



EU Commission and DG REGIO updates

Steering group meeting of the Priority Area 9 People and Skills

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POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CURRENT EUROPEAN COMMISSION 2024–2029

**Europe's
sustainable
prosperity and
competitiveness**



**A global Europe:
Enlargement and
relations to
neighbourhood**



**Supporting the
citizens,
Supporting Young
people of the
European Union**



**Defence and Security,
preparedness of the
Union Strategy**





5th Commission Report on Implementation of EU Macro-regional Strategies

Where do we stand?

- The report was published on 13 May 2025 and presented at the REGI committee of the Parliament on the same day;
- Opinion of the Council of European Union with the Polish presidency is expected before end of June.

The report highlights:

- Implementation and the action plans;
- The support to Ukraine;
- MRS and Youth;
- The support to the Commission's priorities: digital, green and fair transition, enlargement.

Youth for Future Cooperation



Youth consulted on the future of cooperation:

What does the young generation expect from EU and cooperation?

The declaration by young people on the future of territorial cooperation

Seven recommendations with **concrete actions** to be taken into consideration for the future:

- ❖ Reinforce capacity building through Interreg and Macro-regional Strategies for applicants, stakeholders – create tailored calls for capacity building;
- ❖ **More small scale projects** (max EUR 50 000) – 100% co-financing – higher pre-financing – simpler administration and shorter project duration;
- ❖ **More large scale infrastructure projects.**

MACRO-REGIONAL & SEA BASIN

STRATEGIES DAYS 2025

24-25 September 2025



#Strategies4cooperation

When? 24 and 25 September 2025

Where? Brussels, Area 42, Rue des Palais 46



**Followed by the High level group meeting
on the Macro-regional Strategies**

Friday, 26 September 2025

12:00- 13:30	Start of registration and lunch
13:30 - 14:30	High level opening of the Strategies Days 2025
14:45 - 16:30	Workshops time (parallel workshops) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water resilience through European Union Strategies lenses • Increasing energy security and accelerating green energy: the role of the Strategies • Cooperation in action: addressing maritime security challenges through collective efforts • Transnational Interreg programmes: strengthening cooperation in Macro-regions and Sea basins • Coastal Communities at the forefront: empowering communities in implementing the European Ocean Pact
16:30 - 18:00	Speed dating with the Commission
18:00 - 20:00	Cocktail and dinner

9:00 - 9:30	Welcome coffee
9:30 - 12:30 <i>(coffee break in between at 11:00)</i>	Cross strategies Fertilisation session organised by the Assistant Mechanisms and Interact
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:40	Synergies panel and closing of the event