

# Northern Periphery Programme

## Funding opportunities for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Calls

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# Eligible Regions

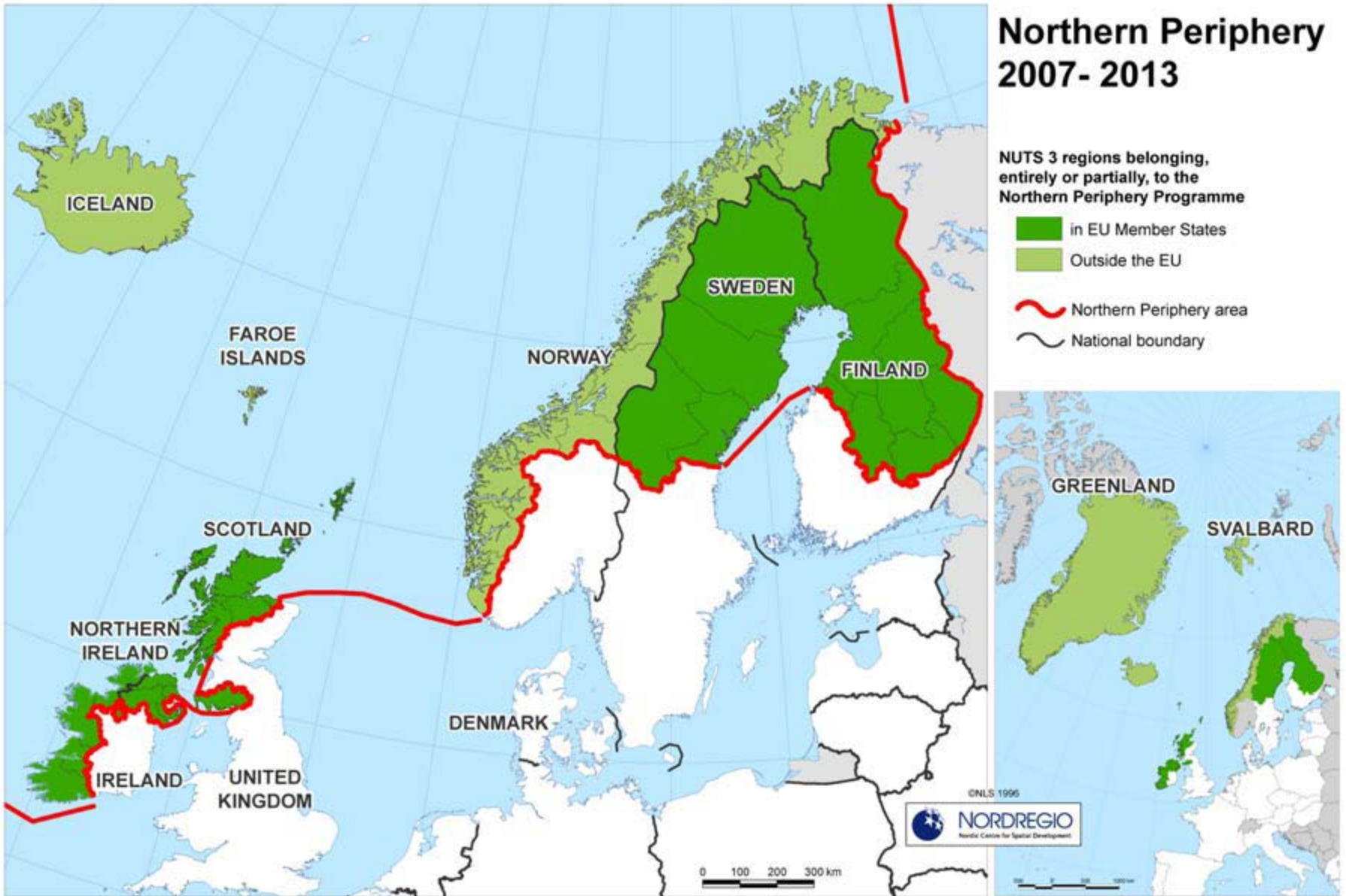
Member State	Eligible Regions
Northern Ireland	All of Northern Ireland except Greater Belfast
Ireland	Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Galway, Mayo, Clare, Limerick, Cork, Kerry
Scotland	Highlands and Islands, North East Moray, Dumfries and Galloway
Finland	Regions of Finland
Sweden	Regions of Sweden
Norway	Regions of Norway
Iceland	Entire territory
Faroe Islands	Entire territory
Greenland	Entire territory

# Northern Periphery 2007- 2013

NUTS 3 regions belonging,  
entirely or partially, to the  
Northern Periphery Programme

-  in EU Member States
-  Outside the EU

-  Northern Periphery area
-  National boundary



# Progress to date

- The Northern Periphery Programme is over 90% committed
- 22 projects with NI partners
- 19 projects with 29 Irish partners
- 2 more calls are expected
- The 8th call expected to open in Sept / Oct 2011
- The 9th call expected to open to Strategic calls in Spring 2012
- Special Preparatory Call open June 2011 until Spring 2012

# Targeted themes for 8th Call

- The 8th call focus on the following areas:
  - Increased use of ICT to overcome distance
  - Developing innovative product and service solutions for developing and maintaining transport infrastructure with regard to roads, railways, airports and ports under harsh climatic conditions
  - Maritime safety in relation to remote areas with arctic, harsh conditions
  - Building the capacity to respond to and prepare for emergencies and natural disasters to which the Northern Periphery is exposed

