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# Item 7

## Report on participation in INTERACT networks and training sessions

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# **IPA ADRION participation to events and workshops organised by EC and INTERACT**



- IPA ADRION MA and JS have regularly participated in events and training sessions organized by the EC and INTERACT.
- Overall, around 30 events were attended between January and October 2025, most of them online.
- Attended workshops and training sessions mainly focused on current programme implementation topics (e.g., thematic synergies, financial issues) but also their coordination (e.g.: exchanges among transnational programmes and transnational programmes supporting MRSs)
- Networking with other Interreg programmes and related exchanges are ongoing and regularly maintained; this allows IPA ADRION projects to participate in events organized by other programmes, exchange practices, and facilitate networking (e.g.: 2026 events organized by CBC Italy-Slovenia and by in Serbia both in 2026)

# Focus on post 2021-2027 programming period

## Streamlining the process (1/2)



- The EC has reassured that TN programmes will remain unchanged in terms of their number and programme “mechanics”. Any geographical changes to programmes will be discussed bilaterally.
- To streamline the programming process (and reduce costs), the project ESPON TNCOOP “*Interreg Transnational Programmes: needs and opportunities for future cooperation*”, supported by the European Commission (DG REGIO), shall produce territorial evidence to strengthen the Interreg transnational cooperation programmes in the post-2027 period.

### Indicative timeline:

- First round of consultation (Summer 2025) to build a consistent and comparable database covering all programme areas at the NUTS 2 level.
- Elaboration of draft programme fiches (November 2025).
- Second round of consultation with programme authorities (November 2025).
- Elaboration of recommendations at programme and strand-level involving stakeholders such as DG REGIO, Interact, URBACT, Interreg Europe (January-February 2026).
- Final delivery (April 2026).

# Focus on post 2021-2027 programming period

## Streamlining the process (2/2)



- The transnational programmes MA/JS are working together on the next programming period and exchanging views on topics such as the performance framework, the programming document, future MA/JS tasks, and the identification of missing but relevant information in currently draft Regulation package (contribution to future implementing act for Interreg).
- There is a shared opinion among the transnational programmes that progressing in parallel on programming will support programmes and task forces in finding joint solutions, ensure consistency, and guarantee aligned approaches.
- A late submission of the Interreg Plan would lead to a deduction of the funds planned for the first year of implementation, as carry-over of funds is no longer allowed.
- The EC invited to start the programming process as soon as possible.

Some transnational programmes have already started/shall soon start the discussion about the new programming period (e.g.: Baltic Sea, Danube).

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