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**Information Day for Switzerland**

**17.01.2023, 10:00 – 11:30, MS Teams**

**Summary**

***Interreg Europe: exchanges in the framework of economic cooperation projects, and on a generalist platform of territorial development.***

Swiss participations in **cooperation projects** are **financed by the** [**National Regional Policy (NRP)**](https://regiosuisse.ch/en/new-regional-policy-nrp): projects must have an economic profile to be eligible for funding. Swiss participations are accepted if the objectives of the project overlap with those of the NPR (innovation, development of rural areas and mountain regions).

* *Why is participation in an Interreg Europe cooperation project useful? How does it work?*

All actors seeking information on regional development dynamics in general, particularly in the context of transition (energy, climate...) can access the **Policy Learning Platform (PLP)**. The examples show that for example actors can learn about the elaboration and implementation of cross-sectoral development strategies.

* *How do cities and regions in European countries manage the heterogeneity of functional spaces? How is urban-rural complementarity translated into policies? How are policies with territorial impact coordinated?*

**Agenda**

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| 9:45 | The virtual MS Teams room is open | | |
| 10:00 | **Welcome & introduction** | **David Kramer**  Co-director of the department "Regional Policy and Territorial Organisation" (SECO) | 10’ |
| 10:10 | **Interreg Europe**  Programme key features | **Erwin Siweris**  Interreg Europe Programme Director | 10’ |
| 10:20 | **Policy-learning services**  Key features | **Arnault Morisson**  Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform Thematic Expert | 10’ |
| 10.30 | **Policy-learning services**  Peer review on green regional strategies | *Testimony of a service beneficiary*  **Kathrin Jakobsen**  Vestland County Council, Norway | 10’ |
| 10.40 | **Question and discussion** | **All** | 10’ |
| 10.50 | **Cooperation projects**   * Key features * Second call for proposals * Call assistance | **Etienne Rodzinka-Verhelle**  Interreg Europe Policy Officer | 20’ |
| 11:10 | **Cooperation projects**  DIGITAL REGIONS project | *Testimony of a Swiss project partner*  **Dominic Gorecky**  Switzerland Innovation Park Biel/Bienne AG | 10’ |
| 11.20 | **Question and discussion** | **All** | 10’ |
| 11:30 | End | | |

**Organisation**

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| **Place** | MS Teams (online) |
| **Date** | 17 January 2023 |
| **Time** | 10:00 – 11:30 |
| **Link** | Contact **Delphine Rime** ([delphine.rime@seco.admin.ch](mailto:delphine.rime@seco.admin.ch)) to register and receive the MS Teams link |
| **Language** | Presentations: English.  For the discussion: Chacun et chacune parle dans sa langue (English – français – Deutsch) – keine Übersetzung! / Pas de traduction! / No interpretation! |

**Content and goals**

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| **Content** | **What is the Interreg Europe programme and how can regional development actors in Switzerland benefit from it?** |
| **Goals** | * Participants understand the profile of the Interreg Europe programme, its aims and objectives. * Participants understand the two parts of the programme (interregional cooperation projects and the policy learning platform), as well as the differences in access to these two parts for Swiss participants. |