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Interact – Quality of cooperation

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Reflexion points

- Definition of cross-border cooperation
 - 4 levels of definition
 - EU/EC
 - MA/JS
 - MC/Programme partners
 - Beneficiaries
 - Transition with more attention to quality not understood at all levels
 - Mismatch of expectations leads to experience of heavy administrative burden
 - Permanent reclarification/redefinition during implementation via reporting

Reflexion points

- Coordination scale CBC
 - Level 4 should be considered as a minimum (*Formulating joint priorities/objectives*)
 - Level 5/6 should be starting point for longer term projects (*answer to stop and go*)
- In depth analysis of cooperation dimension
 - Sectoral approach is larger than project partnership
 - Expert workshops
 - More results than implementation and impact evaluation
- Evaluators/Researchers experienced the process as the research was a project on its own

Action points

- Information and training sessions
 - Internal (MA/JS, regional contact points, MC/SC)
 - External (Potential applicants, applicants, beneficiaries)
- Change in project selection procedure
- Administrative simplification
- Pro-active follow up of projects
- Reinforcing the supporting role vs controlling role of MA/JS
 - Meeting between project partnership and MA/JS before the submission of project reports
 - Draft project report is basis of discussion
 - Amendments will have to be made before submission