

EU Interregional Cooperation Forum

Sharing good practice in the fields of innovation and environment

27-28 October 2008, Lille (France)

The 2nd EU Interregional Cooperation Forum, organised by the INTERREG IVC programme with the support of its Managing Authority (the Nord-Pas de Calais Region), will be held on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 October 2008, in Lille (France).

Over 800 national, regional and local authorities are expected to attend, alongside Member State representatives and EU institutions.

Programme information and updates

This networking event is a key moment for INTERREG IVC project developers to get updated on the programme changes for the second call (open from 27 October 2008 to 30 January 2009), to finalise partnerships and to get advice on developing their application.

Implementation and content sessions for project developers

Discover useful advice on managing projects and preparing for audits; on communication and dissemination; and on the content-related aspects of projects: how to develop and exchange good practices.

Network and build partnerships

A special emphasis will be put on thematic networking, under the two priorities of the INTERREG IVC programme: Innovation & the knowledge economy and Environment & risk prevention.

An exhibition space for up to 60 exhibitors will expose current and proposed INTERREG IVC projects, divided by theme. A series of networking tools will be at the participants' disposal to help identify and meet potential partners.

Romania and Bulgaria in the spotlight

This year, a special focus will be on participants from Romania and Bulgaria which for the first time participate as full partners in the current funding period. Find their stands in the exhibition area.

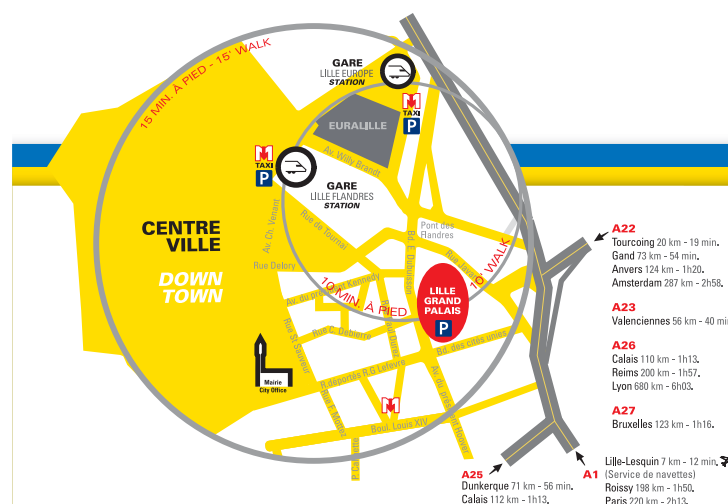
Practical information

To assist the EU Interregional Cooperation Forum, please register online at:

www.interreg4c.eu

All programme information can be found on the website:

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INTERREG IVC explained

INTERREG IVC is a programme dedicated to helping Regions of Europe work together, sharing their experiences to find solutions to common problems. Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the programme aims to improve the effectiveness of the regional development policies.

Regional and local authorities have a vital role to play in the achievements of the EU's strategies for growth, jobs and sustainable development. That's why the INTERREG IVC programme is aimed at public bodies and bodies governed by public law - those who have the capability to effect change at a regional policy level.

Funding is available under two priorities known as the Lisbon and Gothenburg strategies: Innovation & the knowledge economy and Environment & risk prevention. Regions in all 27 EU member states are eligible for ERDF funding. Regions from Norway and Switzerland have access to national funds provided.

For details on how and when to apply, go to our website:
www.interreg4c.eu

Programme

27 October 2008

- 12:00 - 13:45** Registration and set-up of stands 
With welcome coffee 12:30 - 13:30
- 13:45 - 13:55** Welcome from **Derek Martin**, Secretary General, International Federation for Housing and Planning, moderator.
- 13:55 - 14:10** Opening addresses
Daniel Percheron, President, Nord-Pas de Calais Region (Managing Authority)
- 14:10 - 15:00** Opening session: What use for interregional cooperation? A moderated discussion by **Derek Martin** with:
DG REGIO, European Commission
Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-President of Regional Development Committee
Michel Delebarre, First Vice-President, Committee of Regions
- 15:00 - 15:45** A reminder of INTERREG IVC basis
Michel Lamblin, Programme Director, INTERREG IVC JTS
 Overview of first call - facts and figures
Erwin Siveris, Deputy Programme Director, INTERREG IVC JTS
- 15:45 - 16:15** Coffee break 
- 16:15 - 17:00** Second call - presentation of application pack
Nicolas Singer, Senior Project Officer, INTERREG IVC JTS
Petra Geitner, Senior Finance Officer, INTERREG IVC JTS
- 17:00 - 17:30** Questions & Answers
- 17:30 - 18:00** Fast track option in focus
John Walsh, Deputy Head of Unit, Thematic development, innovation (including Regions for Economic Change), DG REGIO
- 18:00 - 18:15** Closing words
Pierre Dartout, Inter-ministerial Agency for Spatial Planning and Competitiveness (IASPC)
- 18:15 - 19:30** Cocktail reception 

EXHIBITION AREA FOR PARTNER SEARCH AND 60 PROJECT STANDS

28 October 2008

- 08:30 - 09:00** Welcome coffee 
- 09:00 - 10:30** How to develop a good INTERREG IVC project
- Detailed presentation of the Application Form
 - Explanation of JTS assessment criteria and how the Application Form is assessed
 - Practical example of one successful application from the first round
 - Applications for Regional Initiative Projects and Capitalisation, including Fast Track Projects. INTERREG IVC JTS
- 10:30 - 11:00** Coffee break 
- 11:00 - 12:30** **Information sessions and workshops**
- A: Management and Finance of projects
- Setting up efficient management procedures
 - What are the audit requirements to take on board
 - Financial arrangements and budget structure
- B: Communication & Dissemination: the importance for INTERREG IVC
- Developing a communication plan
 - Going beyond legal requirements
 - Dissemination
- C: Professionalising exchange of good practice
- What is meant by exchange of good practice
 - Methods for identifying good practice 
- 12:30 - 14:00** Buffet in exhibition area
- 14:00 - 16:00** **Open Partner Search session**
 Thematic areas will be defined by sub-theme, with different tools allowing participants to meet those most closely related to their topic of cooperation:
- Innovation, research and technological development
 - Entrepreneurship and SMEs
 - Information society
 - Employment, human capital and education
 - Natural and technological risks; climate change
 - Water management
 - Waste management
 - Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage; air quality
 - Energy and sustainable transport
 - Cultural heritage and landscape
- 16:00 - 16:30** «Witness» - Vision of Europe as seen by an historic figure and/or young visionary
- 16:30 - 16:45** Closing words
Marie-Noëlle Lienemann, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-President of the Nord-Pas de Calais Region (Managing Authority)
Jean-Pierre Jouyet, French Secretary of State for European Affairs
- 16:45** End