

Interreg and Post 2027 consultations

# Webinar: Briefing on the future of Interreg

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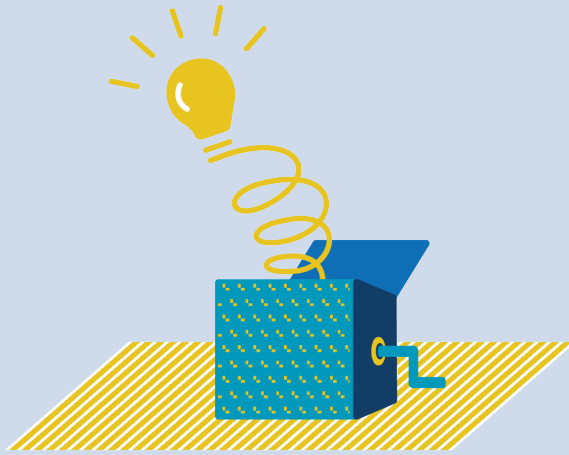
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# Introduction to consultation

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# Pan-Interreg consultation

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# Approach work in three ways

## 1. Milestone events in Post 27

### (Top down)

- Interreg Knowledge Fair | 5-7 March 2024
- Post 2027 focused event | Oct/Nov 2024
- Event in Gorizia/Nova Gorica | Spring 2025

## 2. Interact thematic/sectorial events in 2024

### (Bottom up)

- Questions in every event and online event
- Opportunities for harmonisation, simplification or repair, policy visioning

## 3. Exchange with other stakeholders

Committee of the Regions, SMOR, HLG



# Individual activities to review

## 1. Interreg Knowledge Fair Workshops

- One full day, likely 6 March
- Plus additional activities PM on 5 March

## 2. Event co-organised with CoR

- CoR organised, Interact support
- Targeted to Regions as (multiple) actors & stakeholders
- Exploring future policy purposes & simplification, cross-border focus

## 3. Interact thematic events

- Additional events TBC

## 4. Interact sectoral events

- Organised in work plan

## 5. Autumn event

- October or November 2024
- 'Validation of ideas'
- Scope and roles TBC
- Brussels

## 6. Spring participatory event 2025

- COM organised presentation of the harvest
- Concept to be confirmed
- Nova Gorica

## 7. More?

- Additional events TBC

# Milestone 1: 5-7 March 2024 Interreg Knowledge Fair

## Major purposes

- Ideation, brainstorming, sharing
- Collecting the diversity of opinions & ideas on cornerstones of future Interreg
- Presenting our more detailed micro-approach along topics
- (Completeness) check if we missed something!

# Milestone 2: Oct/Nov 2024 Interreg post 2027 event

## Major purposes

- Show what we've harvested up to now
- Hear COM feedback
- Check and prioritisation with large, diverse group

## Internally

- Develop a clear picture for our final reflection document / product that should be ready by December 2024, latest January 2025



# Proposed building blocks

## 1. Cooperation architecture and geographies – any critical?

- Strategy, Set up, Individual strands, External, Territorial Agenda, more

## 2. Objectives, purpose and orientation

- ISOs, Thematic concentration, Climate change, place-based and citizen-centric focus, Interreg & Union policies, more

## 3. Future delivery

- Financial novelties, programme operation, running project and programme life cycle, communication, more



# Programme-own consultations: Timeline & expectations

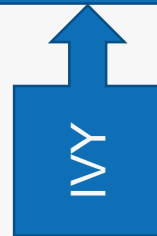
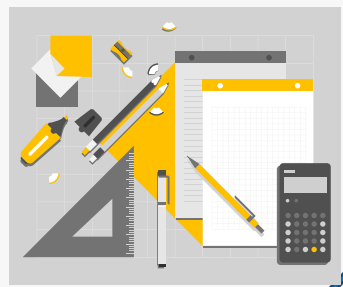
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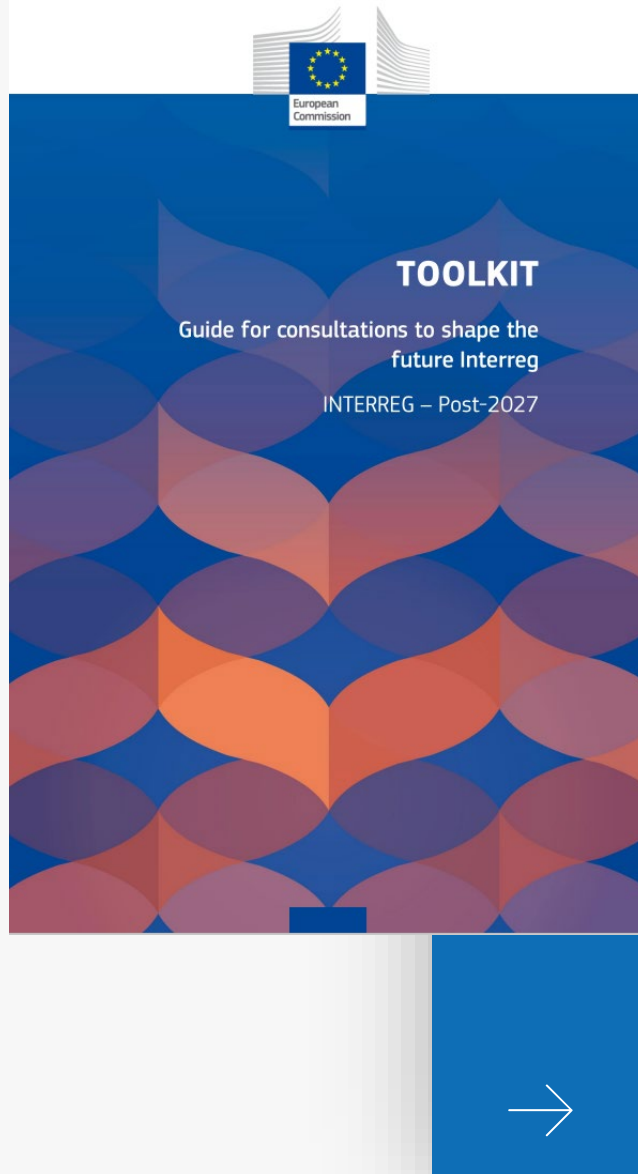


