



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.

NW Europe — Next Call, September 2011

The next call for the North West Europe will open from September—October 2011. In order to prepare applicants for this call, the Secretariat of the NWE Programme is hosting a transnational workshop on project development opportunities in Paris on **24 June 2011**. The workshop is targeted at organizations interested in developing a project proposal under any of the four priorities of the programme. This event will provide a good opportunity to meet a range of potential partners from across the programme area. The agenda for the workshop and the registration details can be found at http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=read_event&id=1828. If you are interested in attending, please complete the registration and return it to the Programme Secretariat at registration@nweurope.eu. Places are limited and registrations will be done on a 'first come first served' basis. Your participation will be confirmed by email. The deadline for registration is **9 June 2011**.

If you are unable to make it to Paris, you may wish attend one of two workshops in London for UK and Irish partners. These workshops will be held on **15 July 2011** and will be hosted by Ian Hill (UK Contact Point) and Antoinette Jordan (Ireland Contact Point). On the morning of 15 July, those applicants who are in the early stage of project development are invited to come along to discuss their ideas with Contact Points and find out more about the application process. The afternoon session is specifically for organizations that have well developed project ideas. Potential applicants can apply for both workshops or for most relevant.

Do you have project idea? Do you wish to apply for the next call? Don't wait - contact SEUPB staff—you may be interested to know that SEUPB is planning a project development workshop for Northern Ireland partners towards end of June....More information to follow.

Third Call for Atlantic Area - Closed

The third call for projects to the Atlantic Area programme closed on the 30 April 2011. A total of 30 applications were received, which included four projects with NI partners. This programme is approximately 80% committed with around € 23,057,055 of ERDF still available. Applicants to this programme can expect much competition as the total ERDF requested is almost € 38,500,000. Decisions on the projects to be funded will be taken at the Programme Monitoring Committee meeting which will be held on **27-28 October 2011** in Dublin. It is not anticipated that any further calls will be held for this programme as all remaining funding is likely to be committed in this call.

SEUPB to produce booklet of Transnational Projects

Over the past three years, SEUPB has been working with organisations in Northern Ireland to promote participation in the INTERREG IVB and IVC programmes. To date, there are 44 project partners, participating in 38 projects across the four programmes of Northern Periphery Programme, the Atlantic Area programme, the North West Europe programme and the INTERREG IVC programme. In order to mark the excellent work of these organizations and to highlight how Northern Ireland is engaging with other regions across Europe, the SEUPB is planning to produce a transnational booklet. This publication will be an excellent opportunity to highlight the achievements of projects and to showcase the added value of transnational co-operation in Northern Ireland. It will be disseminated at a transnational conference in Poland in September 2011 which will be a major EU event to consider transnational funding programmes post 2013. In the next few weeks the transnational team will be in contact with Northern Irish partners to ask for information and photos of the activities of the projects. We would very much appreciate your co-operation with this project!



Économusée project nominated for Best New Tourism Project in Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland partner in the Economusee project has received an award from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board. The Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust and the Économusée project were 'Highly Commended' in the Best New Tourism project category. They were recognized for finding a unique way of contributing to the long term sustainability of tourism in Northern Ireland. The Economusee project is funded under the Northern Periphery Programme.

INTERREG IVC...

The INTERREG IVC fourth call for proposals attracted 355 applications, involving 3821 partner organisations. A total of 13 organisations from Northern Ireland are involved in these applications. A total amount of EUR 531,577,997 ERDF was requested, which is more than five times the funding available, which remains at around EUR 100 million ERDF.

The decisions on which project will be funded will be taken at Programme Monitoring Committee meeting in Poland at the end of November 2011.

NPP Dates to Remember

- *NPP Programme Steering Committee meeting — 9-10 June 2011, Copenhagen*
- *8th Call opens in September 2011 (provisional)*
- *Preparatory projects call — ongoing*

AA Dates to Remember

- *AA Programme Monitoring Committee meeting — 27-28 October 2011, Dublin*

IVC Dates to Remember

- *IVC Programme Monitoring Committee meeting — November 2011, Poland*

NWE - Workshops for next calls....

- *Programme Steering Committee meeting — 28-29 June 2011 in Spa, Belgium*
- *9th Call opens September 2011*
- *Transnational Workshop on Project development Opportunities for Funding in North West Europe — 24 June 2011 in Paris, France*
- *Applicants workshop for 9th Call (English - speaking applicants) - 15 July 2011, London*
- *Surgery Days (JTS-Lead Partner meetings) - August/September in Lille, France*
- *Project Development Workshop for Northern Irish partners — June / July 2011*

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