



Toward the network(s) of programming/ managing Authorities

Programmes meet the
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Cooperation as a cross-cut priority (Article 2(3) ERDF)

"the ERDF or the Cohesion Fund, as appropriate, may also support activities under the **Investment for jobs and growth goal**, where they :

(b) enhance cooperation with partners both within and outside a given Member State.

Cooperation referred to in point (b) shall include cooperation

- with partners from cross-border regions,
- from non-contiguous regions or
- from regions located in the territory covered by a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy or
- a combination thereof."

Point (d)(v) of Article 17(3) CPR

2014-2020

- CPR (Article 96(3))
 - ...an OP shall describe the integrated approach to territorial development(..), specifying, **where appropriate**, the following:
 - (d) the arrangements for interregional [*and transnational*] actions, within the OPs, with beneficiaries located in at least one other Member State (Section 4.4)
 - (e) the contribution of the planned interventions under the programme to MRS/SBS strategies (Section 4.5)

post-2020

- CPR Article 17 (3)
 - Each programme shall set out:
 - (a) a summary of main challenges (vi) MRS/SBS
 - (d) **for each specific** objective:
 - (i) related types of action + expected contribution to those SOs and to MRS/SBS, where appropriate
 - (v) the interregional *and transnational* actions with beneficiaries located in at least one other Member State

Council Conclusions on the implementation of EU macro-regional strategies - 3 December 2020

The Council of the European Union

CALLS on all participating countries/regions, with the support of the Commission and as soon as possible, to establish networks of (managing) authorities of relevant 2021-2027 EU funding programmes (Cohesion Policy Funds, EAFRD, EMFF, IPA, NDICI);

CALLS on these (managing) authorities to actively participate in such networks in order to ensure a coordinated implementation of the MRS Action Plan priorities and projects shortlisted by MRS, across the macro-region, in their respective programmes

EMBEDDING Process

The establishment of **networks of MA** is part of the embedding process.

Embedding allows a better use of the budget available for the implementation of macro-regional projects exploiting the economy of scale.

ESIF and IPA III programmes located in the Adriatic and Ionian region, must **ensure that they contribute actions and projects arising from the macro-regional strategies** (e.g. EUSAIR Flagships)

HOW to do it?

Projects

Joint projects: contributions to a single "pot" to fund a single project..

Coordinated projects: Separate nationally/ regionally implemented projects to achieve commonly agreed joint objectives ("cumulative effect") on the basis of coordinated and if possible synchronised decisions

Single project: Projects implemented in a single Member State contributing to the jointly agreed priorities of a macro-regional and/ or sea-basin strategy

Complementary projects: One programme funds one part and a second one another part.

HOW to do it?

Programming

- *Specific selection criteria (e.g. bonus points)*
- *Earmarking of a dedicated allocation*
- *Specific calls for cooperation projects*
- *Parallel Coordinated calls for cooperation projects*
- *Ex-ante or ex-post labelling*

EXAMPLE

ARCTIC COOPERATION

- *more informed/coordinated project selection and a better use of the programme funding;*
- *clearer and integrated information for potential applicants about funding opportunities,*
- *more concrete project outputs*
- *better promotion of results; more targeted, on a more aggregated level;*
- *more efficient programme management, by pooling resources and achieving a wider impact*
- *a more strategic approach to impact policy development.*

ARTIC COOPERATION 2

- coordinated websites;
- joint project development events
- dedicated annual seminars in conjunction with programme events;
- a joint presence at Arctic or European conferences,
- an award for Arctic projects
- joint publications focused on results and the post-2020 period

BENEFITS for ALL

Benefits for the ERDF, IPA and ETC programmes:

- o Development of the macro-region
- o Bigger impact (more ambitious projects)
- o Good projects pipeline (better absorption)
- o Visibility (political leaders, citizens, EU, etc.)
- o Better links to policy-makers

Benefits for the macro-regions :

- o Development of the macro-region
- o Experience from the programmes (knowledge of the issues)
- o Contacts with policy-makers
- o Funding

Thank you

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