

IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION GOAL

PART A

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OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(A) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

The Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014 – 2020 was approved by the EU Commission on the 16th December 2014.

To ensure a strong implementation right from start, the First Call was opened in the autumn 2014. Therefore, a first batch of main projects could be adopted by the Monitoring Committee as early as in February 2015. In continuation of the First Call, the Second Call was completed during the spring 2015. The Third Call was opened in the autumn 2015 and decisions were made in February 2016.

In total, 18 main projects were approved in 2015 and in total 18.395.596 EUR or 33,3% of the total NPA funding for projects was allocated; however, unevenly distributed across the different funding sources. Thus, 34% of the ERDF funding was committed, while 51% of the Norwegian, 50% of the Icelandic, 33% of the Faroe Islands and 79% of the Greenlandic funding was committed.

The allocation of the NPA commitment over the different financial sources indicates that in particular the ERDF-equivalent sources might be fully used at a relative early stage of the programme implementation. The Monitoring Committee has not yet decided to what extent the possibilities given by the 20% geographical flexibility rule shall be used in such a situation. .

After the two first calls, the partners are very well distributed across the three geographical zones of the programme area: 53 partners in Finland, Sweden and Norway; 46 partners in Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland; 22 partners in Greenland, Iceland and Faroe Islands; and finally, 9 partners in other countries outside the Programme Area.

Seen in relation to the four programme priority axes, the 18 approved main projects are distributed unevenly. When adding the approved preparatory projects it is evident that the most popular theme is Axis 1 (Innovation) where 8 main projects and 3 preparatory projects, or 41% of the committed ERDF funding were approved. Axis 2 (Entrepreneurship) follows with 7 approved main projects and 4 preparatory projects or 41% of the committed ERDF funding while Axis 3 (Energy efficiency) has one approved main project and 3 preparatory projects (12 % of committed ERDF funding) and Axis 4 (Sustainability) so far only has two approved main projects and two

preparatory projects (18% of committed ERDF funding).

As a consequence of the uneven distribution across the four Priority axes, the Monitoring Committee decided that the Third Call should open only for applications addressing priority axis 3 and 4.

In addition to the four priority axes, the NPA also addresses the “Arctic Dimension” as a cross cutting theme. Prior to the approval, a development process took place where different stakeholder groups and the partner countries were involved in a multi-dialogue process. A specific question was how the Arctic challenges and opportunities should be addressed by the programme. As an input to this discussion two preparatory projects were carried out. In the first one, Arctic stakeholder groups and interests were mapped while the second preparatory project analysed and discussed different options for better collaboration between the many programmes and policy initiatives that cover the Arctic area. Partly based on this, an informal dialogue with other EU-funded cooperation programmes was started in 2015.

The Arctic Dimension is addressed by including partners from the Arctic part from the Programme Area and by supporting cooperation, innovation and transfer of knowledge, and technology within themes of specific significance for the Arctic territories. Finally, the overall intention is that NPA projects shall foster changes that are of importance to people, including indigenous peoples, living in the Arctic area.

In relation to the geographical coverage, 16 out of the 18 projects from the two first calls include at least one partner from the Arctic part of the programme area, and all these 16 projects support themes which are of specific significance for the Arctic territories. Concerning the question if the 16 projects in specific foster changes that are of importance to people living in the Arctic area, including indigenous peoples, it is too early to draw any conclusions at the current stage of the programme implementation.

Distance and costs are often obstacles to the development of a strong and well balanced project partnership, due to the dispersed geographical nature of the NPA Programme area. For that reason, preparatory (seed money) projects are a programme specific tool developed to bring potential project partners together, and to generate high-quality main project applications.

Experience from previous INTERREG Programmes has shown that preparatory projects often result in more successful main project applications. Typically, a preparatory project runs for up to 6 months.

Since the launch of preparatory projects in early 2015, a total of 37 preparatory project applications have been received by the Joint Secretariat, of which 12 have been approved.

