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Interreg Common Sample (ETC)

PURPOSE

This document describes the actions related to the Interreg Common Sample (ICS) for ETC Programmes, as described in Article 49 of the ETC Regulation (2021/1059). The programme authorities shall provide the information necessary for the selection of a common sample to the Commission by 1 August following the end of each accounting year. The ICS module only contains documents, so no structured data.

REGULATIONS

More details regarding the regulation of the Interreg Common Sample can be found in the "<u>About</u> <u>SFC2021</u>" section of the portal.

ROLES

Roles involved in the Interreg Common Sample are:

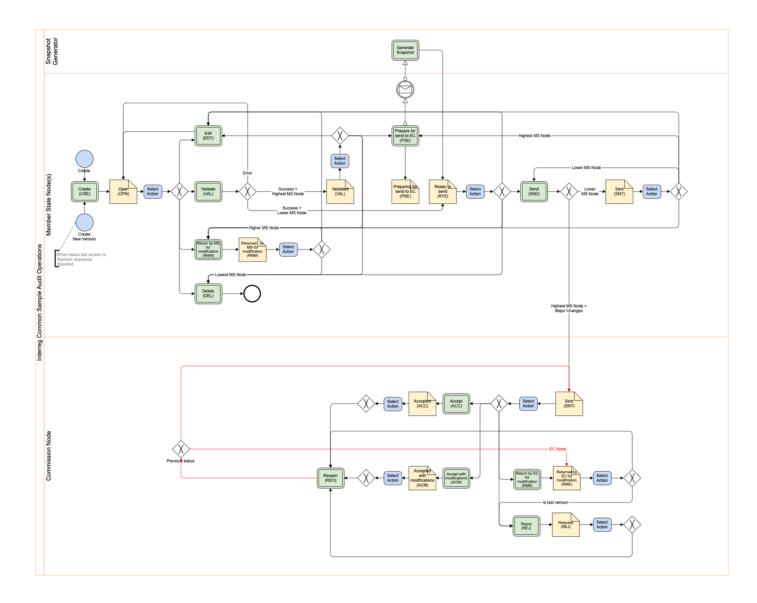
Record Interreg Common Sample
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Workflow

This section shows the lifecycle to create and manage an Interreg Common Sample.

Click <u>here</u> to see the Interreg Common Sample workflow diagram in high resolution.



Create an Interreg Common Sample

	The User is an identified User and has the role of MS Managing Authority , Body entrusted with the accounting function or MS Audit Authority with Update rights (MSMAu, MSAFu or MSAAu).
Remark	When creating a new Interreg Common Sample for a CCI and Accounting Year, it doesn't yet exist.
	The Programme is adopted and managed on the User's Node.

1. To create the Interreg Common Sample, go to the **AUDIT** menu and select the **INTERREG COMMON SAMPLE** option:

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HOME	
A STRATEGIC PLANNING	~
PROGRAMMING	~
	EGF
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€ EXECUTION	~
FINAL REPORT	EGF
★ AUDIT	2
National audit report	(JIG ETC)
National audit report	EMFAF
National audit report	(AMIF ISF BMVI)
Annual control report	(JJG ETC)
Annual control report	EMFAF
Annual control report	(AMIF ISF BMVI)
Action plans	EAGF EAFRD
Costs of controls	EAGF EAFRD
Interreg common sample	3
4 Interreg common sam	ple
Interreg common sam	pleld)
Reservation letters	EAGF EAFRD
EC audit report	

2. In the search screen click on the **CREATE** button to create a new Interreg Common Sample:

EICSAO List					
• Show	🗎 Export 🛛 🎜 Refresh 📄 Clear				- Create
ссі	Version Accounting year	Title	Status	Status date	Previous node

You are redirected to the Interreg Common Sample Creation Wizard:

CREATE INTERREG COMMON SAMPLE	
CCI*	(1)
Please select a value from the list	Y
Accounting year *	
Select an accounting year	~ Z
	3
	Cancel Create

3. Select the following information:

(1) Select the CCI.

