

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

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

