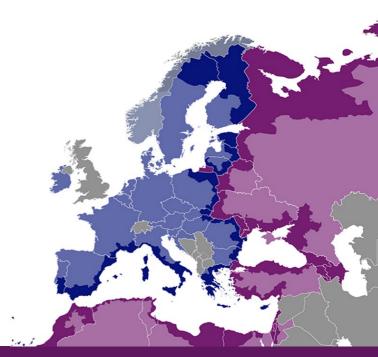


# Agenda for the on-line meeting of Northern cluster programmes

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#### **Introduction**

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Northern cluster programmes was initially planned to take place in the middle of June 2020 in Lappeenranta (Finland) however, the epidemic situation in Europe does not allow for an organisation of a face-to-face meeting at that time.

This is why TESIM initiated an exchange between the heads of the MAs/JTSs of the concerned programmes to re-plan the event. Strong intentions to continue with networking meetings in the online format while face-to-face meetings are not possible were expressed in the survey and later on in the preparatory meeting by the heads of the Managing Authorities and the Joint Technical Secretariats. Programme representatives agreed on organisation of an on-line networking meeting covering the following topics:

- Progress with the post-2020 programming;
- Contents of the new programmes;
- Experiences and challenges in the programming process;
- Effects of the pandemic on the programme implementation;
- Involvement of programme partners into the programming process;
- Coordination among the programmes in the Baltic Sea Region.

According to the results of the survey and discussions with the programmes, the work during the online event will be organised in 2 consecutive sessions, and there will be a 30 minute break between the sessions.

The first session will be devoted to dealing with the impact of pandemic; whereas the second session will be devoted to the programming process of 2021-2027 programmes. As usual, we aim for a reasonable degree of interactivity during the event.







# On-line meeting of Northern cluster programmes

Please note that time in the agenda is EET (In case of Poland, the starting time is 09:00 CET)!

### Session 1

10:00 - 10:10	Introduction, technicalities, scope of the event
10:10 – 11:30	COVID-19 related impact to work of the programme bodies  Looking for a bright side - what have we learned and what is of use in our work and life post lockdown?
	COVID-19 related impact to project implementation  Helping the projects - what are the practices in the community and what else can be done?
	Addressing the COVID-19 impact beyond the immediate months  Consequences of COVID will be felt long after the lockdown is over. What can programmes do to ease them?

## Session 2

12:00 - 12:10	Introduction, overview of the session
12:10 – 13:30	Programming of Interreg NEXT: programme plans and approaches  Programming is not a new exercise, however, there are aspects different from previous experience. How are we approaching functional areas, involvement of the programme partners and use of "policy filter"?
	Behind the curtain of the plan: state of play of the programmes  How we are progressing and how are the new concepts integrated into the work?
	Possibilities for better cooperation and coordination among the programmes in the Baltic Sea region
	What are the similarities in the programme strategies and how can duplications and synergies be addressed already during the programming process?
	How can we avoid re-inventing the wheel? Should there be any coordination among the programmes in the Northern cluster?





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