Dear Interreg Partners,

The Interreg world is always spinning and moving and evolving... so we have many interesting news to share with you, looking forward to meeting you in person at....

......#IFOR(Interreg Focused on Results) Interreg Annual Event: deadline for registration is approaching!

It was not easy to shape up the event of this year after the huge success we had last year, but thanks also to your contribution and requests (through the online survey run the last month of February) we managed to "cook" an interesting Interreg Annual Event with tasty side dishes (above all the THREE project visits to programmes near Brussels... and the dinner in Bruges!). **15 May is the deadline to register for the event.** On the following page you will find the agenda and the link for the registration as well as all the detailed information on the various sessions. We count, as usual, on your active participation to ensure a great outcome to the event. Come in numbers!

May, the month of Europe

September is our familiar 'celebration season', with the European Cooperation day and all our important activities around it. But May has also its high significance for us: Europe Day and EU Open Days are approaching and DG REGIO has launched the 2016
#EUinmyregion campaign. Four important, challenging and entertaining opportunities this year: the Open EU Project days, the Treasure Hunt, the Photo competition and a stronger focus on the involvement of bloggers in telling the stories about what works better thanks to the EU. Curious about the details? Have a look at the dedicated webpages (one for each strand of activities) that you can find here!

CB Review: results of the public consultations out now!

623 respondents participated in the public consultation run from 21 September to 21 December 2015. After a thorough analysis the results are now published: not only did respondents clearly identify remaining cross-border issues, but they were also asked to put forward concrete ideas on how to overcome them. They mention five main obstacles:

1. Legal and administrative barriers (lack of recognition of qualifications, differences in social security, pension and taxation systems),
2. Language barriers,
3. Difficult physical access (lack of infrastructures and of integrated public transport systems),
4. Lack of cooperation between public authorities on cross-border issues, and
5. Economic disparities (differences in the labour market and wages, creating asymmetric flows).

You can find the summary report soon translated in the 23 languages at the following link.

The public consultation is part of the Cross-Border Review, which also comprises a study and a series of workshops among experts held in Brussels.

You can also enjoy the video summary of the second workshop that was held on 28 January.
Everything you always wanted to know about the model for the Annual Implementation Report...

... and you were not afraid to ask! 😊

Thanks to your questions, DG REGIO was able to finalize a questions and answers document on the implementation reports for both Investment for Growth and Jobs and European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg) programmes. The document, updated on 13 April 2016, is available on the guidance page on ESIF on Inforegio, under the chapter 'Implementing'.

EU legislation in the construction sector: what is the real impact?

DG GROW has launched a 'health check' through a public consultation to gather the experience, views and opinions of stakeholders and the public on the impact of current EU legislation on the construction sector.

The consultation asks about key construction procedures and issues affected by EU legal instruments. The results will feed into the Fitness Check for the Construction Sector undertaken by the Commission, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. Interested in participating? Click on the picture here under!
Best Website Award... who will win?

Tick, tock, tick, tock... the clock is ticking towards the cut-off date for the Interreg Website Award:

**30 April is the last day** for making your website the greatest thing we've ever seen!

The prize will be awarded during the official dinner of the Interreg Annual Event.

As mentioned last month some main principles will guide the selection:

Originality- **Finding creative solutions and good ideas**

User-friendliness- **Making things easier for all users**

Transparency **Increasing the accessibility of information for applicants and citizens**

Focus on results- **Passing the Interreg message**

The prize? Well, GLORY above all, the satisfaction to be an inspiration for late comers and... a nice souvenir...

**Twitter out, Facebook next!**

Unit D2 is enhancing its presence on the web: we created a few days ago a **new Twitter account** for the Unit: 'EU Regio Interreg A' (@Regio_InterregA). Quick news, photos from projects, updates on our policy: everything of interest for the Interreg cross-border community will be relayed through this account. Follow us, make your relatives follow us, ask your friends to ask their relatives to follow us if they want to know about cross-border cooperation 😊

And in the next few days we will also publish a brand new **Facebook page** dedicated to Interreg A: this way, we will have another place to promote Interreg results and to share with you the news that we happen to have for you between two Flash News. So... Stay Tuned!

The Regio D2 Team

You can find this Flash News and previous issues on our [webpage](#)