

Investments &... Climate resilience



12 September 2022 (10:00 – 12:15 CET) Interactive workshop, Online Draft agenda





Outline

Provisions of Article 22.4 (j) of the Interreg regulation require to perform an assessment of expected impact of climate change for investments in infrastructure with an expected lifespan of at least five years. This requirement differs in comparison to the similar article in the CPR for mainstream programmes.

The formulation has raised questions and concerns of many programmes that planned to support infrastructure within projects. Recently clarification has been provided: the provision addresses only the climate adaptation (resilience) of infrastructure Investments¹.

Assessing climate resilience is a considerable new requirement to programmes! As next step we want to brainstorm with all interested programmes to search for a pragmatic approach to avoid disproportionate additional requirements for project applicants. As an inspiration for the discussion we will look for prioneer programmes willing to share their reflections and plans, but to achieve the objective we need all your thoughts and experiences.

With this event we want to initiate a series of events dedicated to various topics related to investments. To make it work we will need your involvement. In the second part of the meeting, we plan to create the work plan of the group interested in various investments for the second half of 2022 and for the first year of Interact IV. Some of you already shared with us ideas in the Investments community and the relevant spreadsheet. Thank you for that, now it is time to take it one step further.

Who is it for?

The target group of the workshop is MA/JS staff of Interreg programmes that plan to finance investments, in particular investments in infrastructure.

Format

This is an interactive workshop. Hence, we expect an active contribution from all the participants during the whole workshop.

¹ It has been confirmed that the assessment requirements address only the climate adaptation (resilience) of infrastructure Investments.



CET Monday, 12 September 2022

09:50 - 10:00 Virtual welcome coffee

Check-in to virtual meeting room and technical settings. Please join the virtual meeting room in good time to test and ensure that the technical settings enable you to participate actively during the workshop.

10:00 - 10:20 Introduction and objectives of the workshop

Interact

Most common types on infrastructure in Interreg, the interpretation of art 22.4(j) and cornerstones for assessing climate resilience.

10:20 - 11:20 Climate resilience assessment - neat and sweet?

Interreg programme reflections on the preparation of projects and assessment procedure - (Interreg Austria-Bavaria tbc, Czechia – Poland tbc, Poland –Slovakia tbc tbc) and discussion round.

The objective of the session is to brainstorm on the best possible approach for assessing the climate resilience of infrastructure. Let's see if it is possible to establish one harmonised approach or at least to agree on a common denominator regardless of types of planned infrastructure and programmes' approaches?

11:20 – 11:30 Comfort break

11:30 – 12:00 Investments &... What next?

Together with participants we want to set up a tentative plan for meetings until end of 2023 covering the topics related to investments that fit best to your needs and timelines.

12:00 – 12:15 Wrap up & closure



Practicalities

All times indicated in this agenda are CET (Brussels time).

We will meet online using the video conferencing tool Zoom. Together with your registration confirmation, you will receive the link and further information how to access the virtual meeting room.

To enable a swift start at 10:00, the virtual room will open 10 minutes before the meeting start and we will be present to welcome you and in case, assist you in case you will face any technical issues.

Registration

Please register your participation here by Friday, the 9th of September.