Third Call Decisions – MC 24th February 2016

Project name	Budget in EUR*		Partnership	Summary
Priority Axis 3 – Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency				
38 SECURE Smarter Energy Communities in Northern and Arctic Regions	Total cost Total grant ERDF ERDF 20% Faroe Islands	1.842.591 1.197.684 974.570 65.992 157.122	Lead Partner: European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology (IE) Partnership: Donegal County Council (IE), Leitrim County Council (IE), Associations of Local Authorities Vasternorrland (SE), Derry City &Strabane District County (NI), Faroese Earth and Energy Directorate (FO), Karelia University of App Science (FI), Ecology Action Centre (CA)	The aim of the SECURE project is to transfer and implement innovative energy solutions for housing and public infrastructure across NPA regions with different maturity-levels. Knowledge transfer will be demand-led, supported by a quadruple helix approach, and impact will be maximised by focusing implementation in small smart energy communities and building up local authority capacity.
50 e-Lighthouse Energy Saving Lighthouse Cities in the NPA region	Total cost Total grant ERDF Norway Greenland	1.903.536 1.193.797 946.594 145.005 102.198	Lead Partner: Oulu University of Applied Sciences (FI) Partnership: City of Oulu (FI), Cork County Council (IE), Secure and Fix It Enterprises Ltd (IE), Umeå Kommun (SE), Umeå University (SE), The Highland Council (SC), Nordland Research Institute (NO), Bodø kommun (NO), Center for Arktisk Teknologi (GL)	Project actions will support increased energy efficiency in buildings (40% of EU energy consumption) and increase the uptake of renewable energy, thus decreasing carbon dioxide emissions. Our goal is to support and follow-up the retrofit of more than 250 public buildings. In the private sector with the consultation of building supervisory authorities, the project aims to influence the decision makers (of energy efficiency) of 2500 domestic retrofits and 2000 new residential houses. Improved local and regional monitoring methodologies and practices would greatly enhance the effectiveness. The e-Lighthouse project will tackle this problem by providing guidelines and tools to reliably and efficiently calculate those important figures annually. By showing good examples of good codes-of-conduct such as municipality citizenship, e-Lighthouse partners will encourage other local and regional organizations to sign the new joint Covenant of Mayors, to commit to energy saving at the political decision-making level.

* Disclaimer: the final amounts will be established during the contracting phase.

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Priority Axis 4 – Natural and Cultural Heritage				
39 WaterPro Northern Runoffs into Profits	Total cost Total grant ERDF ERDF 20% Faroe Islands Iceland	1.995.485 1.288.606 958.230 130.068 98.800 101.508	Lead Partner: Savonia University of Applied Sciences ltd (FI) Partnership: Geological Survey of Finland (FI), Agricultural University of Iceland (IS), Luleå University of Technology (SE),Lough Neagh Partnership: Ltd (NI), Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (NI), Heriot Watt University (SC), Donegal County Council (IE), Agricultural Agency (FO)	While the agriculture and mining extractive industries are important sectors for the economy of Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) areas, their activities cause significant risk to the vulnerable environment through water and land pollution. Nutrients in agricultural runoff are one of the major contributors to eutrophication and algae blooms. T he overreaching goal of WaterPro is to develop eco-efficient tools and models for SRM practices and environmental protection for the NPA sparsely populated region. This will be done through development of a Tool-Box of good management practices and communication platform for agriculture and mining extraction runoff management.
44 BUSK Building Shared Knowledge capital to support natural resource governance in the Northern periphery	Total cost Total grant ERDF Norway Greenland Iceland Faroe Islands	1.992.726 1.192.756 769.996 107.207 129.895 78.279 107.379	Lead Partner: Natural Resources Institute Finland (FI) Partnership: City of Rovaniemi (FI), National University of Ireland Galway (IE), Dimenteq (FI), University of Lapland (FI), University of Faroe Islands (FO), Qeqqata Municipality (GL), University of Iceland (IS), The Arctic University of Norway (NO), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SE)	This project develops planning tools that enhance the use of participatory techniques, and gives assistance for decision makers concerning land use planning and natural resource governance. Concretely, the development of participatory tools such as participatory GIS (PPGIS) is needed. Until now, these tools have been developed for urban areas and utilized successfully. However, the challenges of the use of the tools in rural areas are the following how to reach various stakeholders in sparsely populated areas, and how to make especially socio-cultural as well as indigenous and local knowledge spatially explicit. In addition, the challenge is how to apply information technology dependent participatory methods for remote regions. The project will work with stakeholders in such livelihoods as herding, tourism, recreation, forestry, agriculture, mining and energy production. The focus is in local, as well as in indigenous, residents' knowledge.

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52 ASCENT Apply skills and conserve our environment with new tools	Total cost Total grant ERDF Norway Iceland	1.659.253 1.017.394 705.300 162.063 150.031	Lead Partner: Donegal County Council (IE) Partnership: Soil Conservation Service of Iceland (IS), Hordaland County Council (NO) Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NI), Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland (FI)	The ASCENT project will bring together Local and Environmental Authorities to collectively address the environmental challenges facing the conservation and enhancement of Areas of Natural beauty in the partner regions. The ASCENT project will develop management plans across the programme area to assist Local Authorities and other stakeholders to monitor these sites and implement innovative measures to ensure their economic and environmental sustainability. The project will look at how to use and manage the mountains and upland areas responsibly, will examine new ways to deal with the sites, learn from other regions using a teacher learner principle, examine habitat damage and habitat restoration, and introduce appropriate site specific mitigation measures. The project will create living laboratory situations, explore new concepts for balancing tourism, cultural and economic interests with environmental needs. The project will disseminate and generate knowledge on the impacts on the environment, local biodiversity resources and promote civic pride among communities of their environmental resources, and unique local cultural heritage. Project outputs include learning, exchange of ideas and measures to arrest the decline and degradation of Natura 2000 sites and other sites (SACs) caused by unregulated / unrestricted access to mountains.
Total 5 main projects	Total cost Total grant	9.393.591 5.890.237	Explanation country codes FI – Finland CA – Canada FO – Faroe Islands GL – Greenland IE – Ireland IS – Iceland NI – Northern Ireland NO – Norway SC – Scotland SE – Sweden	