

## European Territorial Cooperation 2014-2020: How to build a successful European Partnership for better use of EU Funds?

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### What is this course about?

This highly practical two full day course gives countries, regions, provinces and municipalities a complete overview of all existing financial and legal instruments accessible not only under European Territorial Cooperation Goal in the programming period 2014-2020, but also under IPA II and ENI. You will benefit from lessons learnt from the implementation of ETC programmes in previous perspectives. Enhance your knowledge through best practices of joint-projects, get to know differences between perspectives of the European Commission and the Joint Secretariat regarding the implementation of ETC Programmes and the auditing of the ETC programmes.

### How will it help you?

By the end of the seminar you will have gained a thorough knowledge on all financial and legal instruments for territorial cooperation, rules which apply to the implementation and audit of joint programmes and projects, how to use the best practices and how to avoid mistakes. In a practical workshop you will learn how to be successful during negotiation in the consortium built for joint project.

### Who will most benefit?

National, regional or local public administration, responsible for management and the implementation of all ETC programmes co-financed by ERDF, IPA II and ENI; beneficiaries of EU funded joint-projects, NGOs, associations and other actors interested or involved in the design, development and implementation of territorial cooperation programmes and projects.

# Programme

## THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017

- 08.45 **Registration and distribution of seminar material**
- 09.00 **Opening of the seminar: introduction to the programme, objectives and methodology**  
*Iwona Karwot, Senior Lecturer and Project Leader, EIPA Barcelona*
- 09.15 **Tour de table: participants' presentation to endorse networking**

### **I. Territorial cooperation and partnership: Objectives, instruments, legal solution, geographical division and developments in the programming period 2014-2020**

- 09.30 **Introduction to the EU Territorial Cooperation Policy in the programming period 2014-2020 perspective: objectives, budget, instruments and challenges**  
*Iwona Karwot*
- 11.00 Q&A session
- 11.15 Coffee break

### **II. Territorial Co-operation and partnership: experiences by regions and countries, practical examples of best practices and state of implementation in the programming period 2014-2020**

- 11.45 **Territorial cooperation goal of the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 in Poland: lesson learnt from the previous programming period and the implementation in the current perspective. Examples of best practices (case studies – project examples).**  
*Jaroslawa Sopol, Chief specialist in the Territorial Cooperation Department at Polish Ministry of Economic Development, Poland*
- 13.15 Q&A session
- 13.30 Lunch
- 14.45 **Success stories of territorial cooperation programmes and projects in Spain. Lesson learnt from previous programming periods and Territorial Cooperation goal in Spain in the 2014-2020 financial perspective.**  
*Belén Mendoza, Responsible for EU Programmes, Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation of Santiago de Compostela*
- 16.15 Q&A session
- 16.30 **Audit of Territorial Cooperation programmes and projects in the programming period 2014-2020: audit findings.**  
*Katarzyna Schönborn, Audit and Control Officer – Urban Innovative Actions, European Commission and Region Hauts de France*

- 17.45 Q&A session
- 18.00 **End of the first day**
- 18.15 Walking sightseeing tour of the city (approx. 2 hrs)
- 20.30 Welcome dinner

## FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2017

### **III. Experts panel: programming and implementation of Joint programmes and Joint projects-from the EU Commission and Member States perspectives**

- 09.00 **Introduction to the second day**  
*Iwona Karwot*
- 09.15 **Programming and Implementation of the Joint programmes and projects: from EU Commission perspective**  
*Anna Repullo Grau, Programme Manager - DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), European Commission*
- 10.15 **Programming and Implementation of the Joint programmes and projects: from JTS perspective**  
*Nicolas Espitalier, Partner at B.Link Barcelona Strategic Projects*
- 11.15 Q&A session
- 11.30 Coffee break

### **IV. Workshops: joint project**

- 12.00 **Key elements of different phases of joint projects: practical approach**  
*Xavier Tiana Casablanca, Head of International Relations in the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona. Expert on EU Structural Funds (tbc)*
- 13.30 Lunch
- 14.15 **Practical workshop: How to build a successful partnership in European territorial cooperation projects?**  
*Iwona Karwot and Xavier Tiana Casablanca*
- 17.30 **Evaluation panel**  
*Iwona Karwot and Xavier Tiana Casablanca*
- 18.00 **Closure and issuing of EIPA certificates**

# Experts

(in alphabetical order)

## **Nicolas Espitalier (FR)**

Partner and Project Manager at B.Link Barcelona Strategic Projects. From 2004 till 2011, he managed EU funded projects for regional governments, universities and research centres. In 2011, he decided to cross to the other side, from being a project leader, on the field, to managing a EU funded Programme, in the framework of the European Territorial Cooperation, and namely for Mediterranean regions (Interreg MED): As Project Officer and referent for Innovation, Nicolas was in charge of drafting the calls for proposals (Terms of Reference), evaluation, monitoring and capitalization of innovation related projects. Since 2015, he's back on the field, managing and leading large-scale innovation projects. He is, thus, experienced in managing and coordinating complex projects, mainly related with innovation. On another hand, he has a deep knowledge of the administrative and financial issues, from the Managing Authority (EU programme) perspective.

