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Simplification and harmonization needs for 2021-2027

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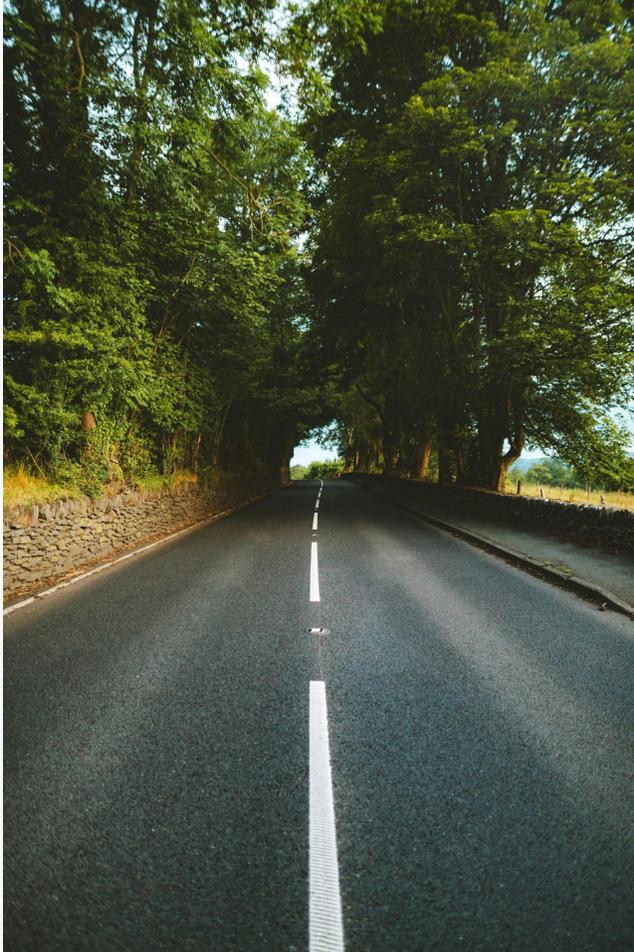
This is the **second edition** of the Interreg Knowledge Fair, it is still a new approach for us.

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At the end of this session, you are asked to rate the **session experience**.

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Main objective of the session:

To discuss and verify Interreg needs for simplification and harmonization in 2021-2027

Specific objectives:

- to build a **common understanding** why we should strive for simplification and harmonization;
- to find out what are the **most challenging aspects**, that makes Interreg and its programmes complicated/difficult;
- to discuss which **aspect** could have the **biggest impact** if simplified or harmonized;

Outline

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**Intro and
ground rules**

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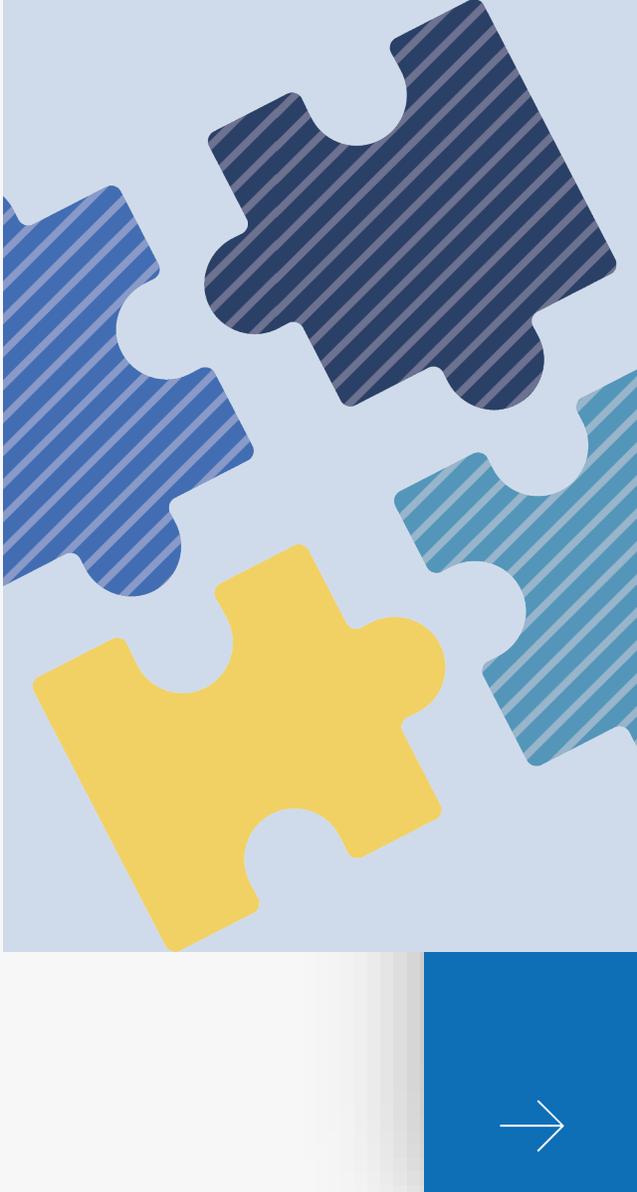
**Group work
– part one**

