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**INTERREG IVB Project Development Workshop
North West Europe
Northern Periphery Programme**

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Overview of INTERREG IVB and IVC programmes

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Northern
Periphery
Programme
2007–2013



ATLANTIC AREA
Trans-national Programme



INTERREG IVB & IVC

Transnational and Interregional



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- **Role of SEUPB in INTERREG IVB and IVC**
- **What is European Territorial Co-Operation and what is INTERREG?**
- **What is transnationality and why participate?**
- **Overview of INTERREG IVB and IVC programmes**
- **Overview of other EU funding opportunities**



Special EU Programmes Body – who we are

A statutory body created as a result of a treaty between two Member States - the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement 1998

A Managing Authority, Joint Technical Secretariat and Paying Authority for EU Programmes – PEACE III and INTERREG IVA

Has a broad role to support North/South participation in INTERREG IVB and IVC Transnational and Inter-regional programmes



Launch of PEACE III and INTERREG IVA, April 2008

Role of SEUPB - INTERREG IVB and IVC

- Focus on INTERREG IVB and IVC in Northern Ireland (DFP / SEUPB)
 - Promotes North/South participation
 - Project advice and guidance for all INTERREG IVB and IVC programmes
 - *Assistance with the application process*
 - *Advice on budgets / match funding*
 - *Attendance at meetings / presentations*
 - *Produce monthly newsletter INTERREGional News*
 - *Assistance with partner searches*
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Role of SEUPB – INTERREG IVB and IVC

- Regional Contact Point for Northern Periphery Programme
 - Responsible for providing NI input into the project assessments
 - Liaison with Programme Secretariats / Programme Events
 - Acts as First Level of Control for all Northern Ireland partners
 - *vouching and verification of expenditure*
 - *ongoing advice on eligibility of expenditure*
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European Territorial Co-operation 2007 - 2013



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- **Cross Border Co-Operation (INTERREG IVA and PEACE III)**

Northern Ireland / Ireland / Scotland

- **Transnational Co-Operation (INTERREG IVB)**

Northern Periphery Programme

Atlantic Area Programme

North West Europe Programme

- **Interregional Co-Operation (INTERREG IVC)**

Involves all 27 Member States of EU





What is European Territorial Cooperation

- Third structural funds objective
(Convergence, Competitiveness, **Territorial Cooperation**)

All EU cooperation programmes have a common aim –
to help the implementation of the European policies such as:

- Lisbon Agenda (economic competitiveness)
- Gothenburg Agenda (environmental sustainability)
- EU Cohesion Policy (reducing regional disparities)

What is Transnationality?



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A Transnational issue is a Challenge...

... that goes beyond national or regional borders;

... for which a satisfactory solution at a local, regional or national level can **only** be found through co-operation.

The Added Value of Transnational Cooperation.....

efficient and innovative solutions for common problems..

use of knowledge from other countries and regions...

participation in transnational exchange networks...



Why participate?



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- To help contribute to the implementation of policies through your own experience and expertise.
- To get seedcorn funding for risky projects, or to help advance their implementation.
- To build partnerships and critical mass for R&D projects, especially where EU standards would be beneficial.
- To help staff development by exposing them to new ideas and different ways of doing things.



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- To get seedcorn funding for risky projects, or to help advance their implementation.
- To build partnerships and critical mass for other EU funded projects (R&D etc)
- To help organisational development by exploring new ideas and different ways of doing things.
- To network and exchange experience with others with a common professional background but different history, culture and institutional environment.
- To gain added value from the political profile of being involved in a European project by establishing a reputation as an innovator by stimulation of tourism and trade linkages etc
- To give a project focus to the development of measures or policies, thus helping efficient implementation and evaluation.



