

INTERREG IVA

Monthly Progress Report to Programme Monitoring Committee February 2009

1.0 Introduction

It was agreed at the last meeting of the INTERREG IVA Programme Monitoring Committee, 22 October 2008, that monthly progress reports would be provided to members. This is the third of these reports and is for the period up to 28 February 2009.

2.0 Overview of Progress

A total of 73 applications have been received for the INTERREG IVA Programme. No new applications have been received this month. A total of eleven Steering Committees have taken place, recommending a total of 33 projects for approval to the value of €154,474,009. As a result of this activity, a total of thirteen Letters of Offer (LOO) have been issued.

3.0 Progress on Implementation

3.1 Priority 1 Theme 1 – Enterprise

A total of 10 projects with a value of €32,602,384 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €70,000,000. Six Letters of Offer have been issued to date under this theme; with the remaining four awaiting approval from both Accountable Departments, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment. A Letter of Offer to the NWRCBG was issued in February. Table 1 below outlines the status of ten projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 1, Theme 1 by 28th February 2009.

It should be noted that variations in amounts reflect negotiations that have occurred between the time of Steering Committee recommendation and issue of Letter of Offer.

Table 1 – Projects Recommended for Approval– Priority 1, Theme 1 - Enterprise

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
IBEC/CBI Joint Business Council (JBC)	IBEC/CBI JBC Programme 2007 – 2013	€1,745,462*		Recommended for approval
Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT)	ICE	€2,467,150		Recommended for approval
Enterprise Northern Ireland	Tradelinks II		£3,000,000	Recommended for approval
North West Region Cross Border Group	NWRCBG Enterprise		£3,930,000	LOO issued
University of Ulster, Jordanstown	Success through Succession	€1,619,395		Recommended for approval
Northern Regional College	KITE	€2,942,077		LOO issued
East Border Region	EBR Enterprise	€4,779,040		LOO issued
COMET	Comet Enterprise		£2,283,680	LOO issued
Irish Central Cross Border Area Network	ICBAN Enterprise	€6,460,500		LOO issued
NEP	NEP Enterprise		£857,328	LOO issued
Total Value Approved		€20,013,624	£10,071,008	
Total Value Approved in EURO (exchange rate 1.25)		€32,602,384*		

* Change due to reduction in IBEC/CBI grant after Casework.

3.2 Priority 1 Theme 2 - Tourism

A total of seven projects with a value of €29,628,732 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €30,000,000. Two Letters of Offer have been issued to date under this theme to ICBAN and COMET and the final three Multi Annual Plan Letters of Offer will be issued in March 2009. The Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism has approved the seven projects. The Steering Committee has agreed that the final amount of grant to be awarded to the Sail West project is €6.2 million. This project is awaiting approval from DETI. The Loughs Agency project is awaiting approval from DETI. Table 2 below outlines the seven projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 1, Theme 1 by 28 February 2009.

Table 2 – Projects Recommended for Approval – Priority 1, Theme 2 - Tourism

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
East Border Region	EBR Tourism Operation	€4,230,000		Recommended for approval
COMET	COMET Tourism Operation		£578,715	LOO Issued
Irish Central Cross Border Area Network	ICBAN Tourism Operation	€5,900,000		LOO issued
North West Region Cross Border Group	NWRCBG Tourism Operation		£2,825,000	Recommended for approval
North East Partnership	NEP Tourism Operation		£4,035,271	Recommended for approval
Donegal County Council	SailWest	€6,200,000*		Recommended for approval
Loughs Agency	Marine Tourism & Angling Development	€4,000,000		Recommended for approval
Total Value Approved (but subject to change as highlighted)		€20,330,000	£7,438,986	
Total Value in EURO (exchange rate 1.25)		€29,628,732*		

* Change due to additional €200,000 awarded to Sail West approved by Steering Committee by written procedure.

3.3 Priority 2 Theme 1 – Collaboration

A total of twelve projects with a value of €53,248,549 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €65,000,000. Two Letters of Offer (Putting Patients First, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) (NI) and Ireland / Northern Ireland Cross Border Co-operation Observatory, Centre for Cross Border Studies) have been issued. Table 3 below outlines the twelve projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 2, Theme 1 by 28 February 2009.