The CCI list contains all adopted ETC Programmes managed at the User's Node, covering Funds for which the User is registered and for which it exists at least one submitted Payment Application for one of the Programme Funds, and for which a required Interreg Common Sample is missing:

- for ERDF when CCI BudgetSource is 'FF' or 'RF'
- for IPA III when CCI BudgetSource is 'IP'
- for NDICI when CCI BudgetSource is 'NX'

The list returns the CCI and the Programme Title.

(2) Select the Accounting year.

The Interreg Common Sample is always for a specific Accounting Year. Creation of the Interreg Common Sample for an Accounting Year will only be enabled at the Accounting Year start date. The Accounting Year list will therefore contain all required Accounting Years starting with 2024 (01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025) for which no Interreg Common Sample version exists, with an Accounting Year start date <= current date and with at least one submitted Payment Application for one of the Programme Funds.

There can be multiple Interreg Common Sample versions for an Accounting Year. Only the first working version is created via the creation wizard. The others are created via the **CREATE** button inside the last version.

(3) Click on CREATE.

The status of the Interreg Common Sample is **OPEN**.

Remark	On Create, the Table of Content (ToC)/Navigation Tree is presented, so the User can continue to upload the required documents and perform the required actions. The Officials in charge are copied from the previous version, independent of the accounting year.
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Record/Edit the Interreg Common Sample

Dennen	The User is an identified User and has the role of MS Managing Authority, Body entrusted with the accounting function or MS Audit Authority with Update rights (MSMAu, MSAFu or MSAAu).
Remark	When editing a version of the Interreg Common Sample, its status is OPEN , VALIDATED , READY TO SEND , SENT or RETURNED BY MS at the level of the Member State and currently resides on the User's Node.

General

This section includes the header data to identify the main characteristics of the Interreg Common Sample.

Version Information

Νοτε	The Version Information contains information on the identification and status of the Interreg Common Sample version like the CCI, the Version number, the Accounting year, the Status, the Node where it currently resides and the Title in English.	
	Only the <i>Source language</i> is editable.	

1. Click on the **EDIT** button to edit the *Source language* if needed:

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🗅 2024.0 🛗 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025 🗾 ES	© 07/11/2024, 09:23	Validate
Table of Contents <	GENERAL	
Q Type to filter TOC	Version information	Edit
 General Version information Officials in charge History 	CCIVersionAccounting yearLast modifiedCurrent node2021TC16FFTN0022024.001/07/2024 - 30/06/202507/11/2024, 09:23España	
Documents Observations	Title (Interreg VI-B) Adriatic-Ionian	
	Source language es. Spanish	
No validation result available		

The Edit details pop-up window appears:

GENERAL

OLNERAL				
Version informa	ation d			
CCI 2021TC16FFTN002		Accounting year 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025	Last modified 07/11/2024, 09:23	
Title (Interreg VI-B) Adri Source language * es. Spanish	atic-Ionia	an (1 		
				Cancel Save

- **2.** Enter the following information:
- (1) Change the Source language.
- (2) Click on SAVE to save the information.

Officials in Charge

	Officials in Charge can be updated at any time, independent from the status of the Interreg Common Sample.
Νοτε	Commission Officials (email domain "ec.europa.eu") can only be created/updated/deleted by Commission Users.
	When creating a new version of the Interreg Common Sample, the Officials in charge are copied from the previous version, independent of the accounting year.

- Click on the ADD button + Add to add a new official in charge.
- Clicking on the EDIT icon 🖍 of a row will allow you to modify the information of this official.
- Clicking on the **Delete** icon **a** of a row will allow you to delete the official in charge selected.
- **1.** Click on the **ADD** button to add a new Official in Charge:

Table of Contents <	GENERAL						
Q Type to filter TOC	Officials	in charge	0				+ Add
General	Name	Phone	Email	Language	Valid from	Valid until	J
Version information				No items to di	splay		
No validation result available							

The Edit details pop-up window appears:

GENERAL

Officials in charge 0			
Name *			
Email *			2
Phone	3	Language	(4)
Valid from		Valid until	5
dd/mm/yyyy		dd/mm/yyyy	
			Cancel Save

- 2. Enter or select the following information:
- (1) Enter the *Name*.
- (2) Enter the *Email*.

