

DAY 1 Thu 27/03/2025 – Results of consultations of programmes, stakeholders and citizens on post 2027 Interreg 27 March 2025, Gorizia (IT) – Nova Gorica (SLO)

Main venue: Teatro Verdi, Gorizia, Via G. Garibaldi 2/a

Simultaneous interpretation in EN, IT, SI and FR

Registration at *Palazzo Dell'Unione Ginnastica Goriziana (UGG), Via G. Rismondo 2*
5 minutes' walk from/to Teatro Verdi

8:00 – 9:00	Welcome coffee and registration <i>Venue: Teatro Verdi, Gorizia – simultaneous interpretation in EN, IT, SI and FR</i>
9:00 – 9:35	High-level Opening Welcoming words from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massimiliano Fedriga, President of the Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy Opening speeches by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffaele Fitto, Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission • Marta Kos, Commissioner for Enlargement, European Commission • Aleksander Jevšek, Minister of Cohesion and Regional Development, Slovenia
9:35 – 10:35	Panel 1: Cooperation: Shared spaces, Shared goals <i>Cooperation with candidate and neighbouring countries, including for outermost regions</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sławomir Tokarski, Director, DG Regional and Urban Policy – moderator • Celia Alberto Pérez, Director-General for European Affairs, Government of Canary Islands • Aldo Puleo, Managing Authority, Interreg NEXT MED programme • Emilia Cebotari, Head of External Assistance and European Funds Coordination Department, State Chancellery, Republic of Moldova • Ana Sabanovic, Representative of Youth Council of Danube Macro-regional Strategy Comments by Commissioner Kos
10:35 – 11:35	Panel 2: Border regions, transnational regions: obstacles and opportunities <i>What kind of cooperation do we want? What do we want to achieve?</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Pierre Halkin, DG Regional and Urban Policy – moderator • Martha Gärber, Head of Interreg cross-border cooperation programme Italy-Austria • Vincent De Keer, Director of EGTC Linieland (representative of the youth) • Anne Wetzel, Director, Hauts-de-France region • Sandro Gozi, Member of the European Parliament (video)
11:35 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:50	Panel 3: Cooperation & Performance: Switching a Gear <i>How to improve the cooperation impact and visibility?</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simona Pohlová, DG Regional and Urban Policy – moderator • Pavel Branda, Member of the European Committee of the Regions • David Grzegorzewski, Programme Director, Interreg North-West Europe Programme • Arola Urdangarin, EGTC Euroregion Nouvelle Aquitaine – Euskadi – Navarra (NAEN) • Cristina Bala, “Chess for change” project, Interreg Hungary-Romania programme (finalist of RegioStars Awards 2024)

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12:50 – 13:30	Main takeaways from the consultations on future Interreg Interview of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffaele Fitto, Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission • Jan Szyszko, Secretary of State for Regional Development in Poland • Juraj Droba, 2nd Vice-chair of the COTER Commission, European Committee of the Regions • Younous Omarjee, Vice-President of the European Parliament Moderation by Interact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Declaration by young people on the future of territorial cooperation
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch <i>Venue: the Palazzo Dell'Unione Ginnastica Goriziana (UGG)</i> <i>5 minutes' walk from/to Teatro Verdi</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Interreg Slam 2024-2025 Project Slam competition and award ceremony: Stories of inclusion and empowerment (6 live performances on stage) Awarding Ceremony for the Slam and for the local High School competition
17:00 – 22:00	Evening activities and dinner, celebration of 35 years of Interreg <i>Venue: the Palazzo Dell'Unione Ginnastica Goriziana (UGG)</i>

