

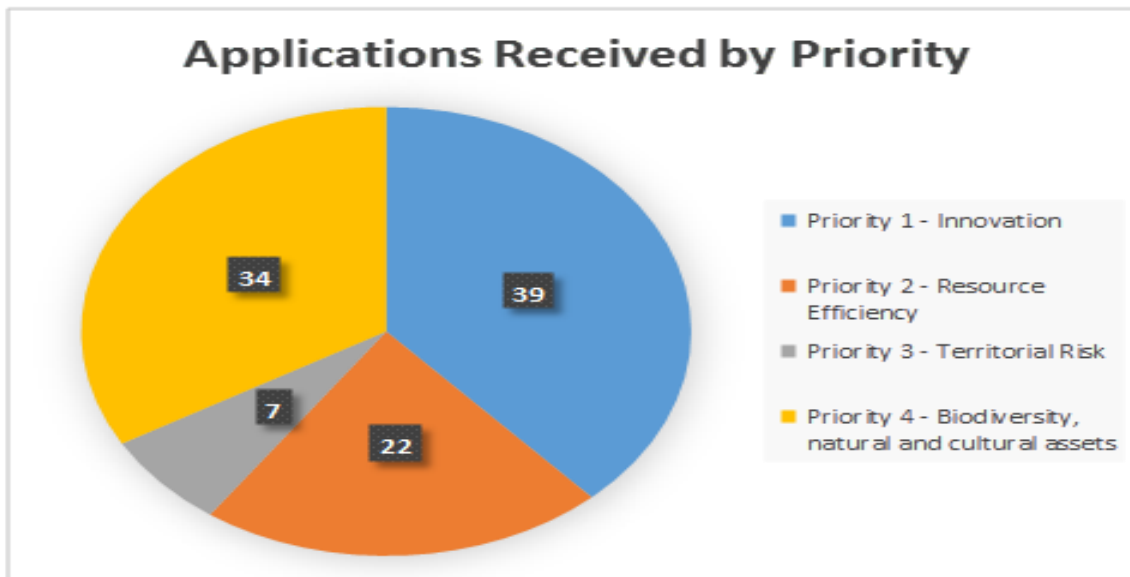


Welcome to 'INTERREGional News' from the Special EU Programmes Body. This newsletter aims to bring you up to date with developments on the **INTERREG VB Programmes** (the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme, the North West Europe Programme and the Atlantic Area Programme) as well as the **INTERREG VC 'EUROPE' Programme** for the new programming period from 2014-2020. All of the programmes are at varying stages of development and implementation but we would encourage you to begin thinking about project ideas and discussing these with us at the earliest opportunity.

ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME — UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS — 1st CALL

The 1st call under the Atlantic Area Programme closed on 22 December 2016. 102 full applications were received and are currently going through technical assessment involving the Joint Secretariat and Member States. The Programme Monitoring Committee for the programme will meet on 19th—20th April to make decisions on all applications. The PMC will also consider options for a 2nd call into the programme.

The 102 applications received include 5 led by Northern Ireland partners and a further 27 which include NI partners.



NORTHERN PERIPHERY & ARCTIC PROGRAMME—UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS (4th call)

The Northern Ireland Regional Advisory Group met on 19 January 2017 to consider all 35 applications received under the 4th call for applications—these decisions have been advised to the Joint Secretariat, who are currently carrying out their technical assessment of the applications. The Programme Monitoring Committee will meet on 2 March 2017 to make final decisions on the applications and will also decide the details of a further call for applications at this meeting.





NORTH WEST EUROPE PROGRAMME — UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS/ CALLS

The next Programme Monitoring Committee meeting will take place in March 2017 to consider stage 1 & 2 applications from previous calls.

****The 5th call for applications will be open from 18 April—24 May 2017 — application resources in relation to this call can be accessed [here](#)**** A 6th call for applications is expected to be released in Autumn 2017.

****See events update (below) for events linked to these calls****



INTERREG EUROPE PROGRAMME—UPDATE

****The 3rd call for applications into the programme opens on 1 March and closes on 30 June 2017—the application pack in relation to this call can be accessed [here](#)****



UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES!

NORTH WEST EUROPE PROGRAMME

- [5th call](#) for applications opens **18 April—24 May 2017**
- Northern Ireland / Ireland Information & Networking Seminar (hosted by SEUPB)—**7 March 2017**—invitation to be issued shortly
- NWE Project Ideas Lab (5th call) - **28 March 2017**—Luxembourg City

INTERREG EUROPE PROGRAMME

- [3rd call](#) for applications opens **1 March—30 June 2017**
- [‘Europe, let’s cooperate!’](#) event—**22—23 March 2017**—Valetta, Malta

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT—REMINDER OF USEFUL TIPS!!

When developing a transnational project—you should always consider the following:

The Problem: What is the change needed in your region? Why is your project needed?

The Rationale: Why is Interreg VB/C funding required? Does the proposed change fit with the overall programme strategic objectives? Why Transnational?

Your Objectives: What are your objectives for the project? Baselines and targets?

Your Activities: How to do it? Work packages, investments, activities

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