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Project Training Days Day 3: Communication

28 September 2023

Interreg Europe training days for 1st call projects Lille, France







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Introduction to the communication training

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Agenda of the day

09:00-09:30	Welcome and opening		
09:30-10:45	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
	Tools for effective project	What's your story?	Share & learn
	communication	(Workplace 1)	(Verrière)
	(Flex 4 / R-1)		
10:45-11:15	Coffee break		
11:15-12:30	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
	Share & learn	Tools for effective project	What's your story?
	(Verrière)	communication	(Workplace 1)
		(Flex 4 / R-1)	
12:30-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15:15	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
	What's your story?	Share & learn	Tools for effective project
	(Workplace 1)	(Verrière)	communication
			(Flex 4 / R-1)
15:15-16:00	Closing and conclusion		

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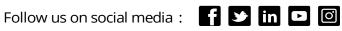
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Tools for effective project communication

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Communication requirements, website and visuals



Content

- 1. Communication **requirements and principles**
- 2. Website: engage your audience
- 3. Social media: good practices
- 4. More information



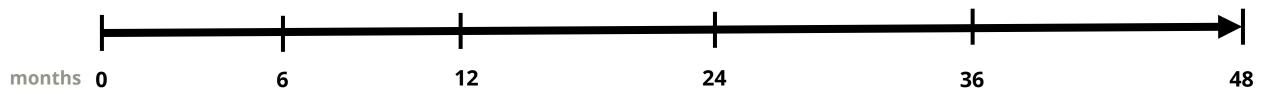
Communicationrequirements

Communication timeline

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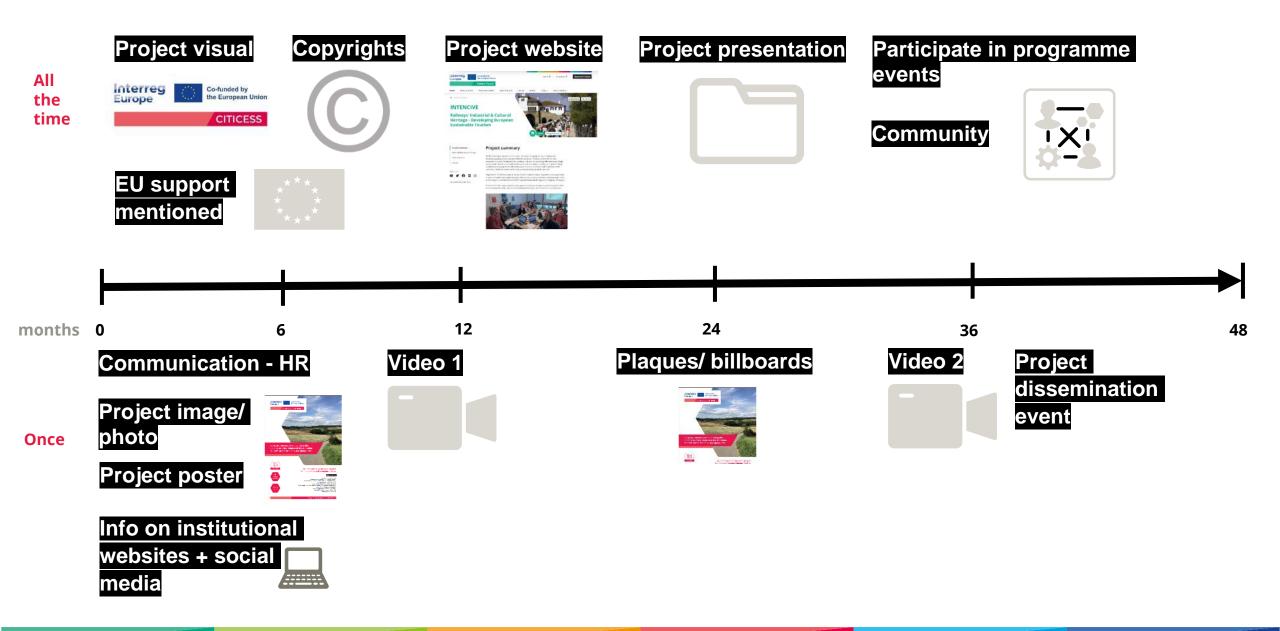
Communication timeline

