#### Welcome at the IKF

# Anchoring Interreg in the Territorial Agenda 2030

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### Welcome to the Interreg Knowledge Fair

This is the **second edition** of the Interreg Knowledge Fair, it is still a new approach for us.

The **Conference Support** stand in the Exhibition Room is a one-stop shop for your questions.

At the end of this session, you are asked to rate the **session experience**.

At the end of the event, you will be asked your **overall feedback**.



# Agenda

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The TA 2030 review

Setting the context

Calling out to the Interreg community: Focus group **Discussion** 



# Reaching out to you!

#### We would appreciate your support!

We plan to bring Interreg practitioners as organised stakeholder group to the TA 2030 review process.

In practical terms it would mean:

- Help disseminating the survey run by the TA 2030 team
- Join our focus group
- Read interim deliverables
- Meet (online) 2-3 times to share, exchange & discuss

#### Why?

- ETC is not etc.
- Develop better links to the TA 2030



### The tentative timeline

March

## Survey on TA2030 & reviving focus group

Please complete it as programme and disseminate it to relevant projects.

Please support us – joining the debate!

April CW 17

### Meeting of the focus group

Online

We want to meet to go through the interim deliverable of the TA 2030 review drafting team & we invite you to bring a basket full of territorial projects

May 24

## Meeting the review drafting team

Online

The team offers to discuss survey results with the Interreg community and better understand the rationale of answers **Early October** 

### Meeting of the focus group

Online

A quite mature pre-final delvierable can be expected after summer. We wnat to meet to discuss it with you and share comments





# How to join this venture?

Show your interest now!

Write us a mail!

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# The EP Report claims for two key aspects

P9\_TA(2024)0010

Implementation of territorial development (CPR, Title III, Chapter II) and its application in the European Territorial agenda 2030

European Parliament resolution of 16 January 2024

.. whereas the TA2030 calls for the territorial dimension of sectoral policies to be strengthened at all levels of governance; whereas the driving principles of the TA2030 are encompassed in the two priorities

- a) ,People and places are drifting apart' and
- b) 'Sustainable development and climate change';





20. Stresses the need to involve Parliament, in particular its competent Committee on Regional Development, in the pilot actions in order to ensure that they are in line with current EU priorities, and to promote the results of pilot actions and communicate them at EU level, integrating and coordinating them with initiatives such as cohesion policy, in particular the ERDF and Interreg;

European Parliament: Resolution P9 TA(2024)0010



### Work hypothesis

There are clear links between TA 2030 and Interreg

The challenge from the Interreg perspective is to:

- a) grasp & develop key links and
- b) translate it to the programme (and beneficiary's) context!





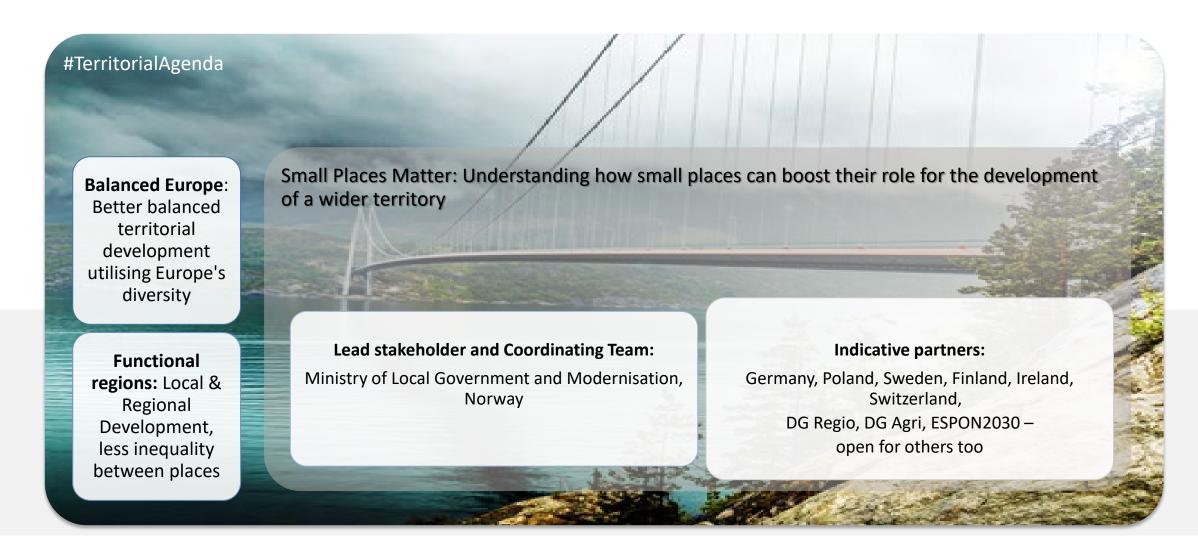
### TA 2030 & Interreg P0s/S0s 2021-2027