The format of the Email address will be validated by the system and should be unique.

- (3) Enter the *Phone* number.
- (4) Select the Language.
- (5) Enter the Valid from and Valid until dates.

The Valid until date should be greater than the Valid from date.

(6) Click on **SAVE** to save the information.

History

This section shows all the actions that have been taken on the Interreg Common Sample since it was created, for example:

Table of Contents	<	GENERAL		
Q Type to filter TOC		History 0		
 General Version information Officials in charge History Documents Observations 		07/11/2024 09:23 05/11/2024 12:48	0	OPEN Action Edit on node España (ES) by Gsb, Ste (n0001843) OPEN Action Edit on node España (ES) by ABASCAL COARASA, ISABEL (abascis)
		05/11/2024 12:45	0	OPEN Action Create on node España (ES) by ABASCAL COARASA, ISABEL (abascis)
No validation result available				

Documents

NOTEThe Documents list shows all documents uploaded against this version of the Interreg
Common Sample by Member State and by Commission. Member State Users see all their
own Documents and the sent Commission Documents. Commission Users see all their own
Documents, unsent Integral Member State Documents and sent Member State Documents.NOTEOnly unsent documents can be deleted. Once a document has been sent to the
Commission it cannot be deleted.

The following documents will be foreseen:

Description	Internal Code	Non- Integral (1)	Integral (2)	System (3)	Required (4)
Interreg data population	ICSAO.IDP(5)		Х		
Snapshot of data before send	SNP.ICSSNT		Х	Х	Х

- (1) Document can be sent at any time
- (2) Document will be automatically sent when the Object is sent
- (3) Document automatically created by the system
- (4) Document required in the system before a next action can be executed

(5) restrictedFileType=.xlsx and aresRetrievalType=Original. Document will have an extra field "Audit authority reconciliation is obtained" (Yes,No). Default will be "Yes" when user profile contains MSAA role, and "No" otherwise. On create and save, the system will check that the value is "Yes".

Uploading & Sending Documents

	Only unsent documents can be deleted. Once a document has been sent to the								
	Commission it cannot be deleted.								

Multiple documents can be uploaded in the Interreg Common Sample.

- Clicking on the ADD button + Add will open a pop-up window allowing you to add a new document type with attachments.
- Selecting a document row and clicking on the VIEW icon
 will allow you to view the document
 information.
- Selecting a document row and clicking on the EDIT icon information. If a document of type 'Other Member State Document' must be sent, you can select the edit icon in order to send the document.
- Selecting a document row and clicking on the **DELETE** icon **B** will allow you to delete the document and all attachements.

	Integral Documents (Official Proposal etc) are only sent - together with the encoded data – once the Interreg Common Sample is sent to the EC.
Всилон	Referential/non-integral Documents (ie. 'Other Member State Document') can be sent at any time independently of the status of the Interreg Common Sample.
Remark	The 'Other Member State Document' type demands a manual submission (they are NOT sent automatically when the object is sent to the EC).
	A non-integral document is only visible to the Commission when the SENT DATE is visible.

1. Click on the **ADD** button to add a new document:

Table of Contents	GENERAL
Q Type to filter TOC	Documents annexed to this interreg common sample version 6
General	DOCUMENTS ANNEXED TO THIS VERSION
Version information Officials in charge History	Title Document Document Local Commission type date reference reference
C Documents Observations	No Rows To Show
No validation result available	

The Edit document details pop-up window appears:

Document

Document title *				1
Document type *		Document date *	3	
Local reference		4		
ATTACHED FILES				+ Add
Title	Туре	Language	File / Upload	Action

- 2. Enter or select the following information:
- (1) Select a Document Type.
- (2) Enter a *Document Date*.

The system automatically fills the field with todays date, but this can be modified.

- (3) Enter a *Document Title* for your Document.
- (4) Enter a *Local reference*.

(5) Click on the ADD button to add a new attachment:

- You can add multiple attachments by clicking on the ADD button.
- You can remove unwanted attachments by selecting the attachment and clicking on the **REMOVE** button.

