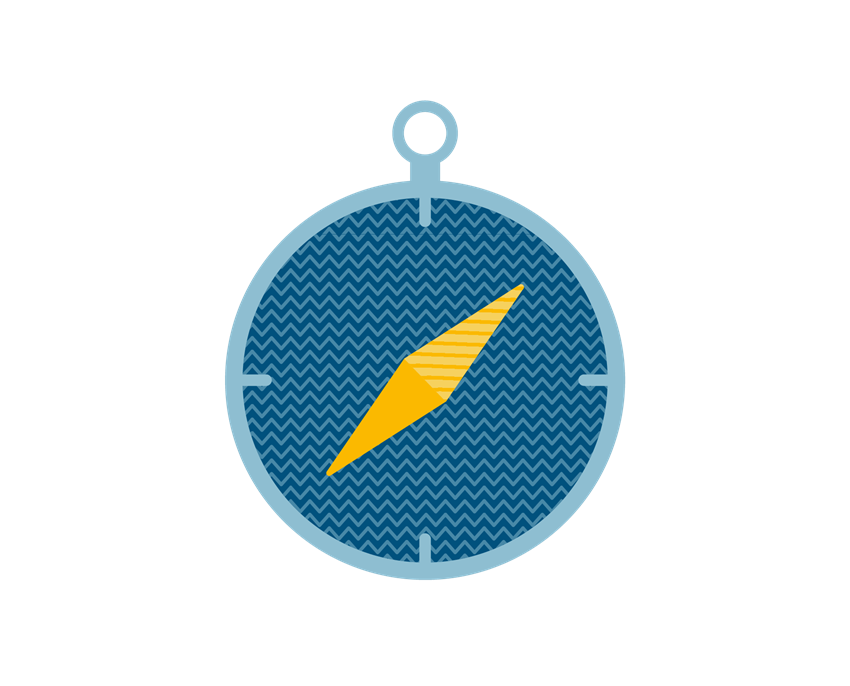


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|  | Wednesday, 18 May 2022 |
| 08:30 – 9:00 | Registration and welcome  For online participants: Please join the virtual meeting room in good time to test and ensure that the technical settings enable you to participate actively during the meeting. |
| 9:00 – 10:15 | Welcome, introduction, and setting the scene  Interact programme  CBIB+3 project  Mr Jean-Pierre Halkin, Macro-regions, Transnational,Interregional,External Cooperation, Enlargement, DG REGIO  Mr Elbert Krasniqi, Minister of Local Government Administration of Kosovo[[1]](#footnote-1)\*  Mr Mauro di Veroli, IPA planning, reporting and coordination for Western Balkans, DG NEAR  Mr Massimo Gerli, EU funds National Coordinator, Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for Cohesion Policy of Italy  Ms Stella Arneri, Director-General – Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds of Croatia  Ms Irena Bošković, Head of the Operating Structure for cross-border cooperation programmes - Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro  Mr Andi Seferi, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Tirana  *Q&A moderated by Interact (both online and in-situ)* |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Comfort break |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | From vision to implementation: Food for thought  Mr Robert Lichtner, Danube Strategy Point (DSP) Coordinator  “The role of macroregions as frameworks for synergies”  Mr Ivano Magazzu, Interact programme  “Strategies for synergies: an Interreg example “  Mr Gilles Kittel, Team Leader - EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, IPA and enlargement negotiations, DG REGIO  “Prespa area: an example of possible synergies”  Mr Mauro Novello, Head of JS, Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro programme  “How can we create synergies”  *Discussion facilitated by Interact and CBIB+3 (both online and in-situ)* |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Wrap up, evaluation & next steps |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Celebrating IPA: 15 years of progressive and positive developments in the Western Balkans  All participants (location: Maritim Hotel Plaza) |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Light Lunch |
| 13:00 – 15:00 | Project visit - CIRCE, funded by Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro programme  *Academy of Arts (5’ walk from Maritim Hotel Plaza)*  All participants |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Projection of Tirana cinema students’ movies  *Academy of Arts*  *Sheshi Nënë Tereza 2, Tiranë 1019, Albania*  All participants |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | A debate with the students  *Academy of Arts*  *Sheshi Nënë Tereza 2, Tiranë 1019, Albania*  All participants |

1. \* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)