

# Project Management



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## Why?

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Many programmes are presently exploring ways to improve the quality of their projects in terms of content generation and financial management. One reason for this is a general feeling in some programmes that projects applications do not always live up to expectations. Another is the many shortcomings observed by programmes with regard to the implementation of some projects in the previous period.

As a consequence of these shortcomings a great deal of time is wasted on the side of both project developers/coordinators and programme management.

## What?

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INTERACT targets the need for quality and strategic projects in the new period, clarifying the essential concepts at the heart of any successful application and linking these to bigger themes like the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas.

The project management services offered by INTERACT provide stakeholders with comprehensive guidance, involving clear and targeted support on project ideas, partnership development, the project application, implementation, communication, reporting and closure.

The focus is on the specific requirements for project management set by European Territorial Cooperation, and on how to raise project quality and improve chances for approval. Special consideration is given to the Lead Partner Principle and the most important financial and administrative aspects of the projects.

## How?

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To address these needs, INTERACT has developed training seminars for project management. These seminars are demand-orientated, and the information provided is tailored to the needs and type of stakeholders, such as programme authorities interested in obtaining support for their project management duties and final beneficiaries seeking information and guidance on how to run their projects.

INTERACT offers support to programmes in their efforts to harmonise project ideas with programme objectives, as well as in facilitating the formation of project start-up and partnership agreements, and provides programmes with advice on complex and problematic issues. These include reflection on the specificities of strategic projects, the means for raising the quality of a project's output and how to improve the visibility of core project results.

## For whom?

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The target group of the seminars are programme management bodies wishing to provide more targeted services for their projects as well as project developers and coordinators. The basic seminar targets beginners such as new JTS staff and project coordinators inexperienced in the ERDF world. The more advanced seminar addresses some aspects in more detail and is typically most useful for experienced professionals.

Targeted services cover the following topics:

- Strategy
- Communication
- Project generation and preparation
- Assessment
- Selection
- Contracting
- Reporting
- Evaluation and monitoring
- Closure
- Financial management
- Small project funding
- Lead Partner Principle
- IPA

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