



**INTERREG VA Programme Monitoring Committee**  
**EU Programme for Cross-Border Cooperation (INTERREG VA)**  
**Modifications to the INTERREG 2014 – 2020 Cooperation Programme**

The Managing Authority requests approval from the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) to make the following modifications to INTERREG VA Cooperation Programme (CP) which was formally adopted by the EU Commission (EC) on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

The proposed changes have been considered by the EC and confirmation of their acceptability, subject to the approval of the PMC, has been received by the Managing Authority.

The Programme was formally adopted before baselines had been established for all the result indicators. These baselines have now been established and need to be included within the Cooperation Programme by way of a formal modification to the Programme. The Managing Authority are also taking the opportunity of correcting a number of typographical errors.

The tables, page and section numbers quoted in this document refer to the adopted INTERREG VA CP PDF file. When considering the proposed changes you should refer to this document.

**1. Changes to Result Indicators, Baselines and Targets.**

It should be noted that the SEUPB will not be permitted to submit payment applications to the EC in relation to priority axes, before the modifications of the CP to include the required Result Indicator's baselines and targets.

At the time of the adoption of the CP, a number of baselines and targets for the Result Indicators had not been established. These baselines and targets have now been defined. It is proposed to ammend the CP by adding the following baselines and targets.

**(a) Research and Innovation. Prioity 1a.**

Proposed change: Insert baseline value in Table 3 (CP page 31).

Baseline value 4

Reason for change :The Baseline value was not established when the CP was formally adopted.

**(b) Research and Innovation theme. Priority 1b.**

Proposed change: Insert baseline and target values in Table 3 (CP page 38).

Baseline 22% Target 33%

Reason for change :The baseline and target values were not established when the CP was formally adopted.

**(c) Environment Marine. Priority 2.**

Proposed change: Insert baseline and target values in Table 3 (CP page 60).

The Baseline is “A little collaboration.” The Target for 2023 is “A lot of collaboration.”

The summary of the responses to a simple questionnaire, designed by Northern Ireland Statistical Research Agency and completed by each jurisdiction, is included in the table below. (The questionnaire is also attached, appendix 1.) Selecting option (a) scores 0; selecting option (b) scores 1; selecting option (c) scores 2; and selecting option (d) scores 3.

	N. Ireland	W. Scotland	Ireland	Total
Question. 1	c=2	c=2	c=2	6
Question. 2	b=1	a=0	b=1	2
Question. 3	a=0	a=0	a=0	0

The 2015 baseline total score, taking account of the responses to all questions from the three jurisdictions, is 8 out of a potential 27.

The term “no collaboration” is assigned if the total score is 0

The term “a little collaboration” is assigned if the total score is in the range 1 to 9

The term “some collaboration” is assigned if the total score is in the range 10 to 18

The term “a lot of collaboration” is assigned if the total score is in the range 19 and 27

Reason for change :The baseline and target values were not established when the CP was formally adopted.

**(d) Sustainable Transport.**

- (i) Proposed change to Table 3 (CP page 71): Revise wording for indicators 3.1.1 and 3.1.2

Indicator 3.1.1 in table 3, the indicator and the source of data will be changed to:

ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023)	Source of data	Frequency of reporting
3.1.1	The percentage of cross-border commuters who use bus or train as their usual method of travel	%	8.8%	2014	25%	The 2011 Census questions	2014 (baseline) 2018,2020 and 2023 (closure value)

Indicator 3.1.2 in table 3, the indicator and the source of data will be changed to:

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ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023)	Source of data	Frequency of reporting
3.1.2	The percentage of cross-border commuters who use walking or cycling as their usual method of travel	%	2.7%	2014	10%	The Census 2011 questions	2014 (baseline) 2018,2020 and 2023 (closure value)

Reason for changes : The wording of the Result Indicators in the CP is inconsistent with the 2011 Census questions on which the indicators are based. The baselines and target values remain unchanged from those approved in the adopted CP.

- (ii) Proposed changes to the supporting text to provide consistency with the revised indicators 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 in Table 3.

Section 2.A.5 (CP page 70).

The first sentence of the second paragraph will be changed to:-

“ In 2014, only 8.8% of cross-border commuters used public transport ( bus or train) and 2.7% of cross-border commuters used walking or cycling as their usual method of travel.”

Section 2.A.5 (CP page 70).

The last sentence will be changed to:-

“The percentage of cross-border commuters who use bus or train as their usual method of travel.”

Section 2.A.5 (CP page 71).

The first sentence will be changed to:-

“The percentage of cross-border commuters who use walking or cycling as their usual method of travel.”

**(e) Health.**

Revisions for indicator 4.1.1 (CP page 82). Table 3 will be changed to:

ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023)	Source of data	Frequency of reporting
4.1.1	The number of episodes of health, community and social care delivered on a cross border basis	Episodes per annum	4700	2014	9000	Health Trusts	2014 (baseline) 2018,2020 and 2023 (closure value)

Reasons for change :

- The Result Indicator wording in the adopted CP, “*episodes of care*” is an accepted definition, however it is mainly associated with the measurement of acute services. The addition of the words “community and social” enhances the indicator to more accurately reflect the broader range of activities proposed in the adopted CP.
- It is envisaged that taking account of the lead in time, the programme will run for a 6 year period. The measurement unit is therefore based upon the estimated number of episodes over a 6 year period for both the baseline and target.
- The baseline and target values were not established when the CP was formally adopted.

