



**Interreg**  
Northern Periphery  
and Arctic



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# Looking ahead to the Interreg NPA 2021-2027



# Status of the preparations

## Cooperation Programme

- Draft ready since June
- Undergoing national approval
- Methodology intervention logic (indicators)
- Submission to European Commission planned by end of 2021

## Programme start-up

- Shadow MC agreed on:
  - Project types
  - Partnership criteria
  - Simplified Cost Options
  - Selection procedure main
  - Management & control
- Under preparation:
  - Programme Manual
  - Monitoring system
  - Communication strategy

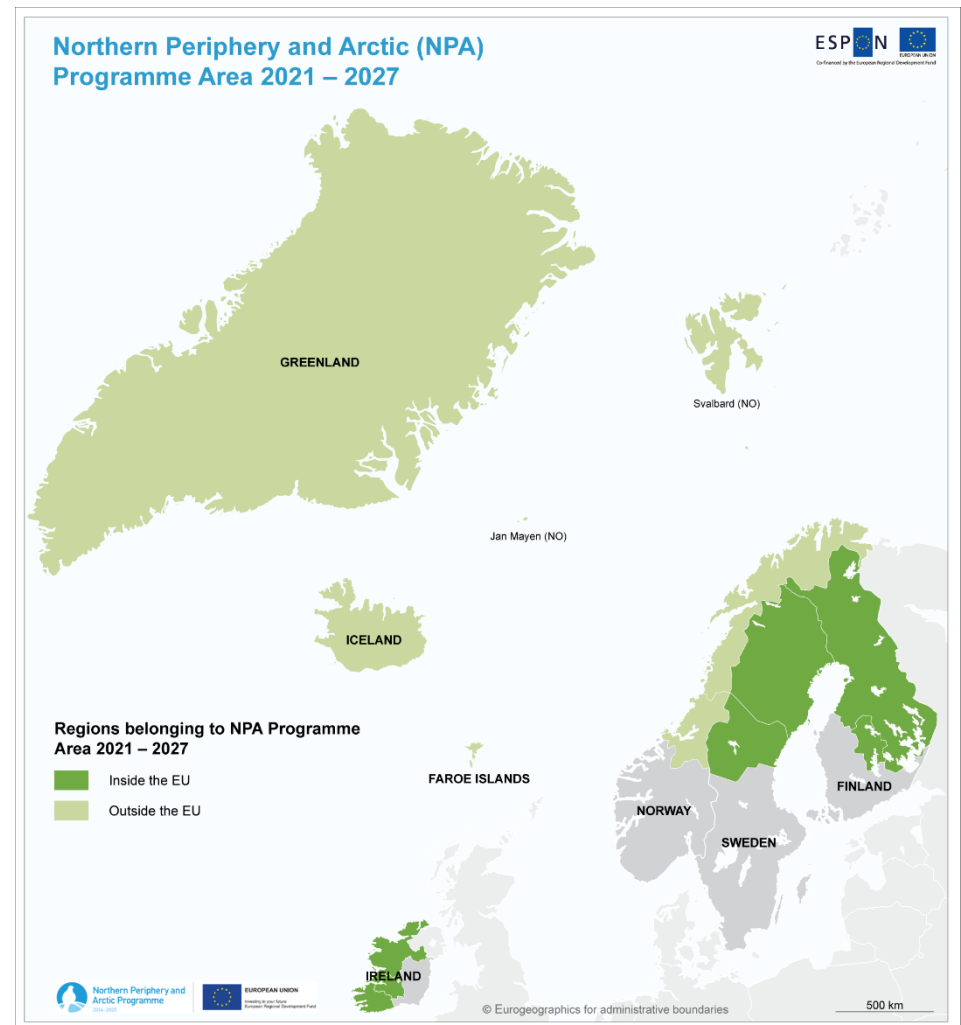


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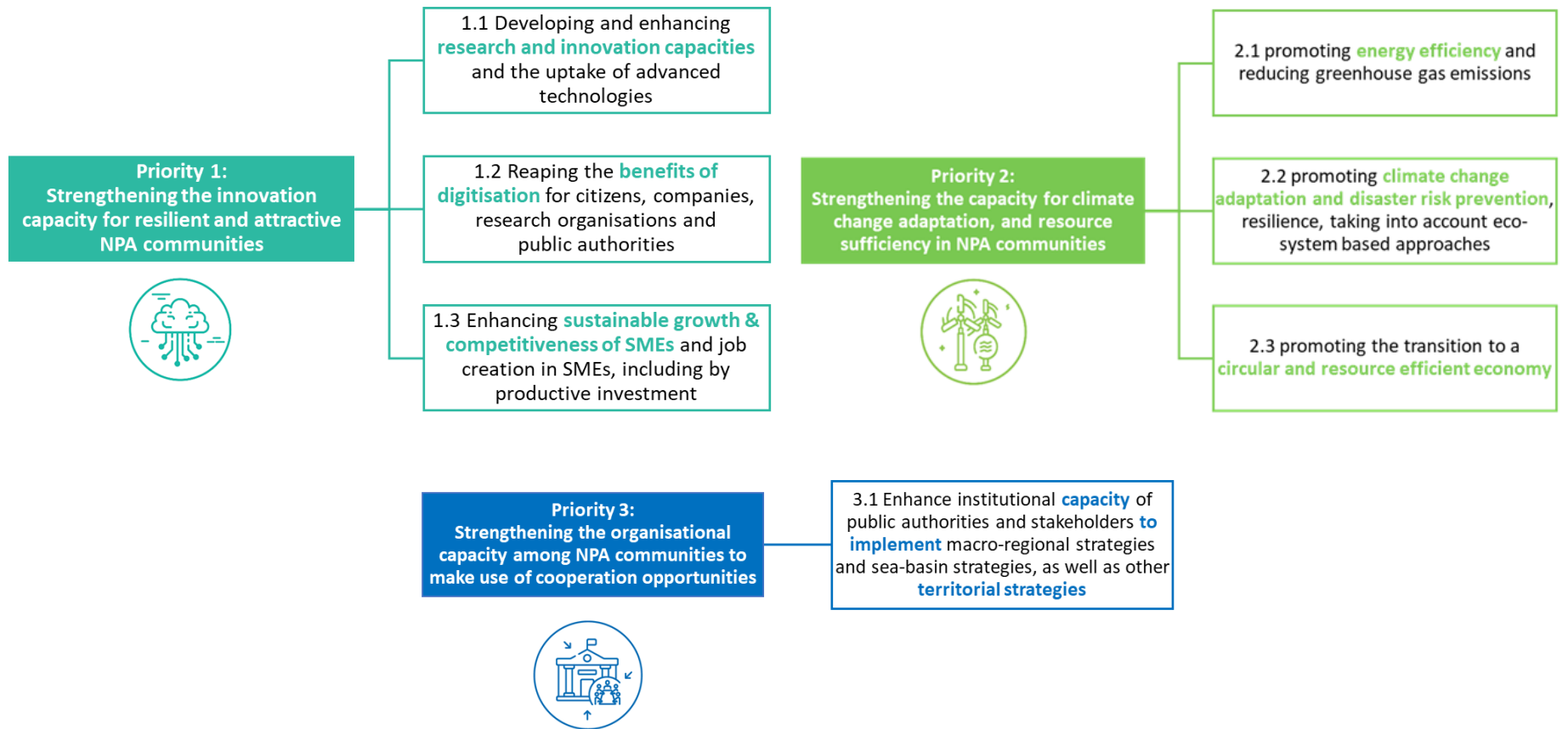


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- New geography:
  - UK no longer included
  - Efforts ongoing to include Russia
  - Smaller changes in NO and IE area
- Budget: ≈ 43,7 MEUR ERDF + ERDF equivalent (NO, IS, FO, GL)
- Themes:
  - PO1 Smarter Europe
  - PO2 Greener, low-carbon Europe
  - ISO1 Better cooperation governance



# Priorities





# Simplifications



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- Regular calls, schedule published on website
- Larger preparatory projects with longer runtimes
- Capacity building preparatory projects (ISO1)
- Better conditions for including SMEs
- Simplified selection procedure; quicker contracting and start-up
- More Interreg specific indicators
- More user-friendly electronic monitoring system Jems
- Simplified costs options:
  - Wider use of lump sums
  - More flat rate options (travel, costs other than staff)

