



**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 - latest news...**

The Seventh Call and Strategic project Call closed on **21 March 2011**. By the deadline, the Programme Secretariat received **6 main project** applications and **6 strategic project** applications.

This include 4 main projects with 5 Northern Ireland partners and 6 strategic projects with 9 Northern Ireland partners.

Decisions will be taken on these projects when the Programme Monitoring Committee will meet on **9 – 10 June 2011 in Copenhagen**.

The Eight Call for Applications will be launched in September 2011, **if funding is available**.

There is still an ongoing call for preparatory projects. For more information please click on the link below  
<http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/content/show/&tid=211>

**NWE - updates on the Programme**

The NWE Programme closed its Eighth Call for projects on **1 April 2011**. a total of **22 project applications** were submitted under all four thematic priorities.

The total ERDF amount of the 22 project proposals submitted amounts to EUR 67 Million.

The decisions on project selection will be made during the Programme Steering Committee meeting which will take place on **28 and 29 June 2011** in Spa, Belgium. Applicants will be informed immediately afterwards about the outcome. More information will follow .

Fifteen projects were conditionally approved projects at PSC7 held in Glasgow on 2 and 3 December 2010. The projects had 2 months to meet the conditions set by Steering Committee setting the deadline for revised application forms on 28 February 2011. Fourteen projects succeeded include 2 projects with Northern Ireland partners.

The Programme has allocated EUR 221.9 Million which represents 66% of the total ERDF for a total of 65 projects.

NWE programme is organising Thematic Workshop on Priority 3: Connectivity for North West Europe. The event will be held on **Tuesday 17 May 2011** in Netherlands.

The focus of the Priority 3 is on joint transnational solutions in the field of Transport and ICT. The Programme will not support research or purely application-oriented tools in logistics without achieving better spatial integration. Future projects should pay attention to the harmonization of regional innovation, transport and spatial strategic actions.

To register or to get more information please go to [http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=read\\_event&id=1800](http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=read_event&id=1800)

**Atlantic Area 3rd Call closing shortly...**

The Third Call for applications to the **Atlantic Area programme** is currently open and will close on **30 April 2011**.

Project applications must be submitted using the electronic application form, which together with the applicants handbook, can be found on the programme website <http://www.coop-atlantico.com/>

**INTERREG IVC - what's new...**

The Fourth Call closed on **1 April 2011**. The Programme received 350 applications which include 13 Northern Ireland partners.

The decisions will be taken at Programme Monitoring Committee meeting in Poland by the end of November 2011.



**Joint conference of Transnational Co-operation Programmes**

For the first time the thirteen transnational programmes currently operating under European Regional Development Fund in the EU have come together to arrange a conference on how transnational co-operation can help to improve the future in European regions.

The conference will take a place 15 and 16 September 2011 in Katowice, Poland. It is arranged in co-operation with the Silesian Region in Poland and will be part of the Polish EU Presidency.

The event will have a strong focus on results for the future and feature an interactive exhibition and video coverage to highlight success stories and point to the future potential of transnational programmes. It will showcase the results and outcomes of the 13 transnational programmes to date and take outset in these findings to discuss the future prospects for transnational co-operation to help the implementation of the the EU 2020 Strategy.

Attendance at the event in Katowice will be by invitation only.

**OPEN DAYS 2011— 10-13 October in Brussels**

The ninth European Week of Regions and Cities will take a place on **10-13 October 2011** in Brussels. OPEN DAYS 2011 will consist of about 100 sessions such as seminars, workshops, debates, exhibitions, networking opportunities, etc. for about 6000 participants.

The three thematic priorities will be:

1. Europe 2020 visualizing how cohesion policy contributes to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
2. Better delivery to focus on how to improve delivery of cohesion policy in the current period and post-2013.
3. Geography matters highlighting the usefulness of territorial approaches when identifying needs and exploiting potentials at regional and local level (urban development; territorial co-operation; EGTC; macro-regions; OPEN DAYS University; co-operation with third countries).

The complete OPEN DAYS 2011 programme, including descriptions of the seminars and workshops plus details of speakers, dates and venues, will be published on the [OPEN DAYS website](#) in June 2011. Registrations open as of July 2011.



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