

ANNOUNCEMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

First Call for Main Project Applications

Annex

Programme and project Logic

Inside each priority, the programme has defined a number of specific objectives to help achieve each priority. Inside each specific objective, you can find a description of the types of actions supported, tailored to needs in the programme area, as well as envisaged target groups. To be able to measure achievements, the programme has also defined a number of output and result indicators for each specific objective. These elements together form the programme intervention logic.

A similar logic should also be found in the project setup. This means that all elements of a project application should be put together in a coherent and logical way, from the choice of activities, the envisaged outputs and results, and how these are measured in indicators, in order to achieve the overall objective of the project. The logic should also be supported by a suitable partnership and a coherent budget.

The programme intervention logic forms the basis for the types of projects that the programme wishes to fund, in order to achieve the programme's overall vision. For this reason, it is important that projects carefully match their project idea with a programme priority and specific objective. The best starting point is the description of actions supported inside each programme specific objective. In this way, the project logic and the programme logic are connected.

Priority 1: Strengthening the innovation capacity for resilient and attractive NPA communities

Impact, long term (Policy Objective)	1 A more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity		
Impact, medium term (Specific Objectives)	SO 1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	SO 1.2 - Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities	SO 1.3 - Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments
Result, short term (Result indicators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMEs introducing product or process innovation (RCR 03) • Solutions taken up or up scaled (RCR 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of new and upgraded public digital services, products and processes (RCR 11) • Solutions taken up or up scaled (RCR 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMEs introducing marketing or organisational innovation (RCR 04) • Solutions taken up or upscaled by organizations (RCR 104)
Outcome (Output indicators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprises cooperating with research institutions (RCO 10) • Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO 84) • Organizations cooperating across borders (RCO 87) • Jointly developed solutions (RCO 116) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public institutions supported to develop digital services, products, and processes (RCO14) • Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO 84) • Organizations cooperating across borders (RCO 87) • Jointly developed solutions (RCO 116) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprises supported (of which micro, small, medium, large) (RCO 01) • Enterprises with non-financial support (RCO 04) • New enterprises supported (RCO 05) • Organizations cooperating across borders (RCO 87) • Jointly developed solutions (RCO 116)
Interventions (actions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating technology transfer to, or across, the Programme area benefiting SMEs, including green technologies • Facilitating commonly identified opportunities based on strengths in the programme area supported by research and innovation, including smart specialisation strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer and development of accessible digital solutions to create better conditions for people to live and work in the area. This includes technology-driven solutions for public service provision, as well as marketing models and solutions facilitating the use of distance-spanning technology to overcome long distance to market. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer and development of models and solutions for support to SMEs faced with commonly identified challenges and opportunities in peripheral regions with a particular focus on entrepreneurial skills and sustainable business models. • Transfer and development of concepts for creating networks and clusters of SMEs and connecting entrepreneurial capacities across regions as well as adapting marketing models for a greater market reach.



Northern Periphery and Arctic

Needs

- Challenges posed by distance and sparse populations for building collaboration, high levels of specialist, territorial expertise and know how, dependence on SMEs as core in the local economies and challenges they face in participation in R&D and innovation activities. The focus is on applied research.
- High level of public sector employment, challenges in public service delivery for remote areas, pioneers and early adopters of digital options for public service delivery
- dependence on SMEs as core in the local economies and challenges

Priority 2: Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and resource sufficiency in NPA communities

Impact, long term (Policy Objective)	2 A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and risk prevention and management, and sustainable urban mobility		
Impact, medium term (Specific Objectives)	2.1 Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions	2.2 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	2.3 Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
Impact, short term (Result indicators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations (RCR 79) Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations (RCR 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations (RCR 79) Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations (RCR 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations (RCR 79) Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations (RCR 104)
Outcome (Output indicators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO 84) Jointly developed solutions (RCO 116) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO 84) Organizations cooperating across borders (RCO 87) Jointly developed solutions (RCO 116) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO 84) Organizations cooperating across borders (RCO 87) Jointly developed solutions (RCO 116)
Interventions (actions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer and development of sustainable renewable energy generation and energy efficiency solutions, suitable for cold climates and remote communities Facilitating the use of place-based energy surpluses and development of smart energy management concepts in remote communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer and development of solutions to facilitate the use of community knowledge and build local capacity for climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience in sparsely populated communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating the transfer and development of solutions that promote resource efficiency, end-of-waste, and a better use of by-products in remote, and sparsely populated communities Facilitating the transfer and development of solutions for community planning for the circular economy in remote, and sparsely populated communities
Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific needs of remote areas and extreme environments, high level of expertise in energy saving technologies, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct and immediate impacts of climate change on communities and environment, fragile natural environments and related economic activities, expertise in monitoring and environmental protection, high levels of engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of the circular economy, environmental pressures in fragile environment, accessibility and distance challenges for circular economy, challenges of waste management in relate areas, high level of environmental awareness and engagement of local populations