

Welcome to Sarajevo

# 17<sup>th</sup> regional network meeting of programmes in Central and South-East Europe

IO Vienna | Interact | 25 - 26.09.2024

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# Agenda/ day one

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**Good morning  
Interreg**

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**Synergies and  
coordination  
initiatives and  
experiences**

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**Roles and  
responsibilities  
among  
programme  
bodies**

04

**World cafe  
exchange:  
Most voted  
topics from the  
registration**

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**Grand  
Walking Tour  
in Sarajevo**

# Agenda/ day two

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**Post 27:  
Interreg quo  
vadis?**

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**Interreg  
flexibility &  
adaptability &  
harmonisation**

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**Closure of the  
event and  
agreements  
on the next  
meeting**

# Upgrade of the Interact website

Mobile version

Calendar view

Next update will follow new collaborative tool

## Events

Overview of all the events in our system

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

**Central and South East**

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. Interact Office Vienna will facilitate ...

Start On: 25 September 2024 09:00

Location: 📍 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Events found [Go to Overview](#)

< > **October 2024**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	1 Transnational Heads and Com... 5th National Contact Point (NC...	2 Project quality assessment: L...	3 Interreg common sample - le... Greener Europe Community ...	4 Indicators in action/2	5	6
7	8 Jems User Group meeting (6)	9 28th Core Group meeting for ...	10 Hackathon: Interreg is maki...	11	12	13
14 evaluation: Har...	15 Join forces in evaluation: Ho...	16 Join forces in evaluation: Eva...	17	18	19	20
21	22 Programme Closure 2014-202... Indicators in action/5	23 Maximising Impact: Capitalis...	24	25	26	27
28	29 Network meeting of Interreg ...	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



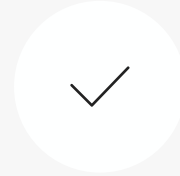
**(New and improved)**

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**...coming soon in 2025!**



# Science News



Interreg project management



Interreg project assessment,  
monitoring and verification



SCOs for practitioners



Registration open!

