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<b>Place</b>	<b>Brussels, Belgium</b>
<b>Dates</b>	22 May 2014
<b>Event</b>	<b>Policy sharing, policy learning, Interreg IVC thematic capitalisation event</b>
<b>Participants</b>	<b>Sabina Bokal, IDMP Programme Manager, GWP CEE</b>
<p>INTERREG IVC programme organized one day event with the purpose to inform all who are interested about the latest policy trends and best practices available from all around Europe (<a href="http://www.interreg4c.eu/policy-sharing-policy-learning/overview/">http://www.interreg4c.eu/policy-sharing-policy-learning/overview/</a>).</p> <p>Over the last seven years, the INTERREG IVC programme has been enabling institutions all over Europe – over 2000 in total – to learn through cooperation across 204 different interregional projects aimed at improving regional policies. For two years a team of thematic experts have been analysing benchmarking and capitalising on the wealth of the knowledge generated by projects working on similar regional development issues. This event then presented policy recommendations and lessons learnt from the analysis of all implemented projects.</p> <p><b>Programme</b></p> <p>First part of the event was panel discussion where it was emphasized that we should not reinvent the wheel but built on already existing knowledge. And the platform of best practices and policy recommendations will be very useful for the next programming period.</p> <p>After panel discussion each participants joint three different workshops out of 12. There was 12 policy themes (workshops), ranging from innovation to the environment: innovation systems, renewable energy, rural development, creative industries, innovation capacity of SMEs, energy efficiency, demographic change, entrepreneurship, eco-innovation, sustainable transport, E-government services, climate changes.</p> <p>I have participated at rural development, energy efficiency and climate change workshop. In each workshop they have presented best practices from implemented projects.</p> <p>For IDMP CEE following projects were interested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FUTUREforests (<a href="http://www.futureforest.eu/">http://www.futureforest.eu/</a>)</li> <li>- CLIMACTREGIONS (<a href="http://www.climactregions.eu/web/guest/project">http://www.climactregions.eu/web/guest/project</a>)</li> <li>- Water CoRe (<a href="http://www.watercore.eu/">http://www.watercore.eu/</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow up</b></p> <p>Focus of this event was on the last period (2007-2013) and they have not share a lot of information about the next programming period. Although we have received some basic information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interregional cooperation will continue under the name INTERREG EUROPE</li> <li>- A brief leaflet presents an overview of the key aspects of the INTERREG EUROPE programme: <a href="http://www.interreg4c.eu/fileadmin/User_Upload/PDFs/Publications/INTERREG_EUROPE_leaflet_-_design_final.pdf">http://www.interreg4c.eu/fileadmin/User_Upload/PDFs/Publications/INTERREG EUROPE leaflet - design final.pdf</a></li> <li>- Mid-February will be first calls for proposals</li> </ul>	

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