In terms of monitoring results at programme level, result indicators, baseline values and targets for the six programme specific objectives were developed and approved by the Monitoring Committee during 2015.

As a result of data constraints, the Programme has decided to work with panels of regional experts, who are asked to describe and assess the regional status-quo in quantitative and qualitative terms in 2015 (baseline values), and assess the progress towards the achievement of objectives in 2017, 2019 and 2023. Rather than monitoring the entire programme area, a sample of three regions, defined on NUTS3 level, was selected and an expert panel was constituted for each of the six result indicators. The baseline assessment provides the NPA Programme with a rich data set covering various quantitative-qualitative dimensions that give a detailed and varied picture of the status quo in the sample regions as a basis for monitoring the impact of the Programme's interventions. In terms of output indicators, two Common indicators have been selected for priority axis 1 and 2. One Common indicator has been selected for Priority axis 3 and a Common and a Programme Specific output indicator has been selected for Priority axis 4. For technical assistance, four indicators have been selected.

Data in table 2 is based on the approved applications and not reported values. The table in that way illustrates the expectations of the projects at the application stage and will be updated in connection with the reporting. Compared with the target values in specific the expectations are at a considerable higher level for priority axis 1 and 2. This might indicate that the target values are set too low. This has to be considered by the Monitoring Committee the following years. The low values concerning priority axis 3 and 4 are related to the small number of funded projects within these priorities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities	<p>Four main projects are addressing Specific Objective 1.1 (Increased innovation and transfer of new technology to SMEs). The following type of action is well addressed: projects facilitating technology transfer to or across the Programme area.</p> <p>However, some major gaps can be identified concerning 1.1:</p> <p>Projects addressing clustering of SMEs in order to develop critical mass to access R&D, facilitating business networks across regional and national borders, developments in relation to marine and maritime sectors and developments in relation to cold climate and natural resources.</p> <p>Four main projects are addressing Specific Objective 1.2 (Increased innovation within public service provision). The following actions are well addressed: solutions for the provision of needed competences and human resources within public services, and technology driven solutions.</p> <p>However, the following major gaps can be identified concerning 1.2:</p> <p>Projects addressing viability and low critical mass in public service provisions.</p> <p>The observed gaps concerning Specific Objective 1.1 and 1.2 will be addressed in the 4th Call.</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
2	Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage	<p>Four main projects are addressing Specific Objective 2.1 (Improved support systems tailored for start-ups and existing SMEs). The following type of action is well addressed: projects developing models and solutions aimed at removing barriers for start-ups and existing SMEs. In addition, some are addressing the encouragement of entrepreneurship generally, and others are addressing realising placed based opportunities. No bigger gaps can be identified within this Specific Objective.</p> <p>Three main projects are addressing Specific Objective 2.2 (Greater market reach beyond local market for SMEs). The supported projects are dealing with niche part of the tourism sector and do not address greater market reach beyond local market for SMEs or do not aim to meet more complex demand in a broader sense.</p> <p>The observed gaps concerning Specific Objective 2.1 and 2.2 will be addressed in the 4th Call</p>
3	Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	<p>This Specific Objective aims to contribute to a higher uptake of energy efficiency measures in peripheral areas, specifically aimed at housing and public infrastructures. This includes community assets, such as heritage buildings.</p> <p>Only one main project has been approved in this Priority Axis, addressing the sustainable use of by-products as energy sources. No projects before the 3rd Call are addressing the development and use of renewable energy sources suitable for cold climate and dispersed settlements, or the use of ICT technologies, such as new energy efficiency concepts and smart energy management.</p> <p>The observed gaps concerning Specific Objective 3 have been addressed in the 3rd Call (decided in 2016) and the MC will consider if further measures will be needed during the next year.</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
4	Protecting, promoting and developing cultural and natural heritage	<p>The idea is that transnational cooperation can facilitate the transfer of best-practice models and decision-making tools, help to pool competences transnationally, and help to develop and share concepts for sustainable environmental management that takes into account not only the environmental aspect, but also the social and the economic aspects affecting the community.</p> <p>When looking at the list of actions supported in the Cooperation Programme documents, the types of actions mentioned are only partly addressed by the 2 ongoing main projects.</p> <p>The observed gaps concerning Specific Objective 4 was addressed in the 3rd Call (decided in 2016) and the MC will consider if further measures will be needed during the next year.</p>
5	Technical Assistance	<p>During 2015 the program administration started reporting in the new NPA 2014-2020 programme gradually. In this program period there is one beneficiary and the Managing Authority acts as a "Lead Partner" for Priority Axis 5 Technical Assistance. All costs related to technical assistance will be handled and reported by the County Administrative Board of Västerbotten. Costs incurred by different program bodies are claimed to or invoiced to the Managing Authority.</p> <p>Technical assistance is funded 50% by ERDF and 50% by the five member states and the four non-member states. The participating countries contribution to the TA budget is paid annually to the Managing Authority.</p> <p>There have not been any problems experienced in relation to TA expenditure.</p>

Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities
Investment priority	1b - Att främja företagsinvesteringar inom forskning och innovation och utveckla kopplingar och synergieffekter mellan företag, forsknings- och utvecklingscentrum och den högre utbildningssektorn, särskilt främjande av investering i produkt- och tjänsteutveckling, tekniköverföring, social innovation, miljöinnovation, offentliga tillämpningar, efterfrågestimulans, nätverk, kluster och öppen innovation genom smart specialisering, och stödja teknisk och tillämpad forskning, pilotverksamhet, tidiga produktvalideringsåtgärder och kapacitet för avancerad produktion och förstagångsproduktion, särskilt vad gäller viktig möjliggörande teknik och spridning av teknik för allmänna ändamål

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	Enterprises	32,00	0,00	
S	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	Enterprises	32,00	50,00	
F	CO26	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som samarbetar med forskningsinstitutioner	Enterprises	16,00	0,00	
S	CO26	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som samarbetar med forskningsinstitutioner	Enterprises	16,00	49,00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	
S	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	
F	CO26	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som samarbetar med forskningsinstitutioner	
S	CO26	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som samarbetar med forskningsinstitutioner	

Priority axis	1 - Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities
Investment priority	1b - Att främja företagsinvesteringar inom forskning och innovation och utveckla kopplingar och synergieffekter mellan företag, forsknings- och utvecklingscentrum och den högre utbildningssektorn, särskilt främjande av investering i produkt- och tjänsteutveckling, tekniköverföring, social innovation, miljöinnovation, offentliga tillämpningar, efterfrågestimulans, nätverk, kluster och öppen innovation genom smart specialisering, och stödja teknisk och tillämpad forskning, pilotverksamhet, tidiga produktvalideringsåtgärder och kapacitet för avancerad produktion och förstagångsproduktion, särskilt vad gäller viktig möjliggörande teknik och spridning av teknik för allmänna ändamål
Specific objective	1.1 - Increased innovation and transfer of new technology to SMEs in remote sparsely populated areas

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1.1	Degree of collaborations between SMEs and R&D	Share of SMEs involved in innovation cooperation	Baselines and targets will be set during the spring 2015 according to the annexed action plan	2015	Increase in the share of SMEs involved in innovation cooperation			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1.1	Degree of collaborations between SMEs and R&D		