# Sport news

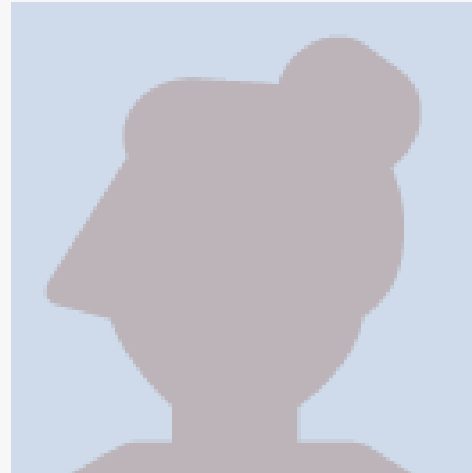
## New team players



**Jelena Stojovic**  
Brussels Liason Office



**Kelly Zielniewski**  
IO Valencia



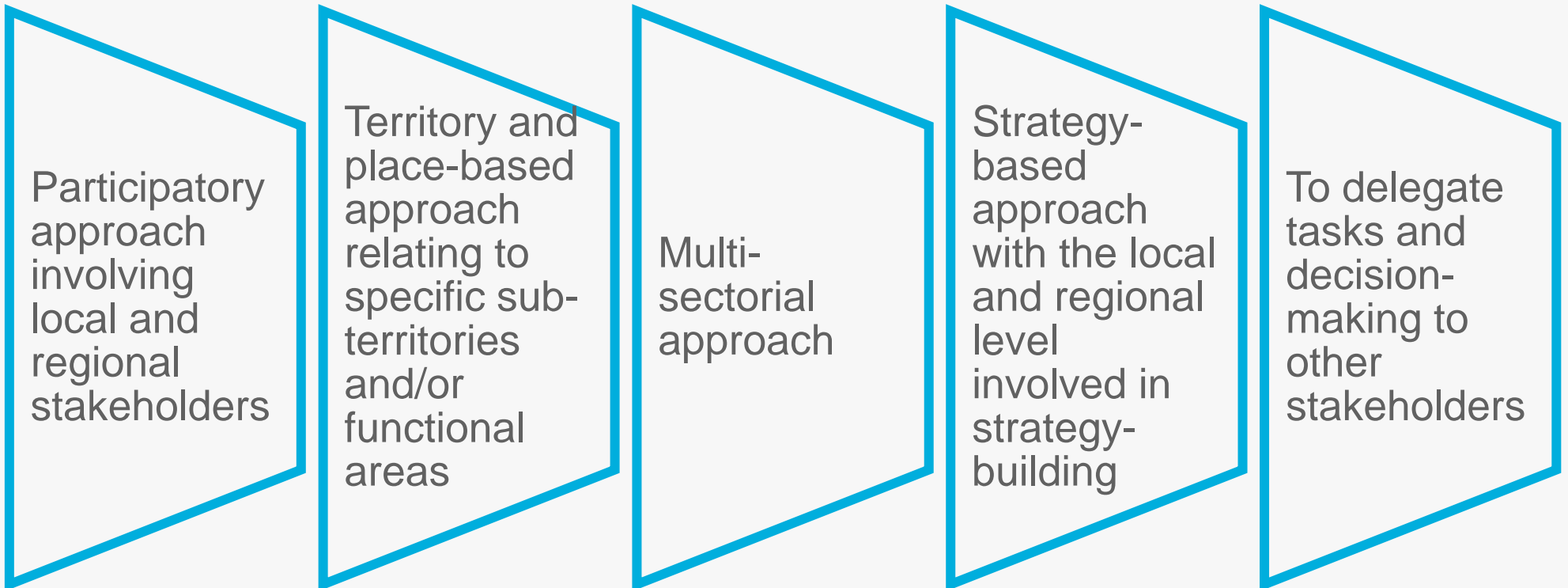
**Elisa Bertieri**  
IO Turku



**Phil Heaton**  
IO Viborg



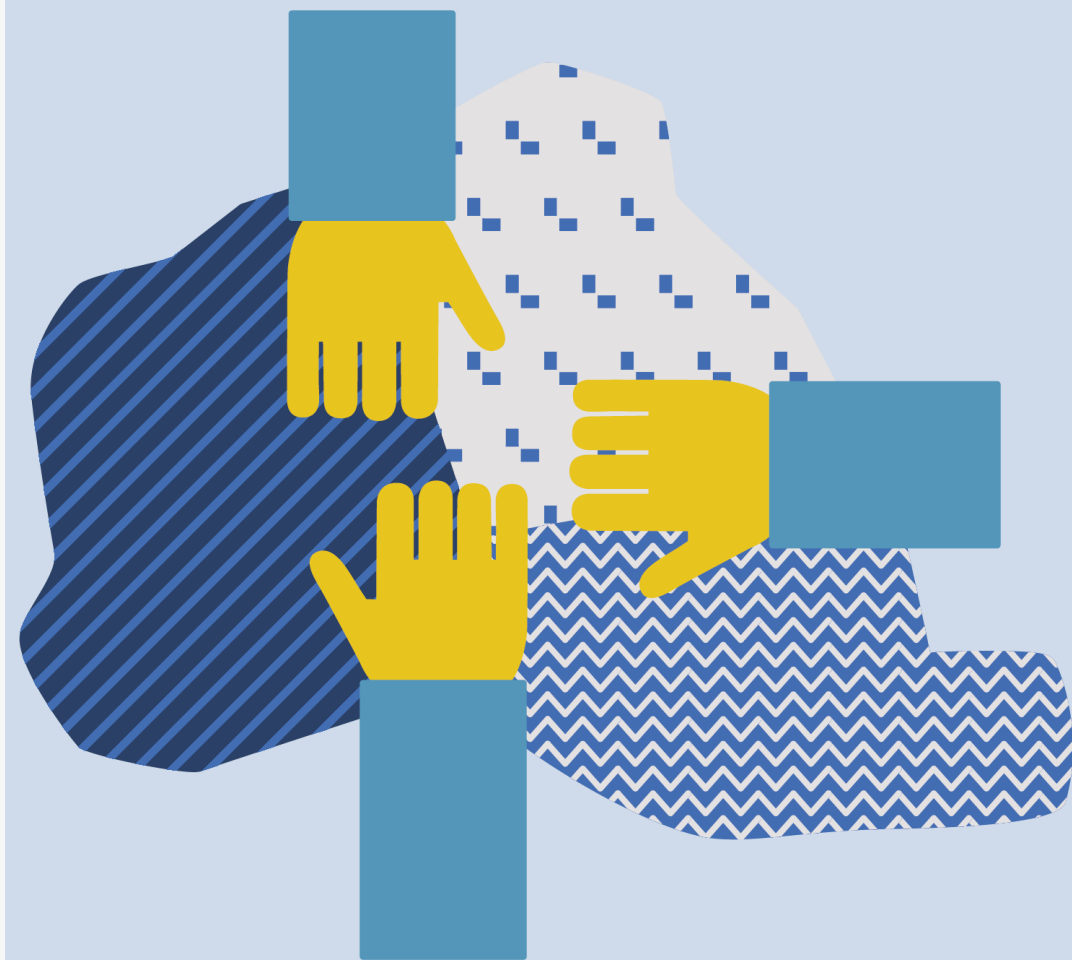
