

## LATVIA'S comments on the INTERREG EUROPE 2021-2027 draft programme document

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Nr.	Institution	Section, sub-section	Received comment	MA/JS reply  If comment has been taken (how) /hasn't been taken into account	MA/JS reply  Justification if comment has not been taken into account
<b>General</b>					
1.	Ministry of Agriculture	General	As the draft Programme document contains a lot of acronyms, please include an explanation table of abbreviations used in the document.		
2.	Ministry of Transport	General	In the draft Programme document we recommend to define what is meant by the term "regional", considering that it is interregional cooperation programme. This would help potential applicants to understand if they meet the criteria – "organizations responsible for regional development policy".		
<b>1.2.1. Context of the programme, including EU major strategic orientations</b>					
3.	Latvian Association of Large Cities	1.2.1.	<p><b>Drat Programme document text:</b> <i>"Territorial Agenda provides strategic orientations for spatial planning and for strengthening the territorial dimension of all relevant policies at all governance levels. The Territorial Agenda 2030 outlines two overarching objectives: (i) a Just Europe that offers future perspectives for all places and people; (ii) a Green Europe that protects our common livelihoods and shapes societal transition processes broken down into <b>six priorities</b> for the development of the European territory."</i></p> <p><b>Comment:</b> draft Programme document refers to the six priorities for the development of the European territory, but does not list them. Please consider adding six priorities to the current wording.</p>		
<b>1.2.2. Disparities and inequalities across Europe and challenges for regions</b>					

4.	Ministry of Welfare	1.2.2.	<p><b>Draft Programme document text:</b> “Rural regions in Southern and Eastern Europe and most of Eastern Europe are the most vulnerable to energy poverty.”</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> please clarify if with the Eastern Europe is meant also Latvia, if not then please supplement the text “Northern Europe, incl. the Baltic States”.</p>		
5.	Ministry of Welfare	1.2.2.	<p><b>Draft Programme document text:</b> “Working conditions are also an increasing issue, with aspirations for a better balance between work life and private life, as well as more flexible forms of work. Moreover, pensioners’ role and place in the society should be better considered in an ageing society.”</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> in the first sentence please mention <b>equal opportunities</b> in general. In the second sentence please expand this sentence mentioning also the <b>role of persons with disabilities in employment</b>, taking into account that in the draft Programme document are mentioned disadvantaged people in general.</p>		
6.	Ministry of Welfare	1.2.2.	Please clarify if in the draft Programme document mentioned healthcare includes also social care, if not, please supplement the text mentioning also social care. (page 10.).		
<b>1.2.3. Complimentary and synergies with other funding programmes and instruments</b>					
7.	Ministry of Finance	1.2.3.	Please make reference also to the <i>Recovery and Resilience Facility</i> support mechanism, as well as <i>Employment and Social Innovation programme</i> .		
<b>1.2.6. Strategy of the programme</b>					
8.	Ministry of Welfare	1.2.6.	Please specify what programmes are meant under Investment for Growth and Jobs programmes – ESF+, ERDF, Cohesion Fund, Just Transition Fund?		