



Europe, let's cooperate!





The 5th interregional cooperation forum

10 April 2019, Brussels (Belgium)

Agenda

Wednesday, 10 April	
09:00-10:00	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
10:00-11:00	<p>Why interregional cooperation matters</p> <p>During the opening session of the fifth edition of 'Europe, let's cooperate!', keynote speakers will discuss the importance of Interreg Europe for the Cohesion Policy. Join us to take stock of the results of interregional cooperation and hear more about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The role and importance of interregional cooperation ▪ Cooperation paving the way for regions to realise their full potential ▪ Impact of interregional cooperation <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis, CoR rapporteur and Executive member of the Corsican regional authority ▪ Tudor Gușet, Public manager, National Authorities for European Programmes, General Directorate for European Territorial Cooperation, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania ▪ Giannantonio Ballette, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, EC ▪ Anne Wetzel, Director of the Europe department of the Hauts-de-France Region ▪ Thomas Wobben, Director for Legislative Works at European Committee of the Regions ▪ Erwin Siweris, Programme Director, Interreg Europe <p>Moderator: Katrina Sichel</p>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-12:30	<p>When Europe cooperates: results worth sharing</p> <p>Diving deeper into the world of interregional cooperation, this session takes you on a journey around Europe to discover how Interreg Europe has impacted the regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hear the stories behind statistics and meet the people behind the numbers ▪ Learn what interregional cooperation is really about <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nuria Pou Alvarez, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia ▪ Diane Smith, Town & Country Planning Association ▪ Sara Minisini, Bretagne Développement Innovation ▪ Paulo Aguas, Município do Fundão ▪ Magnus Ernstrom, Region Gävleborg ▪ Peter Heydebreck, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform <p>Moderator: Katrina Sichel</p>

12:30-14:00	<i>Networking lunch</i>	
14:00-17:00	Experience interregional cooperation in action	
	During the afternoon, you will have a chance to explore and experience different dimensions of interregional cooperation. Join the activities that match your interests and make use of the various networking opportunities to build new contacts and meet peers from other regions.	
	Networking and inspiration	
	Policy change exhibition	Visit the policy change exhibition , learn about results and impact of project activities in the regions and talk to project representatives.
	Networking zone	Join or host a networking session in the networking zone to share ideas, find peers, discuss and debate, find new contacts and extend your network. Book a table and propose a topic of your choice or participate in the sessions hosted by other participants.
	Interreg Europe corner	Get answers, discuss your questions, and find help and support from the Interreg Europe corner, where you can meet representatives of the Interreg Europe joint secretariat and experts of the Policy Learning Platform.
	Matchmaking meetings (invitation only)	Meet peers and find solutions to your regional challenges in matchmaking meetings facilitated by the experts of the Policy Learning Platform.

	Thematic sessions	
	 <p>14:00-14:45</p>	<p>From digital nodes to virtual houses – improving the innovation capacity of SMEs through digital networks</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claus Zeppelzauer, ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria ▪ Sebastien Chable, Bretagne Développement Innovation <p>Moderator: Marc Pattinson, thematic expert Research and innovation, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</p>
	 <p>14:45-15:30</p>	<p>Overcoming the business support jungle: the one stop shop initiatives</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natalia Cantero Caldito, Generalitat de Catalunya ▪ Cristina Prunyonosa, Generalitat de Catalunya ▪ Davide Patrone, Studio Laudani Limited ▪ Davide Cheli, Municipality of Genoa ▪ Veronica Nenci, Municipality of Florence <p>Moderator: Rene Tonnisson, thematic expert SMEs competitiveness, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</p>
	 <p>15:30-16:15</p>	<p>Supporting sustainable mobility in European municipalities</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ben Brisbane, Transport for Greater Manchester ▪ Konstantina Bessa, Region of Central Macedonia <p>Moderator: Katharina Krell, thematic expert Low-carbon economy, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</p>
	 <p>16:15-17:00</p>	<p>European regions taking the circular economy road</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Susanna Vanhamaki, Lahti University of Applied Sciences ▪ Eleonora Marisova, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra ▪ Maarit Virtanen, Regional Council of Päijät-Häme ▪ Martin Maris, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra <p>Moderator: Venelina Varbova, thematic expert environment and resource efficiency, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</p>
17:00	<i>Networking cocktail</i>	