# A Europe closer to Citizens



# Synergies and coordination initiatives and experiences

Synergies and “Multi Programme Coordination Mechanism in the Mediterranean Sea Basin”

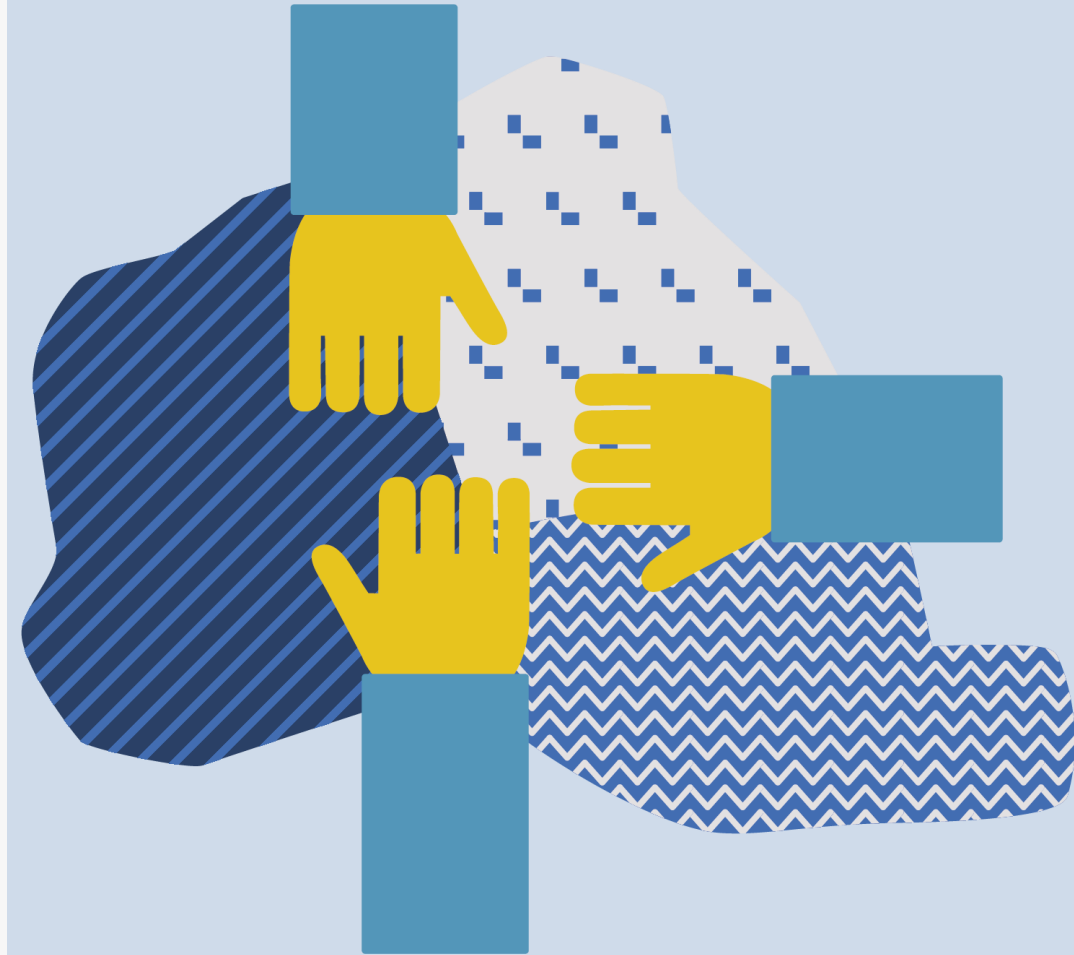
**Silvia Comiati**  
Interreg Italy – Croatia programme



