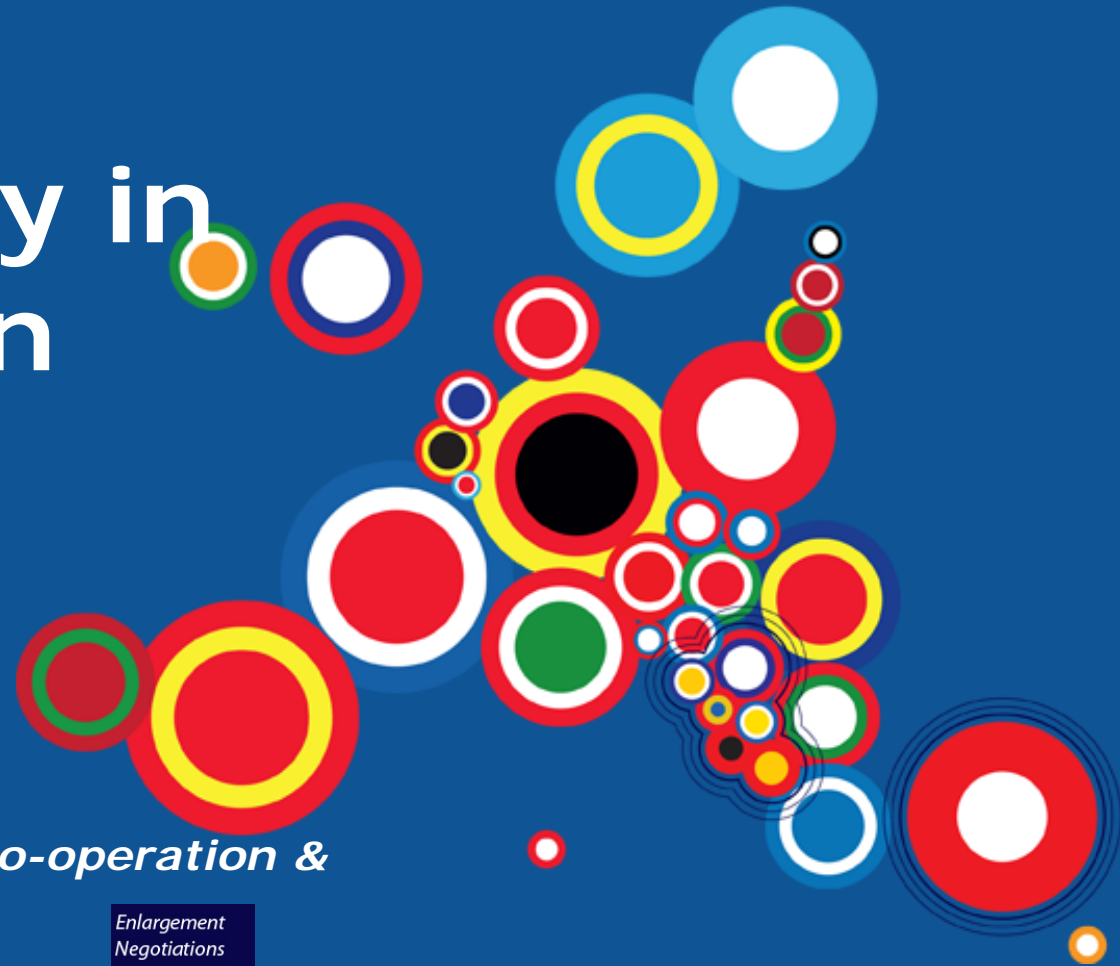




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Next Steps 2018

- ▶ *The Enlargement Communication (February 2018)*
- ▶ *EU-WB summit in Sofia (May 2018)*
 - *First EU-WB Summit in 15 years*
 - *Should approve the conclusions of the Enlargement Communication*
 - *Open up regional co-operation to the EU-28*
- ▶ *UK Chair of the Berlin Process*
- ▶ *MINISTERIALS – Energy; Digital; Education; Research*
- ▶ *CONNECTIVITY*
 - *Connecting INFRASTRUCTURE*
 - *Connecting ECONOMIES*
 - *Connecting PEOPLE*