



PROGRAMME

Version: 24 April 2017

Wednesday, 26 April

14:00 – 15:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Opening Plenary, CETTINA DE CESARE room, level 2

Moderator: Mr Alexander Ferstl, DG Regional and Urban Policy

15:00 – 15:30

Opening Remarks:

- Mr Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General for Implementation, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Mr Raphael Scerri, Director-General, Funds and Programmes Division, Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto, Malta

15:30 – 17:00

Plenary Session I – Implementation State of Play

- Facts and figures on the state of play of implementation of the Interreg programmes, Mr David Alba, Evaluation and European semester, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Focus on Interreg programmes' implementation, Ms Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Territorial Co-operation, Macro-regions and Programmes Implementation I, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- **Programme Testimonies:**
 - Designation process of Interreg IPA CBC Programmes 2014-2020 managed by Bulgaria, Ms Maria Duzova, Head of Managing Authority, Director General, DG Territorial Cooperation Management, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria
 - The integrated approach of the Interreg MED programme, Ms Tarja Richard, Joint Secretariat Coordinator of the MED programme
 - Building on the past to be ready for a challenging future: Experiences from the Germany-Netherlands Interreg Programme, Dr Michiel Scheffer, Chair of Germany-Netherlands Monitoring Committee and Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Q&A session

17:00 – 17:20

Coffee break

17:20 – 18:45

Plenary Session II – Feeding the Reflection on Interreg Post-2020

- Introductory remarks, Ms Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Territorial Co-operation, Macro-regions and Programmes Implementation I, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Presentation of the study "Collecting solid evidence to assess the needs to be addressed by Interreg cross-border cooperation programmes", Mr Alessandro Valenza and Mr Andrea Gramillano, t33
- Strategic guidelines for EU territorial cooperation programmes post-2020, Prof. Eduardo Medeiros, University of Lisbon

Q&A session

20:00 – 22:00

Networking dinner, Paranga restaurant, St. George's Bay, St Julian's

Meeting venue: InterContinental Hotel, St. George's Bay, St. Julian's STJ 3310, Malta



Thursday, 27 April

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and welcome coffee	
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Parallel workshops in world café mode, led by the responsible advisory group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Workshop 1: Result orientation - What is a good project in the Interreg context? CETTINA DE CESARE II room, level 2 <i>Facilitator:</i> Ms Céline Thomas, Oxygen Coaching <i>Speakers:</i> Ms Monika Schönerklee-Grasser, Central Europe; Ms Carolyn Reid, France-United Kingdom (Manche-Channel)</p> <p>Workshop 2: How can Interreg programmes contribute to and benefit from the EU macro-regional strategies? SATURN room, level 2 <i>Facilitator:</i> Ms Jody Julien, Oxygen Coaching <i>Speakers:</i> Ms Baiba Liepa, Interact; Ms Stefanie Bischof, Alpine Space; Mr Luca Ferrarese, Central Europe; Ms Merike Niitepöld, Central Baltic; Mr Mauro Novello, IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro; Ms Tarja Richard, Mediterranean</p> <p>Workshop 3: Cooperation with non-EU countries (EFTA, IPA, ENI & other non-EU countries) CETTINA DE CESARE I room, level 2 <i>Facilitator:</i> Mr Tristan Kohneh-Chahri, Oxygen Coaching <i>Speakers:</i> Ms Ivana Lazic, Interact; Ms Sanda Simic, Adrion; Mr Ole Damsgaard, Northern Periphery and Arctic</p> <p>Workshop 4: Territorial tools and structures for the post-2020 CETTINA DE CESARE III room, level 2 <i>Facilitator:</i> Mr Stéphane Vallée, Oxygen Coaching <i>Speakers:</i> Mr Ales Mrkela, Slovenia-Hungary; Ms Raffaella Silvestri, Italy-Slovenia; Mr Christian Stampfer, Italy-Austria</p> 	
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
	11:30 – 13:00	<p>Parallel workshops – Continuation and switching of topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First round (11:30-12:10) Second round (12:20-13:00)
	13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Bus transport to project venues	
15:30 – 18:30	<p>Project visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1: Cross-border project "Lithos" on the protection and valorisation of the historical heritage (Interreg IV A programme IT-MT) Option 2: Transnational project "CypFire" on the protection against fire of the natural heritage of the Mediterranean regions (Interreg IV B programme MED) Option 3: "Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure" in the field of water treatment (Malta Operational Programme I – Cohesion Policy 2007-2013) 	
18:30 – 19:15	Bus transport to InterContinental Hotel, St Julian's	
20:00 – 22:00	Networking dinner, Harruba restaurant, InterContinental Hotel, level 4	

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Friday, 28 April

9:00 – 9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

Closing Plenary, CETTINA DE CESARE room, level 2

Moderator: Mr Alexander Ferstl, DG Regional and Urban Policy

Discussant panel:

- Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions
- Ms Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Territorial Co-operation, Macro-regions and Programmes Implementation I, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Ms Andreja Jerina, EU Macro-regional Strategies National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
- Mr Martin Guillermo-Ramírez, Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

9:30 – 10:00	<p>Introduction of the Discussant Panel, Mr Alexander Ferstl, DG Regional and Urban Policy</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Presentation and Discussion of the Outcomes from Workshops 1 and 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Result orientation - What is a good project in the Interreg context? <i>Rapporteur: Advisory Group</i> ▪ How can Interreg programmes contribute to and benefit from the EU macro-regional strategies? <i>Rapporteurs: Mr Nicolas Garnier, Mediterranean; Ms Francesca Teston, Alpine Space</i> <p><i>Q&A session with the audience and the discussant panel</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Presentation and Discussion of the Outcomes from Workshops 3 and 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cooperation with non-EU countries (EFTA, IPA, ENI & other non-EU countries) <i>Rapporteurs: Ms Gina McIntyre, Ireland-Northern Ireland-Scotland; Ms Ivana Lazic, Interact; Mr Péter Rácz, Hungary-Serbia</i> ▪ Territorial tools and structures for the post-2020 <i>Rapporteur: Advisory Group</i> <p><i>Q&A session with the audience and the discussant panel</i></p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Conclusions and Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Jean-Pierre Halkin, Head of Unit, Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional cooperation, IPA, Enlargement, DG Regional and Urban Policy ▪ Ms Ana-Paula Laissy, Head of Unit, Interreg, Cross-border Co-operation, Internal Borders, DG Regional and Urban Policy
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Lunch</p>