# Synergies and coordination initiatives and experiences

Tackling border obstacles in transnational functional areas

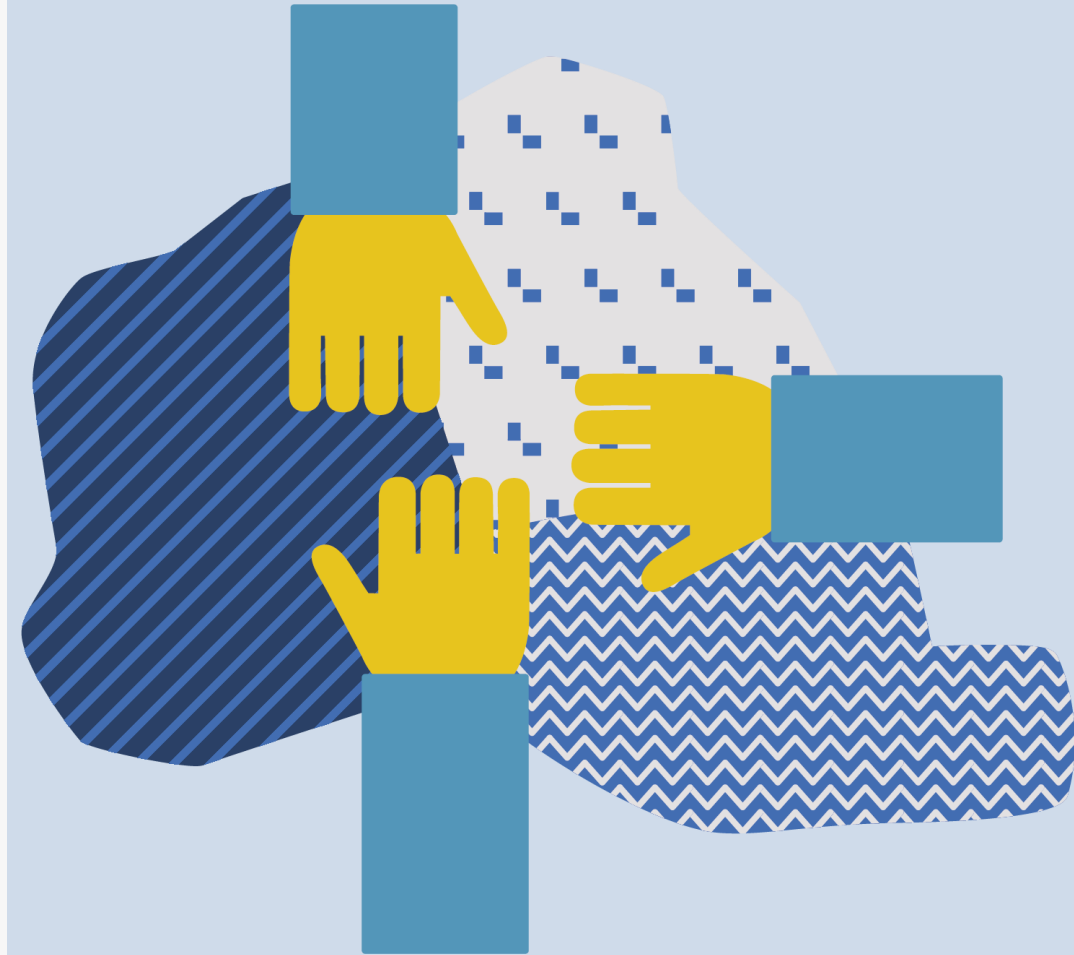
Luca Ferrarese  
Interreg Central Europe  
programme



