

# Project support during the start up

# Lean project monitoring and reporting,

# Project closure

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# The initial stage of project implementation:



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- ❖ Setting up sound project coordination and decision making system
- ❖ Planning tasks and partners responsibilities, communication in more details
- ❖ Signing the Subsidy contract and Partnership agreement
- ❖ Agreeing on milestones, approach and **shared understanding what the project wants to achieve and how**

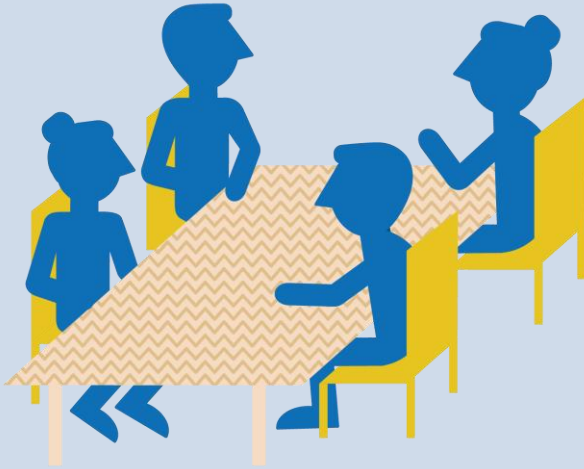


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# Programme's task:

- ❖ Kick off meeting
- ❖ Get to know each other and establish trust
- ❖ Agree on a communication framework
- ❖ Know better project content
- ❖ Awareness of the programme rules and support available





## Group work \*15 min.

- What are the main tasks for the programme during the start up phase?
- Are you involved in this step and to which extent?
- What kind of challenges do you phase? Solutions?



# Project monitoring

systematic tracking and assessment of project progress and outcomes to ensure that individual projects are effectively contributing to the objectives of the programme

**Proactive monitoring:** everyday communication, attending events, checking website, etc.

**Reactive monitoring:** chekcing the reports

# Project closure:

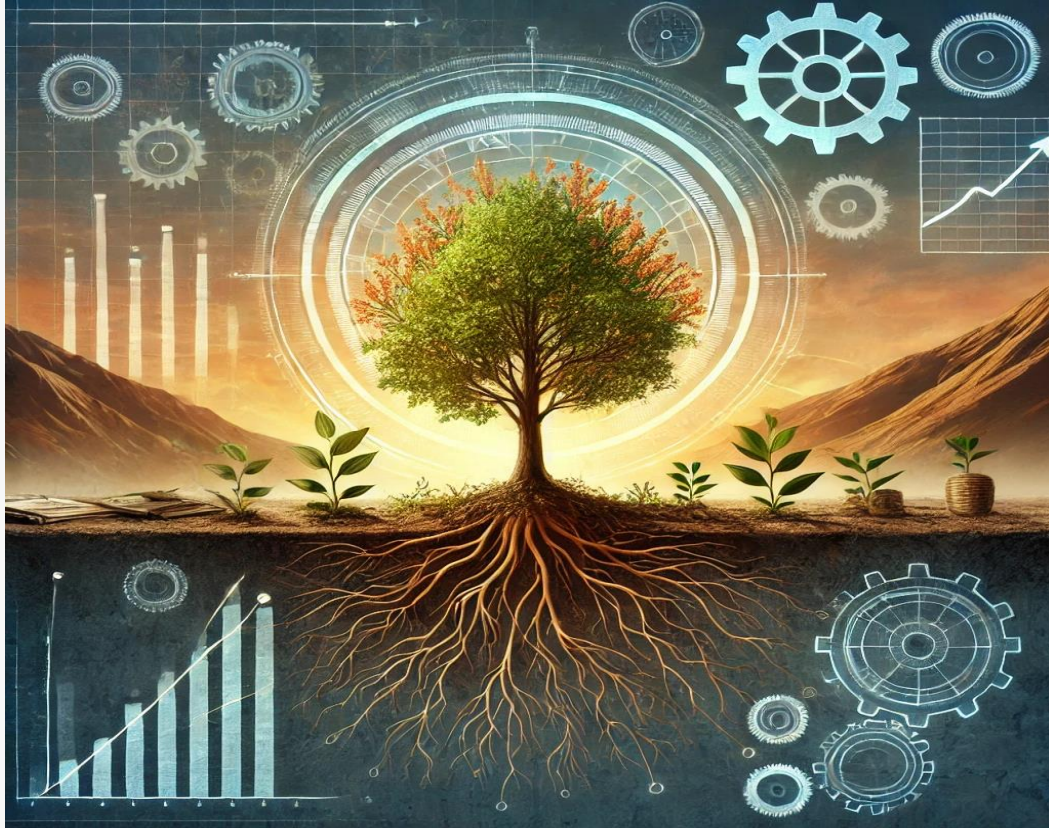
- ❖ Administrative closure, including the final payment and project closure procedures
- ❖ Preparation of Final Report
- ❖ Archiving the documents in compliance with programme requirements
- ❖ Agreements regarding the durability of project results
- ❖ Analysis of project experience and lessons learnt
- ❖ Dissemination project results and capitalisation

