

Agenda

NWE Annual Event

Cooperating for lasting impact



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Moderators

Helene Schabasser | Development officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat

Sébastien Keiffer | Policy Advisor & Member State Representative for Luxembourg, Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning

8:30 – 9:30 REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING COFFEE

Start the day by networking with peers and explore the exhibition area showcasing projects that are currently making a difference across North-West Europe.

9:30 – 9:45 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Welcome speeches from **Claude Meisch**, Luxembourgish Minister of Housing and Spatial Planning and **Daniel Leca**, Vice-President in charge of Europe, territorial strategy and contractual policies for the Hauts-de-France Region, Managing Authority of the NWE Programme.

9:45 – 10:45 TAKING RESULTS ONE STEP FURTHER

Dive into a day focused on taking results one step further, with insights on how impact can be scaled up, rolled out and sustained in the long term. In the opening panel, organisations with a strong history in the programme will share their experience on how they have made the most of EU cooperation, and Interreg funding in particular.

Ingeborg Absil | Director for Mobility and Infrastructure Quality, Rijkswaterstaat

David Grzegorzewski | Programme Director, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat

Wim Soetaert | CEO, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

Discover how the NWE Programme can support projects in achieving long-term impact, with a specific focus on the first NWE capitalisation call, whose main features will be presented for the first time.

Alexandre Colombani | Head of Unit - Development and Communication, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat

10:45 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK



11:15 – 13:00 THEMATIC NETWORKING SESSIONS – CREATING LASTING CHANGE

Join one of six parallel thematic sessions specifically designed to showcase good practices and explore opportunities for making impact durable. Engage with peers facing similar challenges and discuss how to turn project outputs into lasting results.

- **Improving water resilience and security**

Eva Clymans | Senior project officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat
Nicole Skirde-Vural | Interreg NWE Contact Point for Luxembourg
Charlotte Boeckert | Water innovator, VITO. Partner of the Water Test Network project (2018-2021)

- **Driving the energy transition with communities**

Vincent Hagneré | Senior project officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat
Lorraine Brindel-Schild | Interreg NWE Contact Point for Germany
Jenny-Claire Keilmann | Project Manager, Climate Alliance. Lead partner of the CAN project (2016-2023)

- **Cultivating smart and sustainable agriculture**

Matthew Thompson | Senior project officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat
Nora Crossey | Interreg NWE Contact Point for Germany
Katja Weiler | Research assistant, IZES gGmbH. Lead partner of the ReNu2Farm project (2017-2022)

- **Developing resilient and smart cities**

Irma Botic | Project officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat
Valentine Labouheure | Interreg NWE Contact Point for France
Jean-Baptiste Debrandt | Head of Department of Housing, City of Lille. Lead partner of the SHICC project (2017-2021)
Geert De Pauw | Project Manager, Community Land Trust Brussels. Partner of the SHICC project (2017-2021)

- **Enhancing access to healthcare**

Luka Messmer | Project officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat
Gé Huismans | Interreg NWE Contact Point for the Netherlands
Remco Hoogendijk | Innovation manager, Sint Maartenskliniek. Lead partner of the VR4Rehab project (2017-2020)

- **Promoting reuse practices and circularity**

Inge Keymeulen | Senior project officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat
Céline Manac'h | Interreg NWE Contact Point for Belgium – Brussels-Capital
Michael Ghyoot | Project manager, Rotor. Lead partner of the FCRBE project (2018-2023)

13:00 – 14:15 NETWORKING LUNCH

14:15 – 16:15 NWE PROJECTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Discover impact in action through engaging 20-minute presentations from a selection of NWE projects. An opportunity to identify synergies and initiate new collaborations while learning about their objectives and achievements.

16:15 – 17:00 LOOKING AHEAD – THE FUTURE OF INTERREG

Explore what lies on the horizon for Interreg in light of the draft EU regulations for post-2027. Gain valuable insights on some of the main features and their potential implications for Interreg North-West Europe.

Moray Gilland | Head of Unit for Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement, DG Regio - European Commission

The NWE Programme Managing Authority will wrap-up the event, putting in perspective the ideas generated throughout the day. An opportunity to also reward the winners of the contests organised as part of the NWE Annual Event.

Amandine Dupont | Head of European Cooperation for the Hauts-de-France Region, Managing Authority of the NWE Programme