# Synergies and coordination initiatives and experiences

Value added of creating synergies

**Oana Cristea**  
**Interreg Romania – Bulgaria programme**





# World café discussion

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



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# Agenda today

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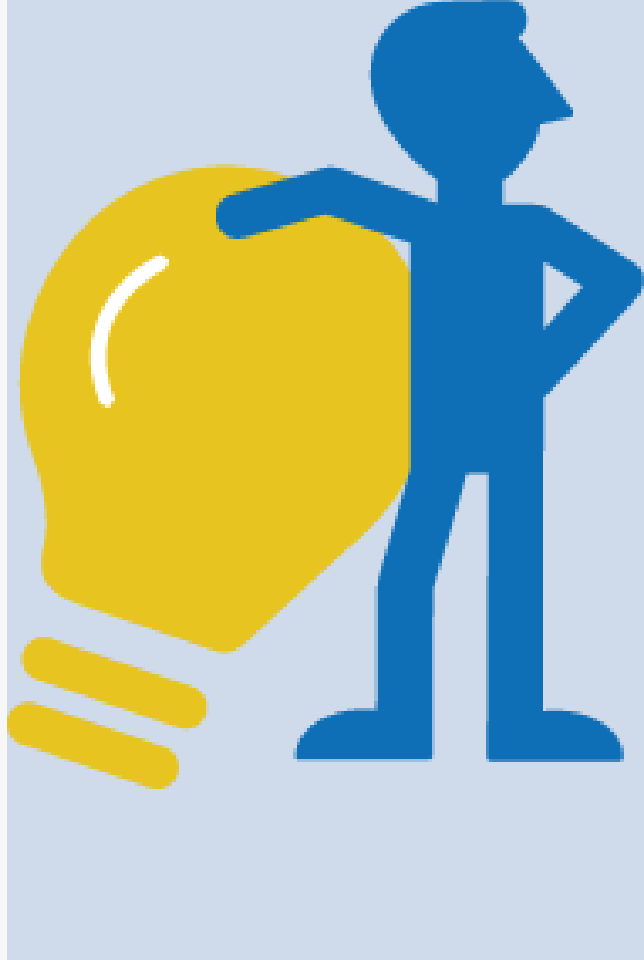
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# Post 27: Interreg quo vadis?







# First post27 discussions about the templates and tools

- Jems user group
- IT tools & Monitoring systems network





# Post 2027 Discussion, Conclusions from Jems User Group

- A jointly developed community system is the most economic and synergistic approach.
- Jems was designed for longevity beyond one funding period.
- Programmes are wary of the future and prefer Interact to continue as the neutral body for development, customisation, and maintenance.

**Preferred Outcome:** Scenario 2, with Interact continuing its role, aligning with programme needs and stakeholder interests.

## Key Message:

Maintaining Jems with Interact is crucial for a seamless and efficient future, ensuring it remains adaptable and aligned with programme needs!



# Post 2027 Discussion, Conclusions from IT Tools Monitoring Systems Network

- Programmes are happy with HIT outcomes because they lead to synergies amongst the systems.
- Programmes are wary about the future. They are worried that a Performance based approach might lead to a drastic change which could mean a new system developed from scratch.
- Majority has well built systems that are future proof if the future does not drastically changes

## Key Message:

Let's hope that systems and HIT templates can adapt to new regulation. Programmes would prefer not to built a system from scratch.

# Goal of this session

Brainstorm about possible improvements to make HIT better.

**Let's try today to answer the following questions:**

- What was good and what could be better in HIT to improve our Trilogy of Tools?
- What might the future bring?
- What could HIT do better in the future?