# Sustainability

# durability/sustainability of project results

vs  
terminology

# sustainability (SDGs, DNSH)





# Legal requirements: Regulation (EU) 2021/1059

(5) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Funds will contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of **an overall target of 30 % of Union budget expenditure supporting climate objectives**. In that context the Funds should support activities that respect the climate and environmental standards and that would do no significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council [\(7\)](#)

# CPR: Regulation (EU) 2021/1060

## Article 9 Horizontal Principles

1. MSs and the Commission shall ensure respect for fundamental rights and compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the implementation of the Funds.
2. MSs and the Commission shall ensure that **equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender perspective** are taken into account and promoted throughout the preparation, implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of programmes.
3. Member States and the Commission shall take appropriate steps to **prevent any discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation during the preparation, implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of programmes**. In particular, accessibility for persons with disabilities shall be taken into account throughout the preparation and implementation of programmes.
4. The objectives of the Funds shall be pursued in line with the objective of promoting **sustainable development** as set out in Article 11 TFEU, taking into account the **UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the "do no significant harm" principle**.

# Sustainability: context

ISO 14 000  
ISO 24 000

...etc.



Art 9 CPR  
horizontal  
principles

by 2027  
90 mln people  
in project  
management  
(HBR)

Art 17 EU  
Taxonomy  
Regulation



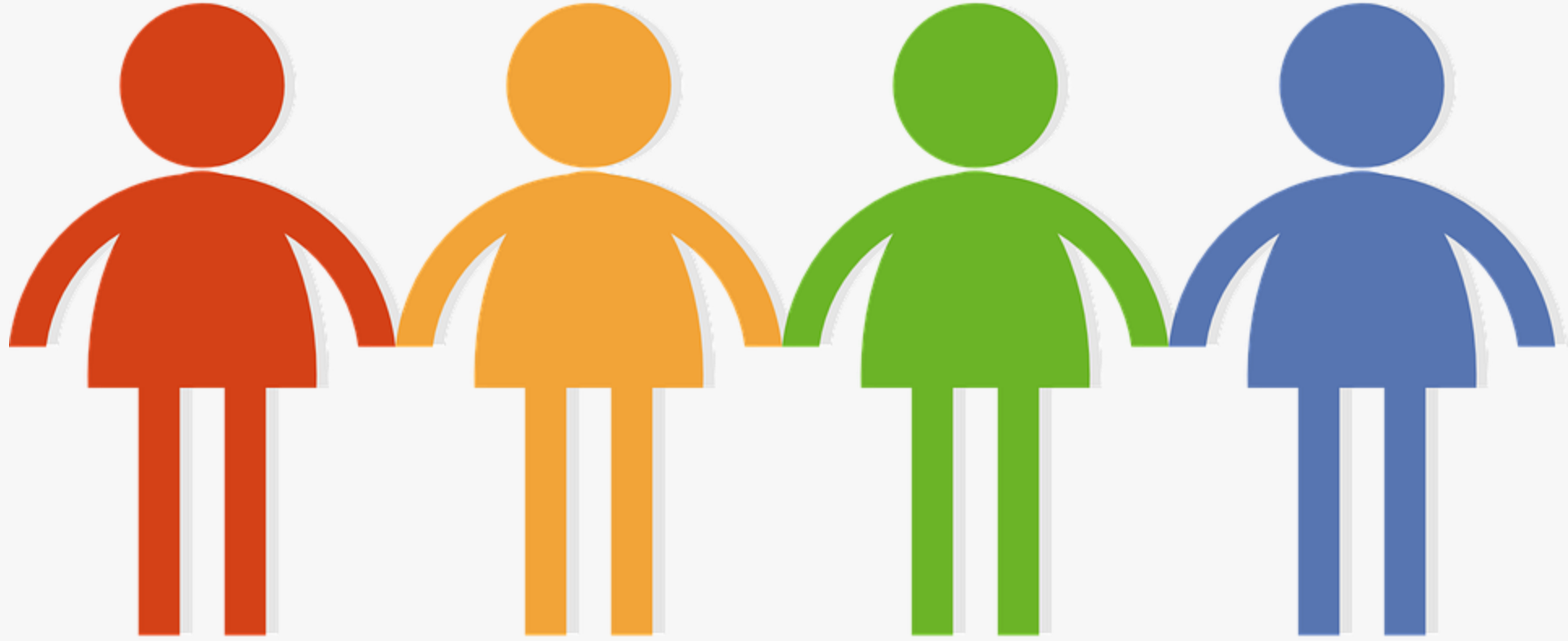
Sustainable  
Development  
Goals (SDGs)

