17:30 **Day 1 wrap-up and preparation for Day 2**

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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 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:15 **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.

12:15 - 12:30 **Conclusions and next steps**