

Interreg & Energy Communities

Webinar

When: 27/05/2026 | 10:00 - 11:00 CET

Where: Zoom ([Register here](#))

Background

With a €10 billion European Regional Development Fund budget for the 2021-2027 period, [Interreg](#) promotes cross-border, transnational, and interregional cooperation. It counts with 86 different Interreg programmes (territorially linked, place-based) which are implemented under shared management between the European Commission and the Managing Authorities in the Member States. As part of Cohesion policy and funded by ERDF, it has the same priority objectives as the Cohesion and Regional Development Funds. It is divided in four strands:

- Interreg A - Cross Border Cooperation: supports cooperation between NUTS III regions from at least two different Member States lying directly on the borders or adjacent to them.
- Interreg B - Transnational cooperation: the program promotes better cooperation across countries within the designated regions to find efficient solutions to common territorial, economic and social challenges, which are too broad to be dealt with efficiently at a national level.
- Interreg Strand C - Interregional Cooperation: works at pan-European level, covering all EU Member States and partner states. It builds networks to develop good practice and facilitate the exchange and transfer of experience by successful regions. It is a tool to strengthen cohesion and overcome present and future challenges.
- Interreg D - Outermost Regions Programmes: the scope of this strand is to allow outermost regions to cooperate with their neighboring countries and territories in the most efficient and simple way.

Links with Energy Communities

Energy communities are widely recognized as a regional development and cohesion tool, and are thus eligible for funding under Interreg programs, and in particular strands A and B. A full list of programs, including relevant Managing Authorities [is publicly available](#). Calls for proposals are regularly updated on the specific Interreg programmes websites, and advertised in the Interreg [platform](#) (not exhaustive, so rely on the specific Interreg programme website based on your geographical location and cooperation dimension), while certain Interreg programs remain continuously open. Energy communities are advised to consult the specific Interreg programmes website and liaise with relevant Managing Authority and Joint Secretariats in the respective Regions (i.e., the authorities that manage the funds) before applying, so that they can align their

project ideas with the political priorities of the respective Managing Authorities. The secretariats have shown great willingness to co-design project calls and activities, as shown from the experience of Interreg NW Europe partnering up with REScoop Flanders and Interreg Meuse-Rhin partnering up with REScoop Wallonie.

The present webinar, organised by the Financing Working Group of REScoop.eu, explores how energy communities can concretely apply to the Interreg programs, with specific tips and resources. It also presents the experiences of two REScoop.eu members that previously benefited from the Interreg support.

Agenda Item	Organisation	Time
Introduction & Context Setting	REScoop.eu	10:00 - 10:05
Interreg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Interreg - How to identify the Interreg programme suitable for you - Tips on how to apply to calls for projects - Upcoming calls for funding 	Delia Bonsignore (DG REGIO)	10:05 - 10:20
Examples from the ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ireland & Belgium 	Sean DeBuitlear (South Kerry Development Partnership CLG) [Additional Speakers TBA]	10:20 - 10:35
<i>Energiser</i>		
Open Discussion and Q&A	All	10:35 - 10:55
Closing & next steps	REScoop.eu	10:55 - 11:00

Notes of discussion