TN programmes on territories of MRS:

How are the programmes adding value to the MRS and vice versa?

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Agenda

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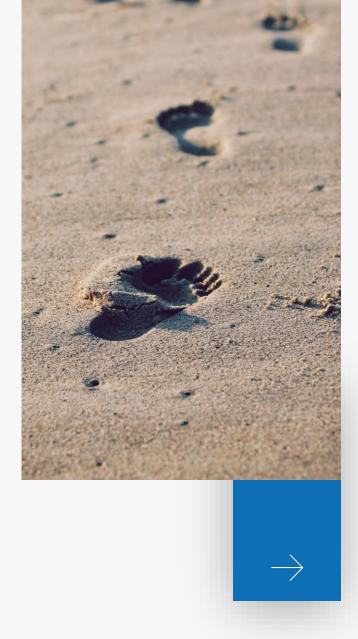
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exercise

Objectives

- Establishing shared understanding: shared understanding of aims, objectives, and desired outcomes
- Defining common evaluation frameworks/method: common evaluation questions, impact pathways, and core messages for communication to stakeholders and policymakers, methods
- Agreeing on next steps





Agree on a common approach for the pilot exercise



Why joining forces ...

Enhanced cooperation and synergy: promote closer cooperation among Interreg programmes, foster the identification of shared challenges and the creation of synergies, strengthen the impact of Interreg cooperation;

Efficient evaluation design: streamline evaluation questions & data collection, share evaluation methodologies, align efforts;

Effective voice of Interreg: comparable voices that are more easily understood and heard.

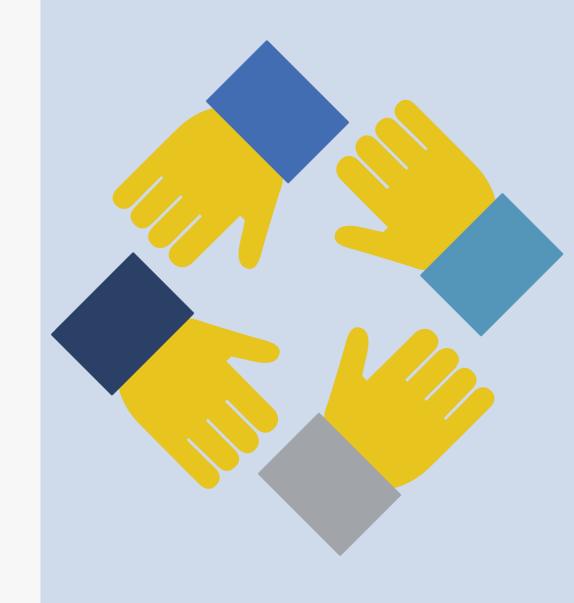


Main principles

This exercise adopts a **bottom-up approach**, allowing participating Interreg programmes to collaboratively select topics for exchange, reflection, and development. It is tailored **to address the specific needs, relevance, and interests of each participating programme**, with multiple pilots running in parallel based on these interests.

Interact will facilitate exchanges within these pilots and engage external experts to support the development of methodologies, such as approaches and impact pathways.

Through our collective efforts, we hope to achieve greater visibility and impact.



What are your key expectations for this evaluation exercise?

- Gain a bottom line / status quo where we stand and see where the discussion needs to go.
- Interested in improving synergies between the EUSDR and the Interreg programmes
- Possibilities for harmonising Interreg TN and MRS reporting/evaluation tools/methods/approaches
- Jointly evaluate the support of the 2 programme to the EU Strategies not only focused on governance support but also not excluding it
- Prepare the ground for successful implementation of our evaluation activities, look into the support mechanisms to facilitate the implementation of EUSALP

Going beyond a formal requirement

2.1.1.1 Related types of action, and their expected contribution to those specific objectives and to macroregional strategies and sea-basin strategies, where appropriate

Reference: point (e)(i) of Article 17(3), point (c)(ii) of Article 17(9)





Capacity building on M&E systems in MRS

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Common impact model with pathways for Macro-Regional-Strategies 1.0

