

Social Policies in Macro-regional Strategies



20/21 September

**Kick-off meeting of coordinators in macro-regional strategies dealing
with social policies**

Hotel Mercure, Zabolova street 2
Bratislava, Slovakia





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Objectives

The meeting intends to bring together thematic coordinators from the four macro-regional strategies (MRS) dealing with social policies such as labour market issues, employment, social inclusion, or migration. It aims at fostering an exchange of experience across the four macro-regional strategies and discuss cross-cutting issues, such as

- Promotion of cooperation in the field of social policies
- Alignment of funding to MRS
- Strategic communication
- Upcoming MFF

The ultimate aim of the meeting is to kick-off a sustained exchange among macro-regional coordinators, and bring together experts, funding sources, and policy makers. Many challenges in the social field know no borders, and territorial cohesion and inclusive growth are strongly interrelated. Moreover, new challenges have arisen that can be solved only jointly by the Member States and the European regions, be it migration, labour market issues or youth unemployment.

With regards to funding, networks of ESF Managing authorities have been established in the Baltic Sea region and in the Danube region. Moreover, 19 EU Member States envisage transnational calls within their ESF and many Interreg programmes support projects in the field of social affairs.



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Day one Thursday, 20 September 2018

14.00-14.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

14.30-14.40 Welcome and introduction

Boris Sloboda, Director General EU Funds Section of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family; Slovakia

Jörg Mirtl, Interact programme

14.40-15.00 Update from the Commission (DG Employment)

Jader Cané, European Commission, DG Employment

15.00-16.00 Tour de Table of Macro-Regional Coordinators

Exchange of experience across macro-regional strategies

- *Roland Hanak, Priority Area “People and Skills” of the EUSDR*
- *Anders Bergström, Policy Area “Education” of the EUSBSR*
- *Boglarka Fenyvesi-Kiss, Action Group Labour Market, Education & Training of the EUSALP*

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 Presentation of Interact’s Inclusive Growth Network

Mercedes Acitores, Interact

17.00-18.00 Project Presentations

- *International activities of the Vienna board of Education*
Stuart Simpson, Vienna Board of Education
- *Territorial Action Plan for Employment initiative*
Silvester Holop, Interreg HU-SK programme
- *Activities of the Baltic Sea Labour Forum – School2Work project*
Gunnar Anderzon, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
- *Construction Academy in the Republic of Moldova*
Viorica Corlat-Turcan, I.P.R. Callidus

19.30 Dinner



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Day two

Friday, 21 September

09.00-9.20

Continuation of the discussion

09.20-10.30

Group Work

Issues to be addressed:

- Alignment of funding to MRS
- Strategic communication
- Promotion of cooperation in the field of social policies
- Upcoming MFF
- Project coordination

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-11.30

Reports from the Groups

11.30-11.45

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11.45-12.00

Conclusions of the Meeting

12.00

Light lunch

Registration

Please submit your registration here: <https://apps.interact-eu.net/interact/events.nsf/registrationform.xsp?eid=3EA2>

In order to register, it is required that you have signed up for the Interact database: <https://apps.interact-eu.net/interact/main.nsf/registration.xsp>

Practicalities

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. A limited number of rooms has been reserved in Hotel Mercure, which is in the vicinity of the main train station of Bratislava.



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Location

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