Priority axis	1 - Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities
Investment priority	1b - Att främja företagsinvesteringar inom forskning och innovation och utveckla kopplingar och synergieffekter mellan företag, forsknings- och utvecklingscentrum och den högre utbildningssektorn, särskilt främjande av investering i produkt- och tjänsteutveckling, tekniköverföring, social innovation, miljöinnovation, offentliga tillämpningar, efterfrågestimulans, nätverk, kluster och öppen innovation genom smart specialisering, och stödja teknisk och tillämpad forskning, pilotverksamhet, tidiga produktvalideringsåtgärder och kapacitet för avancerad produktion och förstagångsproduktion, särskilt vad gäller viktig möjliggörande teknik och spridning av teknik för allmänna ändamål
Specific objective	1.2 - Increased innovation within public service provision in remote, sparsely populated areas

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1.2	Awareness and attitudes among health professionals towards the use of eHealth technologies	Share of GPs with a positive attitude to eHealth	Baselines and targets will be set during the spring 2015 according to the annexed action plan	2015	Increased share of GPs with an positive awareness and attitude			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1.2	Awareness and attitudes among health professionals towards the use of eHealth technologies		

Priority axis	2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage
Investment priority	3a - Att främja entreprenörskap, särskilt genom att underlätta det ekonomiska utnyttjandet av nya idéer och främja skapandet av nya företag, inklusive genom företagskuvöser

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	Enterprises	16,00	0,00	
S	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	Enterprises	16,00	510,00	
F	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	Enterprises	8,00	0,00	
S	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	Enterprises	8,00	67,00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	
S	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	
F	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	
S	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	

Priority axis	2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage
Investment priority	3a - Att främja entreprenörskap, särskilt genom att underlätta det ekonomiska utnyttjandet av nya idéer och främja skapandet av nya företag, inklusive genom företagskuvöser
Specific objective	2.1 - Improved support systems tailored for start-ups and existing SMEs in remote and sparsely populated areas

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
2.1	Conditions for start-ups in remote, sparsely populated areas	Composite score based on SBA Fact Sheets on a scale	Baselines and targets will be set during the spring 2015 according to the annexed action plan	2015	Higher score, i.e. improvement of conditions for start-ups			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2.1	Conditions for start-ups in remote, sparsely populated areas		

Priority axis	2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage
Investment priority	3d - Stödja kapaciteten för små och medelstora företag att satsa på tillväxt på regionala, nationella och internationella marknader och ägna sig åt innovationsprocesser

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	Enterprises	16,00	0,00	
S	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	Enterprises	16,00	35,00	
F	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	Enterprises	8,00	0,00	
S	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	Enterprises	8,00	0,00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	
S	CO01	Produktiv investering: Antal företag som får stöd	
F	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	
S	CO28	Forskning, innovation: Antal företag som får stöd för att introducera för marknaden nya produkter	

Priority axis	2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage
Investment priority	3d - Stödja kapaciteten för små och medelstora företag att satsa på tillväxt på regionala, nationella och internationella marknader och ägna sig åt innovationsprocesser
Specific objective	2.2 - Greater market reach beyond local markets for SMEs in remote and sparsely populated areas

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
2.2	Awareness of business opportunities beyond local markets among SMEs	Composite score based on SBA Fact Sheets on a scale	Baselines and targets will be set during the spring 2015 according to the annexed action plan	2015	Higher score, i.e. increased awareness of business opportunities beyond local markets			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2.2	Awareness of business opportunities beyond local markets among SMEs		

Priority axis	3 - Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
Investment priority	4c - Att stödja energieffektivitet, smart energiförvaltning och användning av förnybar energi inom offentliga infrastrukturer, även i offentliga byggnader och inom bostadssektorn

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO31	Energieffektivitet: Antal hushåll med förbättrad energiförbrukningsklass	Households	250,00	0,00	
S	CO31	Energieffektivitet: Antal hushåll med förbättrad energiförbrukningsklass	Households	250,00	0,00	

(I)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO31	Energieffektivitet: Antal hushåll med förbättrad energiförbrukningsklass	
S	CO31	Energieffektivitet: Antal hushåll med förbättrad energiförbrukningsklass	