Ultimate objective: Tackle common challenges in the macro-region through better coordination and pooling of resources Level 4: 4.3 Promoting environmental **Territorial impact** 4.1 Strengthening social cohesion 4.2 Boosting economic prosperity sustainability Accountability ceiling Level 3: 3.2 Relationships and trust between 3.4 Coordinated policies and strategies rolled-3.6 Increased investment in macro-regional Longer-term actors were improved fostering social out across the macro-region, maximizing priorities leading to tangible improvements outcomes capital within the macro-region impact and resource utilization 3.3 Memorandum of understanding or other 3.1 Platforms with high visibility and 3.5 Successful implementation of flagship agreements were approved by political broad participation of stakeholders and umbrella projects and accompanying stakeholders based on successful pilot across the macro-region were support from the MRS if necessary established strategies 2.8 There is an ongoing dialogue with 2.5 Pilot strategies were tested, and results Level 2: 2.2 Thematic information and financial programmes that leveraged ESIF were disseminated with the involvement of Intermediate matching events were conducted to and other funds to support joint initiatives political stakeholders explore cooperation opportunities and outcomes help finding joint solutions 2.7 Good quality project proposals were 2.4 Pilot strategies are proposed and developed bringing together relevant supported by political stakeholders to address 2.1 Ongoing information was provided stakeholders for a coherent response the identified needs for specific target groups to raise 2.6 Relevant initiatives were promoted by 2.3 Awareness of political stakeholders raised awareness on MRS priorities and MRS key stakeholders through labelling, on the need for new/adapted strategies in actions. Relevant stakeholders are brokering and presentation events mobilized and engaged in actions specific areas **Pathway Project work Pathway Networking process Pathway Policy work** Level 1: 1.2 Action plans are drawn up 1.4 Monitoring and 1.3 Communication 1.1 Organisational structures of national and **Preconditions** based on a sound needs strategies were set up to evaluation systems are thematic area coordinators, thematic steering for successful assessment and reflect actual raise awareness of the MRS established to track groups and facility points have sufficient MRS activites context, and are updated if progress and identify and their added value, MRS capacities to support cooperation processes necessary to maximize impact areas for improvement narrative is clear

External factors

Conditions for success (outside MRS control):

- 5.7 EU policy priorities support MRS actions
- 5.6 Legal requirements (e.g. climate law) drive forward joint approaches
- 5.5 New funding opportunities (e.g. RRF, JTF etc.) are used
- 5.4 Enabling rules for embedding are in place
- 5.3 Existing institutionell settings can be utilized
- 5.2 Support by national and regional governments is provided
- 5.1 Support by EU institutions is provided



Possible scenarios



Brief exchange

- 2-3 online meetings
 Exchange of basic
 information
- Generate new ideas and inspiration
- No common approach required



Extended discussion

- 4-6 online meetings
- Detailed exchange of information
- Gain inspiration from other programs
- Agree on common evaluation guestions



Common approach

- 8-10 online meetings
- Develop and agree on a common approach
- Jointly develop an impact pathway
- Exchange methods and data
- Share common findings



Floor is open for discussion

To what level of detail would you like to engage in the exchange?

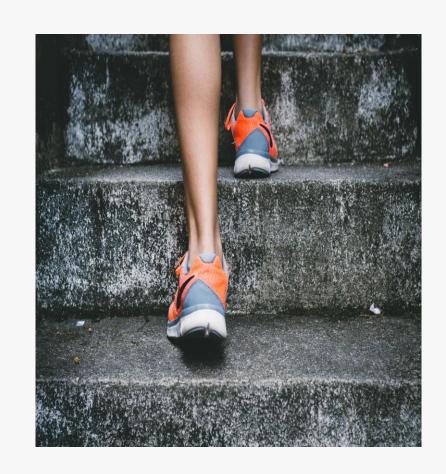


Next steps: main agreements

Next online meeting: 15 October, 9.30-12.00 CET

Agreements and Next Steps

- Begin by exchanging different practices to understand how are the programmes adding value to the MRS and vice versa
- Present concrete examples such as the questions developed and agreed by DRP and the approach taken by Alpine Space (approach to mid-term evaluation for key project)
- Discussing the role and position of the programmes in the model on impact pathways that is currently developed for the MRS



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