

Rome 7-8 March: ENPI CBC

Best Practice Presentations and Programme Workshops

Best practice presentations

Lessons learnt from the previous programmes and cooperation – presentation by programme partners, max 20 min.

This part aims at providing the participants with input, experiences and best practice - to provide food for thought for the programme workshops, in order to inspire and facilitate these planning and programming discussions.

In the best practice presentations, the representatives should focus on two broad aspects:

1) Best practice from previous cooperation - the Neighbourhood Programmes and ore other multilateral/bilateral cooperation.

Examples of issues to address:

- What is needed for successful cross-border co-operation – in a bilateral and in a multilateral context?
- How do we plan, set up and implement a CBC programme in a successful way?
- How do we generate good functioning projects with true cross-border dimension?
- What is the best practice in areas of properly involving potential project applicants?
- Success stories.

2) Improved cooperation in the future, under the ENPI CBC programmes:

Examples of issues to address:

- How should we best make use of existing experience?
- What needs to be changed/improved/done differently in the future co-operation?
- What have been the main obstacles for successful co-operation in the past, issues which need to be addressed at an early stage of planning and development?

These topics could be addressed in the areas of:

- programme management aspects
- programme partnership set up
- information spreading
- capacity building support

- eligibility of the programmes – actors, geography, spheres
- size and type of projects
- How do we ensure political support and involvement on all levels in the programming process?

In focusing on the two aspects of lessons learnt, the speakers should bear in mind to address the issues that are or have been especially important for their co-operation programme, but make the presentation from a generalised point of view. The examples are in no way meant to provide an exhaustive list or to require a comment in all cases, the speakers should address the issues where they felt that they can contribute. .

Programme workshops

Launch of the programming process – How do we proceed from here?

The programme workshops will focus on concrete ways and means to bring forward the programming process, in order to develop an ENPI CBC programme.

Based on the previous presentations, concerning the strategic framework, the implementing rules, the programming process foreseen, and the lessons learnt the programme partners should focus on what they need to do, and common problems to be discussed in the workshop.

Questions to raise could include:

- Which are the different steps to be taken into consideration and what are the time limits for this process?
- What is the procedure for the programming – type of working group with sub-groups- programming committee?
- How do we identify the roles of the different actors in programme partnership?
- Who should take the lead in the process?
- How do we ensure a broad consultation involving all relevant key actors in the regions concerned?
- How do we ensure that, all partners and partner countries participate actively in the programming process?
- Which do we expect to be the priorities in our programme, in what spheres should we cooperate? What are the needs of our regions?
- What is the optimal geography of our programme?

The output of this part of the workshop will depend heavily on the programme partners' involvement. The workshop is expected to be interactive with contributions from all participants.

The output after a good process will be the programme partners being aware of the next steps needed, a plan on how to proceed in the programming process is in place, with the framework parameters in place, including the identification of key actors.

All programme partners are encouraged to use this opportunity to address issues of concern for this programme and to set the basics for the future programme.

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