European Territorial Co-Operation Transnational Cooperation areas

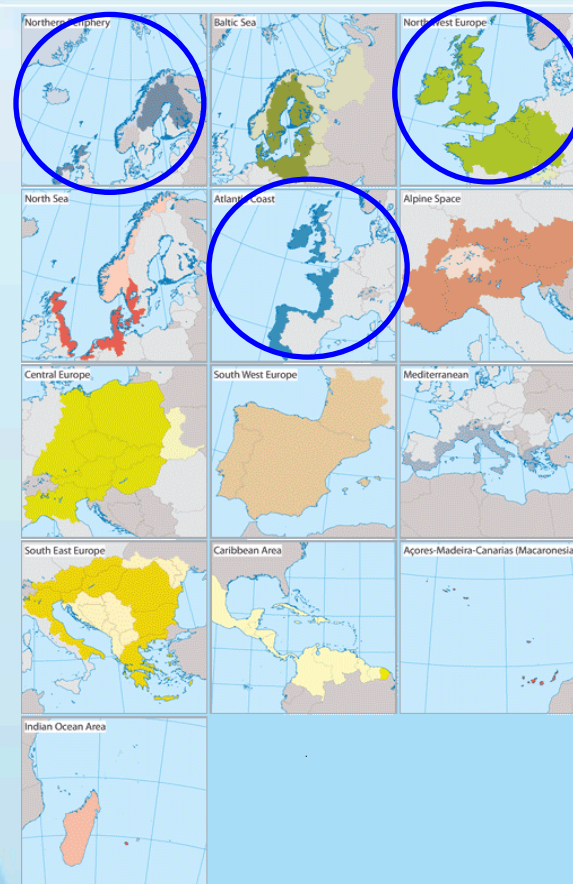


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INTERREG IVB

13 programme zones, 3 of which are relevant to Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland

- Northern Periphery Programme
- North West Europe Programme
- Atlantic Area Programme



Northern Periphery Programme



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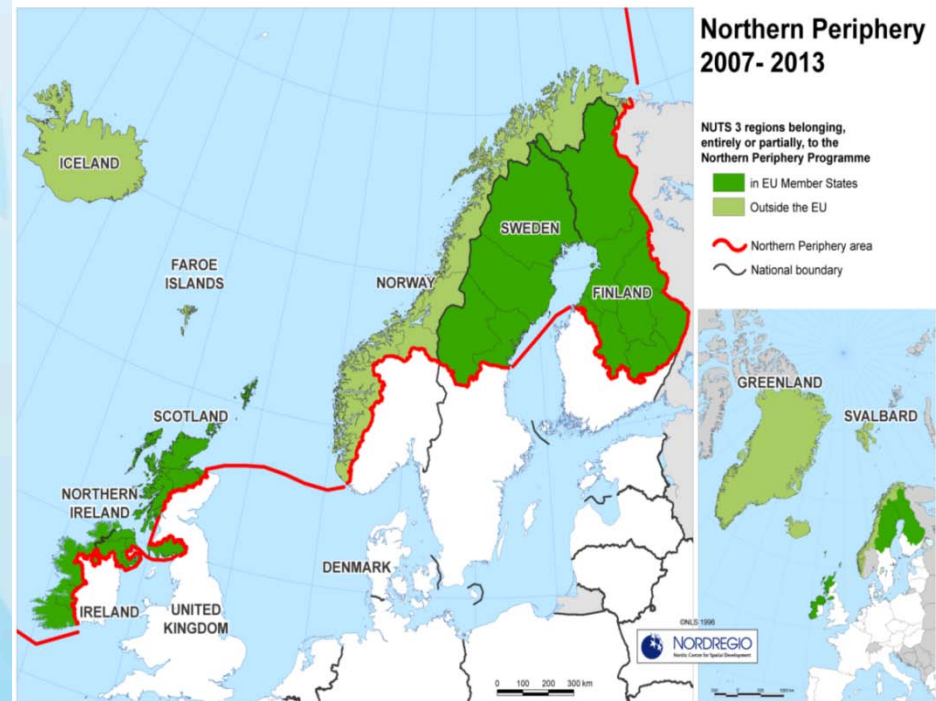
Two priorities:

Promoting Innovation and Competitiveness in Remote and Peripheral Areas

- Innovation, networks and Competitiveness
- Accessibility

Sustainable Development of Natural and Community Resources

- Environment as an asset in the periphery
- Urban-rural development and promotion of heritage



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Main Projects:

- Total Programme Budget of €45.1m ERDF
- Grant Rate of 60% applicable to projects from EU Member States, 50% non Member States
- Main project applications supported up to max of €1.5m budget (minimum of €500,000)
- Three participating partners from three countries, one of which must be a member state
- 22 approved projects with NI partners
- Eight call is expected to open in Sept/Oct 2011
- Ninth call is expected to open in Spring 2012



