

Interreg contest – Script

Octavian Vasilescu: Okay so first can you send me a few words about Interreg and the importance of...

Pascal Boijmans: Interreg it's celebrating next year his 30th birthday and I think it's one of those programmes within the European Union where everybody agrees that has its added value. And it's good that the EU plays a role. Stimulating. Cooperation within border regions. Between regions within Europe. So it really helps to first of all a better and mutual understanding, trust building between citizens of the European Union. And then also to cooperate on common projects. That way to make the borders less of a real border, but as we see it as an opportunity.

Octavian Vasilescu: How important was for Romania this period since 1st of January?

Pascal Boijmans: 1st of January 1... you mean this year?

Octavian Vasilescu: Yeah with this presidency presidency.

Pascal Boijmans: I think of course when you when a country holds the presidency it means that they are in the spotlight and that they are setting the agenda for a certain and important discussion. So they really can. Move things forward. And I think Romania's decisions have been very good job until now. For our policy. It's important because we are negotiating the new regulations for after 2020. And the regulations we proposed last year in May but now it's up to the member states in the Parliament to comment on those regulations. And now a junior Romanian presidency. The member states especially commenting on. The council. On also under regulation for Interreg and so they play a very important role there. It gets things moving forward hopefully that the regulation can be adopted by the council or that negotiation position by the end of of june.