All the time



Once

Communication toolkit



Harmonised project communication

One brand for all Interreg programmes

- \Rightarrow Main project visual
 - Templates in individual project toolkits



Sample Project

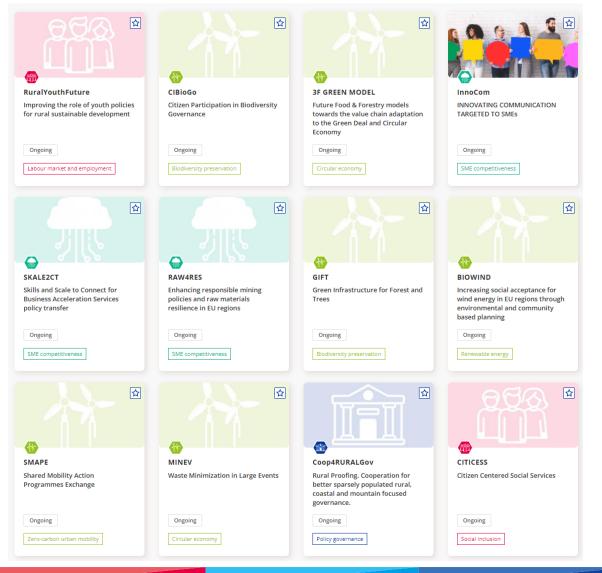
Use on **all communication material** for the public or participants in project activities

Integrated project communication

Project websites hosted

by the programme

- Your project visible in the search
- We will promote your key news & events (contact us)



Required activities

Partners' websites and social media

Short project description (aims and results) and the EU financial support

• Project website updates

Images, videos, publications, etc., free to use by the programme and the European Commission

Updating your website

- At least once every six
 months
- High-quality **visual** content
- Your activities
- Focus on **achievements**
- Write in **English**



Copyright

Royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license for your image, and that any preexisting rights attached to it must be granted to the EU institutions, and our programme on demand.

Topic colour matters: main visual





Sample Project

Topic colour matters: presentation



Topic colour matters: poster



















Communication toolkit

It includes:

- Project branding guidelines
- Main project visual
- Project poster template
- Project plaque/billboard template
- Project Power Point template
- Project social media template

Available to download – email sent to lead partners

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Your website: How to engage your audience

Did you know?

The average web user has about 7-10 seconds to be engaged by a website before clicking away.

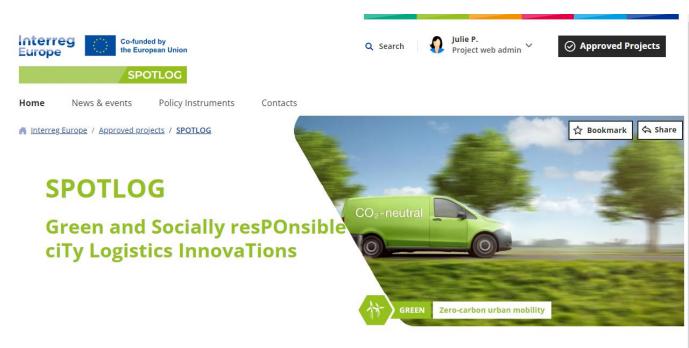
How do you keep them online?

- Know you audience
- Effective voice and tone
- Understand how people 'read' websites
- Make it visual



Your homepage

- Hook 'em in from the start
- Vary the sentence length
- Use short paragraphs, bullet points, & bold
- Use headers & sub-headers
- Insert images



Project summary A few numbers st edited on 13 Jun 2023

Last edited on 13 Jun 2023

Find us on:

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Project summary

SPOTLOG's main vision is to involve local communities in creating socially responsible logistics systems, based wherever possible on zero-carbon modes, through the intelligent use of all available resources and taking advantage of the digitalisation of goods and passenger transport services. By focusing on low-density communities and medium-sized cities, SPOTLOG partners aim to improve regional policy instruments toward the European goals of inclusive and carbon-neutral mobility.

The cross-cutting approach of SPOTLOG is intended to address multiple practical and policy aspects related to last-mile logistics support and a comprehensive assessment of urban logistic impacts on society. Based on a multidisciplinary consortium with heterogeneous backgrounds, SPOTLOG partners will build a co-creation platform focused on:



CASPER

Project summary

A few numbers

Project summary

Rural shrinking is a sensitive topic, so public consultation is needed for putting it honestly on the political agenda.

Last edited on 18 Sep 2023





Project summary

What will this project change

A few numbers

Project summary

Dear #SMEOrigin website visitor,

do you have a favourite flavour from your region - **a flavour that can be found nowhere else in the world**? Yes, we all have them!



