

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

Foyer 1 – Level 0

REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING COFFEE

Start the day by networking with peers and explore our project gallery where 70 NWE projects share stories about their impact on the ground.

9:30 – 9:45

Plenary 1 – Level 0

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

Plenary 1 – Level 0

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

Foyer 1 – Level 0

COFFEE BREAK

Continue exploring the project gallery, network with peers, and cast your vote for the most inspiring story.



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

Join one of six parallel thematic sessions 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** Delegates room (Part 1 & 2) – Level -3

Eva Clymans | Senior project officer, Interreg NWE Joint Secretariat

Nicole Skirde-Vural | Interreg NWE Contact Point for Luxembourg

Charlotte Boeckeaert | Water innovator, VITO. Partner of the Water Test Network project (2018-2021)

- **Driving the energy transition with communities** Banquet room – Level +1

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** Workshop +1 room – Level +1

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** Plenary 1 – Level 0

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)

- **Enhancing access to healthcare** Delegates room (Part 3) – Level -3

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** Workshop 0 room – Level 0

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

Foyer 1 – Level 0

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.

Track 1. Green transport and connectivity **Workshop +1 room – Level +1**

- 14:15 – 14:35** **Green SKHy** *Green Skills and Knowledge for Hydrogen*
- 14:45 – 15:05** **MONA** *Modal shift, routing and nudging solutions in NAture areas for sustainable tourism*
- 15:15 – 15:35** **STEER-NWE** *Integrated transport solutions to steer NWE's just energy transition*
- 15:45 – 16:05** **WISTAR** *Waterways for Green Inland Sustainable Transport and Rural businesses*

Track 2. Circular and resource-efficient economy **Delegates room (Part 3) – Level -3**

- 14:15 – 14:35** **CASCADE** *Circular Conversion Cascades to Transform Residual Biomass to Carbon Products*
- 14:45 – 15:05** **Hemp4Circularity** *Hemp as a driver of circularity in the textile industry: from field to recycled fibre*
- 15:15 – 15:35** **E6** *Ecosystems for Extended-lifetime of End-of-Use Electrical and Electronic Equipment*
- 15:45 – 16:05** **PREUSE** *Public Responses to Enable the Use of Salvaged building Elements*

Track 3. Climate-friendly and resilient regions **Banquet room – Level +1**

- 14:15 – 14:35** **Cool Neighbourhoods** *Reducing heat risks and enhancing community resilience in at-risk neighbourhoods*
- 14:45 – 15:05** **IB-Green** *Industrial and Business Parks – climate resilient & fit for future*
- 15:15 – 15:35** **ECOBoost** *Advancing SMEs Towards Net Zero through COMprehensive Energy Efficiency Integration*
- 15:45 – 16:05** **PolliConnect** *Pollinator biodiversity enhancement through ecological Connectivity*

Track 4. Community-led energy transitions **Delegates room (Part 2) – Level -3**

- 14:15 – 14:35** **ACCU** *ACcelerate energy CommUnities via local solar energy storage and heat*
- 14:45 – 15:05** **CIRCUS** *Connecting Initiatives for Rural Communities, Upscaling their Sustainable energy*
- 15:15 – 15:35** **RODEO** *Rolling Out DHC Extensively to home Owners*
- 15:45 – 16:05** **SmartCORE** *Smart Community-Owned Renewable Energy Management*

Track 5. Resource-efficient local and regional planning **Delegates room (Part 1) – Level -3**

- 14:15 – 14:35** **ASSET** *A Spatial Strategy for the Eurodelta, boosting a circular built environment*
- 14:45 – 15:05** **Circular Building Convert** *Circular reuse of building converting offices into housing*
- 15:15 – 15:35** **CIRCULAR SHIFT** *Accelerating the SHIFT to CIRCULAR economy*
- 15:45 – 16:05** **T4R** *Transforming territorial planning with Local Digital Twins*

Track 6. Sustainable agriculture and water systems **Workshop 0 room – Level 0**

- 14:15 – 14:35** **Better-Calf** *Dairy calf systems for resilience, welfare and sustainability in rural territories*
- 14:45 – 15:05** **SIMONE** *Systemic Innovations with Multiple performance evaluated in ON-farm Experimentations*
- 15:15 – 15:35** **Rural_Roadwater_Rescue** *A transnational strategy extending the role of roads to support rural water systems*
- 15:45 – 16:05** **ResiRiver** *Creating Resilient River Systems by Mainstreaming and Upscaling NbS*

16:15 – 17:00 LOOKING AHEAD – THE FUTURE OF INTERREG**Plenary 1 – Level 0**

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