



## Welcome dinner, April 7th 2019

19:00 Welcome dinner

## Agenda of the mid-term conference & 10<sup>th</sup> ISC meeting

### Budapest, April 8th 2019

9:00	Arrivals & opening of the meeting Managing Authority of PP7 and PP1 (Antti)
9:30 – 11:30	Work session 1: Presentation and discussion of the action plans; synergies / possible cooperation options with the Lagging Regions project.
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:45	Work session 2: Impacting the policy instrument: the experience of the Managing Authorities; conclusions about future initiatives.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Work session 3: The research-to-business theme: the experience of the research institutions; lessons learnt.
15:00 – 16:30	10 <sup>th</sup> Interregional steering committee and Communication / Dissemination review
19:00	Project dinner

Note: For explanation on the implementation of Work session 1,2 and 3, please go to **Annex 1 Discussion themes.**



## **Phase 2 & pilot action start**

### **Budapest, April 9th 2019**

9:00	Opening of the meeting
9:00 – 10:00	Arrangements for Phase 2 and action plan implementation & monitoring; location of next meetings
10:00 – 11:30	Opening of the pilot action, cooperation details.
11:30 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch & closing of the mid term meeting
19:00	Joint dinner, at own cost

## Annex 1 Discussion themes

**Work session 1:** Presentation and discussion of the action plans; synergies / possible cooperation options with the Lagging Regions project.

**Key questions:** (1) For the Lagging regions project: have there been final development actions agreed? Have there been agreed implementation plans? For the BRIDGES project: status of the action plans (endorsed or not), has the implementation started, are there practical results on the ground already? (2) For both projects: have there been any difficulties? Any good things? Any insights that are worth taking further? (3) Comparison between the Lagging Regions and BRIDGES (i.e. Phase 2 & pilot action for Bridges) projects in terms of current status and next steps: what could we learn from each other? Are there any synergy themes? What are they? Are there possible fields of cooperation?

**Coordinator:** Agata

**Work session 2:** Impacting the policy instrument, the experience of the Managing Authorities; conclusions about future initiatives.

**Key questions:** (1) What is the experience of the MAs / IBs regarding their direct involvement in Interreg Europe projects in general and the BRIDGES project in particular? (2) what have been the main benefits and drawbacks? (3) what could be the lessons learnt for the future?

**Coordinator:** Ninetta

**Work session 3:** The research-to-business theme, the experience of the research institutions; lessons learnt.

**Key questions:** (1) How have the research institutions benefitted from the BRIDGES project? (2) Considering that interdisciplinary cooperation at all governance levels is going to be further reinforced, what would they like to see more in an Interreg Europe project in the future? (3) Regarding the pilot action and the provision to facilitate access to excellence to clients and being supported in the process, is there something they should like to see, something strengthened more in the pilot action?

**Coordinator:** Ari