



Citizen's summary of the 2014-2015 annual implementation report of the Interact III 2014-2020 programme

What is the Interact III 2014-2020 cooperation programme (Interact III) about?

The European Union cohesion policy has made substantial amounts of financial support available in the 2014-2020 programming period, most of which is used to finance national and regional programmes under the Investment for Growth and Jobs goal. In addition, a smaller amount is available for the second goal of the cohesion policy; namely, European Territorial Cooperation (ETC, also called Interreg). Interreg is a key instrument in addressing the common challenges and obstacles existing at border regions and transnational cooperation areas, in sharing experiences, and in elaborating common development strategies within the EU cohesion policy. Interact III is one of these Interreg programmes.

Compared to mainstream national or regional programmes, Interreg programmes operate in a more complex multi-national environment. Furthermore, their budget is usually smaller that make their results less tangible and visible. In order to enhance their effectiveness and efficiency, new and simplified programme management approaches are necessary and there is a great deal of lessons that Interreg programmes can learn from each other.

And this is exactly where Interact III supports the other Interreg programmes. The overall objective of Interact III is therefore to exchange experience and identify and transfer good practises in implementing territorial cooperation. In doing so, it focuses on improving three specific areas:

- The management and control capacity of Interreg programmes;
- Interreg's capacity in capturing and communicating programme results;
- The management capacity to implement innovative approaches to cooperation (e.g. through European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation, macro-regional strategies and cooperation with mainstream programmes).

For more information, please consult the citizen's summary of the programme.

What activities were carried out in 2014-2015?

In general, Interact III services provided to other Interreg programmes will comprise

- Events (from tailor-made advisory services on specific issues through trainings, seminars, workshops, network meetings and conferences) and
- Tools (including guidance material such as handbooks and studies, document templates, online information, databases, monitoring system software, EU-wide promotional campaigns, etc.).

Our services primarily target the bodies responsible for managing Interreg programmes.

Interact III was adopted by the European Commission on 13 August 2015. However, implementation of the programme only started on 1 January 2016, therefore in the years 2014-2015 no service delivery activities were carried out under Interact III. In these years, the INTERACT II programme, the predecessor of Interact III provided support to the Interreg community; for more information please visit the programme's [website](#).

What about spending?

No expenditure was incurred under Interact III in the years 2014-2015.

Do you need further information?

Should you need further information about Interact III, please don't hesitate to visit our website or get in touch with us at interact@interact-eu.net.