#### TA 2030 Principles and Priorities & Interreg Policy and Specific Objectives 2021-2027

Matching territorial and cooperation aspects - TA 2030 Priorities & PO/SO for EU Cohesion Policy

A JUST EUROPE - that offers future perspectives for all places and people			
TA 2030 Overarching principles / Priority	Main corresponding PO/SO or ISO (not exhaustive)	Territorial aspects (examples)	Cooperation aspects (examples)
A BALANCED EUROPE - Better balanced territorial development utilising Europe's diversity	All Particularly ISO 1 since overarching governance is crucial! Role of transport infrastructure as key enabling factor (SO PO 3/SO 3.2 (mobility)	Recognition of specific geographical contexts, Poly-centrism, Strengthening secondary and tertiary cities to contain suburbanisation growth of agglomeration areas, Closing socio-economic disparities, Protecting and valorising natural heritage, Balanced settlement structure and provision of public services, Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA) as ex-ante assessment.	Multi-level governance models for specific types of territories (mountain areas, islands etc.), Closer strategic coordination and coherence between economic development and spatial planning systems, Cooperative approaches among territories with similar challenges and settings to increase impact as well as expand the portfolio of possible solutions, City networks, Rural-urban cooperation, Shared standards in valorising natural and cultural assets, Shared models for SGEI.
	PO 4	Social fragmentation and its spatial implications across all levels	Local networks and skills development, Sharing efficient and effective approaches.
FUNCTIONAL REGIONS - Convergent local and regional development, less inequality between places	Potentially all In particular PO 5 PO 3/SO 3.2 PO 4/SO 4.6 (role of tourism in remote areas)	Linkages and flows of people, resources and policies between cities and towns, Cross-border conurbations and their catchment areas, ITI.	Cooperation across administrative boundaries is the key ingredient for functional regions! Integrated multi-level governance approaches, Shared mapping of flows and mobility patterns to develop better policies, Cross-border ITI.
INTEGRATION BEYOND BORDERS - Easier living and working across national borders	ISO 1 ISO 2	Cross-border infrastructure, Cross-border workers	Embed stable cross-border transnational and interregional cooperation in macro-regional, national, regional and local development strategies,

### **Pilot Action: Small Places Matter**



## Territorial Agenda 2030 Pilot Action: Small Places Matter

#### 1. Overall rationale and link to the Territorial Agenda 2030

- the pilot's focus on the vital role of small towns and villages in the development of integrated territorial development.
- demographic change in small place and boosting their attractiveness to younger people
- recognize the potential in areas with specific geographies (in this case more remote areas), and support dialogue with decision makers in places of all sizes to apply an integrated multilevel governance approach.
- the pilot will also address relevant concerns in relation to Quality of life, cross border activities, Green Europe and the European Rural Vision.

## Territorial Agenda 2030 Pilot Action: Small Places Matter

#### 2. Activities – empirical evidence and exchange of experience

- identify existing pilot action areas for relevant activities in partner countries
- involvement citizen dialogue (focused talks) what work best
- a phase of harvesting and capitalizing from previous and ongoing relevant projects from Cohesion Policy, Rural policy and national policy
- benchmarking activities and exchange of experiences from projects among the partner countries
- followed by opportunities to showcase examples, lessons learned and network building activities



## Territorial Agenda 2030 Pilot Action: Small Places Matter

#### 3. Results and outcome

- how to integrate the TA2030 approach to local and regional strategic planning
- policy actions and recommendations reports and dissemination of results
- identify practical digital tools and approaches for small places to boost
- understanding how small places can boost their role for the development of a wider territory
- the partnership will participate and present results in European Week for Cities and Regions, ESPON week, European Green Week and conferences in partner countries.



# **Key questions**

- a) How to make the TA 2030 a strategic framework that can be better used?
- b) How to make the TA 2030 better known?

# Floor is open for discussion



# Thank you for being here!

Your opinion matters to us.

Please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback to help us improve our services.

Log into the **Whova app** and tell us what you think in the **session Q&A**, from 1 (bad) to 5 (amazing) Please check which session you are in!

You can also talk to us at the Conference Support stand in the networking area.



### **Cooperation works**

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