**The results of the EU Interreg Europe programme first call for Ukraine**

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In early 2024 Ukraine joined the EU's Interreg Europe programme, one of the most dynamic programmes in the Interreg family.

**The goal of the Interreg Europe programme**: to exchange experience between the regions of the EU member states and EU candidate countries, apply best practices, and formulate and implement policies at the local, regional, and national levels in line with the objectives of the EU Cohesion Policy.

Previously, the opportunity to participate in interregional cooperation with EU member states was available exclusively to Ukraine's border regions within the framework of EU cross-border cooperation programs. Currently, joining Interreg Europe has opened up equal opportunities for all Ukrainian regions to participate in calls and projects.

The first Interreg Europe call for Ukrainian participants involved 48 applicants, 29 projects with the participation of partners from Ukraine were approved. For most Ukrainian participants, this call brought new challenges in terms of finding partners, generating ideas, and preparing application forms in accordance with the terms of Interreg programmes and EU Structural Funds.

**The purpose of the event:** to discuss the participation, dynamics, challenges and benefits of participation in Interreg Europe projects for the Ukrainian partners

**Questions for discussion:**

1. Results of the first Interreg Europe competition for Ukraine
2. Expectations of Ukrainian stakeholders from participation in Interreg Europe projects
3. What was the most difficult part of participating in the Interreg Europe competition, what were the biggest challenges?
4. How can the results of participation in the competition be used at the local and national levels?

**Invitees:**

* Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)
* Interreg Europe Programme
* Department for Coordination of International Technical Assistance of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine
* Committee on Ukraine's Integration into the European Union of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
* Ukrainian Institute for International Politics
* Khmelnytskyi Regional Development Agency
* Odesa Regional Development Agency
* Kamianets-Podilskyi City Council
* Zlatopil City Council
* Poltava City Council