**2. Changes to Output Indicators.**

The proposed changes in this section are not mandatory, however if implemented they would reduce ambiguity and provide clarity for potential applicants and for Programme monitoring.

## a) Environment.

Proposed change to Table 4 output indicator 2.212 wording and source of data (CP , page 63).

## (i) Change the indicator wording to read

*“Models developed to support conservation of **marine** habitats and species.”*

Reasons for change :The addition of the word “marine” clarifies that this indicator relates to marine, rather than land based interventions for habitats and species.

## (ii) Change the wording under Source of Data column to “Marine bodies in Northern Ireland, Ireland and Scotland.”

## b) Health.

Proposed change to Table 4 output indicator wording 4.121 (CP , page 87).

Change the wording to read:

*“A shared cross-border framework and service for the identification, assessment and referral of **elderly** patients identified as , at risk **of isolation and social exclusion.**”*

Reasons for change :The addition of the word “elderly” clarifies the group targeted for intervention. At risk has been defined by the addition of the phrase “of isolation and social exclusion”.

### 3. Proposed changes to correct typographical errors

These proposed corrections are not mandatory, however if implemented they would improve the text.

- Page 2 - Fourth paragraph “public consultation” should be plural.
- Page 6 – Second sentence in under Environment heading should read “regions’ economies”
- Page 6 - Paragraph 6 line 1: should read “(EPA) in Ireland through its”
- Page 6 – Last paragraph line 1:should read “The EPA has”
- Page 16 – Paragraph 1: penultimate line, change text to “and a lower”

- Page 25 – Paragraph 2 line 7: there are two full stops at the end of the sentence ending with “activities” . Delete “.”
- Page 25 – Paragraph 4: the word “to” should not be underlined.
- Page 30 - Paragraph 1: change the current text from “ by the melding of the research capacity in three jurisdictions in one large super-cluster” to “ by combining the research capacity in three jurisdictions into one lager super-cluster”
- Page 32 - Paragraph 2 last sentence: replace the word “mature “ with “ nature”
- Page 33 - middle of the page: change the text to “The programme will utilise the following common output indicators”
- Page 34 - The first line of text in “2.A.6.2 Guiding principles for the selection of operations”: remove the word “suggested”.
- Page 35 - Line 1: Replace the word “ will” with the words “with the”
- Page 39 - Line 3: the word “product” should be plural
- Page 41 - Middle of the page: “output indicator” should be plural
- Page 42 - Line 1: replace “and “ with “an”
- Page 42 - Line 9: change “SMEs within export” to “ SMEs with export”
- Page 49 - Line 4: replace “share” with “shared”
- Page 52 - Line 11: “3.The river catch activities” should read “3.The river catchment activities”
- Page 53 - Line 4: after “use” insert “the”
- Page 72 - Line 12: Remove the underline under the full stop
- Page 74 – Line 3: “output indicator” should be plural
- Page 81 – Line 10: replace “ episodes of care” with “episodes of health, community and social care”
- Page 82 – First Line of 2.A.6.1: change to “in a number of”
- Page 84 – Last line change “:.” to “:.”
- Page 128 – Under 8 Montoring. Change text to “There will be a renewed focus on programme indicators and independent evaluations”
- Page 138 . Includes text in italics. Change text to non-italics.
- There are references to the EU Water Framework Directives (should be singular) on; Pg 13 para 6 line 1; Pg 14 para 1 line 8; Pg 20 ref [43]; Pg 25 para 3 line 3; Pg 51 table 3 and Pg 52 para 1 line 4.

#### 4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Monitoring Committee is requested to:

- Approve the modifications to the results indicators, baselines and targets
- Approve the modifications to the outputs indicators
- Approve the typographical modifications to the CP



Appendix 1. Questionnaire for Ireland.

1. Please rate your knowledge of your counterparts in N. Ireland or Scotland, who are responsible for monitoring and management of marine protected areas and species:
  - (a) Don't know who they are;
  - (b) Know names but haven't met/corresponded with them;
  - (c) Have met/corresponded with them a few times (less than 10 times);
  - (d) Have met/corresponded with them regularly on an ongoing basis.
  
2. To what extent do you collaborate with your counterparts in N. Ireland or Scotland on management and monitoring of marine protected areas and species in the region?
  - (a) Have never collaborated with;
  - (b) Have collaborated a little;
  - (c) Have collaborated quite a bit;
  - (d) Have collaborated to a great extent.
  
3. To what extent are you involved with your colleagues in N. Ireland or Scotland in developing models or management plans to support conservation of marine habitats and species within the eligible region?
  - (a) Not involved;
  - (b) Involved a little;
  - (c) Involved quite a lot;
  - (d) Very involved.

A similar questionnaire was completed by Scotland and N. Ireland.