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Sustainability



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A project is sustainable when its results can be used also after completion of the project.

(Environmental sustainability is a different concept.)



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In practise this means:

- Continued operations and maintenance of the outputs
 - Note: ability to adapt the operations
- Continued participation/involvement of the target groups and beneficiaries.



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In order to reach project sustainability
you need to ensure:

- Financial sustainability
- Organisational sustainability



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You are required

Conditions of the Grant Contract

“If the Project includes an infrastructure component it may not be subject to a substantial change affecting its nature, objectives or implementing conditions which would result in undermining the original objectives of the Project within five years of project closure. In the event of such substantial changes the Managing Authority shall recover the Programme contribution from the Partners in proportion to the period for which the requirement cannot be fulfilled.”



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Even there are no other contractual obligations regarding sustainability, it should be your main goal!



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You should not be happy if your outputs are placed in a drawer when the project ends.





You should aim for the growth of your project.



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From sustainability to capitalisation

“Capitalisation is gathering, organising and building upon existing programme and projects results, within specific fields.” Interact

 Using the results



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Project results
are capital that
should be
taken
advantage of.



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Capitalisation objectives

- Identifying the results, building on existing knowledge and experience.
- Making the knowledge and results more accessible (improves transfer).
- Promoting the re-use and/or transfer of this knowledge and these results, in order to support future policies, projects and programmes.
- Raising awareness and improving communication of results for relevant stakeholders.

Capitalisation is complementary to the information, communication, monitoring and evaluation.



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How is capitalisation being done

- European Commission is paying more and more attention to capitalisation
- > **Interact** has a capitalisation plan for Interreg Programmes.
 - Practical tools are networks and KEEP
 - The idea is to identify the results that can be transferred and re-used.

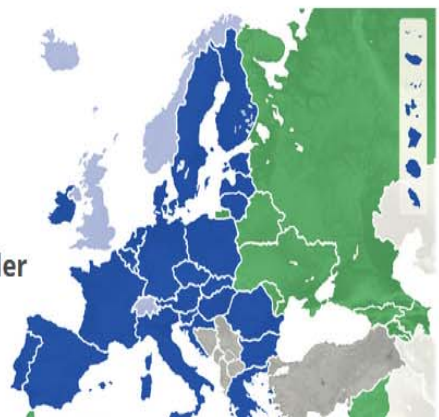


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The potential and flexibility of Interreg, Interreg-IPA cross-border and ENI CBC
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We are a bit late

...but the game is
not lost yet.



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What can you do?

- Take a critical look on your results: can you identify results that could be transferred and re-used?
- Make sure your results are available
 - Choose the channels
 - Use plain language!



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What can you do?

- Make sure MA knows what you have accomplished.
- Make a list of those who could re-use your results.
- Network



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Anything to capitalise?

Is there something we could do for you?



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