The Attached files window becomes editable:

Title Type Language File / Upload Action	TTACHED FILES				+ Add
Integral doc Main + English + Browse Choose file	 Title	Туре			
	Integral doc	Main	¢ English	Browse Choose file	

- 3. Enter or select the following information:
- (1) Enter a *Title* for your attachment.
- (2) Select the *Type* of the document.

It is possible to select from these 4 types: Annex, Cover Letter, Main or Translation.

- (3) Select the *Language* of the document.
- (4) Click on **BROWSE** to select the file that you want to add as an attachment.
- (5) After the attachments are uploaded click on SAVE.

Deletion of an unsent document

	Only unsent documents can be deleted. Once a document has been sent to the								
NOTE	Commission it cannot be deleted.								

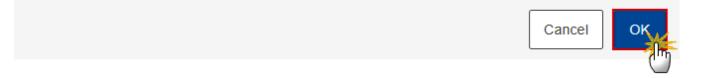
1. In the row of a previously uploaded unsent document click on the **DELETE** icont to delete the document and associated attachments:

Table of Contents	<	GENERAL		
Q Type to filter TOC	\checkmark	Documents annexed to this interreg common sample version 6		
General		DOCUMENTS ANNEXED TO THIS VERSION	+ Add	
Version information Officials in charge		Title Document type Document date Local reference Commission reference Files Sent date Sent by		
History Documents		ICS doc Interreg data population 07/11/2024 1		
Observations			0	
No validation result available				

A confirmation window appears:

Delete document

Are you sure you want to delete the document with title "ICS doc"? This action cannot be undone.



2. Click on OK to confirm deletion. Click on CANCEL to return to the document section.

Observations

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	This section is used to provide any relevant information to the Interreg Common Sample. It can be used as a type of 'chat' between the Member State and Commission. All Users who have Read permission on the Interreg Common Sample will be able to read	
Νοτε	all Observations in the conversation. All Users who have Update permission on the Interreg Common Sample will be able to send an observation and participate in the conversation.	
	All observations are kept against the specific version of the Interreg Common Sample.	
	The observation is added below the Observations box and includes the username, the date and time of the post.	

1. Click on the **ADD** button to add an observation:

Table of Contents <	GENERAL
Q Type to filter TOC	Observations
 General Version information Officials in charge History Documents 	No items to display
C Observations	

The Add new observation screen appears:

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Observations 1	
Add new observation	
Should I add the extra information as a document?	3951
	Cancel Sav

- **1.** Enter the following:
- (1) Enter an observation.
- (2) Click on ADD to save the information.

Validate the Interreg Common Sample

BERKADY	The Interreg Common Sample can be validated at any time , when the current version is in status OPEN and resides at the User's Node.
Remark	To validate the Interreg Common Sample, the User must have the role of MS Managing Authority or MS Audit Authority with Update rights (MSMAu or MSAAu).

Click on the VALIDATE button to validate the Interreg Common Sample:

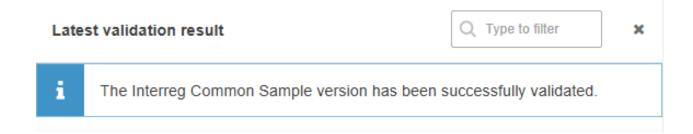
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►ICSAO List 2021TC16FFTN002 - 2024.0 🛞	
🗋 2024.0 🛗 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025 🗾 ES	© 07/11/2024, 09:23
Table of Contents	GENERAL
Q Type to filter TOC	Version information
 General Ø Version information Officials in charge 	CCI Version Accounting year Last modified Current node 2021TC16FFTN002 2024.0 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025 07/11/2024, 09:23 España
History Documents Observations	Title (Interreg VI-B) Adriatic-Ionian
	Source language

Remark	An Error will block you from sending the Interreg Common Sample. The error(s) should be resolved and the Interreg Common Sample must be revalidated. Note that a WARNING does not block you from sending the Interreg Common Sample.	
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The system validates the following information:

Code	Severity	Validation Rule	
001	ERROR	Validate that at least one official in charge of the Member State exists.	
002	ERROR	Validate that the CCI code matches the following regular expression: (16TC) (Implicit in web).	
003	ERROR	Validate that the "Interreg data population" (ICSAO.IDP) is uploaded in the system with at least one attachment with length > 0.	
004	ERROR	Validate that the programme is already adopted (Implicit in web).	
005	WARNING	Validate that Interreg Data submission is before the first of August deadline	