Priority axis	3 - Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
Investment priority	4c - Att stödja energieffektivitet, smart energiförvaltning och användning av förnybar energi inom offentliga infrastrukturer, även i offentliga byggnader och inom bostadssektorn
Specific objective	3 - Increased use of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions in housing and public infrastructures in remote, sparsely populated areas

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
3	Awareness of energy efficiency opportunities and renewable solutions in housing sector and public infrastructures in remote and sparsely populated areas	Score on an awareness scale	Baselines and targets will be set during the spring 2015 according to the annexed action plan	2015	Higher score, i.e. increased awareness			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
3	Awareness of energy efficiency opportunities and renewable solutions in housing sector and public infrastructures in remote and sparsely populated areas		

Priority axis	4 - Protecting, promoting and developing cultural and natural heritage
Investment priority	6c - Att bevara, skydda, främja och utveckla natur- och kulturarvet

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitut som deltar i gränsöverskridande, transnationella eller interregionala forskningsprojekt	Organisations	11,00	0,00	
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitut som deltar i gränsöverskridande, transnationella eller interregionala forskningsprojekt	Organisations	11,00	0,00	
F	4	Number of organisations introducing a decision-making tool or governance concept facilitating sustainable environmental management	Organisations	22,00	0,00	
S	4	Number of organisations introducing a decision-making tool or governance concept facilitating sustainable environmental management	Organisations	22,00	0,00	

(I)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitut som deltar i gränsöverskridande, transnationella eller interregionala forskningsprojekt	
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitut som deltar i gränsöverskridande, transnationella eller interregionala forskningsprojekt	
F	4	Number of organisations introducing a decision-making tool or governance concept facilitating sustainable environmental management	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	4	Number of organisations introducing a decision-making tool or governance concept facilitating sustainable environmental management	

Priority axis	4 - Protecting, promoting and developing cultural and natural heritage
Investment priority	6c - Att bevara, skydda, främja och utveckla natur- och kulturarvet
Specific objective	4 - Increased capacity of remote and sparsely populated communities for sustainable environmental management

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
4	Preparedness of responsible authorities in remote, sparsely populated areas for environmental management in relation to climate change and impacts of new investments in exploitation of natural resources	Share of authorities taking steps to improve preparedness	Baselines and targets will be set during the spring 2015 according to the annexed action plan	2015	Increased share of authorities taking steps to improve preparedness			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
4	Preparedness of responsible authorities in remote, sparsely populated areas for environmental management in relation to climate change and impacts of new investments in exploitation of natural resources		

Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	16	Number of simplification measures implemented	Simplification measures			
S	16	Number of simplification measures implemented	Simplification measures			
F	17	Number of project development support activities	Events and activities			
S	17	Number of project development support activities	Events and activities			
F	18	Number of information and communication activities	Information and communication measures			
S	18	Number of information and communication activities	Information and communication measures			
F	24	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	full-time equivalents			
S	24	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	full-time equivalents			

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	16	Number of simplification measures implemented	
S	16	Number of simplification measures implemented	
F	17	Number of project development support	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
		activities	
S	17	Number of project development support activities	
F	18	Number of information and communication activities	
S	18	Number of information and communication activities	
F	24	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	
S	24	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	5 - Leaner Programme management and more effective Programme implementation

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
99	Not applicable because the support to TA does not exceed 15 MEUR. See Priority Axis 5 "result sought".	N/A			0,00			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
99	Not applicable because the support to TA does not exceed 15 MEUR. See Priority Axis 5 "result sought".		

