

Regional Network Meeting



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in Central and South East Europe**
Sura Hotel Hagia Sophia
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Outlines

As this year when Interact celebrates its 20th birthday, our Regional network too will mark its 15th year since its first event.

After cooperating online for more than two years, we are thrilled to meet again in person within our Regional Network of Interreg Programmes from Central and South East Europe. As always this network will focus on the exchange of information, knowledge and experiences on specific issues faced by the programmes from this part of Europe.

This will be our first physical regional network meeting since December 2019. We would like to address a range of cooperation topics taking into consideration this particular stage of the implementation. This will be especially interesting since we are all just starting the new period. Your input at the registration will greatly help us to focus on your needs and prioritise the topics in the agenda. Therefore, please register as soon as possible.

Please note that this meeting is organised back to back with the Evaluation and Indicators event, which will take place on the 28th of September, also in Istanbul. If you would like to participate in both events, please register separately.

Scroll down for draft agenda and some practical tips.



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Draft Agenda

Day 1

29 September 2022

9:15 – 9:30

Registration

9:30 – 12:00

Welcome speeches

H.E. Faruk Kaymakcı, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Turkey (tbc)

Opening

Ivana Lazic, Coordinator of Interact Office Vienna

Good morning Interreg – News broadcast

Interact Team & DG Regio

- Updates from Interact and DG Regio

Session: Simplified Cost Options

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

13:00 - 16:30

Afternoon sessions

(presentations, Q&A & group discussions, to be detailed)

- **Jems**
- **Risk based sampling**
- **Coordination and synergies in programme management**
- **Preparation of calls**
- **P05, Tourism**

16:30

Wrap up of the first day

17:00

Guided walk in the old center

20:00

Networking dinner (location tbd)

Day 2

30 September 2022

9:30 - 13:00

Intereg day celebration

Visit to OLKAS & LIMEN projects, co-funded by the Black Sea Basin Programme



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Practicalities

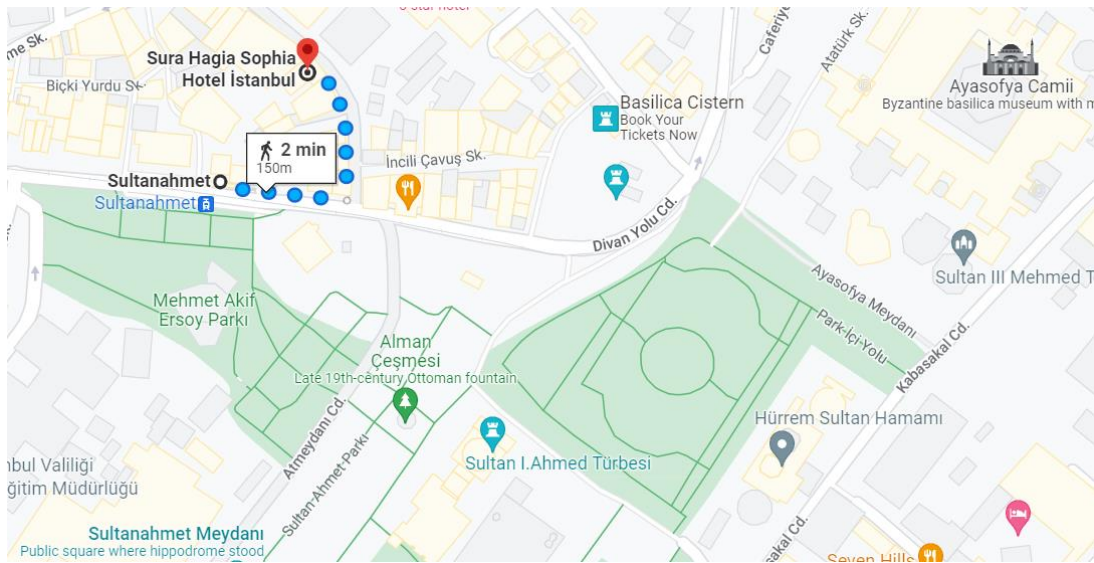
Interreg Day celebration on the second day

While we are dedicating the first day to the meeting session at the event venue, we will be visiting an Interreg project on the second day as part of Interreg Day celebration.

We are in touch with a few projects, and will let you know as soon as the program is fixed. It is likely that we will use pre-arranged bus from event venue at 9:30 on the morning of 30 September, and return at 13:00.

Venue

[Sura Hagia Sophia Hotel, Istanbul](#)



Public transport

Payments for public transport (IETT) tickets are done through Istanbul Kart. The card is obtainable from the counters at stops, as well as vending machines.

Airport shuttles are not considered 'public transport' and tickets can be purchased on the bus.

Transfer from airport

There are two airports in Istanbul; Istanbul Airport (IST) and Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW).



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If you are landing at IST:

- Take [Havist shuttle](#) to *Aksaray – Beyazıt Meydan* OR *Aksaray Metro*
- In both cases, take tram T1 (*Fındıklı* direction), get off at *Sultanahmet* (*Beyazıt Meydan* is the closer station, while *Aksaray Metro* is a few tram stops further)

If you are landing at SAW, you can use [Havabus shuttle](#) to two different locations:

Option 1:

- Take Havabus to *Kadıköy*
- Take [Kadıköy-Karaköy-Eminönü Ferry](#) to *Eminönü*
- Walk approximately 7 mins OR take Tram T1 (*Bağcılar* direction), get off at *Sultanahmet*

Option 2:

- Take Havabus to *Taksim*
- Take metro to M2 (*Yenikapı* direction), get off at *Vezneciler*
- Walk 20 minutes, OR take tram T1 (*Fındıklı* direction), get off at *Sultanahmet*

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements.

Other information

Please note that Turkey is not included in the EU's free-roaming scheme. Therefore, make sure to turn off your mobile data roaming. For easy navigation in the city, consider loading some non-EU data on your mobile phone.

Contact

For inquiries and emergencies, please contact Arkam.