Dear partners in European Cross-Border-Cooperation,

Please, allow us to share a few highlights/information with you:

**Interreg V a - Preparing 2014-2020 cooperation programmes** The Commission delegated act on eligibility of expenditure for ETC programmes was published on 13 May 2014.

As you know, the ETC Regulation empowered the Commission to lay down specific rules on eligibility by means of a delegated act regarding 5 expenditure categories: staff costs, office & administrative expenditure, travel and accommodation costs, external expertise and services costs and equipment expenditure. The ETC Regulation also establishes a clear hierarchy of norms: first EU rules as laid down in the regulations and the delegated act, then additional rules adopted by each monitoring committee for the programme as a whole, and finally national rules that shall apply only to matters not covered by EU or programme rules.

These common Union eligibility rules aim at making the life of programme authorities and beneficiaries easier. The main advantage is the harmonisation of rules across programmes and reduction of legal uncertainty, which should result in decreased error rates. For each expenditure, a list of expenditure items has been set out and a list of ineligible items applicable across all programmes has been established.


- **19-20 ETC (Interreg) May ANNUAL EVENT in Brussels:**
  
  We are looking forward to seeing you again in Brussels in this occasion! You can find all the information for the event @:
  

  For those colleagues who cannot attend the meeting, **live webstreaming is foreseen**, **using the links below**:

  - **19 May** - 14.00-18.30
    
  
  - **20 May** - 9.00-13.00
    

*Looking forward to meeting you soon,*

*Kind regards,*

*The REGIO D2 CBC team*
Latest news are that Peter Schenk will be taking over new responsibilities in REGIO Unit D1 as of 16 May. Replacement is under way and will be communicated to you as soon as possible, together with the recruitment of the new Deputy Head of Unit REGIO D2.