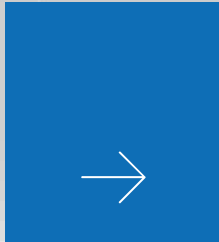
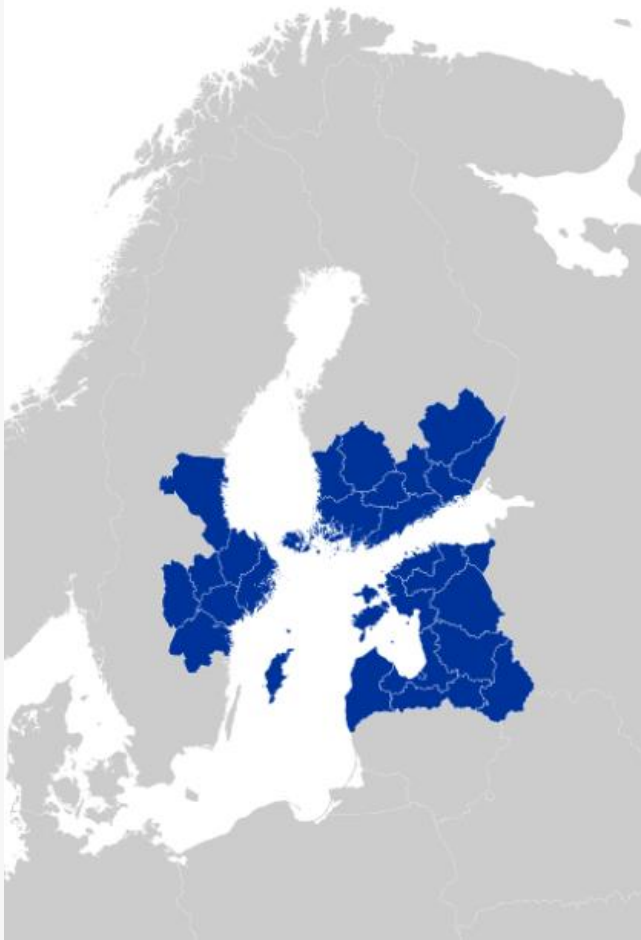
New Bauhaus  
Initiative

European  
Green Deal

Strategic  
Environment  
Assessment  
(SEA)  
Directive

Corporate  
Sustainability  
Reporting  
Directive  
(CSRD)





# Current status

Interreg Knowledge Fair March 2024:  
[session](#) report Embracing  
sustainability in Interreg: programme  
and project management

[Webinar](#) recording May 2024:  
environmental sustainability in Interreg  
programmes

**Do you have a  
responsible person  
assigned in your  
programme for the  
sustainability?**



# Do you promote/explain sustainability in your programme guidance

(for example, explanations/tips on sustainability in the programme manual, some time devoted sustainability during the lead partner or applicant seminars, etc.)



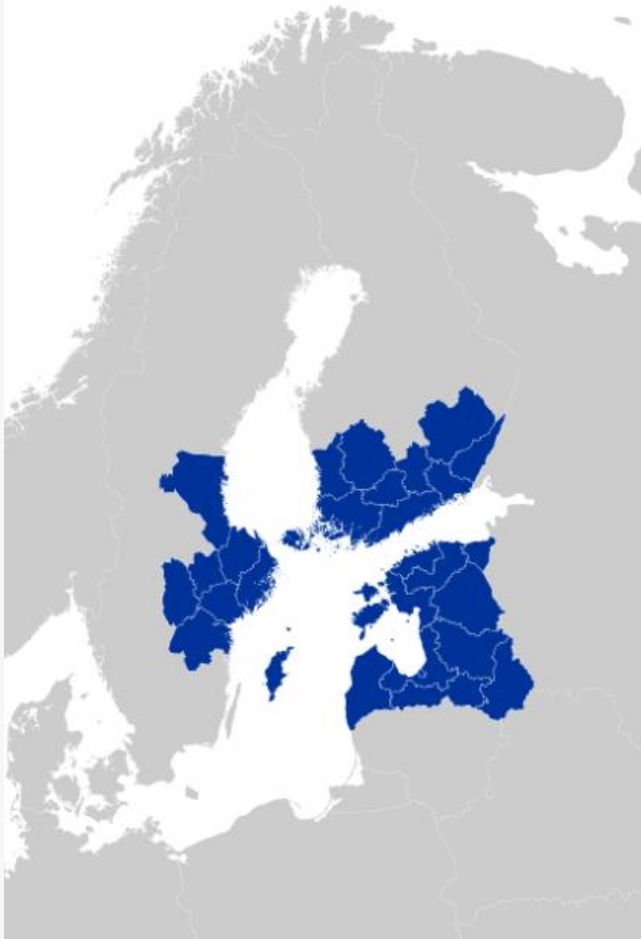


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- Do we do enough for sustainability? If not, what obstacles are impeding?
- Current sustainability approaches
- What could be the next steps to integrate sustainability more proactively in Interreg?







# 2025

**Short course Interact Academy** about sustainability approaches in Interreg programmes

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# Sustainable project management

## ❖ Project management sustainability frameworks:

- PRiSM - a principle-based methodology that integrates sustainability into the entirety of the project lifecycle.
- P5 Standards by Green Project Management

## ❖ **Climate Fresk** – educational game for climate education

# Cooperation works

**All materials will be available on:**

**Interact library / 5th National Contact Point (NCP) network meeting**