

# Cooperating for investment, investing in cooperation



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### **Outlines**

The possible link among the goals of Cohesion Policy and related instruments or policy frameworks is one of the most challenging tasks for programmes co-funded by European Structural and Investment Funds.

Thus article 96.3 (d) of Reg. (EU) No 1303/2013 is a concrete tool that allows cooperation activities in the 'Investment for growth and jobs goal (IGJ)' for all European regions.

In the framework of Interact activities for the follow-up and promotion of new tools for cooperation throughout ESI funds and instruments, also given the interest showed by a number of European regions, Macro-regional Strategies' stakeholders and practitioners wanting to implement a closer cooperation and exchange between the opportunities offered in the framework of Cohesion Policy, this event is aimed at pointing out what is the current situation for the use and implementation these tools and – as well – to identify future perspectives for the (simplified) use of new tools for cooperation and development, also in the framework of the EU Macro-regional strategies.

### **Objectives**

The objectives for this event are:

- Presenting legislative framework for the implementation of co-operation in IGJ/ESI Funds and rationale for cooperation,
- Presenting the current state of play, experiences and future perspectives for the (simplified) use of new tools for cooperation and development,
- Outline the possibilities and examples for embedding cooperation in programmes funded by ESI Funds, also in the framework of the EU Macro-regional strategies
- Define current challenges and needs of Regions willing to use this provision.
- Define next steps and support activities from Interact in order to continue the network of stakeholders interested in sharing know-how and experience in the implementation of these tools,

The brainstorming will be targeted to

- EU Regions, especially Managing Authorities of ESI funds,
- ESIF Programmes' managers,
- Macro-regional strategies' stakeholders
- Member States coordination bodies,
- Relevant Intermediate bodies.



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**Day one**                      **Wednesday, 28 November 2018**

**09.00 – 09.30**              Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea

**09.30 – 09.45**              **Introduction**  
*Interact*

**09.45 – 10.15**              **Legislative framework and perspectives**  
*EC DG REGIO (tbc)*

*Overview of the session: this session will present the relevant legal provisions (2014-2020) for the use of the tools for territorial development and cooperation actions, in close connection with the current discussions about the MFF and 2021-2027 programming period.*

**10.15 – 12.00**              **State of play, experiences, rationale and expectations for the (simplified) use of new tools for cooperation and development**

- *Mr Josef Tetter, Interreg IT-AT - CLLD approach*
- *FarNet CLLD – EMFF (tbc)*
- *Interreg IT-SI – ITI “Isonzo-Soča” and “Salute-Zdravstvo” (GECT GO / EZTS GO)*
- *Mr Francisco Tovar, Spanish Ministry of Finance - ITI “Azul”*

*11.15 – 11.45 coffee break*

- *Mrs Viviana Russo, Italian Agency for Territorial Cohesion - Use of art. 96.3.d CPR by Italian ROPs*

*Overview: this session will explore different experiences related to the implementation of the tools for territorial development and cooperation, applied to ESI Funds.*

**12.00 – 13.00**              **Embedding territorial development tools and cooperation actions in ESI Funds and EU Macro-regional strategies**

- *Mr Csaba Hende, European Commission*
- *Mrs Maria Toptsidou, Spatial Foresight - Baltic ITI EUSBSR*
- *Mrs Oana Cristea, Interreg RO-RS experience in EUSDR*
- *Mr Kadri Jushkin, Estonian Ministry of Finance - ERDF Network EUSBSR*

*Overview: this session will explore the possibilities and experiences related to the embedding of the tools for territorial development in the framework of Macro-regional Strategies.*

**13.00 – 14.00**              Lunch break



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**14.00 – 14.45**    **Current challenges and needs for regional partnerships**  
*EC DG REGIO & JRC (tbc)*

*Overview: this session will explore the challenges and needs for regional partnerships for further cooperation and investments according to strategies and need identified in the framework of the S3 platforms.*

