



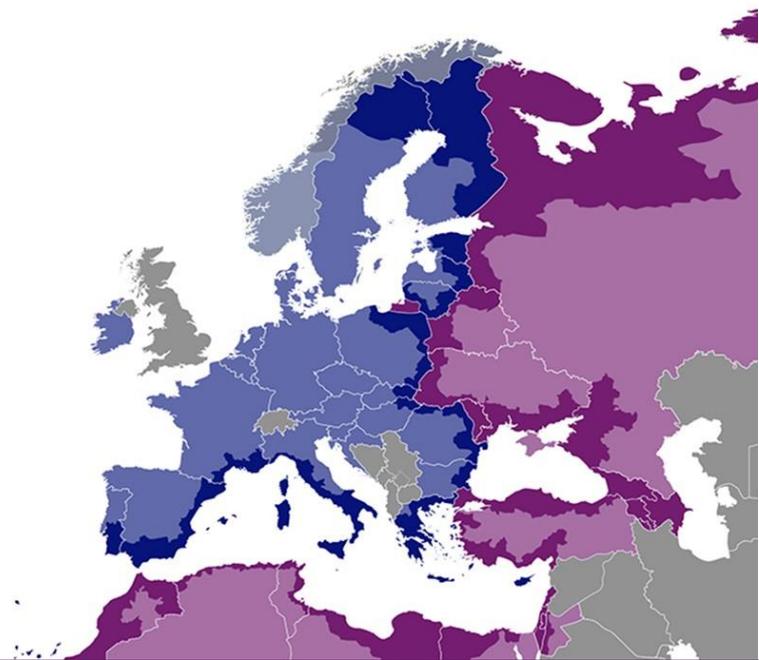
TESIM

Technical support to the implementation
and management of ENI CBC programmes

Because neighbours grow up together

People-to-people cooperation and social
inclusion in Central and Eastern neighbourhood
CBC programmes and projects

Online, 10 November 2022



Scope

The current moment in time represents an important crossroads for neighbourhood CBC programmes, in particular for those being implemented in the Central-Eastern external border of the European Union. These programmes have entered the heart of the finalisation and closure of ENI CBC projects 2014-2020 and, at the same time, they approach the launch of new calls for project proposals under Interreg NEXT 2021-2027.

Especially during the last years, the eligible territories of these programmes have faced – and keep facing - unprecedented challenges. The economic recession goes hand in hand with an extraordinary combination of environmental, sanitary and political crises that has resulted in an unexpected pressure on people. Unsurprisingly, social inclusion and the people-to-people dimension stand out today as an absolute priority in the new programming cycle, even more than in the previous one.

Taking momentum, and using the ENI CBC projects as a bridge between the two programming periods, TESIM organises a common reflection on social inclusion actions in this specific geographical area, identifying territorial strengths and potential gaps that should be addressed by the forthcoming calls under Interreg NEXT.

The main aims of the event are building on the ENI CBC experience, networking and sharing practices. It is also meant to provide project practitioners with a first overview of the strategies defined by Central-Eastern Interreg NEXT programmes in the field of social inclusion.

Topics

The social inclusion and the people-to-people dimension will be addressed taking into account the distribution of priorities in both the ENI CBC and the Interreg NEXT programmes, clustered in the following three macro areas:

	ENI CBC	Interreg NEXT
Social protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social protection & inclusion • Employment & vocational training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio-economic inclusion of marginalised communities • Socio-economic integration of third country nationals • Education, training and lifelong learning • Quality employment
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare and health systems
Culture & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture & Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and sustainable tourism

Targeted audience

The event is addressed to stakeholders of the five ENI CBC programmes (Black Sea Basin, Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine, Romania-Ukraine, Romania-Republic of Moldova and Poland-Ukraine) that operate in the Central-Eastern external border of the European Union and that, as Interreg NEXT, are planning to launch their calls for proposals in the first half of 2023. It is intended to involve three levels of stakeholders of these programmes:

- ENI CBC beneficiaries from the approximately 200 projects addressing people-to-people and social inclusion topics
- ENI CBC/Interreg NEXT programme bodies (Managing Authorities, Joint Secretariats, Branch Offices, National Authorities)
- EC officials and other international stakeholders

Together with programme bodies, ENI CBC projects will play a core role in the event, as testimonials and carriers of experiences from the field.

Agenda

The event will be fully online. It will last three hours, and the indicative agenda is as follows:

Time (CET)	Plenary
9.00	Welcoming (<i>DG REGIO</i>)
9.10	Focus on social inclusion (<i>TESIM</i>): the ENI CBC approach to social inclusion, project examples and state of play.
9.30	Voices from the ENI CBC community (<i>TESIM and project representatives</i>): thematic mapping and presentation of flagship projects under three macro areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social protection • Health • Culture & Education Comments and questions from the audience.
11.00	Break
11.15	The way forward (<i>DG REGIO</i>) - State of play of the Interreg NEXT programming 2021-2027, including key remarks on the focus of the EU overall policy, and specifically the cohesion policy, on social inclusion and PO4, followed by comments and questions from the audience.
11.30	From projects to programmes (<i>Managing Authorities</i>) - Linking ENI CBC practices with the Interreg NEXT strategies and forthcoming calls on social inclusion and PO4, followed by comments and questions from the audience.
12.00	Closure