Dear Interreg Partners,

It has been again an honour and a privilege to meet many of you during the Interreg Annual Meeting in Malta. We feel energized by your passion for cooperation during this meeting and we are already bringing this energy back in our daily work with you and for you. Have a read at the news we would like to share with you!

Interreg Annual Meeting... as it happened

Three days of speeches, presentations, discussions, questions and answers. The Interreg Annual Meeting has been once again a huge success thanks to the effort of organiser (European Commission) and co-organiser (Malta presidency) but also because of your active participation and your will to share and network with other programmes. This is the main lesson we bring home: the most you have the opportunity to discuss between yourselves, the better it is for the success of the event. The three study visits have been an appreciated part of the programme but the whole "combined" package (plenary session, workshops, visits, final plenary session) was well and actively attended. Did you miss the event? If so we regret it ... but we have something for you: at this link all materials will be uploaded in the coming days as well as the two recorded sessions. Stay tuned!

Interreg Volunteers Youth Initiative: first two volunteers already deployed, third one coming up and... many more waiting for you!

The Interreg Volunteers Youth Initiative, financed by the European Commission and implemented by the Association of European Border Regions is making its first exciting steps!
We have been among the first initiatives in the context of the European Solidarity Corps to deploy young people on the ground and here you can see the faces of these two frontrunners with whom we are proud to work! Manon Lebrey is a French young lady that decided to spend her volunteering period as Interreg Reporter in the Danube Transnational Programme, in Budapest. Jasmin Kanditt is a German native that is starting her adventure as Interreg Reporter in Poland, in the South Baltic Programme. Manon and Jasmine, as you can see in the photo, were also protagonist together with Cinzia Dellagiacoma of AEBR of the EU Open Doors Day on 6 May in the Berlaymont (Brussels). Follow their work as they will for sure report about this experience!

We can already tell that a third volunteer will be soon deployed in the Northern Periphery and Artic programme, in Denmark. And there are a huge number of young people that could be interested in spending a volunteering experience as Interreg Project Partner or Interreg Reporter. Go to the website of the initiative and contact Alessandra Cardaci or Cinzia Dellagiacoma in AEBR (ivy@aebr.eu) to have all the information about the (really simple!!!!) procedure through which you can also host some volunteers in your programmes and projects!

European Health Award: an opportunity for cross-border projects!

Are you involved in a cross-border health project or do you know anyone who is? Then use this chance and apply now for the European Health Award 2017! The award of €10,000 is sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health and Women’s Affairs and FOPi, the Association of the Research & Development-based Pharmaceutical Industry in Austria and will be awarded at this year’s EHFG. Applications for the Award will close on Friday 26th May 2017 and will then be evaluated by a renowned jury. More
Save the Dates: Interact events that you wouldn’t want to miss

June is a pretty rich month in terms of events for Interact. You are encouraged to join as they are useful to learn new ways to overcome implementation challenges. We would like to mention some: the "Capitalisation event" in Rome on 7-8 June, the working group on "Simplified Cost Options" in Malta on 13 June, the "Audit Authorities and Certifying Authorities" network meeting also in Malta on 14-15 June.

Do you want a complete overview? Have a look here.

Monitoring Committees: best practices illustrated in a catchy way

Interact has been an essential partner for us in the preparation of the Interreg Annual Meeting in Malta. One of the most visible common effort was the production of a short informative video on what we think are good practices to share and implement when it comes to acting effectively as Monitoring Committee Members. The video is available in the event page but you can find it also here... please share with your MC members, we are sure they will appreciate it!

United we stand: Regio CBC Interreg account becomes RegioInterreg!

Regio CBC unit has created one year ago its twitter account to provide you with another channel of information about our activities. Many of you have started following us from the beginning and we thank you for this. Now it is time for the next bold move and we decided with our colleagues dealing
with transnational programmes and macro-regional strategies to unify the effort in one single account, that you could find simply as @RegioInterreg... isn’t sharing the effort the key of good cooperation? 😊 Keep following us in number!

Adriatic and Ionian Macro-Regional Strategy: the 2nd Forum is on this week!

The 2nd Forum of the Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, jointly organised by the European Commission and the Hellenic Republic with the support of the EUSAIR Facility Point, is taking place this week in Ioannina (Greece), precisely on the 11th and 12th of May, 2017. The Forum will focus on the interrelation between Blue Growth and the other EUSAIR pillars: Connecting the Region, Environmental Quality and Sustainable Tourism. Ministers and stakeholders from the eight participating countries (Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania and Montenegro) will get together, with the European Commission and representatives from other EU institutions, to take stock of the progress made since last year’s Forum and to discuss the challenges that lie ahead. The Forum consists of an Opening session, where Ministers and Commissioners are expected to set the direction for the next steps of the Strategy, and two plenary sessions, covering the four pillars of the Strategy, where an interactive exchange between stakeholders and the audience will take place. Furthermore, two side events are foreseen on 11 May a.m.: a B2B session as well as a Workshop for EUSAIR key implementers on Monitoring and Evaluation. Sounds like something you don’t want to miss!

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