

# Focus Group discussion - Study on the engagement of civil society in Interreg

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# Agenda for today

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Intro

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Key findings  
of the pilot

*EPRC*

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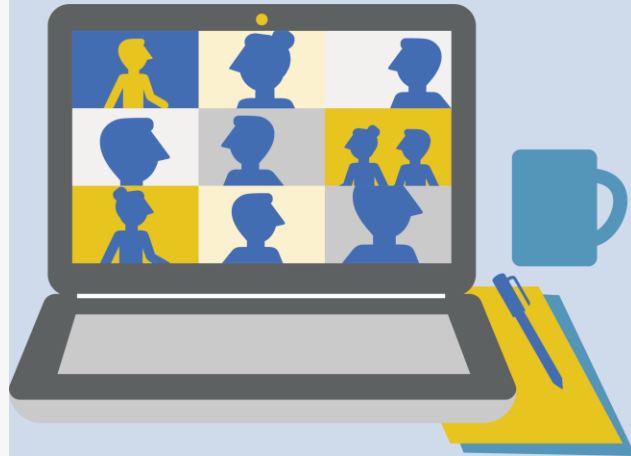
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How can we  
support you?

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Wrap up and  
next steps



# Study pilot

## The engagement of civic and civil society in Interreg

Why?

How?



# The work done so far



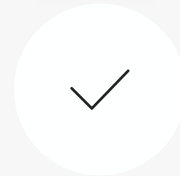
**11th March 2021, online event**

*Engaging citizens and civil society in Interreg*



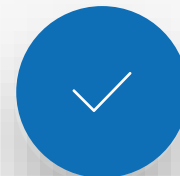
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, ToR**

Study pilot on the engagement of civil society in Interreg



**July – September 2023**

Online questionnaire addressing all Interreg programmes



**October – November 2023**

Semi-structured interviews with programmes' representatives

# The programmes that contributed to the study

Interreg Aurora

Interreg IPA South Adriatic

Interreg Central Baltic

Interreg Euro – MED

Interreg Euroregio Maasi – Rijn

Interreg Estonia – Latvia

Interreg France – Switzerland

Interreg Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak

Interreg Romania – Bulgaria

Interreg Next Black Sea Basin

Interreg IPA Romania - Serbia

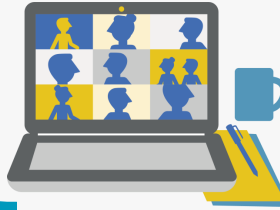
Interreg IPA Greece – The Republic of North Macedonia

Interreg Flanders – the Netherlands

Interreg Central Europe

Interreg Alpine Space

Interreg Greece – Italy



**Focus group discussion(s)**



# Preliminary findings of the pilot study

European Policies Research  
Centre

# Break

# Floor is open for discussion

- How do you consider engaging with citizens and civil society in your programme?
- What are your perceptions and potential next steps?
- Which stage(s) of the programme's lifecycle are you willing to explore to ensure citizen and civil society engagement?





# Our plans for 2024

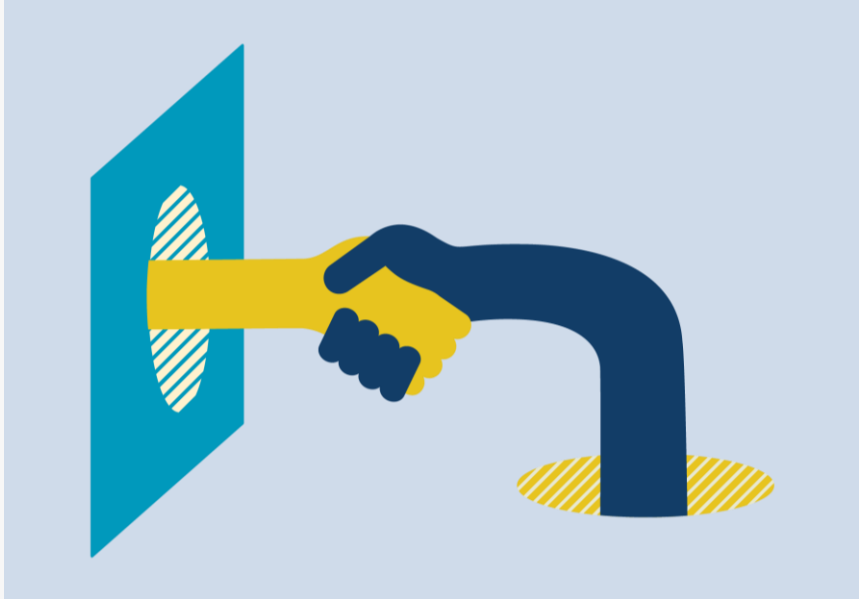


**Project  
compilation**

**Continue the  
focus group  
discussion(s)**

**Next meeting  
IKF 5-7  
March 2024**

# How can we support you in your process?



# Thank you for being here!

Your opinion matters to us.

Please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback to help us improve our services.



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