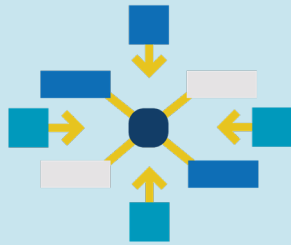# Introducing

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Interreg Data Exchange

Interreg programmes have been working to cooperate and coordinate activities throughout Europe. The development of **keep.eu,** and the ability to see what other programmes are doing in your area, was the first important step for Interreg.

With **INDEX**, we take the next step. Index is a tool to enable data sharing between multiple programmes already from the application stage. The programmes must share geography as well as a willingness to work together.

Interact is grateful to the pioneering programmes who co-created the project: Interreg Baltic Sea; Interreg Central Baltic; and Interreg South Baltic.

These programmes, running different monitoring systems, are sharing harmonised data built on HIT. Inspired by programme effort, INDEX is now growing including further programmes and covering new geographies.

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INDEX provides harmonised data for the shared territory. It is structured and open for live interrogation by each programme.

What does INDEX do?

INDEX enables the cooperating programmes to see what is being funded, and where. This enables programmes to ask better questions and to see what else is happening in an area.

It also enables programmes to create joint actions, joint events for partner searches, or seminars for better shared efforts. INDEX brings data and insights that can make cross-programme cooperation work in ways previously dependent on more resource-intensive exchanges between individuals.

With INDEX supplying data specifically for their region, these programmes can make sure that the funds allocated to them are used in the best possible way, and that the projects selected complement other operations – whether they are funded by the same programme or not.

Questions that can be answered by INDEX include:

Where are the partners located? In which programmes are they participating?

Is a partner participating in similar projects across the region? Is the partnership working on other projects?

What other projects are currently approved and/or under review within a policy or specific objective?