

Interreg
Baltic Sea Region



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AP3. Future of Cohesion Policy and the Role of Interreg

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What is Interreg good at?

**Building
solidarity**

- ✓ Brings people together across borders, themes, sectors and governance levels
- ✓ Builds trust beyond borders for a stronger Europe

**Delivering
change**

- ✓ Incubates the change – long term perspective
- ✓ From pilots to policy

**Achieving
synergies**

- ✓ Helps cities and regions to find, test and roll out new solutions and adapt and benefit from existing ones
- ✓ Helps implement EU policies



We want to have a joint Interreg BSR view...

- *Which topics are relevant for transnational cooperation in the Baltic Sea region?*
- *What should be our relation to the EUSBSR and other strategies in the region?*
- *On the Interreg geography in the Baltic Sea Region*
- *What is the Interreg niche compared to centrally managed EU Programmes (HORIZON, Life etc.)?*
- *On the core implementation rules (simplified cost options, State aid, etc.)*
- ...

What next:

- Interact kicks off the discussion in October.
- We would like to hear about the discussions in the countries and receive any position papers you prepare.
- We are happy to contribute with our experience to any discussion about the future you might have.
- **Proposal: MC TF meeting in March 2024** to launch the discussion on future directions