3.4. Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	Eruf	Total	21 783 372,00	65,00	8 846 104,35	40,61%	8 704 199,35	0,00	0,00%	12
2	Eruf	Total	21 783 372,00	65,00	8 987 524,15	41,26%	8 660 665,62	0,00	0,00%	11
3	Eruf	Total	14 522 247,00	65,00	1 791 442,75	12,34%	1 788 442,75	0,00	0,00%	4
4	Eruf	Total	14 522 247,00	65,00	2 650 002,57	18,25%	2 650 002,57	0,00	0,00%	4
5	Eruf	Total	6 025 186,00	50,00	0,00	0,00%	0,00	0,00	0,00%	0
Total	Eruf		78 636 424,00	63,85	22 275 073,82	28,33%	21 803 310,29	0,00	0,00%	31
Grand total			78 636 424,00	63,85	22 275 073,82	28,33%	21 803 310,29	0,00	0,00%	31

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

In addition to the ERDF financing in table 2, the non-member state financing from ERDF equivalent funds was 4 249 026 Euro in total during the reporting period, distributed according to the below:

Norway ERDF equivalent: 2 512 952 Euro

Iceland ERDF equivalent: 805 354,74 Euro

Faroe Islands ERDF equivalent 233 254 Euro

Greenland ERDF equivalent 697 466 Euro.

Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	Eraf												
1	Eraf	055	01	07	07	01	08	12	UKM6	2 299 372,31	2 299 372,31	0,00	1
1	Eraf	062	01	07	07	01	08	02	IS	630 224,59	418 319,62	0,00	1
1	Eraf	062	01	07	07	01	08	02	NO07	175 787,69	175 787,69	0,00	1
1	Eraf	062	01	07	07	01	08	11	FI1D	44 976,40	44 976,40	0,00	1
1	Eraf	062	01	07	07	01	08	15	UKM6	27 143,08	27 143,08	0,00	1
1	Eraf	063	01	07	07	01	08	03	IS	237 632,31	237 632,31	0,00	1
1	Eraf	063	01	07	07	01	08	24	UKN0	1 548 584,62	1 548 584,62	0,00	1
1	Eraf	081	01	07	07	01	08	18	IE01	1 107 656,62	1 107 656,62	0,00	1
1	Eraf	081	01	07	07	01	08	20	FI1D	44 993,85	44 993,85	0,00	1
1	Eraf	081	01	07	07	01	08	20	NO07	1 264 320,57	1 264 320,57	0,00	1
1	Eraf	081	01	07	07	01	08	20	SE33	1 535 412,31	1 535 412,31	0,00	1
2	Eraf												
2	Eraf	062	01	07	07	03	08	22	UKM6	913 338,46	913 338,46	0,00	1
2	Eraf	063	01	07	07	03	08	23	NO05	920 844,58	920 844,58	0,00	1
2	Eraf	063	01	07	07	03	08	23	SE33	30 463,49	30 463,49	0,00	1
2	Eraf	066	01	07	07	03	08	15	IE02	1 101 649,23	774 790,70	0,00	1
2	Eraf	066	01	07	07	03	08	15	UKM6	1 277 076,92	1 277 076,92	0,00	1
2	Eraf	066	01	07	07	03	08	23	IE01	1 847 112,31	1 847 112,31	0,00	1
2	Eraf	067	01	07	07	03	08	21	FI	1 397 618,46	1 397 618,46	0,00	1
2	Eraf	067	01	07	07	03	08	21	IE01	40 788,38	40 788,38	0,00	1

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
2	Eruf	067	01	07	07	03	08	24	IE01	1 371 950,77	1 371 950,77	0,00	1
2	Eruf	067	01	07	07	03	08	24	SE33	45 000,00	45 000,00	0,00	1
2	Eruf	073	01	07	07	03	08	21	UKN0	41 681,54	41 681,54	0,00	1
3	Eruf												
3	Eruf	013	01	07	07	04	08	22	FI1D	44 544,08	44 544,08	0,00	1
3	Eruf	013	01	07	07	04	08	22	IE02	37 546,95	37 546,95	0,00	1
3	Eruf	014	01	07	07	04	08	10	UKM2	1 680 044,03	1 680 044,03	0,00	1
3	Eruf	014	01	07	07	04	08	22	FI193	29 307,69	26 307,69	0,00	1
4	Eruf												
4	Eruf	085	01	07	07	06	08	23	UKN0	1 311 998,46	1 311 998,46	0,00	1
4	Eruf	087	01	07	07	06	08	11	FI1D	33 024,69	33 024,69	0,00	1
4	Eruf	087	01	07	07	06	08	18	FI1D	27 877,88	27 877,88	0,00	1
4	Eruf	088	01	07	07	06	08	22	SE110	1 277 101,54	1 277 101,54	0,00	1
5	Eruf												