Steering Committee considered nine new Collaboration applications and two previously deferred projects in February.

It is intended to open a call for the Rural Development Theme in 2009.

Table 3 – Projects Recommended for Approval – Priority 2, Theme 1 – Collaboration

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
East Border Region	EBR Collaboration Operation	€4,417,000		Recommended for approval
COMET	COMET Collaboration Operation		£2,140,918	Recommended for approval
Irish Central Cross Border Area Network	ICBAN Collaboration Operation	€2,891,714		Recommended for approval
North West Region Cross Border Group	NWRCBG Collaboration Operation		£2,600,000	Recommended for approval
North East Partnership	NEP Collaboration Operation		£1,570,000	Recommended for approval
DHSSPS	Putting Patients First	€30,000,000		LOO Issued
Centre for Cross Border Studies	Ireland/Northern Ireland Cross Border Co-operation Observatory		£1,441,098	LOO Issued
Second Chance Education Project for Women	Women Into Public Life	€850,705		Recommended for Approval
CMAL Scotland	Small Ferries Strategic Plan		£233,750	Recommended for Approval
DHSSPS	Driving Change		£1,257,421	Recommended for Approval
RNIB	Sensory Engagement Project		£1,866,037	Recommended for Approval
Signature	Deaf Communications Infrastructure		£962,080	Recommended for Approval
Total Value Approved		€38,159,419	£12,071,304	
Total Value Approved in EURO (exchange rate 1.25)		€3,248,549		

A further four projects were rejected and two were deferred.

3.4 Priority 2 Theme 2 – Infrastructure (€75 million)

A total of four projects have been recommended for approval and three Letters of Offer issued in the Energy and Telecommunications sub-themes.

Energy

Three projects have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee under this theme and two Letters of Offer have been issued.

Table 4 below outlines the status of these projects, at 28 February 2009.

Table 4 – Projects recommended for Approval – Priority 2, Theme 2 – Infrastructure - Energy

Lead Partner	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
North East Partnership	RESOURCE	€2,286,596		Recommended for Approval
Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS)	BioMara	€4,874,414		LOO Issued
Scottish Government	Irish Scottish Links on Energy Study (ISLES)		£1,466,667	LOO Issued
Total Value Approved		€7,161,010	£1,466,667	
Total Value Approved in Euro (exchange rate 1.25)		€8,994,344		

(There is €10 million available for Energy Projects).

It is intended to open a call for Environmental Management applications in 2009 and the Departments responsible for the Roads and Transport element of Priority 2 are continuing to develop proposals with partners for this theme.

Telecommunications

Table 5 shows the status of the one Telecommunications Project approved.

Lead Partner	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
DETI	Project Kelvin	€30,000,000		LOO Issued
Total Value Approved		€30,000,000		
Total Value Approved in Euro (exchange rate 1.25)		€30,000,000		

4.0 Steering Committees

The following Steering Committees have been arranged:

8 April 2009 Priority 1: Tourism Newry, Altnaveigh House

May 2009 Priority 2: Collaboration Venue & date to be confirmed

5.0 Summary

As of 28 February 2009, 33 applications have been approved through Steering Committees. The value of those approved applications total €154,474,009. To date, 13 Letters of Offer have been issued to successful Lead Partners to the value of €98,152,891.

Table 6 below summarises the current situation.

Table 5 – Value of projects approved against budget

Theme	Budget	Total Recommended for Approved	Letters of Offer Issued
1.1 – Enterprise	€70m	€32,602,384	€23,020,377
1.2 – Tourism	€30m	€29,628,732	€6,623,394
2.1 – Collaboration	€65m	€53,248,549	€31,801,372
2.2 – Infrastructure	€75m	€38,994,344	€36,707,748
SUB-TOTAL	€240m	€154,474,009	€98,152,891
3.1 – Technical Assistance	€16m	€16,000,000	
TOTAL	€256m	€170,474,009	€98,152,891