**14.45 – 15.30**    **Focus on Interregional co-operation**  
*Mrs Magdalini Anagnostou, Interreg Europe*

*Overview: this session will highlight and demonstrate the added value of interregional co-operation and advantages to apply co-operation approaches also in the framework of IGJ goal.*

**15.30 - 15.45**    Coffee break

**15.45 – 16.15**    **Financial Instruments under IGJ and ETC**  
*Iuliia Kauk, Interact*

*Overview: this session will explore the potential of FIs in ESIF, focussing on possible perspectives and feasibility to exploit these instruments even more, also in the context of co-operation.*

**16.15 – 16.45**    **Information about eligibility outside Programmes' areas**  
*Katja Ecke, Interact*

*Overview: this session will present the framework related to eligibility outside the programmes' areas for the implementation of interregional actions within ESI Funds.*

**16.45 – 17.00**    **Conclusions and next steps**  
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### Practicalities

#### Venue

The meeting will take place at:

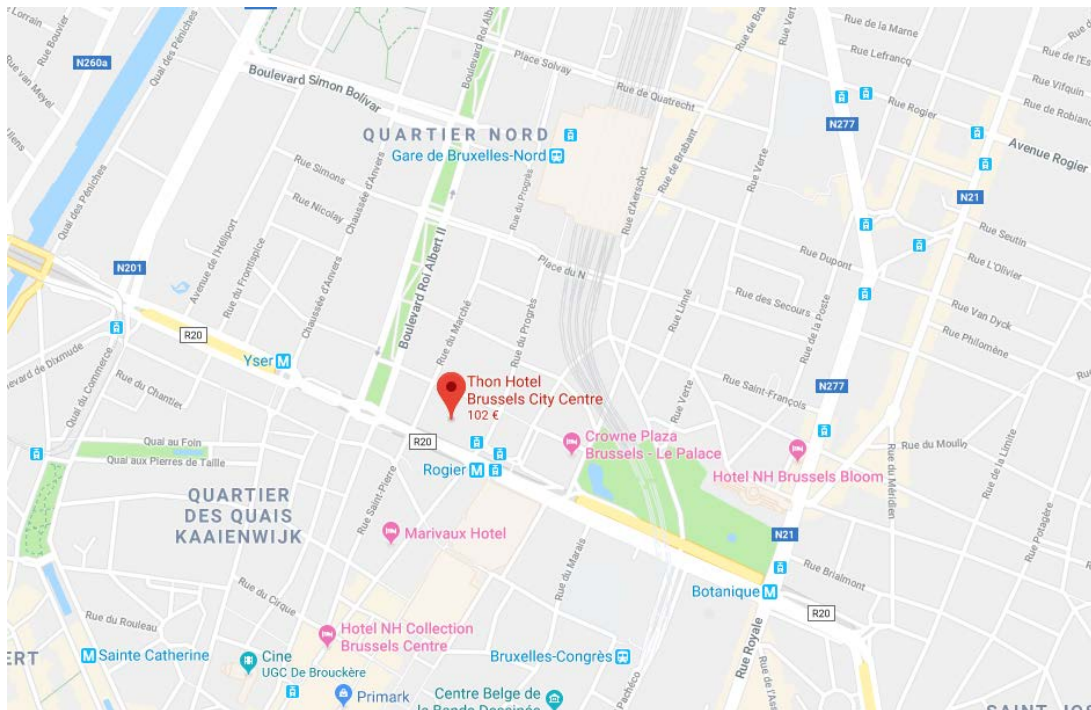
#### THON Hotel Brussels City Centre

Avenue du Boulevard 17

B-1210 Brussels

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#### Travel

The venue is located 650 m to Brussels North train station, 12 km from the airport with direct train connection. For train schedule please check at:

<https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/>

The closest metro stop is Rogier station, just in front of the venue: <https://www.stib-mivb.be>

#### Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.