# Post 2027 Consultation Process

## We want to hear from you !



- Unique opportunity to shape the future of Interreg
- Each programme in its own way...
- 12 months ahead of us
- Try to use pre-agreed questions and harvesting forms (better chance to aggregate reactions/proposals)
- Harvesting moment will be key – all input considered (hence point above 😊)



# Programme-own consultations: Introducing the toolkit

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# Why was the Toolkit prepared?

- Support to programmes (and macro-regional strategies) for activities outside of their standard daily business
- To ensure that **set of core questions** are addressed and replies are provided **in a structured manner**
- **Our aim:** to offer something **practical, ready-to-use and flexible**

# What does the toolkit contain?

- Replies to the basic questions on the consultation process (why, what, when, who)
- List of **10 questions for stakeholders** and **5 questions to citizens**
- “Harvesting report template” with guidance what is expected
- Different **methods of consultation** (with more details and examples in the Annex)
- **Key types of stakeholders and groups** that should be consulted, also by types of programmes, with the exception of interregional cooperation programmes.

# 10 key questions for stakeholders

1. Is living next to a border an opportunity or a disadvantage?
2. Where is the biggest **potential for** territorial **cooperation** in your area?
3. **What** currently **works well** in this cooperation and should be either preserved or reinforced?
4. **What** currently **does not work well** in this cooperation and should be improved?
5. What are the **major obstacles** for a good cooperation in your area?
6. Are there things you would like to do under Interreg but cannot? Why?
7. What is the **most important novelty** that you would like to see in the future Interreg?
8. Is there a need for some **infrastructure** projects?
9. What should be done to facilitate the work with your counterparts in another country (**governance**)?
10. What would be the cooperation **project of your dreams**?

# 5 key questions for citizens

## 1. Is living next to a **border an opportunity or a disadvantage?**

Examples: *an advantage because there are more choices to get a job; a disadvantage as things can get complicated like simply public transport; etc.*

## 2. In the place where you live, what are the **main topics where cooperation is needed?**

Examples: *reducing pollution in a river; attracting tourists; networking research and enterprises to innovate; establishing energy communities; etc.*

## 3. Can you name an **Interreg project** that you find **useful** in the place where you live?

Examples: *a project about cleaning a river; a cycle path; a job fair; a joint cultural centre; a bus link; the protection of the sturgeon in the Danube; etc.*

## 4. In your daily life, what are the **biggest difficulties for** (cross-border and transnational ) **cooperation?**

Examples: *not the same language; a mountain range preventing easy exchanges; negative stereotypes; little potential for cooperation due to demographic decline; being in an island; non-Schengen borders, etc.*

## 5. What would be the cooperation **project of your dreams?**





# How Interreg IVY can support you

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# Post-2027 consultations: which role for Interreg Volunteers?

How to host an IVY in 2024?

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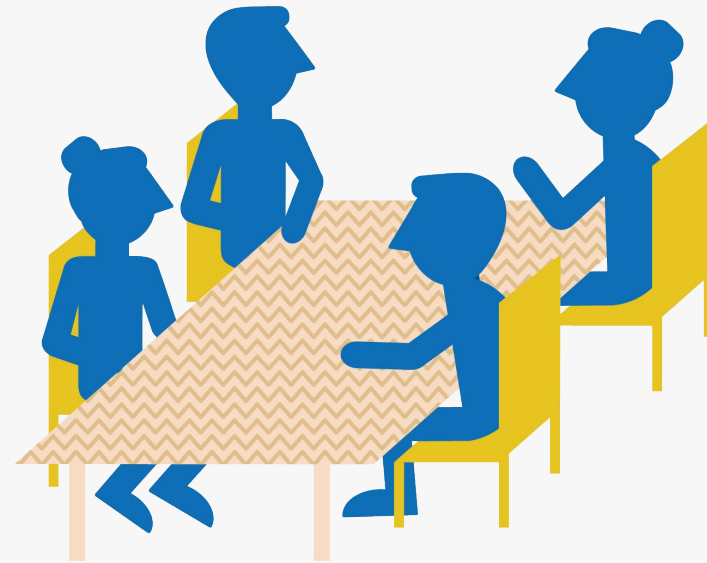
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# Floor is open for discussion



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