NACAO



AccelerateGDT

Aims of the project

The Nature-based Carbon offsets, NACAO, project aims at being an accelerator for regional governments with competences on climate change **approaching the offsetting of carbon emissions**, in this case **by developing nature-based solutions and policies** contributing to the offsetting of emissions through them.

During the NACAO project, **regional governments** with competences on environment and climate change from Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Poland and Finland **will share green and blue carbon solutions in force aiming at**:

- preservation
- restoration
- and improvement of natural sites.

Natural sites can act as carbon sinks and compensate greenhouse gas emissions. Examples of suitable sites are

- forests
- wetlands
- mires
- and other ecosystems.

Partner regions also share their experiences on carbon credits and emissions markets related to nature-based solutions, as well as policies supporting the project aims.

The ultimate aim is to **increase the partners' knowledge** and capacity to implement green and blue carbon initiatives and policies learnt during the cooperation. **That is how regions can truly contribute to the mitigation and adaptation to climate change.** 🖺 Learn how cluster policies are transforming regions by improving SMEs competitiveness

- 🍞 Dive into the world of green technologies and sustainable practices.
- Explore success stories that showcase the real change we're creating.
- <u>A</u> Get insights into our collaborative efforts with partners from all corners of Europe.



GREENHEALTH

Our partnership

Our partnership includes rich and diverse setting across all European regions, striving together to improve health and human well-being of the population through natural assets and protecting biodiversity at the same time!

Who we are

Lead Partner:

Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia – General Directorate of the Natural Environment, (Spain)

Partners:

- Podkarpackie Region (Poland)
- Public Institution for the management of Protected Natural Areas of Dubrovnik-Neretva
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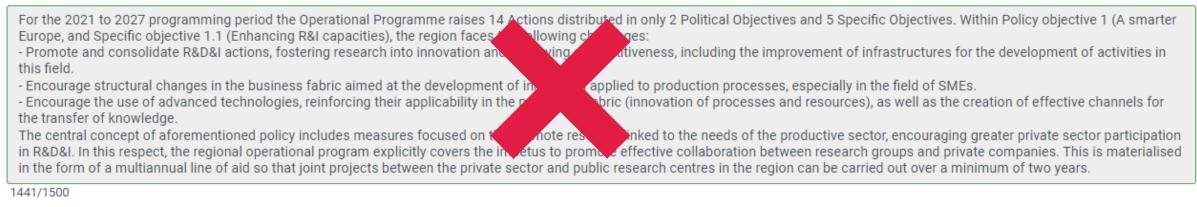
As a result of the project, partner regions will have developed knowledge, policies and practices on biobased circularity with a focus on biowaste management at the system and community levels. In addition, public awareness will be increased from a larger perspective to support the sustainability change.