*Let's see how far we get!!!*

# Background, Interact tools - Collection of information

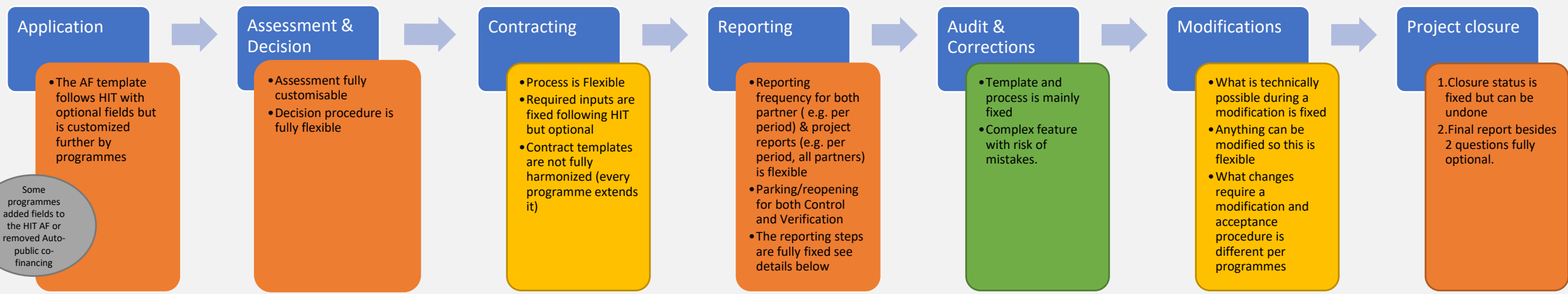
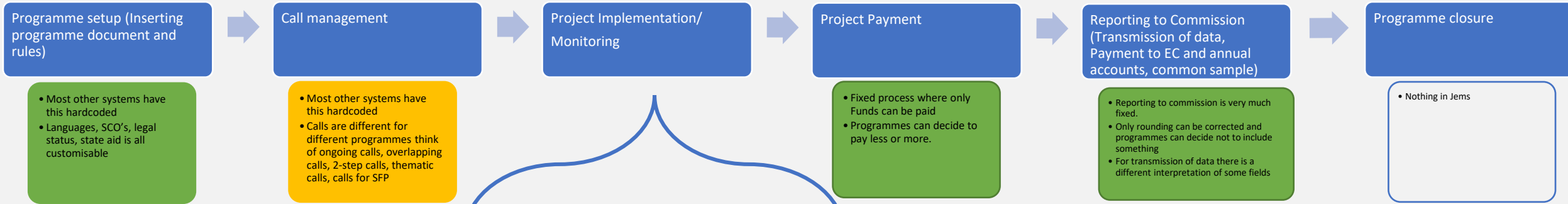


# Jems reflection on Flexibility, customisability

From a process standpoint:

- Where do processes deviate the most?
- Where is Jems most customizable?
- What modules did we spend the most time and money on?





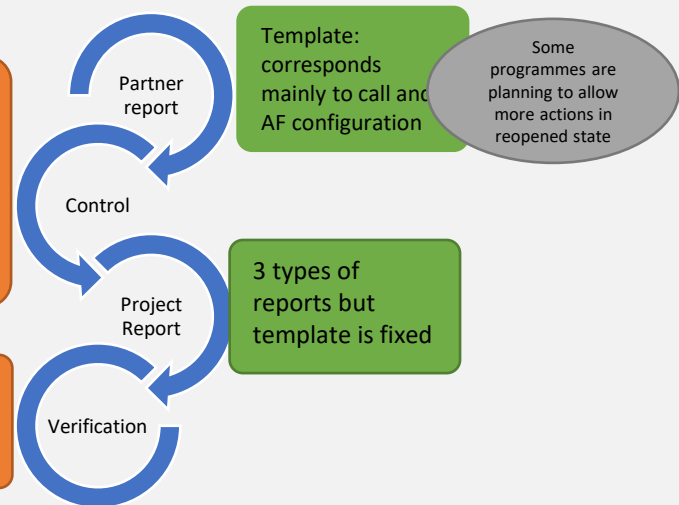
Some programmes added fields to the HIT AF or removed Auto-public co-financing

### Legend:

- Hardcoded but we guess programme changed core code
- Fully hardcoded No deviating procedures no customization
- Partly hardcoded partly customisable
- Almost fully customisable

- Checklists fully customizable
- 2 levels of control (e.g. Spain, Portugal)
- Hit templates (incl RBMV) are there but not every programme follows it strictly.