# Targeted themes for 9th Call

- The 9th call open to Strategic call and focus on the following areas:
  - “Renewable energy solutions adapted to remote areas”
  - “Responding to climate change in the northern periphery”

# Eligible Partners

- National, Regional and Local Authorities
- Government Departments
- Public-equivalent Bodies
- Universities, Institutes of Technology, Research Institutes
- Business Representative Groupings/Chambers of Commerce
- Not for Profit organisations

# Geographic Flexibility

- 20% Rule (Participation outside eligible regions but within EU)
- 10% Rule (Participation from outside EU)

## Associate Partners

Participate in projects but do not receive ERDF

# Successful Projects

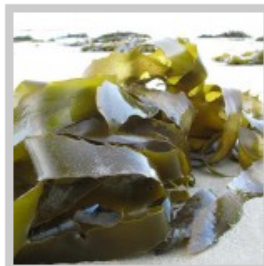
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## About RASLRES

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RASLRES - the Regional Approaches to Stimulating Local Renewable Energy Solutions project - brings together partners from Ireland, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Sweden. The project aims to increase the use of renewable energy technologies in rural economies in the NPP region.



To do this, RASLRES will design, pilot and market the best products and services for creating and sustaining local renewable energy markets in rural areas. In this way, the project will help markets provide sustainable economic growth for local employment, businesses and revenue.

RASLRES will design and deliver six pilot projects that will be used to inform an overall NPP model to stimulate renewable energy use in rural areas. The project will focus on bio-energy fuels - such as energy from wood, energy from crops and energy from marine biomass technologies.

Using the pilot projects as trial areas, RASLRES will also incorporate measurement tools that can be used for calculating greenhouse gas emissions.

Finally, the project will establish a network for transnational exchange of knowledge, policy initiatives, technology and methodologies, which can later be used across the entire NPP area.

## Get Involved

If you wish to take part in the RASLRES project or need more information, please sign up here.

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## Latest News

### Norsjö looks to achieve a more sustainable society

An event titled "Bioenergy in Norsjö" was held in Norsjö in May 11, 2010. The RASLRES project in cooperation with Biofuel Region, a network working with biofuels, invited regional stakeholders to inform the public about bioenergy. The main objective for the event was to engage and inform the local community about measures that can be taken to achieve a more sustainable society through the increased use of bioenergy solutions. [More >](#)

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## Project partners

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The main aim of the NPP programme is to support participating countries in working together on joint projects. In this instance, RASLRES brings together project partners from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Sweden. These are:

- Western Development Commission, Ireland
- Action Renewables, Northern Ireland
- Environmental Research Institute, Scotland and
- Municipality of Norsjö, Sweden.

As project lead, the WDC will work with the project partners to deliver a range of support services to increase the use of bio-energy fuels in these rural communities.

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# Coast Adapt



**CoastAdapt** is a three-year project aimed to safeguard people living in North Atlantic coastal communities and help them adapt to the impacts of climate change. Five pilot study sites in Iceland, Norway, Ireland and Scotland have been identified to determine the issues experienced by local communities.

# Partners involved

- **In Norway**
- [Hammerfest Kommune, Finnmark](#)
- [Northern Research Institute, Norut Alta](#)
- [Department for Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning](#), Norwegian University of Life Sciences
  
- **In Iceland**
- [University of Iceland, Institute for Sustainability Studies](#)
- [Árborg Municipality](#) (Icelandic)
- [Vík í Mýrdal, Mýrdalshreppur Municipality](#) (Icelandic)
  
- **In Scotland**
- [Comhairle nan Eilean Siar](#), Local Authority (lead partner)
- [University of Aberdeen, Institute for Coastal Science & Management](#)
- [Scottish Natural Heritage](#)
- [Environmental Research Institute](#), University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) Millennium Institute
- [Environmental Initiatives Research Group](#), University of the West of Scotland
  
- **Northern Ireland**
- [University of Ulster, Centre for Coastal & Marine Research](#)
  
- **Republic of Ireland**
- [University College Cork, Coastal & Marine Resources Centre](#)

# Examples of Irish participation

Project Name	BMW Partner	Project Theme	Project Cost
<b>CMC@NP</b>	<b>ERNACT Donegal Co. Council</b>	<b>ICT – Mobile comms in rural areas</b>	<b>€1.16m</b>
Competitive Health	NUI Galway	Enhanced access to healthcare	€1.6m
Ecofish	Martin Ryan Institute NUI Galway	Sustainable Fish Farming	€1.6m
<b>Economusee</b>	<b>TEAGASC ( Athenry )</b>	<b>Craft network</b>	<b>€1.8m</b>
<b>MICRE</b>	<b>WESTBIC West Regional Authority Mayo Co. Council</b>	<b>SME &amp; deployment of renewables</b>	<b>€2.8m</b>
<b>Retailing in Rural Regions (RRR)</b>	<b>Donegal Co. Council</b>	<b>Sustainability of rural retailers</b>	<b>€1.29m</b>
WATER	NUI Galway – Martin Ryan	Aquaculture – Algal Toxins	€1.6m

# Recently approved projects

- Social Enterprises in Community Renewable Energy (SECRE)
- Implementing Transnational Telemedicine Solutions (ITTS)
- Craft International
- Rural Youth Entrepreneurship (RYE)
- Creative Edge
- Recruitment & Retention of Health Care Providers in remote rural areas

# Eligible costs

- Human Resources
- Travel & Accommodation
- External Experts
- Office Costs (Direct & Proportional)
- Promotional costs & Publicity
- Meetings & Seminars
- Equipment & Supplies
- Common costs
- In Kind costs
- Other costs

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