### 2 Seas Mid-Term Review Event

25 & 26 April 2019 ICC, Ghent, BE



#### Thematic Key messages

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#### Innovating in market niches

- Adaptation to the needs of target groups is key to successful innovative service design tailored to the 2
   Seas markets
- Proximity to target groups generates ongoing improvement of partners' daily practices
- In complex fields such as regulation and certification, only international and coordinated actions can have a significant impact
- 2 Seas area as a testing lab for market niche through combination of different expertise



## Rethinking care through social innovation

- Go back to basis: people are the answer!
- Think outside the box when facing personal or financial pressure and constraints: systemic change in public services!
- Early involvement of final beneficiaries
- Unusual and crossborder partnerships are key in thinking in a different way



## Adopting low-carbon technologies in housing & infrastructure

- Interreg is important to have organisations
   experimenting with different solutions to a specific problem and exchange of experiences
- Potential carbon reduction beyond partnership can be quite substantial if **roll-out** and dissemination are successful: dissemination is not just an add-on!
- Energy is not the core aspect of most businesses, so they need to be convinced on **what's in** for them!



## Developing technologies for a better health

- Bridging R&D with the market implies the reach of the appropriate stakeholders' group and their commitment: relevant partnership is key for reach out!
- However, IPR could be detrimental for dissemination: balance confidentiality and communication requirements!
- Mixing co-creation and bottom-up approaches fruitfully deliver innovation: **actively involve beneficiaries**!
- Identifying relevant **differences in the practices** of target groups (e.g. practitioners) across the Member States boost the development



## Improving climate change resilience of coastal, rural and urban areas

- **Involvement of land-owners** and end-users allows more durable measures. Even, they can also become your ambassadors (ownership)!
- Intermediary bodies and farmer to farmer can help
- Flexible approach is key as climate change effects remain unpredictable
- Unusual partnership thanks to Interreg allows thinking outside the box



## Adopting more sustainable solutions for a better use of resources

- Target group involvement is central and their interest needs time to develop in order to increase the adoption of new circular economy solutions.
- The role of **policy makers as catalyst** in the adoption of more sustainable solutions is pivotal (both in terms of legislation and incentive).
- Circular economy projects require partnerships covering the **whole value chain** to close the loop.



#### Technical Key messages

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# Complex partnership management

- Make sure roles and responsibilities are clear from the start and check frequently
- Foster trust and sharing between partners namely through side activities
- Ensure intensive communication during meetings (time) and in-between
- Create your own project culture based on the individuals behind the partner organisations and the common goal
- Be open for comments and feedback



#### **Target Group Involvement**

- Clear definition of target groups and communication objectives at start of project = crucial
- Tailor made local communication actions often necessary next to global project communication
- Ensure uniform communication through logo, project colours, visual identity
- Adapt channels/products to audience
- Make use of existing events, free tools, social media to reach a maximum of people



# Keys to success in project and financial management

- Keeping the focus on what the Application Form envisaged is difficult but essential
- Involve full partnership in reporting on project delivery and progress
- Realistic spending forecast is important in respect of the 'performance review'
- Kick-off meeting with FLC is crucial to define working relationship, deadlines, clarify potential eligibility issues, etc.



## The future of maritime cooperation

Philipp Schwartz

Interact





# The future of maritime cooperation

2 Seas Mid-term review (25-26 Apr 2019)



 Philipp Schwartz, Interact / Knowledge of the seas network







#### Where to start?

A maritime problem or opportunity (societal challenge) looks for a solution





#### One solution = several tools

A solution consists of a number of different actions by a number of actors receiving (financial) resources from a number of sources





#### The 'what' defines the 'how'

Hence the societal challenge defines WHAT needs to be done using relevant tools like funding programmes and projects – not vice versa



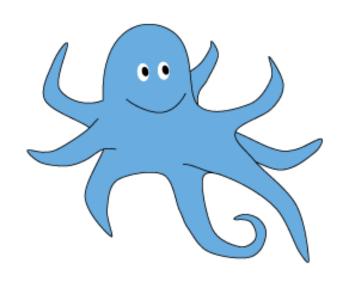
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# KNOWLEDGE # SEAS B NETWORK

European Regional Development Fund

Interact's maritime network changed from programme to thematic network

Thanks to 2Seas!





## Uncertainties concern tools, not the challenges





## Maritime challenges do not know (EU) borders



#### **Solutions across EU external borders**



keep.eu

In 2007-2013

'Coastal management and maritime issues'

32 projects 211 project partners 50 MEUR EU-funding (ENPI, IPA CBC)

(Data as of 23 April)









The past is not gone.

Contacts, networks, results, experiences, lessons learnt live on as basis for future cooperation.





What is the future of maritime cooperation?

OR

What is the future of maritime cooperation programmes?



#### **Cooperation works**

Thank you for your attention!

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**European Commission** 



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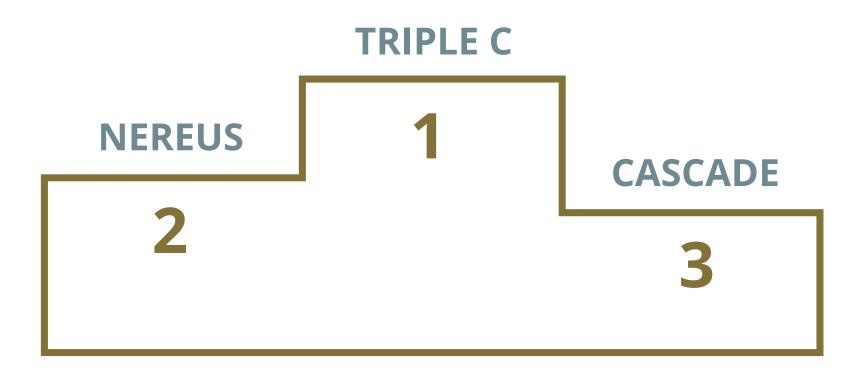
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