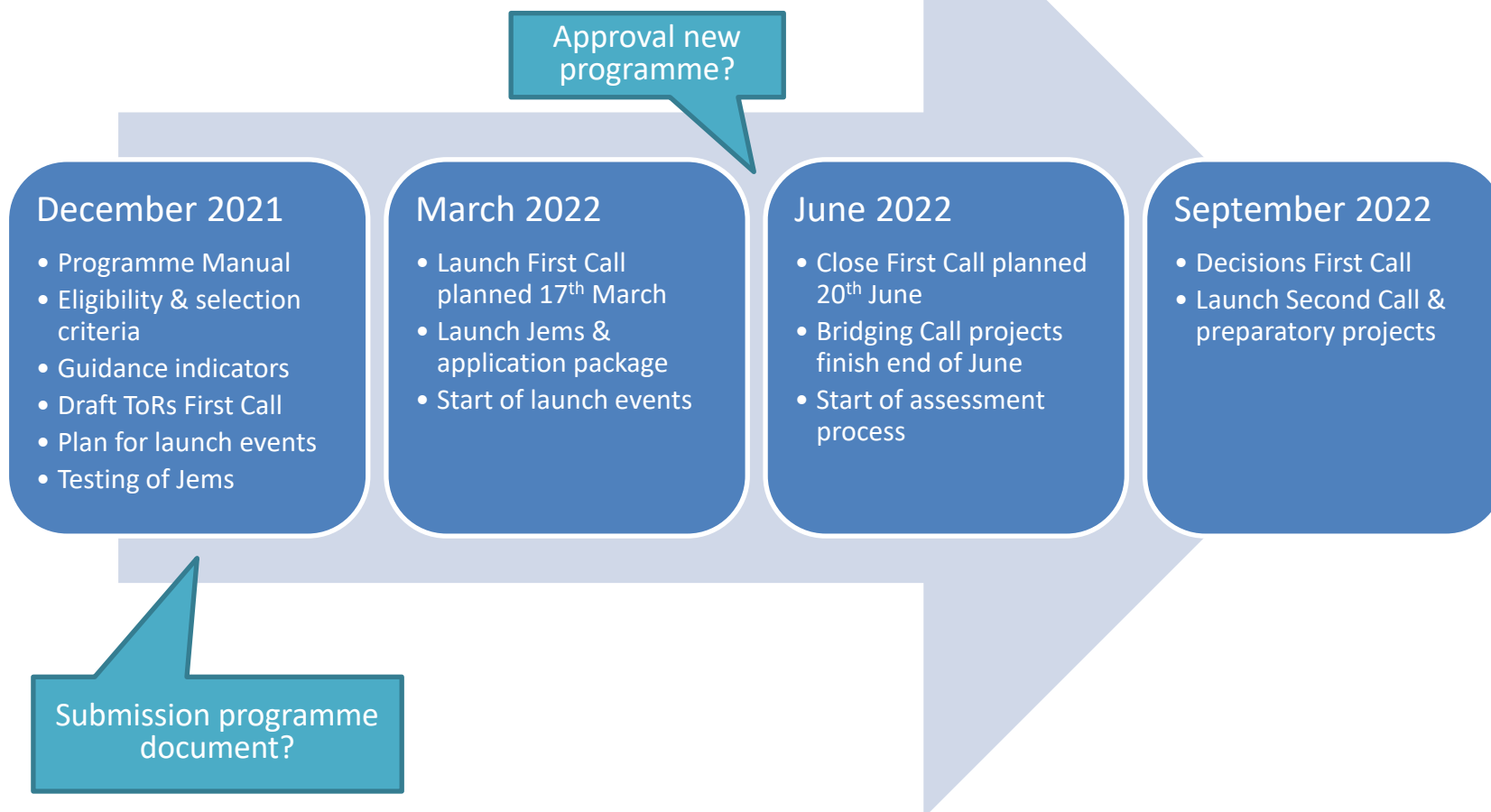


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# Get involved

- We will soon launch plans for establishing a user panel, to help in the development of easy-to-understand guidance materials for applicants and projects.





# Thank you!

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