

Regional Network meeting of programmes in Central and South- East Europe



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Hotel Europe, Vladislav Skarić 5, 71000
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Outline

The Interact Office Vienna is pleased to invite you to the 17th edition of the Regional Network meeting of Interreg programmes in Central and South-East Europe.

This year, the meeting will take place in the beautiful city of Sarajevo on September 25th and 26th, 2024.

This annual network meeting serves as a platform for Interreg programmes and the Interact Office Vienna to collaboratively address daily management issues, mainly focusing on CBC programmes. We, the Interact Office Vienna, will facilitate discussions, the exchange of ideas and the sharing of best practices to tackle common challenges and differences.

The network meeting provides an excellent opportunity to engage with Interreg programmes and representatives from the European Commission to discuss recent developments and current implementation topics. Interact Office Vienna also uses this occasion to identify any pressing needs and address programme requests, ensuring comprehensive support for both general programme management issues, and also more specific aspects related to the external cooperation and the integration of non-EU member States in this region.

You will have the chance to engage in discussions with colleagues from various Interreg programmes on current topics, common challenges and difficulties, and to explore solutions together.

Objectives

With this event we aim to foster joint learning and the exchange of experiences and information, primarily among Interreg programmes in Central and South-East Europe.

The network meeting is also open to all interested Interreg programmes that wish to contribute to and benefit from these discussions.

As always, your input during registration will help us prioritise this year's meeting agenda.



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Day One

Wednesday, 25 September 2024

09.00 – 09.30

Registration

09.30 – 09.40

Introduction and welcome

09.40 – 10.15

“Good morning Interreg”

Interreg and Interact news and latest developments

By Interact and European Commission

10.15 – 11.00

Synergies and coordination initiatives and experiences

- **Silvia Comiati, Italy-Croatia:** Synergies and “Multi Programme Coordination Mechanism in the Mediterranean Sea Basin”
 - **Luca Ferrarese, Central Europe:** Tackling border obstacles in transnational functional areas
 - **Oana Cristea, Romania-Serbia:** Value added of creating synergies
- Presentations, exchange and discussion

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00

Roles and responsibilities among programme bodies (MA/JS/Controllers/NA)

Open discussion and ideation session on different approaches among programmes on how to improve efficiency in daily management (work flows, internal communication, avoiding gold plating, soft skills, etc.) Aspects related to the Post 27 will be addressed as well.

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 16.30

Incl. coffee break

Afternoon dedicated to the most voted topics from the registration

Objective: exchange of knowledge, experiences, information, trouble-shooting, new ideas and approaches.

World café discussion rounds.

Most voted topics:

- Selection of the projects
- How to raise project quality (generation and monitoring)
- Monitoring systems
- Alternative funding and Interreg

17.00 – 20.00

Grand Walking Tour in Sarajevo + Bosnian coffee break



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Day Two

Thursday, 26 September 2024

09.30 – 11.00

Post 27: Interreg quo vadis?

Open discussion: will follow the latest developments, updates by Interact and European Commission

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 12.45

Interreg flexibility & adaptability & harmonisation

Help us plan the new HIT

Why? What? How much? Who?

Reflection, brainstorming, wish listing

12.45 – 13.00

Conclusions and agreements on the next meeting



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Practicalities

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements!

Venue

Hotel Europe, Vladislava Skarića 5, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Travel

There is a public transportation from the airport to the city with a limited schedule, which does not reflect the timetable for most of the flights.

You can find the link and check time tables here: <https://www.sarajevo-airport.ba/Page/Autobus>

There is a novelty with a e-go service, where you can use electric cars and leave them once arrived in Sarajevo. In this case, you can use the following application: <https://www.sarajevo-airport.ba/Page/E-go>

Taxi is available, but the rate needs to be negotiated beforehand. The ride from the airport to Sarajevo and vice-versa is maximum 10 EUR. Please note that the company "Sarajevo Taxi" might charge you even more than 20 EUR. You can either call other taxi companies to pick you up, or just stop any passing by taxis.

Accommodation

The closest hotels to the venue are:

Swissotel - <https://www.swissotel.com/hotels/sarajevo/>, info@swissotel-sarajevo.com

Courtyard by Marriott Sarajevo - <https://www.meetings-conventions.com/Meeting-Event-Venues/Sarajevo-Bosnia-and-Herzegovina/Convention-Hotel/Courtyard-by-Marriott-Sarajevo-p55148405>

Other options are available in the city.

Other Information

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please contact:

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Sarajevo!