CBC Flash news May 2015

Dear Interreg Partners,

Please, let us share a few highlights/information with you,

**2014-2020 programming:**


Cross-border cooperation programmes – adoption status of 12 May:
- 18 programmes adopted
- 37 in negotiations
- 5 not submitted yet

**Programme implementation**

95% ceiling reminder: pursuant to Article 79 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083 /2006, the cumulative total of pre-financing and interim payments shall not exceed 95% of the contribution from the Funds to the Operational Programme. Several payment requests not complying with this regulatory requirement could not therefore be honoured up to the formally requested amount over the last weeks. Programmes should bear this in mind when addressing their future payment claims.

Q & A on State Aid & European Territorial Cooperation available on the Interact website @: Questions & Answers | ETC and State Aid | April 2015

REGIOPEER2PEER: DG REGIO has launched a new instrument – REGIOPEER2PEER - by which MA, CA, AA and JS of all ERDF programmes can apply for peer assistance. The principle is based on exchanging operational expertise between practitioners. A pilot phase is on-going where a number of applications are going to be selected and the costs borne by the Commission. If successful, the instrument will be used more widely by all ERDF authorities using their own TA budget. This is not an instrument that replaces activities carried out by act. On the contrary, applications from Interreg programmes should cover needs that are not addressed by either the Interact training programme or their guidance. Unit D2 will be involved in vetting applications and only needs different from those addressed by Interact will be supported (e.g. receiving an expert in-house for a few days to look at a specific issue). If you are interested check out the details here: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/how/improving-investment/taiex-regio-peer-2-peer/

**Interreg 25 years celebrations**

15 Sept am Annual event with programmes: Thank you to those who responded to our on-line survey for establishing the agenda. Registration (easier to access the page via Mozilla Firefox©) is now open @: https://scic.ec.europa.eu/fmi/ezreg/ETC2015
15-16 Sept Interreg 25 years Conference co-organized by the Luxemburg Presidency, the Commission and Interact: Registration (again, easier to access the page via Mozilla Firefox ☺️) is now open @: https://scic.ec.europa.eu/fmi/ezreg/INTERREG2015/start
All details available: Conference "25 years of Interreg"

24 June Lille Inform Network: make sure your communication officer(s) join(s) in our next brainstorming

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE Interreg 25 years A SUCCESS!
In the frame work of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Interreg, INTERACT is coordinating a series of activities and would like to invite you to:

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<td>Show your creativity and achievements by preparing your programme poster for an exhibition in Luxembourg.</td>
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<td>Project slam</td>
<td>Propose your best project example</td>
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- Video on Interreg state of play, 7 May 2015 Committee of the Regions
- EU open doors 9 May 2015: the D2 unit took actively part in presenting Interreg A activities to the citizens and also organized a new edition of the Franco-Belgian waffles event. More than 45 kg waffles cooked on that day ☺️
- News from our teaser in the social media, the #eulovewithoutborder competition launched on 14 February: the winning couple announced on 9 May, the day of their wedding, is: Alexandra & Pierre, from the Grande Region area

We wish them all the very best!!

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