

**DAY 1 Thu 27/03/2025** – Interreg GO! - Results of consultations of programmes, stakeholders and citizens on post 2027 Interreg, Gorizia (IT) – Nova Gorica (SLO)  
*Main venue: Teatro Verdi, Gorizia, Via G. Garibaldi 2/a*

8:00 - 9:00	Welcome coffee and registration <i>Venue: Teatro Verdi, Gorizia – simultaneous interpretation in EN, IT, SI and FR</i>
9:00 - 9:30	<b>High-level Opening</b> Welcoming words from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Massimiliano Fedriga, President of the Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy</li><li>• Raffaele Fitto, Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission</li><li>• Tommaso Foti, Minister for European Affairs, NRRP and Cohesion Policies, Italy (tbc)</li><li>• Aleksander Jevšek, Minister of Cohesion and Regional Development, Slovenia (tbc)</li></ul>
9:30 - 10:30	<b>Panel 1: Border regions, transnational regions: obstacles and opportunities</b> <b><i>What kind of cooperation do we want? What do we want to achieve?</i></b> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slawomir Tokarski, Director, DG Regional and Urban Policy – moderator</li><li>• Sandro Gozi, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)</li><li>• Martha Gärber, Head of Interreg cross-border cooperation programme Italy-Austria</li><li>• Vincent De Keer, Director of EGTC Linieland (representative of the youth)</li><li>• Anne Wetzel, Director, Hauts-de-France region</li></ul>
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Panel 2: Cooperation &amp; Performance: Switching a Gear</b> <b><i>How to improve the cooperation impact and visibility?</i></b> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jean-Pierre Halkin, DG Regional and Urban Policy – moderator</li><li>• Thomas Wobben, Director, Committee of Regions (tbc)</li><li>• David Grzegorzewski, Programme Director, Interreg North-West Europe Programme (tbc)</li><li>• Interreg North-West Europe transnational programme</li><li>• Arola Urdangarin, EGTC Euroregion Nouvelle Aquitaine – Euskadi – Navarra (NAEN)</li><li>• Cristina Bala, “Chess for change” project, Interreg Hungary-Romania programme (finalist of RegioStars Awards 2024)</li></ul>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Panel 3: Cooperation: Shared spaces, Shared goals</b> <b><i>Cooperation with candidate and neighbouring countries, including for outermost regions</i></b> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christina Antoniou, DG Regional and Urban Policy – moderator</li><li>• Celia Alberto Pérez, Director-General for European Affairs, Government of Canary Islands (tbc)</li><li>• Aldo Puleo, Managing Authority, Interreg NEXT MED programme (tbc)</li><li>• Interreg NEXT MED programme</li><li>• Ihor Yaremenko, Deputy State Secretary Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine</li><li>• Ana Sabanovic, Representative of Youth Council of Danube Macro-regional Strategy (tbc)</li></ul>
13:00 - 13:15	<b>Family photo in front of Teatro Verdi</b>
13:15 - 13:45	<b>Press Conference for VIPs</b> <i>Venue: Trgovski Dom</i>
13:15 - 14:15	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Venue: Unione Ginnastica Goriziana (UGG)</i> <i>5 minutes' walk from/to Teatro Verdi</i>

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14:30 - 15:00	<p><i>Venue: Teatro Verdi</i></p> <p><b>Main takeaways from the consultations on future Interreg</b></p> <p>Interview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffaele Fitto, Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission</li><li>• Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz, Minister for Regional Development in Poland (tbc)</li><li>• The President of the European Committee of the Regions (tbc)</li></ul>
15:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Interreg Slam 2024-2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Project Slam competition: Stories of inclusion and empowerment (6 live performances on stage)</li><li>- Presentation of the 'Youth4Cooperation for Future' Declaration</li><li>- Awarding Ceremony for the Slam and for the local High School competition</li></ul>
16:30 - 22:00	<p>Evening activities and dinner, <b>celebration of 35 years of Interreg</b></p>