An example of a validation window:



You can check the list of validation results at any time throughout the Interreg Common Sample:

≡ SFC2021		Q Corr	Latest valid Q Type to filter
CSAO List 2021TC16FFTN002 - 2024.0 2024.0 im 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025 ES	© 07/11/2024, 11:36		i The Interreg Common Sample version has been successfully validated.
Table of Contents Q Type to filter TOC	GENERAL		♥ ICS_001
General Z Version information	CCI Version Accounting year	Last mo	Validate that at least one official in charge of the Member State exists.
Officials in charge History	2021TC16FFTN002 2024.0 01/07/2024 - 30/06/20 Title	25 07/11/20	♥ ICS_002 ^
Documents Observations	(Interreg VI-B) Adriatic-Ionian		Validate that the CCI code matches the following regular expression: (TC16).
	Source language es. Spanish	_	♥ ICS_003 ^
3 All results 3 Passed 0 Warning 0 Error)		Validate that the "Interreg data population" (ICSAO.IDP) is uploaded in the system with at least one attachment with length > 0.

To see the last validation results:

- (1) Click on one of the 4 categories: *All results, Passed, Warning, Error*.
- (2) The list of latest validation results for the chosen category is displayed.

After all errors have been resolved the status of the Interreg Common Sample becomes VALIDATED.

Prepare Interreg Common Sample for send to EC

Remark	The Prepare for Send can occur when a User on the highest MS Node wants to indicate that the Interreg Common Sample version can be prepared for sending to the Commission, once the VALIDATION ERRORS have been removed and the status is VALIDATED or SENT .
	To prepare the send of the Interreg Common Sample, the User must have the role of MS Managing Authority or MS Audit Authority with Update or Send rights (MSMAu/s or MSAAu/s).

1. Click on the **PREPARE FOR SEND TO EC** button to prepare to send the Interreg Common Sample to the Commission:

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× IT © 10/05/2022, 14:59	VALIDATED ()	Prepare for send to EC
GENERAL		
Version information	0	💉 Edit

The system will ask you to confirm the send action:

Prepare interreg common sample version for send to EC i This action will generate a snapshot document in a couple of minutes. After this has been done you will be able to send this object to the Commission.				
CCI 2021TC16FFTN002	Version 2024.0	Last modified 07/11/2024, 11:36	Current node España	VALIDATED
				Cancel

2. Click on **CONFIRM** to confirm.

The status of the Interreg Common Sample is set to **PREPARING FOR SEND TO EC**.

Send the Interreg Common Sample

	The Interreg Common Sample can only be sent once the VALIDATION ERRORS have been removed and the status is READY TO SEND or SENT .	
Remark	The "4 eyes principle" must be respected. Therefore, the User sending must be different from the User who last validated.	
	To send the Interreg Common Sample, the User must have the role of MS Managing Authority or MS Audit Authority with Send rights (MSMAs or MSAAs).	

1. Click on the SEND button to send the Interreg Common Sample to the Commission or to the upper Node:

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IT © 05/05/2022, 16:	16 READY TO SEND (9)	Send
GENERAL		0
Version information	ר 🚯	🖋 Edit

The system will ask you to confirm the send action:

Send interreg common sample version					
For performing this action, you will be redirected to EU Login, where you will be guided through the signature process. After that, you will be redirected back to SFC. When sending to the Commission, please check the accuracy of the generated snapshot before confirming the send.					
CCI 2021TC16FFTN002	Version 2024.0	Last modified 07/11/2024, 12:27	Current node España	✓ READY TO SEND	
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				Cancel Confirm	

2. Click on **CONFIRM** to confirm.

On success, the Interreg Common Sample version has been sent to the Commission or to the upper Node. When sent, the status is set to **SENT**.