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
CEREAL	13 300,00	0,03%	0,00	
Circular Ocean	198 344,00	0,40%	0,00	
Connected North	9 674,00	0,02%	0,00	
Craft Reach	165 080,67	0,33%	0,00	
Creative Momentum	7 345,00	0,01%	0,00	
Drifting apart	247 400,00	0,49%	0,00	
Dynamo	1 462,00	0,00%	0,00	
NEES2	6 463,59	0,01%	0,00	
Pre-Lighthouse	4 903,57	0,01%	0,00	
REEWiseVillage	3 900,00	0,01%	0,00	
RYE Connect	28 847,00	0,06%	0,00	

RemoAge	92 508,00	0,18%	0,00	
SAINTS	26 007,00	0,05%	0,00	
SPARA2020	172 168,00	0,34%	0,00	
Water Pro	2 925,00	0,01%	0,00	
eCap	17 238,88	0,03%	0,00	

(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

There have been no evaluations performed during the period.

5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

The projects that were approved during 2015 are unevenly distributed between the four programme priority axes, which could affect the performance of the programme. Out of the 18 approved main projects, 15 were within Axis 1 (Innovation) and Axis 2 (Entrepreneurship). The lack of projects within the two other axes, Axis 3 (Energy efficiency and renewables) and Axis 4 (Sustainability) led the Monitoring Committee to decide that the third call should open only for applications addressing the two latter themes in order to get a more even distribution.

Compared to the advanced state of the programme implementation, the decision to select the electronic monitoring system developed by Interact, eMS, came relatively late. Some parts of the system only arrived during the autumn of 2015 and there has been a very condensed time period to get everything up and running by the end of the year. Some things could not be foreseen during testing and could only be discovered when actually taking the system into use. Not being part of Interacts core group and receiving the manual in retrospect has meant that some detailed functions needed to be learnt by doing. Continuous updating of the guidance materials and the eMS templates is needed based on user experiences. To assist applicants and project managers a helpdesk function has been set up and has proved to be a good way to solve any problems related to the use of the system.

The projects that applied for funding in the two first calls during 2015 could not enter their applications in eMS and these projects have then been manually entered into the system.

Besides the above mentioned, no problems have been identified in relation to the performance of the programme and expected results. The audit authority has not highlighted any serious problems in conjunction to their procedures according to article 124.2 in EU regulation 1303/2014.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

The programme administration makes the assessment that progress made during the first year has been according to plan. The number of projects approved and the degree of commitment of funds is satisfactory. The approved projects are expected to contribute to the programme targets. When comparing the focus of the approved operations with the indicative list of actions supported in the Cooperation Programme document a number of gaps have been identified for the priority axes and these areas will be targeted in coming calls.

6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

**7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
(ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

8.1. Major projects

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations

(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

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9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	1 - Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities
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Priority axis	2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage
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Priority axis	3 - Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
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Priority axis	4 - Protecting, promoting and developing cultural and natural heritage
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Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

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9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

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10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

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10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

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11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

11.1 Progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme

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11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

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11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

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11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

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13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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Dokument

Dokumenttitel	Dokumenttyp	Dokumentdatum	Lokal referens	Kommissionens referens	Filer	Skickat den	Skickat av
The Northern Periphery and Arctic programme in brief	Sammanfattning för allmänheten	2016-maj-27		Ares(2016)2482589	The Northern Periphery and Arctic programme in brief	2016-maj-30	nwormoli