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What questions did you respond to?	Please tick
INTERREG IVA (Q.1.a to Q.4.b inclusive)	
PEACE III (Q.5.a to Q.7.b inclusive)	
General Questions applicable to both programmes (Q.8.a to Q.12 inclusive)	
Additional Comments (Q.13 and Q.14)	

Consultation Response Document

28 August – 20 November 2012



Consultation questions for consideration

During this consultation period, we really want to hear your views. Have you been involved in INTERREG or PEACE before? Are you not involved but wonder what it is all about? Or even, if it is the first time you have ever heard of EU funding for cross border co-operation - we want to hear from you!

You should refer to the 'Consultation Information Document' at <http://www.seupb.eu/2014-2020Consultation/keyquestions.aspx> which will provide the background information to assist you with answering the consultation questions.

We are asking a total of 14 questions and in providing your answers, please note the general considerations outlined earlier in Part 2 of the Discussion Document. Some of the questions have sub questions, to help ensure all the key points are addressed. There is no requirement to answer all the questions, please respond only to those questions that you wish to do so. Please use your responses to questions 13 and 14 to make more general comments if you wish to do so.

The SEUPB welcomes early responses so that views, ideas and comments can contribute to ongoing developments and debates during the consultation period. Your response will be published on the SEUPB website unless you specifically request that it should not be published.

This document is available to download from the SEUPB website at: <http://www.seupb.eu/2014-2020Consultation/howtorespond.aspx>

We welcome your response by e-mail to: consultation@seupb.eu

While responses by e-mail are preferred, should you may wish to post it, please send it to:

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INTERREG V Cross-Border Programme

Learning The Lessons From The Current Programme

Q.1.a. If you are currently involved in INTERREG funding, please share your experiences of the impact of the programme on the cross-border region.

Q.1.b. Please share with us your views of what works well in the current programme as well as what could be improved.

Q.1.c. If you have not been involved in INTERREG funding, can you please identify any obstacles to your participation and your views on how can these could be addressed?

Themes for INTERREG V

**Q.2.a What are the problems / issues /opportunities in the cross border area that are best addressed by the new INTERREG V Cross-border Programme?
(Please bear in mind the eleven themes outlined in Appendix 2 of the Consultation Information Document)**

Q.2.b In your view, what type of change should the INTERREG V Programme be striving to bring about in relation to these problems / issues / opportunities?

Q.2.c Bearing in mind your answers to 2a and 2b, from the list of thematic objectives in Appendix 2 of the Discussion Document, which 4 objectives should be included in the new programme?

Q.2.d What are your views on including a sustainable urban development dimension and / or an integrated territorial investment option? (see Appendix 3 of the Consultation Information Document)

Q.2.e Do you have any cross-border projects in mind that will contribute to bringing about the type of change that you think is necessary within the region?

Eligible Area

Q.3. What are your views on the eligible area?

INTERREG V Delivery Structures

Q.4.a Bearing in mind the limited number of themes, the need for a strategic approach and the need to ensure delivery of bilateral and trilateral projects, what delivery mechanisms do you consider to be appropriate to implement the INTERREG V cross-border programme?

Q.4.b What are your views on using the Community Led Local Development approach and / or Joint Action Plans? (as outlined in Appendix 4 of the Consultation Information Document)

PEACE IV Programme

Learning The Lessons From The Current Programme

Q.5.a If you are currently involved in PEACE III Programme please comment on/share your experiences of the impact of the programme?

Q.5.b Please share with us your views of what works well in the current programme as well as what could be improved.

Q.5.c If you have not been involved in PEACE funding, can you please identify any obstacles to your participation and your views on how these can be addressed?

Themes for PEACE IV

Q.6.a What type of change do you wish to see in the Northern Ireland and border region society over the next 7 years?

Q.6.b What type of activities should the PEACE Programme fund to bring about this change?

Q.6.c Based on your answer to question 6.a. and 6.b., and from the list of thematic objectives in Appendix 2 of the Consultation Information Document, identify up to 4 thematic objectives that should be included in the new programme.

Q.6.d What are your views on including a sustainable urban development dimension and / or an integrated territorial investment option in the programme? (See appendix 3 of the Consultation Information Document)

Q.6.e Do you have any projects in mind that will contribute to bringing about the type of change that you think is necessary within the region?

PEACE IV Delivery Structures

Q.7.a Bearing in mind the specific objectives of the PEACE Programme what delivery mechanisms do you consider to be appropriate to implement the PEACE IV Programme?

Q.7.b What are your views on using the Community Led Local Development approach and / or Joint Action Plans? (as outlined in Appendix 4 of the Consultation Information Document)

General Questions Applicable to both Programmes

Application, Assessment and Approval of Projects

Q.8. Please provide suggestions on how the assessment and approval process could be improved in the new programming period to ensure the timely approval of projects.

Project Financing and Match Funding

Q.9.a Please provide suggestions on the arrangements for match funding. Should the current arrangements to source match funding continue, or should some or all of match funding be provided by the applicant (public or private)?

Q.9.b What are your views on the use of financial instruments in the INTERREG and / or PEACE programmes?



Reducing the Administrative Burden

Q.10.a What are your views on these proposals to reduce the administrative burden on beneficiaries in the new programming period?

Q.10.b Please provide additional suggestions on how to reduce the administrative burden.

Equality and Environment

Q.11. Please describe any actions the Programmes could take in relation to promoting equal opportunities including the integration of a gender perspective, and the prevention of discrimination, during programme preparation and implementation?

Q.12 Please describe any actions that the programmes could take to protect and improve the environment during both programme preparation and implementation.

Additional Comments – INTERREG V

Q.13. Please make any additional comments about a future INTERREG V Programme that have not already been included in previous questions.

Additional Comments – PEACE IV

Q.14. Please make any additional comments about a future PEACE IV Programme that have not already been included in previous questions.

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