



INTERACT pilot activity on Cooperation in the Investments for Growth and Jobs goal of Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 - art. 96.3 d) - Kick-off Meeting
16 September 2014 | Milan | ITALY

Date Tuesday, 16 September 2014
Venue *(To be confirmed)*
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Target groups Regions having implemented the article and the regions wanting to learn about it, Mas of ROPs and networks of Regions.

Objectives

- To help regions wanting to implement article 96.3 (d) to acquire information, examples and support from the growing network.
- To disseminate knowledge and information about this article and support the Commission in its purpose.
- To continue a network of European regions sharing know-how and experience in the implementation of projects under article 37.6(b), and to review this experience in the light of the new Cohesion Policy framework, especially as in art. 96.3 (d).
- To give visibility to good examples started up by regions that were successful in implementing the link between the “mainstream” and “European territorial cooperation” goals of Cohesion Policy and other programmes in the 2007-2013 period.
- To support and highlight the strategic need and concrete possibility to link ETC and goal 1 as well as other sectorial programmes.

Expected Output

The main output of this event will be the definition of a possible implementation road map with the interested Regions. INTERACT intends to propose the creation of thematic working groups where regions will analyse and share the acquired experiences and specific needs.

Structure of possible WGs:

- *WG 1 - Management and financial issues: Regions will exchange their experience in the implementation of the former article 96.3 (d) and try to outline the main management needs and features, difficulties and tips to be taken into account. A specific focus will be on financial issues and the implementation under art. 70 CPR*
- *WG 2 - Pilot fields: Regions will figure out cooperation possibilities in some fields to be proposed (Innovation, competitiveness of SMEs, especially in the rural and agricultural sector, etc.)*
- *WG 2a - Seeking Partnerships: Regions will try to identify specific themes where to implement this cooperation and partner Regions' profiles to be sought. This sub-group will be the output of the thematic fields partnerships' and it will be run in close cooperation with INTERREG-EUROPE Programme, where relevant.*

Language English



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Draft Agenda

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| 14.30 - 15.00 | Registration |
| 15.00 - 15.15 | Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The legislative framework of the future Cohesion Policy 2014-2020• Main expectations of the European Commission |
| 15.15 - 16.00 | Preparation and starting phase <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and milestones reached so far• Summary of previous activities for the new participants• Short introduction of existing experiences |
| 16.00 - 16:45 | Follow-up and concept development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collection of questions and possible answers• Presentation of new project ideas from other regions/participants |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Complementarities within Interregional Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perspectives and possibilities within the INTERREG-EUROPE Programme• Brainstorming on interregional cooperation and its strategic value for the future of the Cohesion policy• Next steps of the Pilot activity: sub-groups and methodology of implementation |

Coffee and refreshments will be available in the meeting room