



Welcome to '*INTERREGional News*' from the Special EU Programmes Body. This newsletter will keep you up to date with developments in the **INTERREG IVB** programmes that are relevant to Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland (the Northern Periphery Programme, the North West Europe Programme and the Atlantic Area Programme) as well as the **INTERREG IVC** Programme. The newsletter will cover information on programme priorities, up-coming calls for projects and news from the programme secretariats. Please send us any information you would like to see included in the newsletter to the email address overleaf.

NPP— Preparations for a Strategic Call

As part of the activities for the forthcoming Strategic Project Call in spring 2012, the Programme Secretariat has invited project idea holders to submit their ideas on a special template for wide dissemination, to ensure strong transparency and openness, to be able to facilitate a wide participation in the potential projects. By the deadline, the Programme Secretariat has received 3 strategic project ideas with the potential to become a strategic project. The project ideas have been disseminated as news flashes grouped by strategic theme:

[News flash - Strategic Project Ideas under Development - Renewable Energy Solutions](#)

[News flash - Strategic Project Idea under Development - Responding to Climatic Change](#)

No project ideas have been rejected at this stage based on the quality of their products and services. Instead, the Programme Secretariat expects the development of products/services as well as the development of the project partnership constellation to be the main focus of strategic project applicants until the end of the call of May 2012 (tbc). Please see the call [pre-announcement](#) for more details. **Organisations that have an interest in a specific theme are encouraged to contact project idea holders to explore possibilities for future cooperation.**

INTERREG IVC - New brochure

A new INTERREG IVC brochure "**Solidarity works! How Regions improve thanks to cooperation**" has been published this month to present a selection of notable good practices and first project achievements. It was distributed to representatives of public authorities from all over Europe, who gathered at the Good Practice Fair in Krakow, Poland, on 24 November, 2011, and available to all those interested in inspiration on how to improve effectiveness of their regional policy work. The publication gathers in-depth information on eleven selected projects from the first call for project proposals, divided into two sections, one presenting Projects for Smart Growth and the other Projects for Sustainable Growth. This brochure shows the exchange of experience and knowledge-sharing among more developed regions and those below the EU average result in better common understanding and solidarity. It shows that cooperation brings advantages to every participating region. To download the brochure please go to the link [INTERREG IVC publication](#)

North West Europe— 10th Call

The 10th call for the North West Europe programme will open in Spring 2012. As the Programme Steering Committee to assess projects in the 9th call will only take place in January 2012, it is not yet known which priorities the 10th call will focus on. The UK Contact Point for the North West Europe Programme will hold a **Project Development Workshop in Glasgow in late February 2012** for well advanced project proposals. In addition, the JTS for the programme will be hosting project surgeries in Lille, France to assist potential project applicants to refine their projects. More information will be provided in the January newsletter.

Atlantic Area Conference

'The Marine Economy' – a key component of the EU Integrated Strategy for the Atlantic Area will take place at the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin on **Tuesday 07 February 2012**. Speakers will include representatives from the European Commission, the Atlantic Area Programme Managing Authority, the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), the Irish Marine Institute and a selection of Atlantic Area approved marine projects. To register contact Michael O'Brien, BMW Regional Assembly: mobrien@bwmassembly.ie



O4O project finalist for RegioStars 2012 Awards

The Northern Periphery Programme project entitled 'Older People for Older People' (O4O) has been selected as a finalist for the **RegioStars 2012 Awards** in the category *Inclusive Growth: Strategies, initiatives or projects addressing the challenge of demographic change and supporting active ageing*. This year, the European Commission has received a record number of 107 applications.

Queen's University Belfast is the lead Northern Ireland partner involved in the project which is also supported by representatives from DHSSPS, DARD, the Rural Development Council, the Rural Community Network, the Commission for Victims and Survivors and the Older Person's Advocate. All these organisations working together in Northern Ireland have enabled the O4O groups to recognise and fulfil their potential, as well as to realise the impact it could have on the government's approach to issues impacting directly on the

Dates to remember

Northern Periphery Programme

9th Call will open from **January 2012 until March 2012**

Preparatory call is currently open

North West Europe Programme

Programme Monitoring Committee meeting - **12 and 13 January 2011 in Berlin, Germany**

10th Call will open in **Spring 2012**

Atlantic Area Programme

Annual Conference 'The Marine Economy – A key component of an Integrated Strategy for the Atlantic Area' - **07 February 2012, Dublin**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR FROM THE
TRANSNATIONAL TEAM
AT SEUPB.**

**WISHING YOU SUCCESSFUL
PROJECTS IN 2012.**



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