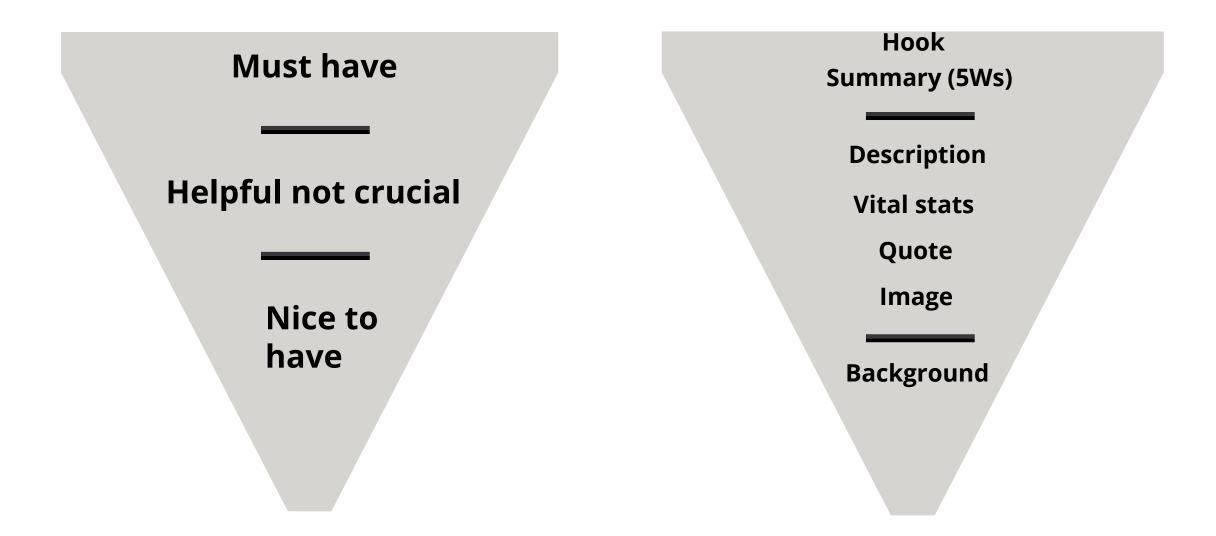
Your policy instruments

- Simplify them
- Use plain English
- Don't write them for us!

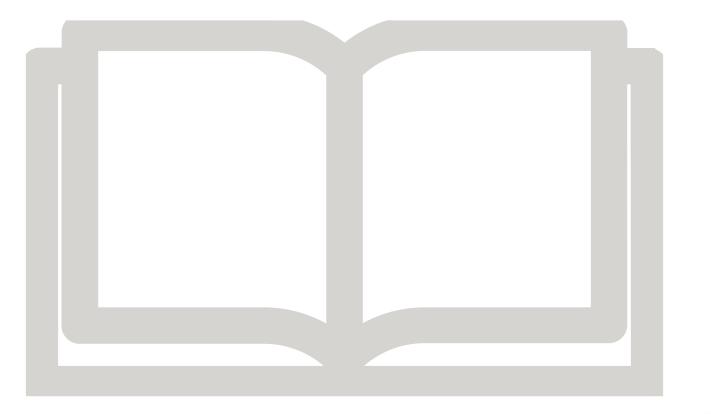
Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).



Your news articles: the pyramid



Your news articles: storytelling







Petra Polášková

Joséphine Mazy

Your news: focus on achievements

Your news articles: varied content

- Quotes
- Documents
- Images
- Videos
- Links
- Headers & sub-headers





SECON

SECON report reveals insights into Social Economy Policies

In a significant stride towards understanding and enhancing the social economy landscape, SECON partners worked in the first semester in documenting and analysing the relevant Social Economy Policies of their Regions. This comprehensive report delves into the intricate fabric of social economy policies within the SECON regions, shedding light on various dimensions including barriers, enabling factors, and the policy frameworks.

The cornerstone of the report lies in its investigation of the existing context for social economy entities. The report encapsulates the main characteristics, barriers, and enabling factors influencing the dynamic social economy ecosystem.

Key Report Highlights:

Chapter 1: National Policy Frameworks

The report opens with an insightful exploration of the national policy frameworks of the SECON project countries concerning social economy. Delving into the core, the chapter dissects the main policy instruments that underpin the social economy. Additionally, it

Methodology:

The report was crafted through a combination of desk research involving s documents at both national and regional levels. Furthermore, the report d interviews with seasoned experts in the domain of social economy, as well who actively contribute to shaping social economy development policies.

With its comprehensive approach and well-rounded methodology, this rep valuable resource for policymakers, stakeholders, and researchers invested social economy development.

Read the Report here

Tags





On the 19th and 20th of April 2023, UrbanCOOP partners met together in Turin for the project kick-off meeting.



The Region of Emilia-Romagna, Italy, doubles resources, allocating 7.2 million euros to support 239 new projects with grants up to 80 000 euros per project, and a total investment of 21 million euros to support companies run by women.

