



Date & Time:

- Monday, October 13, 2025
- Welcome coffee: 14:00
- Event: 14:30 – 16:30

Venue: Maison Irène et Frédéric Joliot-Curie, Rue du Trône 100, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

Event Description

This launch event marks the official kickoff of the **GRAAL project**, supported by the **Interreg Atlantic Area programme**. The session will bring together representatives of European institutions, project partners, Interreg programme authorities, and thematic experts to introduce the project's objectives and expected outcomes, while fostering exchanges on how Interreg results can contribute to real policy challenges faced by public authorities.

Provisional Agenda

14:00 – 14:30	• Welcome coffee
14:30 – 14:40	• Opening remarks by DG Regio Oana-Andreea Dordain <i>Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission</i>
14:40 – 14:55	• Interreg Atlantic Area Strategic Objectives António Cunha <i>Chair of the Interreg Atlantic Area</i>
14:55 – 15:15	• Introduction to the GRAAL Project Main goals, partnership structure, and expected impacts. Monique Ras-de-Moncuit

	<i>GRAAL Project Coordinator, Cerema</i>
15:15 – 15:25	• Experience-sharing in another Interreg Area Reflections on engagement with ISO1 and transferability of lessons learned. Alessandro Daraio <i>Dialogue4Innovation Project Coordinator, Regione Emilia-Romagna</i>
15:25 – 16:10	• Concrete case examples aligned with GRAAL's thematic areas (2 examples) For each example: ○ A public authority presents a specific policy challenge. ○ An Interreg Atlantic Area project coordinator shares a relevant project result as a possible contribution. ○ Followed by Q&A and interactive exchanges with the audience.
16:10 – 16:30	• Strategies for the Atlantic ○ Chair of the Atlantic Arc Commission (CPMR), highlighting the political relevance and added value of the GRAAL initiative. [TBC] Maria Teresa Mourão de Almeida <i>1st Vice-President of the Atlantic Arc Commission</i> <i>President of CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo</i> ○ Irish Presidency of the Atlantic Strategic Committee in 2025, reflecting on building a more resilient and forward-looking Atlantic region.