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**Group work
– part 2**

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Next steps



Simplification vs. harmonization

Simplification:

- the process of making something **less complicated** and therefore **easier to do** or **understand**

Harmonization:

- the act of making systems or laws the **same or similar** in different companies, countries, **programmes**, etc. so that they can work together **more easily**

Simplification ≠ Harmonization

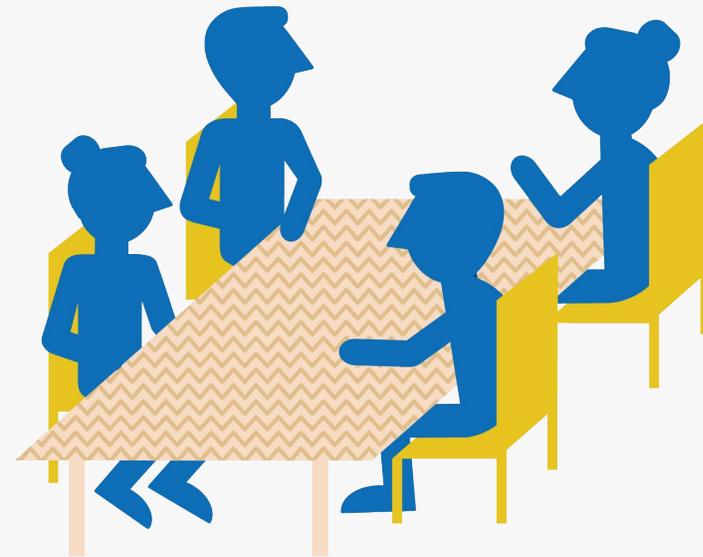
Why should we strive for simplification and harmonization?



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Group work 1



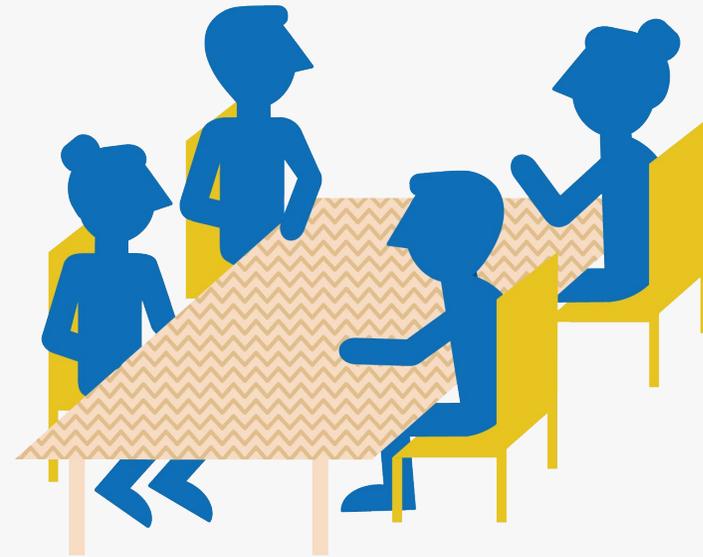


What makes Interreg and its programmes difficult?

- Discuss and write down different aspect which makes Interreg difficult (each on separate post-it)
- Agree which 3 are the most “important” ones



Group work 2





Why and how to simplify and/or harmonize?

- Why to simplify and/or harmonize? What would be the added value or the biggest benefit of it?
- Who will benefit from it the most?
- Who might block it?

- How it can be simplified or harmonized (brainstorming on the potential solutions, dreaming, out-of-box ideas, etc.)





What are the simplification and harmonization aspect you would like to work on?

- Write your programme name on the post-it and stick it to the respective aspect
- Of course you are welcome to write more than one.



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.

Log into the **Whova app** and tell us what you think in the **session Q&A, from 1 (bad) to 5 (amazing)**
Please check which session you are in!

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