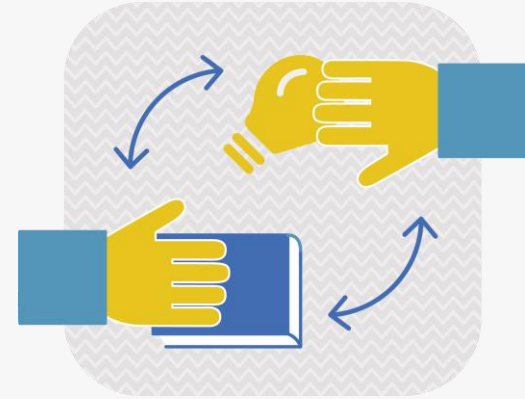
- Checklists fully customizable
- Split between MA/JS work



**Extra tools:**

- Plugins** Fully customizable and are used for checks/exports/comparison/Translation management (even English wording can be changed)
- Checklists** for assessment & management verification in different steps are fully customizable
- State aid** plugin is fully optional and used differently
- Privileges**, rights can be granted in anyway to any user there are almost no restrictions.

# Jems reflection on HIT & Jems



- HIT was really useful for the development of Jems it saved us a lot of discussion and decision
- Jems team was always present in HIT core groups but still we had to often ask for template changes after the meetings because some templates did not work well together in a system.
- Optional fields led to expensive solutions

## Key Message:

If processes are not streamlined, templates cannot be adjusted to processes and high level of optionality is agreed in HIT meaning that Monitoring systems suffer.



# Questions for discussion

Brainstorm about possible improvements to make HIT better.

**Let's try today to answer the following questions:**

- What was good and what could be better in HIT to improve our Trilogy of Tools?
- What might the future bring?
- What could HIT do better in the future?
- What about harmonized procedures and processes?



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# Autumn Calendar Certified Training course programme

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## September 2024

- Interreg for beginners
- Interreg programme evaluation (Practitioners level)
- Video making in Interreg\*

## October 2024

- Interreg project assessment, monitoring and verification\*
- Interreg management verifications
- SCOs for practitioners (Practitioners level)\*

## November 2024

- Generative AI for Interreg communication
- Interreg project management
- Programme introduction for beginners

\* Certified Training includes an in-person meeting

# Upcoming events ONLINE

## October 2024

- Interreg common sample - lessons learnt, Online 03.10.2024
- Greener Europe Community meeting – future outlook; Online, 03.10.2024
- Indicators in action/2; Online, 04.10.2024
- Join forces in evaluation: Harmonizing the approach to highlight the added value of Interreg; Online, 14.10.2024
- Join forces in evaluation: How are the programmes adding value to the MRS and vice versa? 15.10.2024
- Join forces in evaluation: Evaluating ISO1 governance achievements with a holistic perspective, Online, 16.10.2024
- Programme Closure 2014-2020 - the eleventh hour; online, 22.10.2024

# Upcomming events PHYSICAL

## October 2024

- Jems User Group meeting, Dublin, 08 - 09.10.2024
- Hackathon: Interreg is making Europe's democracy stronger. Do people know? EWRC, 10.10.2024, Brussels
- Indicators in action/3, Vienna, 22-23.10 2024
- Maximising Impact: Capitalisation and Policy Integration for Interreg, Paris, 23-24.10 2024

## November

- Risk-based management verifications in Interreg, Budapest, 7.11.2024



# Big events

**Harvesting event**

**November 2024**

**Interreg Go**

**March 2025**

**Interreg Knowledge Fair**

**November 2025**

# Next meeting?

Last week of September 2025

Puglia region, Italy



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