



INTERACT in practice: Legal considerations and INTERREG Tools

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INTERACT Point Tool Box



Identifies Good Practice and issues practical Tools for INTERREG programme and project management

The INTERACT Point Tool Box Consortium

The INTERACT Point Tool Box is a synergetic cooperation between two organisations with wide experience of INTERREG:

Generalitat Valenciana, Directorate General of Economy, Lead Partner, based in Valencia (ES) – Managing Authority, INTERREG III C South



Euregio Meuse-Rhine Foundation, Partner, based in Maastricht (NL) – Managing Authority, INTERREG III A Meuse-Rhine



The « Legal study on structures of cross-border cooperation in INTERREG programmes »:

A tool to facilitate legal arrangements in cross-border cooperation – INTERREG IIIA/Objective 3 cross-border programmes

Aim of the study

- Give interested stakeholders **practical information** about the advantages/disadvantages of various legal arrangements and possible forms of participation in the management of an INTERREG IIIA / Objective 3 programme;
- Give information about **different possible levels of participation** of a CBC structure in an INTERREG programme: from simple « information desk » to Managing Authority;
- Serve as **a legal tool and as a tool for political decision** in the preparation process of new Objective 3 programmes;
- **Support the « Proposal for a Regulation establishing a European grouping of territorial cooperation »** by presenting case studies / existing practices applied to the specific case of INTERREG.

Approach of the study:

- Focus on **INTERREG IIIA** – cross-border cooperation – with a view to preparing the new programming period 2007-2013
- Focus on **structures managing INTERREG programmes** (including cross-border structures and other types of structures) – no specific focus on CBC structures not involved in INTERREG programmes
- Focus on **2 types of legal arrangements** to manage an INTERREG programme:
 - from signing of agreements e.g. Memorandum of Understanding between programme partners
 - to manage a programme up to the setting-up of specific structures to manage a programme e.g.:
 - GLCT Pamina (FR/DE)
 - Foundation/Stichting Euregio Meuse-Rhine (BE/NL/DE)

Expected outputs of the study – practical tools:

- A **model presenting the different levels of intensity** of cooperation – according to the missions to be performed in the programme
- A **check-list of the main questions** to be raised/answered when deciding on a legal structure to manage an INTERREG IIIA/Objective 3 Programme
- A **list of advantages and disadvantages** of each type of cooperation set up in the programmes analysed (sample)
- **Synthetic fiches** on legal arrangements in all INTERREG IIIA programmes

The study will be available in November 2006 on the INTERACT Website
www.interact-eu.net

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Tools to promote knowledge and better understanding of other INTERREG programmes:

- A collection of 68 **INTERREG III Programme Summaries**, including summaries on 54 INTERREG IIIA programmes: specificities, management, main challenges, good practices developed;
- A **Facts and Figures booklet** collecting main facts on each INTERREG III programme: address, website, general information on the eligible area, available budget, implementation structures etc;
- An **INTERREG documents WEB LIBRARY**.

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Tools for better mutual understanding between cross-border actors:

- A **glossary** of INTERREG words and expressions;
- A list of useful **terminologies** and their translation English-French-English.

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Tools to facilitate daily cross-border cooperation in INTERREG Programmes:

- A Tool « **Recommendations for the implementation of INTERREG III Subsidy Contracts** »: Recommendations to elaborate an optimized Subsidy Contract and presentation of good practices
- A Tool « **Good Practice INTERREG III Partnership agreements** »: Template with options/guidelines to be used in each clause – presentation of good practices.
- A Handbook on the « **Application of the Lead Partner Principle** »: soon available

**All Tools developed by
INTERACT Point Tool Box are
available at:**

www.interact-eu.net/tb

Thank you for your attention

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