



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





What's new?

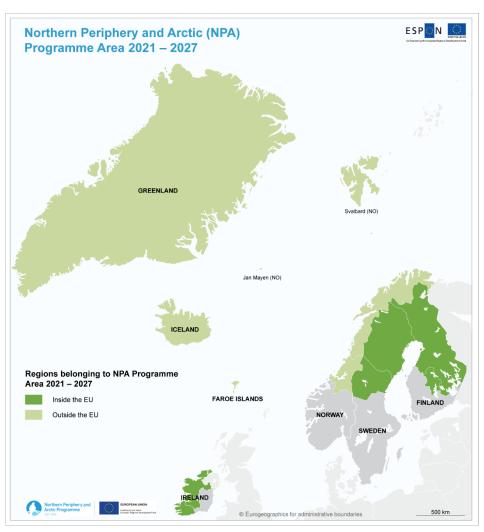






What's new?

- 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

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



1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

1.2 Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities

1.3 Enhancing sustainable growth & competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investment

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



2.1 promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

2.2 promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches

2.3 promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

Priority 3:
Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities

3.1 Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies







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)





Next Steps







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Approval new programme?

December 2021

- Programme Manual
- Eligibility & selection criteria
- Guidance indicators
- Draft ToRs First Call
- Plan for launch events
- Testing of Jems

March 2022

- Launch First Call planned 17th March
- Launch Jems & application package
- Start of launch events

June 2022

- Close First Call planned 20th June
- Bridging Call projects finish end of June
- Start of assessment process

September 2022

- Decisions First Call
- Launch Second Call & preparatory projects

Submission programme document?





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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