



## **WP 11 Ex Post Evaluation of ETC European Territorial Cooperation Programmes Final Stakeholder event, 11 December 2015, Brussels**

**Purpose:** the purpose of the one-day Stakeholder event is to get feedback on the emerging findings of the ex post evaluation of European Territorial Cooperation programmes 2007-2013 (cross-border, transnational and inter-regional cooperation programmes). The exchanges will help the evaluation team, led by ADE Belgium, to complement their findings with other insights that might have been overlooked by the evaluation, as well as to test those findings against experience by practitioners and knowledge of experts. The lessons learned from exchanges with participants will help draw the final conclusions and recommendations of the study. They will directly feed into the final report of the evaluation, to be released early 2016.

**Time and Place:** the Stakeholder event will take place on 11 December 2015, at Hotel Martins Brussels, rue Charlemagne 80, in Brussels.

**Documentation and deliverables:** the evaluation team will prepare a synthesis paper of approximately 10 pages, gathering key preliminary findings of the evaluation. This document will be distributed to the participants before the event. A synthesis paper of the discussion that took place during the event will be prepared by the evaluation team and used for the preparation of the Final Report.

**Target audience:** the Stakeholder event will gather maximum 60 participants. They will belong to the following types:

- European Commission representatives (approx. 7 people);
- ETC evaluation team members: 7 members of the Core team and the 2 external experts agreed by the Commission;
- Academics and experts active in the following fields: regional development, economic geography, Structural Funds evaluation;
- Regional and local authorities that are not directly involved in managing ETC programmes;
- Managing Authorities in charge of the 9 cross-border programmes and the 2 Trans-national programmes covered by case studies in the evaluation, and Interreg IVC, and other selected Managing Authorities.

**Travel and accommodation costs:** Travel costs will be reimbursed to participants coming from outside Brussels upon receipt of copies of tickets. A flat-rate subsistence allowance of EUR 92 will be paid if there is an overnight stay. The organization will also take care of hotel booking. Applica, in charge of logistics, will send a mail to all participants with a link to the online registration, practical information as well as rules and procedure for reimbursement of travel costs.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### MORNING SESSION

9.30-9.50: **Welcome and address** by the European Commission on the role of INTERREG in Cohesion policy and on the importance of evaluation

9.50-10.30: **General findings from the ex post evaluation** of INTERREG programmes 2007-2013 by Claire Nauwelaers, WP11 Evaluation Team Leader

*10.30-10.50: coffee break*

10.50-13.00: **Feedback session on general findings** from ex post Evaluation of INTERREG.

*(Moderator: Lena Tsipouri, external expert of WP11; rapporteur: Mary Van Overbeke, core team member WP11)*

This session will start with interactions with all participants. The moderator of this session will prepare questions for these participants, which will cover the main messages from the evaluation. They will be asked to respond shortly to the questions and will be encouraged to comment on all key findings. The moderator will facilitate these discussions, maintain the focus on the key questions and ensure balanced participation.

The last part of the session will be devoted to short statements on the evaluation findings and on the debates with the audience by 5 participants gathered in an expert panel (a mix of experts and regional representatives not directly involved in managing INTERREG programmes).

The rapporteur will summarise key insights gained from the debates.

Members of Expert Panel:

Karen Maguire, OECD, co-author of the report "Regions and innovation: collaborating across borders"

Alasdair Reid, Technopolis Group, Belgium, expert in Structural Funds evaluation and regional development policy

Jean Severijns, Coordinator for TTR - ELAt OECD study on cross-border collaboration, The Netherlands

Adrian Healey, University of Cardiff, United Kingdom, expert in knowledge-based policies and smart specialisation

*13.00-14.30: lunch break*



## AFTERNOON SESSION

14.30-16.00: three parallel sessions, following same format as the morning session.

### **Parallel session 1: Feedback session on findings for Cross-Border Cooperation** in ex post Evaluation of INTERREG

*(Moderator: Slavo Radosevic, external expert of WP11; rapporteur: Calum MacLeod core team member WP11)*

This session will cover the three themes of the evaluation and case studies: R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship; environmental protection and capacity building.

Members of Expert Panel:

Ruth Taillon, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies, Northern Ireland, UK

Jean Peyrony, Director, Mission Opérationnelle transfrontalière, France

Lennart Svensson, Head of Division, Dept of economic development and innovation, Region Skane, Sweden

### **Parallel session 2: Feedback session on findings for Trans-National Cooperation** in ex post Evaluation of INTERREG

*(Moderator: Gunnar Lindberg, core team member WP11; rapporteur: Benito Giordano, core team member WP11)*

Members of Expert Panel:

Elzbieta Ksiazek, in charge of smart specialisation policy and involved in Central Europe programme and inter-regional cooperation projects, Region Wielkopolska, Poland

Patricia di Biase, Head of International Relations and European Affairs at Region Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur, France, involved in MED programme

### **Parallel session 3: Feedback session on findings for Inter-regional Cooperation** in ex post Evaluation of INTERREG

*(Moderator: Edwin Clerckx, core team member WP11; rapporteur: Patrick Van Bunnan, core team member WP11)*

Members of Expert Panel:

Elvira Uyarra, Manchester University, United Kingdom, expert in regional knowledge-based development policies

Richard Tuffs, Director, ERRIN, the European Network of innovative regions, acting as facilitator of inter-regional cooperation

Cristina Oyon, Head of Strategic Initiatives, Basque country, Spain, involved in inter-regional cooperation

*16.00-16.20: coffee break*

### **16.20-17.20: General conclusions from the workshop**

Lessons learned from the parallel sessions by rapporteurs (10 minutes each)

Overall conclusions and inputs gained for the final report: *Claire Nauwelaers and Mary Van Overbeke, core team members WP11*



17.20: Close by European Commission