



12TH MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

21 May 2026 | Prague, Czechia

Programme countries select 25 projects under the strategic capitalisation call to reduce negative border effects

On 21 May 2026, the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE monitoring committee met in Prague, Czechia, to take key decisions on the final stage of the current programming period. The meeting marked an important milestone with the selection of 25 project proposals for funding, bringing the total number of [funded projects](#) to 150 in this programming period.

The successful proposals will be designated as “[operations of strategic importance](#)” and were selected from a total of 73 applications submitted to the final programme call. They bring together 171 organisations from all programme countries and address 14 out of 15 internal national borders of the programme area. In the coming two years, the projects will capitalise on existing Interreg outputs and results to reduce the negative effects of these borders on flows and functional linkages, contributing to a more competitive and resilient central Europe.

Before the official start of the meeting, MC delegations had the opportunity to meet Czech project partners from [FoodCIRCUS](#) and [DigiCare4CE](#). The exchange gave visibility to practical project experiences, with FoodCIRCUS presenting activities on food waste prevention in Prague schools and DigiCare4CE showcasing innovative tools tested to support elderly care.

The committee further approved the reviewed technical assistance budget. In addition, the committee exchanged on the programme approach to checking achievements and performance of approved projects. The discussion highlighted how project monitoring goes beyond indicators and considers implementation quality, delivery of outputs, reporting, project management, lead partner coordination, and cooperation within partnerships.

The meeting concluded with updates on programme and project implementation, financial progress, system and operations audits, and programme communications.