Northern Periphery Programme



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Preparatory Projects:

to generate high quality main project applications

- 2 partner countries
- Address programme priorities
- Public match funding
- Budget: max. €30,000 with a grant rate of 60% (up to €18,000)



North West Europe Programme



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- Minimum of 2 partners in 2 countries
- Total Programme Budget €355m ERDF
- Grant rate 50% maximum
- Average Project size €8 million total
- **60%** Committed to date
- 5 approved projects with NI partners
- **Ninth Call: Sept/ Oct 2011**
- **Tenth Call: Spring 2012**



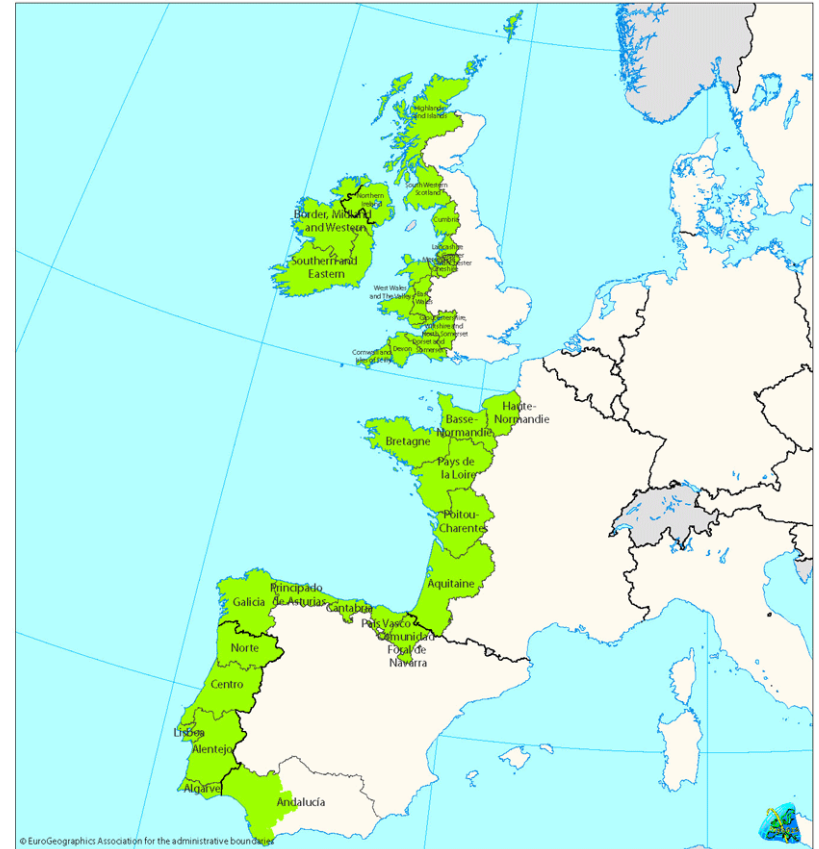
Atlantic Area Programme



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Four Priorities

- Transnational entrepreneurial and innovation networks
- **Protect, secure and enhance the marine and coastal environment sustainability**
- **Improve accessibility and internal links**
- Synergies in sustainable urban and regional development



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**Transnational Cooperation Areas 2007-2013
Atlantic Coast**



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- Total Programme Budget - €104m ERDF
- Grant Rate – 65%
- 7 approved projects with NI partners
- **3rd Call: Recently closed**
- Decision will be taken in October 2011
- 4 projects in pipeline with NI partners
- Approximately **80%** committed



INTERREG IVC programme



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- Total budget of €321m ERDF – approx €100 million remaining
- Specifically for local and regional bodies involved in policy development
- ERDF rate of financing - 65%
- 7 approved projects with NI partners
- **Fourth Call:** recently closed
- 13 projects in pipeline with NI partners
- Decision will be taken in November 2011



Further Information



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Northern Periphery

www.northernperiphery.eu

North West Europe

www.nweurope.eu

Atlantic Area

www.coop-atlantico.com

INTERREG IVC

www.interreg4c.eu



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