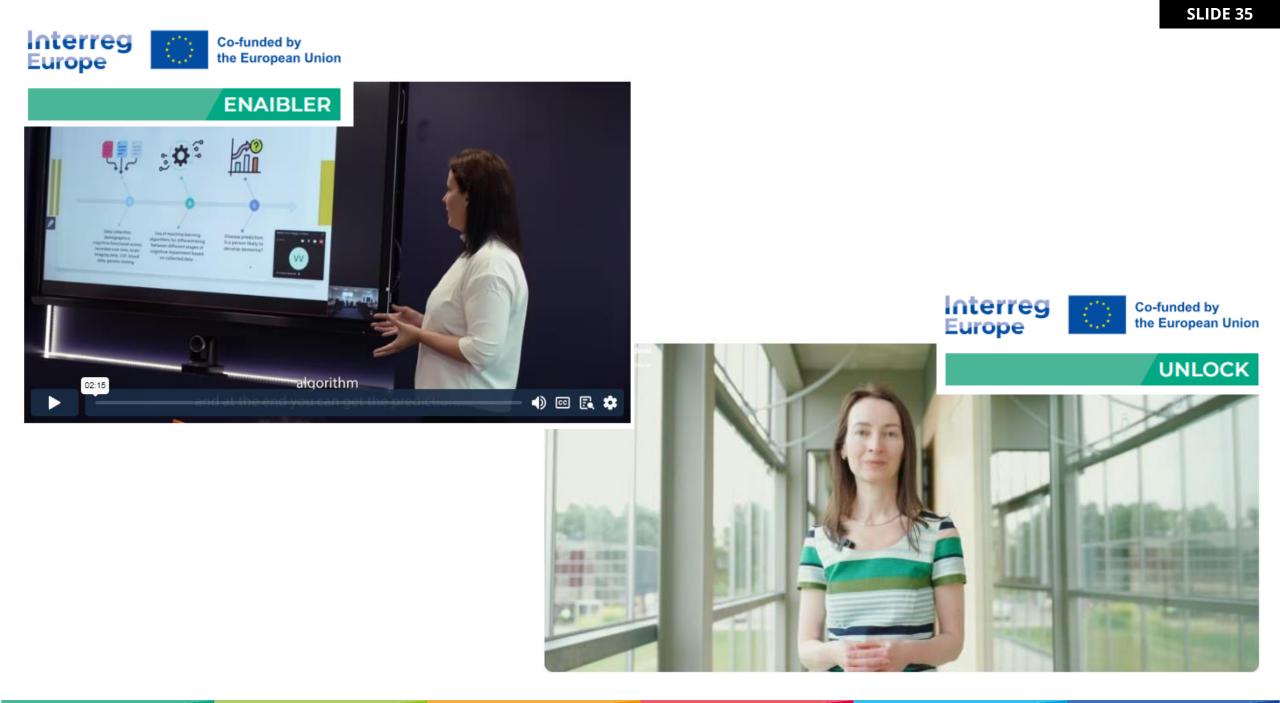


AccelerateGDT

During the first day of the workshop, the project partners presented their good practices, which they are utilizing to address the challenges of the **green and digital transformation** in their regions and intensified the exchange with a world café-format group work. As a participant, John Hobbs, Senior Lecturer at MTU, notes: "What really inspires me about Duisburg is the networking of the ecosystem. The engagement with policymakers and stakeholders is also evident. It's great to see the role the DBI is playing in the transformation of the region in cooperation with all partners from industry, science and politics".

About the project:

ACCELERATE GDT is an Interreg Europe-funded project on a mission to reinvent national and regional cluster policies, aiming to support the twin green and digital transitions and enhance SME competitiveness.



Write in Plain English

- Active verbs
- Mix long & short sentences
- One idea per sentence + one related point
- Avoid nominalisations (e.g. decision vs decide)
- Use the words people use every day
- Edit your work be ruthless!



The more accessible you make the website, the easier it will be for everyone.



Accessible **links**

- The text of your link should be unique and easy to speak out loud.
- It should be obvious what you will get if you click on it.
- Avoid: click here, more, read more, next step

<u>Share your project idea</u> on our website **to find partners**. Let people know what you're working on and see if they want to team up.

Or <u>search our community</u> for people with similar interests as you. **Get in touch** with them to find out if they want to form a partnership.



Accessible **font size**

- Text should be easy to ready for everyone
- Font type & size is already built into the website's code
- Clear all formatting when copy & pasting



Find help and tips

- Inside the web editing tool
- User manual
- Training videos (Youtube)
- Writing for the web
- Help centre (coming soon)

Help and tips Top banner Insert an image into your



Insert an image into your website's main banner and make your project stand out from the rest

To insert an image

- 1. Click 'Add media'
- Choose an image file from your computer (.png, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .svg)
- 3. Image name: name your file so that you can find it easier later
- Alternative text: describe what is in the image. This helps people with accessibility issues. It also helps Google index your images and can increase the visibility of your website.
- Credit: Write the name of the person or company who owns the image and the URL to their website (if relevant)
- Confirm that you have the right to use this image and grant Interreg Europe and the European Union the right to reuse it for communication purposes

