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Bridging Call - 2021 Q & A session

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Aims of Bridging call – 2021 application call

- The purpose of building a pipeline of project ideas for the upcoming programme is strengthening the starting position of the new programme.
- To explore in practice the different themes proposed in the new programme which could influence the programme or help design future calls.



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Aims of Bridging call – 2021 application call

- Bridging projects are preparatory projects funded by the current programme, targeting main projects for the future NPA programme 2021 – 2027
- Bridging project applicants are expected to have a view on the NPA 2021-2027 future Policy and specific objectives within the scope of the current NPA 2014-2020 priority axes.



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NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- Project idea must address one of the four Priority Axes 2014 – 2020.
- Project duration: 6 months
- An eligible Lead Partner, and minimum of 2 partners from different 2 programme partner countries in the NPA area, one of which is located in a European Union Member State.
- Completion of an eMS preparatory project application form, including a work plan in line with the expected listed results.



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NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- **NPA Eligibility rules** are found in the Programme Manual on the NPA web site.
- **Project Budget:** Recommended ERDF 60.000 EUR. Proportional budget using ERDF grant up to 100.000 EUR in well justified cases plus non-Member State budget, using the regular intervention rates of programme partner countries.
- The budget will be paid on a lump sum basis upon completion of and meeting the conditions for funding.



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NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- The lump sum is granted in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Article 67 (5) and shall be established based on a draft budget on a case-by-case basis and agreed ex ante by the managing authority. The public support (ERDF support + public co-financing) for partners funded via ERDF shall not exceed EUR 100 000.



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- **Note:** Partners from Scotland and Northern Ireland should apply for ERDF co-financing.



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Application procedure

- Call period **16th August 2021 – 8th October 2021.**
- Applications to be submitted via the online monitoring system (eMS)
- Decisions on Bridging call projects will be made by the NPA Monitoring Committee with input from Regional Contact Points and Joint secretariat.
- The decisions process takes place on December 8th, 2021.



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Guidance for applicants

- See the NPA 2014-2020 Programme Manual for a description of the Priority Axes, instructions for how to apply and the NPA eligibility rules. All other application documents can be found on the Bridging Call -2021 page.
- **Join us... How to Apply seminar September 9th, 2021 at 13:00 -15:00 CET**
- Do not hesitate to contact the Programme Secretariat or your Regional Contact Point
- See the NPA web site:

<https://www.interreg-npa.eu/news/pre-announcement-for-bridging-call-project-applications/>





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Guidance for applicants - Reporting

- One final report is due within three months of completion and to be received no later than **November 30th, 2022**.
- A final report should include evidence of the work undertaken such as cases studies, feasibility studies, stakeholders mapping and target group development.
- Based on Lump sum principle the grant is paid out if all Grant Offer Letter conditions have been met.



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Q&A

- On Zoom
 - raise your virtual hand
 - type it in the chat
- On Facebook: write a comment
- On YouTube: write a comment



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Poll question

- Did you find this webinar useful?



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Thank you for listening

- We recommend that you are in touch with the Regional Contact Point details are on the NPA web site.
- Contact Christopher Parker at the Joint Secretariat (christopher.parker@interreg-npa.eu)



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