



Exchange of experience: Online project activities

Virtual workshop for Interreg Europe projects 30 September 2021, 9:30-12:30

Online activities are an increasingly important part of project implementation. The abrupt shift to virtual and online environments in 2020 might have taken some adjustment, but now is the time to take stock of the lessons learnt. What has worked, what has not? What could be useful also in the future?

On 30 September (9:30-12:30 CEST), we will organise an online workshop for Interreg Europe projects to share and exchange experiences on running project activities online. Join us to discuss how and in which situations going online adds value to your project.

During this interactive session, you will hear from other Interreg Europe projects how they have made use of online opportunities to enrich their project implementation. You will also have a possibility to share your own experiences in small group discussions. The session is an active working session where participants will contribute to shaping the joint outcomes and conclusions.

The agenda is built on inputs collected from projects. We will discuss and share experiences on:

- Online opportunities linked to study visits and stakeholder engagement
- Tools, methods and tips for other online activities (staff exchanges, trainings, workshops or events)
- When and how to leverage online activities in the future

Take part in the discussion and share your experience. Learn how to avoid the most common pitfalls. Let's co-create a set of tips and recommendations for making the most of online opportunities in the project context.

This online workshop is exclusively for Interreg Europe projects. Due to limited capacity (up to 150), we kindly ask you to limit participation to two representatives per project. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Registration will be closed once the maximum capacity is reached.

Registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsde-hpzsjHtXdQpKf4c4xGYLrp8pEUB0v



Agenda

9:15 **Connection** - Virtual room open (possibility to test settings)

9:30 Welcome and introduction

Interreg Europe joint secretariat

Presentation of the objectives of the session and overview of the agenda.

9:45 Taking your project events and study visits online

Online events have become a standard part of project activities. But how to make online activities effective and engaging? How to keep stakeholders involved and get the most out of online meetings? Hear from other projects and share your experiences.

- Virtual study visits by SinCE-AFC (Lamprini Tsoli, Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia)
- Online study visits by EU CYCLE (Zsombor Aradszki and Delinke Bejczy, West Pannon Nonprofit Ltd.)

10:15 **Group discussions**

What about you? What are your key take-aways from online cooperation? Discuss your experiences in small groups. What has worked for you? What hasn't? Note down also the challenges or questions you have come across when working online.

10:45 **Break**

11:00 Re-cap and vote

Brief summary of the group discussions and a joint vote on key insights.

11:15 Going further with online opportunities

How far can you go with online activities? Hear how project partners have leveraged online solutions for staff exchange and trainings. Ask questions and share your experiences.

- Online trainings by e-smartec (Maria Chatziathanasiou, CERTH)
- Virtual staff exchange by DEVISE (Jose Manuel San Emeterio, Ernact)

11:45 **Group discussions**

Based on the examples shared and the first round of discussions, what are the key guidelines and recommendations for online project activities? Which ideas and practices should be kept and developed further in the future? How can online activities support or enrich project implementation in the future? Come up with at least three recommendations in your group.

12:15 Wrap-up and conclusion

Summary of discussions, key take-aways and concluding remarks.

12:30 **End**