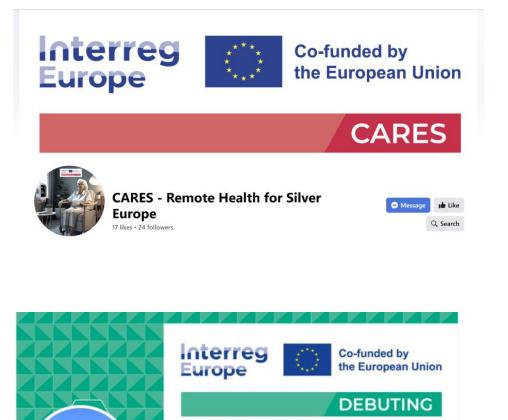
Newest web features

- Library
- Extra pages
- Good practices
- Promote your news or event with us

Pilot actions coming next

Social media: good practices

Banners and **avatars**



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Following







Templates for your **posts**







Social Economy - Regional Policies for supporting Social Economy



www.interregeurope.au/secon





Variety in your posts

Interreg Europe - InnoCom @InnoComEurope · Jun 9 ··· Kieran Comerford , Carlow County Council speaking about the sessions in the University of Latvia today as part of @inncomeurope @interregeurope



SKALE2CT Project @skale2ct · Aug 16

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The SKALE2CT project reached a significant milestone in Latvia as it convened with key stakeholders at the Parliament of Latvia's Commission for Sustainable Development and successively with the Start-up Committee of @LTRK

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MINEV - Waste Minimization in Large Events @InterregMINEV · Jul 12 ···· A Discover the Royal Running Triad in Krakow

Cracovia Marathon Cracovia Royal Half Marathon Three Mounds' Run

During the events, MINEV's partner @krakow_pl promotes #waste #minimisation activities, such as the use of 100% recycled T-shirts T interregeurope.eu/minev/news-and...



...

Add a little fun in your posts



SMAPE PROJECT @smape_project · Aug 16

Teamed up with @Autodelen_net, we hosted a crucial meeting on #SharedMobility with top minds from 7 European countries.

Pive into the future of carsharing and micro-mobility, no matter the season:

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Interreg Europe @interregeurope · Sep 21

Promote

Celebrate 🌞 #CooperationDay with us! Witness the strength of collaboration across borders! (

More interregional cooperation is coming as our program is expanding to new countries!

Do you want to learn more?

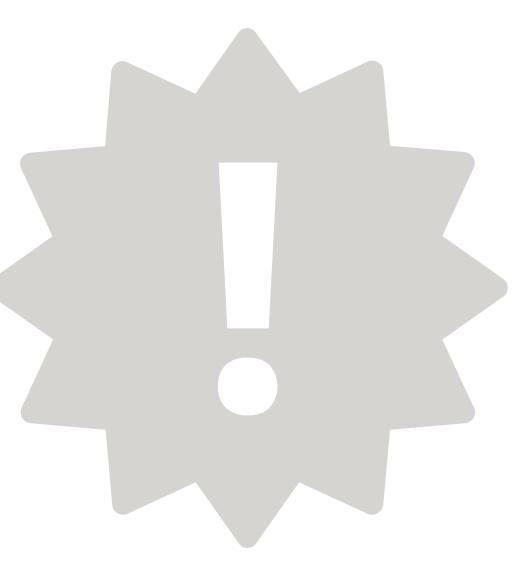
Join our #EURegionsWeek info session : bit.ly/3r6v6fX



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More help and tips

- Match your post to the channel
- Respect channel frequency for best results (less is more)
- Look at your analytics to improve your results
- Tag us and each other!





More information

Upcoming events

9-12 October: EU Regions Week, Brussels **24 October:** Policy Learning Platform webinar on Cultural initiatives as levers for social cohesion

November: Online community networking events



Contact us for help

Send your questions to your communication officer.

Include:

- Policy Officer
- Finance Officer
- Lead partner



Help us improve

1. Feedback on **what you expect after events** <u>https://interregeurope.eu/policy-learning-</u> <u>platform/news/what-do-you-expect-after-our-events</u>

2. Comment on our website: **Help centre** Email j.patenaude@interregeurope.eu

3. Community engagement: your input needed

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What's your story? Project videos & storytelling

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Content

- 1. Why to tell a story purpose
- 2. How to tell a story key points
- 3. What's your project's story



