

INTERREG IVA

Monthly Progress Report to Programme Monitoring Committee

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 31 January 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 ten Steering Committees have taken place, recommending a total of 28 projects for approval to the value of €148.8m. As a result of this activity, a total of 10 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 €32,626,003 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €70,000,000. Five Letters of Offer have been issued to date under this theme; with the remaining five awaiting approval from both Accountable Departments, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) (NI) and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE) (Ireland). The IBEC/CBI application was considered at a casework committee on 15 January and the Success through Succession application was considered by Casework on 21st January. Another casework committee has been arranged to consider the ICE project. Table 1 below outlines the status of ten projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 1, Theme 1 by 31 January 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	€1,769,081		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	Recommended for approval
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		€20,037,243	£10,071,008	
Total Value Approved in EURO (exchange rate 1.25)		€32,626,003		

3.2 Priority 1 Theme 2 - Tourism

There is no additional information to report this month. The position remains as:

A total of seven projects with a value of €29,428,732 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €30,000,000. No Letters of Offer have been issued to date under this theme; all applications are awaiting approval from the Accountable Departments, DETI and the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism (DAST) (Ireland). Negotiations with the Sail West partners are on-going to agree cost reductions. 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 31 January 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	Recommended for approval
Irish Central Cross Border Area Network	ICBAN Tourism Operation	€5,900,000		Recommended for approval
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	€6,000,000		Recommended for approval
Loughs Agency	Marine Tourism & Angling Development	€4,000,000		Recommended for approval
Total Value Approved (but subject to change as highlighted)		€20,130,000	£7,438,986	
Total Value in EURO (exchange rate 1.25)		€29,428,732		

3.3 Priority 2 Theme 1 – Collaboration

There is no additional information to report this month. The position remains as:

A total of seven projects with a value of €46,998,734 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. The remaining applications are undergoing Economic Appraisal. One application is deferred and will be presented again to SC in February. Table 3 below outlines the seven projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 2, Theme 1 by 31 January 2009.

The remaining 10 applications under the Public Sector Collaboration theme will be brought to Steering Committees in February 2009 and 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
Total Value Approved		€37,308,714	£7,752,016	
Total Value Approved in EURO (exchange rate 1.25)		€46,998,734		

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

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

Table 4 below outlines the status of these projects, at 31 January 2009.

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.

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

Lead Partner	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
North East Partnership	RESOURCE		£2,489,350	Recommended for Approval
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	Project Kelvin	€30,000,000		LOO Issued
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		€34,874,414	£3,956,017	
Total Value Approved in Euro (exchange rate 1.25)		€39,819,435		

4.0 Steering Committees

The next Steering Committee for Priority 2 is being held in Scotland on 25/26 February 2009.

5.0 Summary

As of 31 January 2009, 28 applications have been approved through Steering Committees. The value of those approved applications total €149,159,820. To date, 10 Letters of Offer have been issued to successful Lead Partners to the value of €86.6m. Table 5 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	€32,626,003	€ 18,107,877
1.2 – Tourism	€30m	€29,428,732	
2.1 – Collaboration	€65m	€46,998,734	€ 31,801,372
2.2 – Infrastructure	€75m	€39,819,435	€ 36,707,748
SUB-TOTAL	€240m	€148,872,890	€ 86,616,997
3.1 – Technical Assistance	€16m	€16,000,000	
TOTAL	€256m	€164,872,890	€ 86,616,997