

// ESPON event

Transnational Programmes: needs and opportunities for the future cooperation

Online (via teams), 03 June 2026, 10h:30 – 12h:00 CET

// Context and objectives

This event aims to familiarise participants with the results of the [\[ESPON TNCOOP\] Interreg Transnational Programmes: needs and opportunities for the future cooperation](#) project.

Covering all 13 Interreg transnational programme areas for the 2021–2027 period, the ESPON TNCOOP project analyses territorial development trends, regional disparities, functional linkages, and emerging cooperation dynamics across Europe and neighbouring regions. Drawing on a harmonised territorial database and comprehensive socio-economic, environmental, governance, and contextual indicators, the project delivers evidence-based analyses designed to inform the future strategic objectives and priorities of transnational cooperation.

The project developed 13 programme fiches and one strand-level fiche, which inter-alia explores how transnational programmes can become more place-based, territorially relevant, and strategically aligned with future EU priorities, while strengthening synergies with Cohesion Policy, macro-regional strategies, and other European cooperation frameworks.

By showcasing the new territorial evidence and analytical tools produced — including the interactive mapping platform and territorial fiches — the event will provide an opportunity to reflect on how these results can support the design and preparation of future transnational Interreg programmes and contribute to policy discussions on post-2027 European territorial cooperation.

Key objectives of the event are to:

- Present the main project deliverables, including the interactive mapping platform and territorial fiches, and discuss their practical use for programming and policy development.
- Share key findings and reflections on emerging cooperation needs and opportunities across the 13 transnational programme areas.
- Present some ideas on how future transnational cooperation programmes can become more place-based, territorially relevant, and strategically focused in the post-2027 context.

Organised by ESPON EGTC in cooperation with Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, the event will take place online and is organised under the broader framework of the [Living, Working and Travelling Across Borders](#) thematic action plan.

Target audience includes:

- Managing Authorities and Joint Secretariats of the 13 transnational Interreg programmes;
- Stakeholders from EU Member States, partner, enlargement, and neighbouring countries engaged in transnational cooperation;
- Researchers, practitioners, and policy experts working on European territorial cooperation, regional development, governance, and Cohesion Policy.



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10:20 *Opening of the room*

Opening, welcome remarks and Introduction of the TNCOOP project

10:30-10:40
(10 minutes)

// Mr. Wiktor Szydarowski, Director ESPON EGTC

The rationale for and the expected use of the TNCOOP project

10:40-10:50
(10 minutes)

// Mr. Moray Gilland, Head of Unit D.1 Macro-regions, Transnational, Interregional Cooperation, IPA, Enlargement, DG Regio, European Commission

[ESPON TNCOOP] Interreg Transnational Programmes: needs and opportunities for the future cooperation project presentation

10:50-11:05
(15 minutes)

Part 1 - project background

// Mrs. Helene Gorny, OIR GMBH

Part 2 - presentation of main results for the strand and programme fiches

11:05-11:35
(30 minutes)

// Mrs. Irene McMaster, EPRC

// Mrs. Helene Gorny, OIR GMBH

// Mr. Roland Gaugitsch, OIR GMBH

Part 3 - presentation of interactive mapping delivered in the ESPON portal

11:35-11:45
(10 minutes)

// Mr. Roland Gaugitsch, OIR GMBH

11:45-11:55
(10 minutes)

Q&A session (via chat / slido)

11:55-12:00
(5 minutes)

Closing Remarks

// Mr. Wiktor Szydarowski, Director ESPON EGTC