## **Iwona Karwot (PL)**

Senior Lecturer and project leader, EIPA Barcelona, PhD in EU Regional Policy. She is an expert in the EU Cohesion Policy and EU Funds with almost 20 years of working experience in the field. She worked as an EC expert, trainer, manager and adviser in the framework of Institutional Building and Technical Assistance EU projects: Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Albania, Spain, Germany, France, Luxembourg, etc.

## **Belén Mendoza (ES)**

Responsible for EU programmes, EU Programmes Department in the Santiago de Compostela Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation. Evaluator for EU projects of the Erasmus+ Programme for Spanish National Agency. Former Secretary General of CECICN (Conference of European Cross-border and interregional city networks), where her job focused on cross-border and interregional projects and consultancy work for International Relations issues for the City Council of Santiago de Compostela. She was in charge of designing and monitoring projects of the different European Programmes: Interreg IVB, Interreg IVC, Framework Programme, Europe for Citizens, Daphne, and Youth in Action. She has coordinated ATLANTE project (Interreg IIIB), SUITE project (URBACT II) and SANTIAGO-UNE project (Europe for Citizens). She also took part in the General Assemblies or Executives Bureaux and was in charge of the communication with the entities and institutions in which the City Council of Santiago is a member.

## **Anna Repullo Grau (ES)**

Programme Manager - DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), European Commission. She has a degree in Political Sciences (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) and Master in European Politics (Institut d'Etudes Européennes, Université Libre de Bruxelles). From 1998 to 2010 she held various positions in the departments dealing with EU and international affairs

in the Government of Catalonia, where she was responsible among other files for the follow-up of the cross-border and transnational cooperation activities. Since 2011 she is working in the European Commission, first in the unit dealing with European Territorial Cooperation and macro-regional strategies in the DG for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO) and more recently in the unit in charge of the Neighbourhood Cross Border Cooperation within the DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR).

## **Katarzyna Schönborn (PL)**

Audit and Control Specialist, Urban Innovative Actions (UIA) – of the European Commission and Region Hauts de France. Having a financial and audit background, has been working for the European Commission in the Directorate – Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion – Department of the ESF Audit, as an External Auditor delegated to support Spanish and Polish beneficiaries, as an Auditor of the ERDF in the Interreg PL-SK and PL-CZ Programmes and Financial Controller in the private sector company, dealing with Spain and Italy. She joined UIA in March 2016 and is responsible for audit and control activities, especially being in charge of issues related to the risk management and fraud, First and Second Level Control and public procurement.

## **Jarosław Sopol (PL)**

Chief specialist in the Territorial Cooperation Department at Polish Ministry of Economic Development (since 2007). Programme manager for INTERREG programmes on the Polish-German border (Poland – Brandenburg 2007-2013 and Poland Saxony 2014-2020). Responsible for programming, intervention logic, project management and programme/project reporting. Experience in designing cross-border programme documents and financial issues of project implementation. Good knowledge of Polish-German relations.

## **Xavier Tiana Casablancas (ES) *tbc***

Head of International Relations in the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona. General Secretary of the Medcities network. Expert in EU Structural Funds national and regional programmes (programming, project preparation, project management, evaluation). Experience in European Territorial Cooperation and other EU programmes like LIFE, Horizon 2020, URBAL, ENI, etc.: project preparation and project management. Experience in lobbying EU Policies related to urban and regional issues. Good knowledge of European and international networks.

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# General Information

## Seminar venue

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## Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

## Fee

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## Registration

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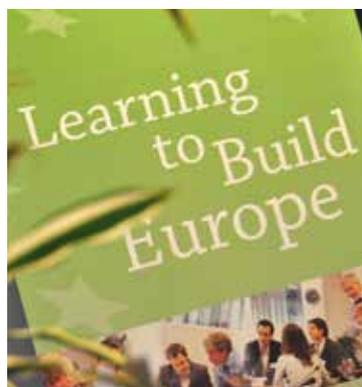
Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form. Moreover, when it is confirmed that the seminar will take place, the participant will receive a confirmation letter by e-mail from the Programme Organiser, with some other details.

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