	When on the highest MS node, different versions of the generated "Snapshot before send" document will be available so that the sender can first verify what will be sent to the Commission:					
Remark	• A version containing the untranslated content with the template in the Source language.					
	• When the Source language is different from English, a version containing the untranslated content with the template in English.					
	• When the Source language is different from English, a version containing a machine translation of the content in English with the template in English.					

Return Interreg Common Sample for modification by MS

REMARKThe Interreg Common Sample can only be returned by MS for modification when a lower
Node exists and the status is SENT (to a higher MS node), OPEN, VALIDATED, READY TO SEND
or RETURNED BY MS FOR MODIFICATION.REMARKThis action can be used when a User wants to return the Interreg Common Sample
version sent by the Member State/Region because it is incomplete or incorrect.To request the return of an Interreg Common Sample version, the User must have the
role of MS Managing Authority or MS Audit Authority with Update rights (MSMAu or
MSAAu).

Follow the steps to return the Interreg Common Sample for modification by MS:

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GENERAL			EXP	ORT				J
Version information 0			₿	Full d	locui	nent	PDF	DOCX
			122	Valida	ation	rules	PDF	DOCX
CCI Version Acco	ounting) La	ist mo	odified	Curr	ent	C	

- **1.** Select the following:
- (1) Select the icon with 3 vertical dots.
- (2) Click on the **RETURN BY MS FOR MODIFICATION** button to request revision from the lower Node.

The system will ask you to confirm the return:

Return for modifie	cation			
CCI 2021TC16RFCB047	Version 2024.0	Last modified 05/11/2024, 16:42	Current node Greece	
Reason for return * Reason				1
				Cancel Confirm

- **1.** Enter the following:
- (1) Enter the *Reason* in the text box provided.
- (2) Click on **CONFIRM** to save the information.

On success, the status of the Interreg Common Sample will be changed to status **Returned by MS FOR MODIFICATION** and the sender is notified of the action and its reason.

Delete the Interreg Common Sample

	The Interreg Common Sample can only be deleted when:
	it resides on the owner Node
	• the status is OPEN, VALIDATED or READY TO SEND or RETURNED BY MS FOR MODIFICATION
REMARK	it has never been sent to the Commission before
	• it has no sent documents attached.
	To delete the Interreg Common Sample, the User must have the role of MS Managing Authority or MS Audit Authority with Update rights (MSMAu or MSAAu).
	The delete is a physical delete and cannot be recovered!

Follow the steps to remove the Interreg Common Sample from the system:

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GENERAL	Delete	
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	∃≡ Validation rules	PDF DOCX
CCI Fund VersionAccounting year	Last	

- **1.** Select the following:
- (1) Select the icon with 3 vertical dots.
- (2) Click on the **DELETE** button to remove the Interreg Common Sample from the system.

The system will ask you to confirm the delete action:

Delete interreg common sample version × This action cannot be undone!				
CCI 2021TC16FFTN002	Version 2024.0	Last modified 07/11/2024, 11:36	Current node España	VALIDATED
				Cancel

2. Click on **CONFIRM** to confirm or click on **CANCEL** to return to the Interreg Common Sample.

Create a New Version of the Interreg Common Sample

	A new version of the Interreg Common Sample needs to be created when the last version was returned by the Commission for revision or when the last version was rejected by the Commission.	
Remark	A new version of the Interreg Common Sample can only be created when the last version is in status Returned by EC FOR MODIFICATION or REJECTED .	
	To create a new version of the Interreg Common Sample, the User must have the role of MS Managing Authority or MS Audit Authority with Update rights (MSMAu or MSAAu).	

1. Click on the **CREATE** button to create a new version of the Interreg Common Sample:

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Version information 0	

The system will ask you to confirm the creation of a new version:

Create new inte	rreg con	nmon sample ve	ersion	
CCI 2021TC16FFTN002	Version 2024.0	Last modified 07/11/2024, 12:30	Current node European Commission	D RETURNED BY EC FOR MODIFICATION
				Cancel Confirm

2. Click on **CONFIRM** to confirm. Click on **CANCEL** to return to the Interreg Common Sample.

On success, a new version of the Interreg Common Sample is created as a copy of the last version. Its status is set to **OPEN**, and the working version is incremented by one (ex. 2024.0 \rightarrow 2024.1).