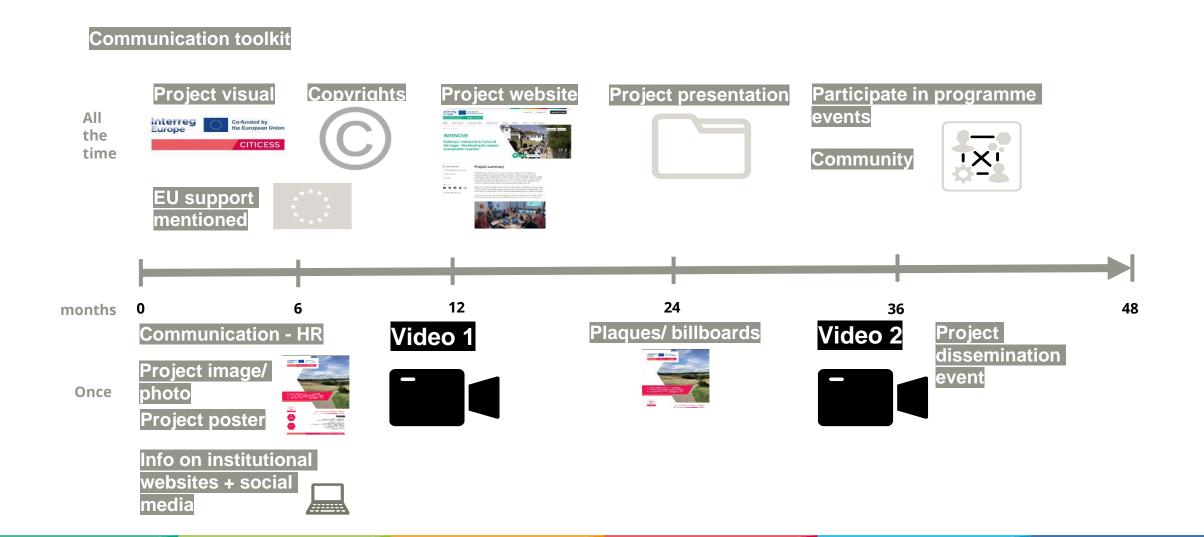
Purpose Why to tell a story

Stories = engaging communication

- Hook your audience
- Communicate in an **attractive** way
- Communicate in an **understandable** way
- Communicate in a **relevant** way

(about your contribution to the cohesion/ benefits of cooperation)

Why to tell a story: a requirement



Video 1: Present the project

Video 2: Present the project's achievements

- Short (up to 3 min)
- Copyright-free material used
- Useful to all project partners
- Not exceed costs of 5,000 euros

Key points How to tell a story

Story example

Grab a post-it

- Three likes/ pluses
- Three dislikes/ minuses

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJUKK14s6_4



No one is left behind



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Story example

What are the **key story points?**

Storyline

Start => middle => end

Context => obstacles/ climax => resolution

Key story points

- What do you want to change?
- Who can help you?
- How can they help you?
 - How can the **project** help?
- What the **result** is?

Bring forward **numbers** (if you have them)

Remember also the **where** and **when** in a story

context/ starting point + obstacle
project partners/ regions = hero(s)
inspiration/ climax = aha moment
show inspiration/ role of partners
change (in policy)/ resolution

S What's your project's story

Write your project's story

- Use the **key story points**
- Turn it into an example of what specific result your project will (you wish to) achieve in three years' time
- Min. **five** sentences

(touch on each key storytelling point)

Pick the **best story**

- Share your story with others around the table
- **Vote** for the one you like the most

More inspiration

- Fashion goes eco-friendly <u>https://youtu.be/aOWbT3SsY0k</u>
- Greener trips for tourists <u>https://youtu.be/DeBCgQ9mQS0</u>
- Historical cities shine <u>https://youtu.be/JbWvpdpixdc</u>
- Nature comes to town
 <u>https://youtu.be/jg0kiFHjkUE</u>





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Share & learn

World café

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Let's talk about project communication



In this session... you set the agenda

What communication issues would you like to discuss



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Collecting questions and topics

- Take some post-its
- Note down your ideas and questions (one per post-it)



Next steps

- 1. Finding **common themes** and grouping ideas, issues and questions
- 2. Sharing **tips and experiences** in small groups
 - Three rounds, 15 min each
 - Use the available material and take notes
- 3. Taking stock of **highlights** and key take-aways

Suggested topics

- Communication/ collaboration tools
- Project events
- Communication activities/ campaigns
- Communication with
 partners
- AI tools & communication

- Social media
- Website
- Videos, photos & copyrights
- Newsletters
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Involving stakeholders
- Other (?)

Ideas & insights











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