

Interreg VI-A IPA Programme Croatia – Serbia 2021-2027

Programme planning for 2028-2034

6th Monitoring Committee Meeting

2 July 2026

Virtual meeting



Continuation with 3 layers of legislation (points 1 and 2 are Council-Parliament Regulations):

1. Horizontal MFF Regulations:

- MFF Regulation (accompanied by political communication)
- **Performance framework** (intervention fields, indicators, visibility requirements...) – **NEW!**

2. Regulations addressing cohesion and Interreg:

- **NRPP Regulation** (equivalent of 21-27 CPR)
- **ERDF-Cohesion Fund Regulation, incl. Interreg** (equivalent of 21-27 ERDF-CF Reg.)



3. Interreg Plan

- Commission implementing act(s) – **Interreg plan**
- General part – where appropriate, detailed arrangements covering the the specific implementation modalities of Interreg to ensure a consistent approach; identification of geographic areas and allocation breakdown for each cooperation chapter
- Second part – summary chapters – **one chapter is a summary of each existing cooperation programme**



- In July 2025, almost a year ago – first draft of Regulations was proposed by the EC followed by formal and informal negotiations/comments by MS
- January 2026 – first compromise proposal on ERDF/Interreg reg.
- March – second compromise proposal
- April – third compromise proposal
- May – fourth compromise proposal
- 16 Specific objectives from NRPP are applicable to Interreg + 3 Interreg Specific objectives (better cooperation governance, safer and more secure Europe and more resilient regions bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine).

- Total funding for Interreg is EUR 10.264 billion in current prices (EUR 8.9 in 21-27)
- Allocation methodology proposed is identical to the 21-27 (same formula)
- Full continuity – 4 strands (A, B, C, D)



- The programme **has to be driven by a strong intervention logic** instead of only a bottom-up ideas and initiatives:
 - What do I want to change in the area? Requires solid SWOT analysis.
 - Is the Interreg the best tool to do it? If yes,
 - How can I do it? – selection of specific objectives
- Programmes (chapters) **are built around measures**, that include **milestones and targets and a total estimated costs** of the measures (**we are paid for achieved output indicators**). They have to be set up in such a way that the programme has the financial flow ensured.



- build on existing practice, knowledge and experience from previous programming periods, e.g. use of operational and impact assessments and former territorial analyses and any other available data.
- preparation of a **specific territorial analysis for our programme.**
- a forward-looking, evidence-based territorial analysis to underpin the future Programme/Interreg Plan chapter.
- need for a comprehensive analytical background to support our strategic decision-making.



- Procurement of external support
- 2-year contract to cover:
 - preparation of the territorial analysis;
 - conducting public consultations;
 - drafting the intervention strategy;
 - drafting the programme document/chapter, and in general;
 - support in programming through entire programming phase.



- October 2026 – contract signature
- November/December 2026 – Inception report
- March/April 2027 – results of territorial analysis
- March-May 2027 – public consultations
- June 2027 – results of public consultations
- July 2027 – selection of specific objectives/thematic fields
- October/November 2027 – draft intervention strategy
- December 2027/January 2028 – draft programme document and Interreg chapter
- 1Q 2028 – submission to EC



- **to authorize current MC for planning phases of new programme, i.e.:**

- approval of territorial analysis
- participation in public consultations
- approval of public consultation report
- selection of specific objectives

- **fine-tuning the composition and establishment of the dedicated **Programming task force** based on selected thematic fields/specific objectives to work on and approve:**

- draft intervention strategy
- draft Interreg chapter



Thank you for the attention!

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