



Online briefing on  
**Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform**  
**23 September 2021, 10:00-11:00**  
*for the Committee of the Regions*

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Interreg Europe helps regional and local governments across Europe to develop and deliver better policies. The Policy Learning Platform is a strategic initiative of this programme, established to boost EU-wide policy learning and capitalisation on regional development policy practices. It stands for continuous learning where the policymaking community in Europe can tap into the knowhow of experts and peers.

This on-line briefing will present the main services of the Interreg Europe Platform available to public authorities all over Europe. Presentation from the representatives of the Interreg Europe's joint secretariat and its Policy Learning Platform will be complemented by testimonials of beneficiaries of these services. There will also be time for questions and exchanges about the future programme.

### Agenda

- 09:45 *Connection - Virtual room open*
- 10:00 **Welcome**  
*Opening and technical guidance*
- 10:05 **Interreg Europe in brief**  
Erwin Siweris, Programme Director, Interreg Europe  
*An overview of the programme - key numbers and achievements*
- 10:15 **Interregional cooperation – a way towards the EU cohesion**  
Slawomir Tokarski, Director of Unit D, DG Regional and Urban Policy  
*A few remarks for the Committee of the Regions members*
- 10:20 **Platform policy learning services in a nutshell**  
Thorsten Kohlisch, Project Manager, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform  
*Learn about the expert support, good practices, thematic publications, and the community*
- 10:30 **Benefit from the peer review service**  
Raimond Tamm, Deputy Mayor of the City of Tartu, Estonia  
*Testimony about the benefits of a peer review on GreenTech accelerator*
- 10:40 **Get inspiration from the Interreg Europe projects**  
Rose Power, The Southern Regional Assembly, Ireland  
*Testimony about the benefits of the Platform services for projects EMPOWER & MATCH-UP*
- 10:50 **What's next?**  
Jason Martinez, Coordinator - Projects, Interreg Europe  
*Q&A and exchange with the audience about the future of Interreg Europe*
- 11:00 **End**