



9TH MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

27 November 2024 | Brussels, Belgium

Programme countries pave the way for capitalisation in coordination with cross-border programmes in 2025

On 27 November 2024, the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE monitoring committee convened in Brussels to address critical steps for the programme's future. Key outcomes of the meeting included progress on preparing the upcoming capitalisation call and a forward-looking discussion on Interreg's role beyond 2027.

Building on insights from experts and the preceding workshop on "Improving synergies across Interreg in central Europe", the committee expressed strong support for the call's aim to deepen cooperation with Interreg cross-border programmes and strengthen synergies within the central European programme area. It was agreed to further develop the call's framework based on the results of the ongoing expert study.

The committee also reflected on the future of Interreg within the broader post-2027 cohesion policy debate. Discussions focused on a potential expansion of the programme area and the *Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Harvesting Report*, which presents the outcomes of a comprehensive stakeholder consultation designed to shape the future of transnational cooperation beyond 2027 in support of a <u>Europe-wide initiative led by the European Commission</u>. The report gathers practical inputs and recommendations from 216 Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE stakeholders and was highly valued by the committee.

The next monitoring committee meeting is scheduled for 1 April 2025, with a focus on the framework of the upcoming capitalisation call and on reviewing ongoing programme activities.

