

Programming Interreg (NEXT) 2021-2027

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Article 17

Content of Interreg programmes



Set out a joint strategy:

- ✓ **Define joint challenges and regional needs**
- ✓ **Select your priorities**
- ✓ **Draft the financing plan**
- ✓ **List the programme authorities**

Phase 1: Input for the programming exercise



- Preparation of the Territorial analysis - **defining of joint challenges and needs**
- Legal framework - thematic concentration
- Joint paper and annexes
- Existing national/regional/macro-regional and sea-basin strategies, association agreements and other strategic frameworks (for the partner countries)
- **Consultation of** socioeconomic **partners**, regional and local stakeholders and civil society
- Budget of the programme

Phase 2: **Decisions about the strategic orientation** (based on the input from Phase 1)



- **Decision on the intervention logic:**
 - **Policy objectives,**
 - **Specific Objectives, Priorities,**
 - **Cooperation actions (types of operations - SPF) and**
 - **indicators**
- **Decision about operations (projects) of strategic importance, LIPs**

Phase 3: **Setting the implementation modalities**



Decide:

- **Management and control structures, liabilities**
- **Forms of support – simplified costs options etc.**

Main principles for programming:

Consult – Concentrate - Coordinate



1. **CONSULT** and **INVOLVE** socio-economic **partners**, regional and local stakeholders and civil society in the design, delivery and monitoring of programmes
2. **CONCENTRATE** the funds into a limited number of POs, SOs and priorities to have **IMPACT**
3. **CO-ORDINATE** with other territorial cooperation programmes, macro-regional strategies and EU instruments, including EU assistance to the partner countries

Clarifications on programming issues



Territorial Analysis

IMPORTANT: Elaborate a fully fledged territorial analysis supported by data on regional level to make good quality strategic decisions !

The range of POs covered – options (partners to agree):

- a) Pre-filtered POs/SOs based on the Joint paper, **BUT** also **respecting the latest thematic concentration agreement**
- b) Full range of POs/SOs

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Involvement of partners

IMPORTANT: multi-level cooperation should take place **at national, regional and local levels** throughout **all stages of the programming cycle**.

Who?

Regional and local bodies, civil society, environmental partners, bodies promoting social inclusion - rights of persons with disabilities - fundamental rights - gender equality and non-discrimination...

How?

Information on programming **publicly available** at all stages of programming, partners invited to **ask questions**, to **comment** draft documents, to **participate in person** at programming meetings...

Clarifications on programming issues



Thematic concentration

*At least **60%** of the EU funds to be allocated on **PO2** („greener“) and a max. of **2 other POs***

*Max. **10 %** may be allocated on the Interreg-specific objective of '**a better cooperation governance**'*

*Max. **5 %** may be allocated on the external Interreg-specific objective of '**a safer and more secure Europe**'.*

*For **transnational programmes** („strand B“), if covered by macro-regional or sea-basin strategy:*

*At least **80 %** of EU funds (other than TA) to contribute to the objectives of that strategy*

Clarifications on programming issues



Operations of strategic importance & LIPs

IMPORTANT: Pipeline of LIPs to be prepared **early !**

- Operations of strategic importance: **show-case** of the programme (*Article 17.4(e)(i)*)
- LIPs **can** be operations of strategic importance (no obligation)
- **Indicative list** of **LIPs** and **concept note** for each LIP to be submitted **for information** to the Commission according to *Article 55 and 58*

Clarifications on programming issues



Setting the implementation modalities

- Interreg programme authorities (*Article 44 ETC*)
- Functions of Managing Authority (*Article 45 ETC*)
- Role of Joint Secretariat (*Article 45(2) ETC*)

"staff taking into account the programme partnership"

*For Interreg programmes also supported by external financing instruments from the Union, one or more **branch offices of the Joint Secretariat** may be set up in one or more partner countries*

- Role of National Authority and National Audit Authority (an independent body) in the partner countries (*Article 52 ETC*)

**Thank you
for attention!**

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