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Atlantic Area Programme 2007-2013

An Irish Perspective

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*Border, Midland & Western
Regional Assembly
Shaping the Region*



Presentation Overview

1. Role of the BMW Regional Assembly in Atlantic Area programme.
2. Global Programme Progress Review
3. Irish Participation in approved projects.
4. Examples of initiatives supported

Role of the BMW Regional Assembly in Interreg

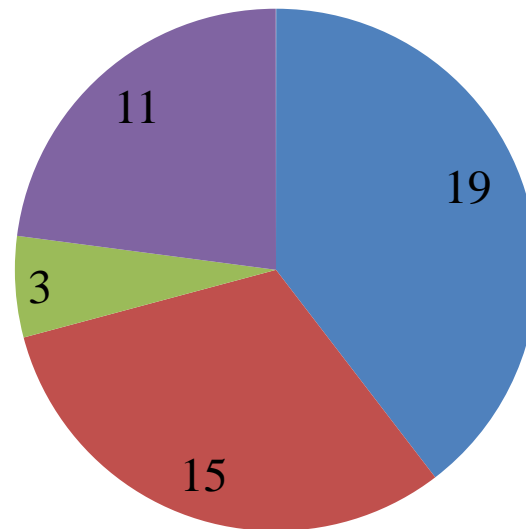
- National Contact Point in Ireland for AA Programme
 - Promotion & Dissemination of Programme*
 - Project Development assistance*
 - Partner Searches throughout EU*
- Contact point for Northern Periphery and Interreg IVC Programmes
- Member of the Programme Monitoring Committee
- First Level Control Body in Ireland

Global Position following two public calls

	Proposals received	Proposals approved	ERDF approved
First call Closed June 2008	68	24	€39.5m
Second Call Closed June 2009	78	24	€35.3m

Remaining EU Grant support of some €29m for next call(s)

Project approvals breakdown by priority following two calls



- Priority 1: Enterprise & Innovation
- Priority 2: Marine & Coastal Environment
- Priority 3: Access & Internal Links
- Priority 4: Transnational synergies/Urban & Regional development

Member State Lead Partners

Member State	First Call	Second Call	Total
Spain	11	8	19
France	5	8	13
Portugal	4	3	7
United Kingdom	3	3	6
Ireland	1	2	3

Benefit to Ireland from Atlantic Area 2007-2013

	Projects approved	No. of Partners	Total Exp approved	ERDF approved	Co-Financing
First Call 2008	19	28	€6.85m	€4.45m	€2.4m
Second Call 2009	16	24	€6.42m	€4.15m	€2.27m
Total	35	52	€13.27m	€8.6m	€4.67m

Irish Organisations involved in approved initiatives

- Examples

Public Sector	Higher Education	Community/ Voluntary	Business Support Representatives
ERNACT	NUI Galway	Westmeath Community Devlpt	Donegal CEB
South West Regional Authority	TCD		WESTBIC
Shannon Development	UCC		Irish Exporters Association
NRA	Athlone I oT		
Udaras na Gaeltachta	Cork I o T		
Marine Institute	DCU		
Mayo Co. Council			
Failte Ireland West			

Examples of Projects approved

- AA Public Serv

Development of e-public services in response to an ever changing EU with increased expansion eastwards & ease of access of labour throughout EU.

ERNACT (Lead Partner)

Derry City Council

Dept of Environment (NI)

Donegal Co. Council

EMCANTA (Santander, Spain)

Formento de San Sebastian (Spain)

Cardiff Council, Wales

Total Cost: €2.24m

ERDF: €1.46m

DURATINET

To promote durability, safety & sustainability of transport infrastructure throughout the Atlantic Area.

Lead Partner: National Laboratory of Civil Engineering (Pt)

Five French Partners

Four Portuguese Partners

One Spanish Partner

TCD & National Roads Authority (IE)

Queens University Belfast, NI

Total Cost: €2.57m

ERDF: €1.61m

NEA II

Development of water sports sector within the Atlantic Area from an economic, environmental & social perspective

- Lead Partner: Regional Council of Brittany (fr)
- 23 partners in total across 5 member states including
- Mid West Regional Authority (IE)
- Irish Canoe Union (IE)
- Ards Borough Council (NI)

Total Cost : €4.72m

ERDF: €3.068m

KNOWCITIES

Development of a model to facilitate transition to the Knowledge Economy across the AA as well as to enhance the attractiveness & marketing potential of medium sized Atlantic cities.

Lead Partner: Ayuntamiento de Jerez (Sp) – Local Authority
16 other partners across 5 member states including
Donegal Co. Enterprise Board (IE)
North West Regional College (NI)

Total Cost: €3.08m, ERDF approved: €2m

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