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The INTERREG programme in the UK

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EU Cohesion programmes

- **Convergence programmes** – regions with less than 75% of EU average GDP
- **Competitiveness programmes** – all other regions (ERDF and ESF)
- **Cooperation programmes** – for regional cooperation

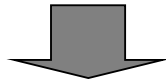




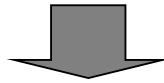
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The Cooperation 'family'

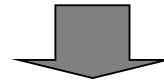
EU Territorial Co-operation Objective



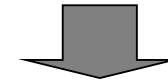
Interreg A
Cross-border
programmes



Interreg B
Trans-national co-operation
programmes
(13 in total)



Interreg C
Exchange of
experience
programme
(1 For all
EU)



Networks
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Interreg IVA programme areas



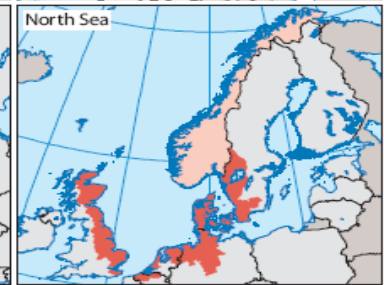
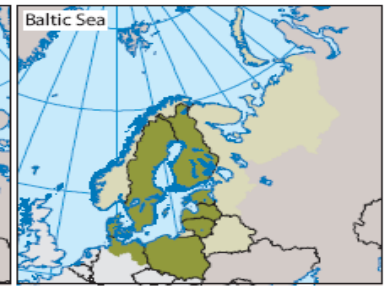
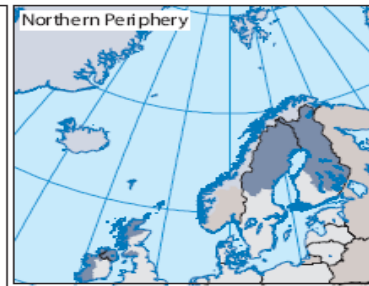
Cooperation objective 2007-2013
Crossborder Cooperation



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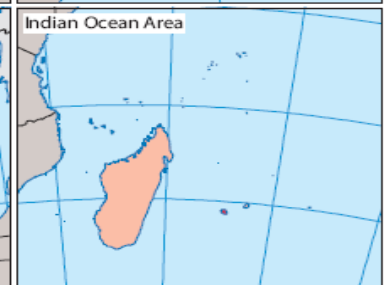
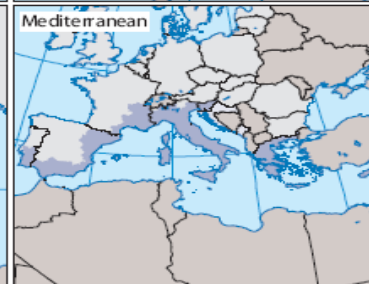
Interreg IVB programme areas; the 13 'zones'

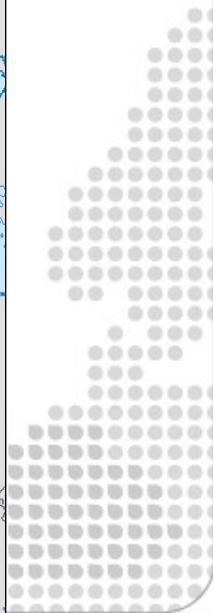
Structural Funds 2007 - 2013: Transnational Cooperation areas



Non-EU cooperation areas are indicative only, and subject to modification.

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Other administrative boundaries: Global Administrative Unit Layers (GAUL), FAO







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Interreg NW Europe; 8 Countries

1. Ireland
2. UK
3. Belgium
4. Luxembourg
5. Switzerland*

Parts of

1. France
2. Germany
3. Netherlands



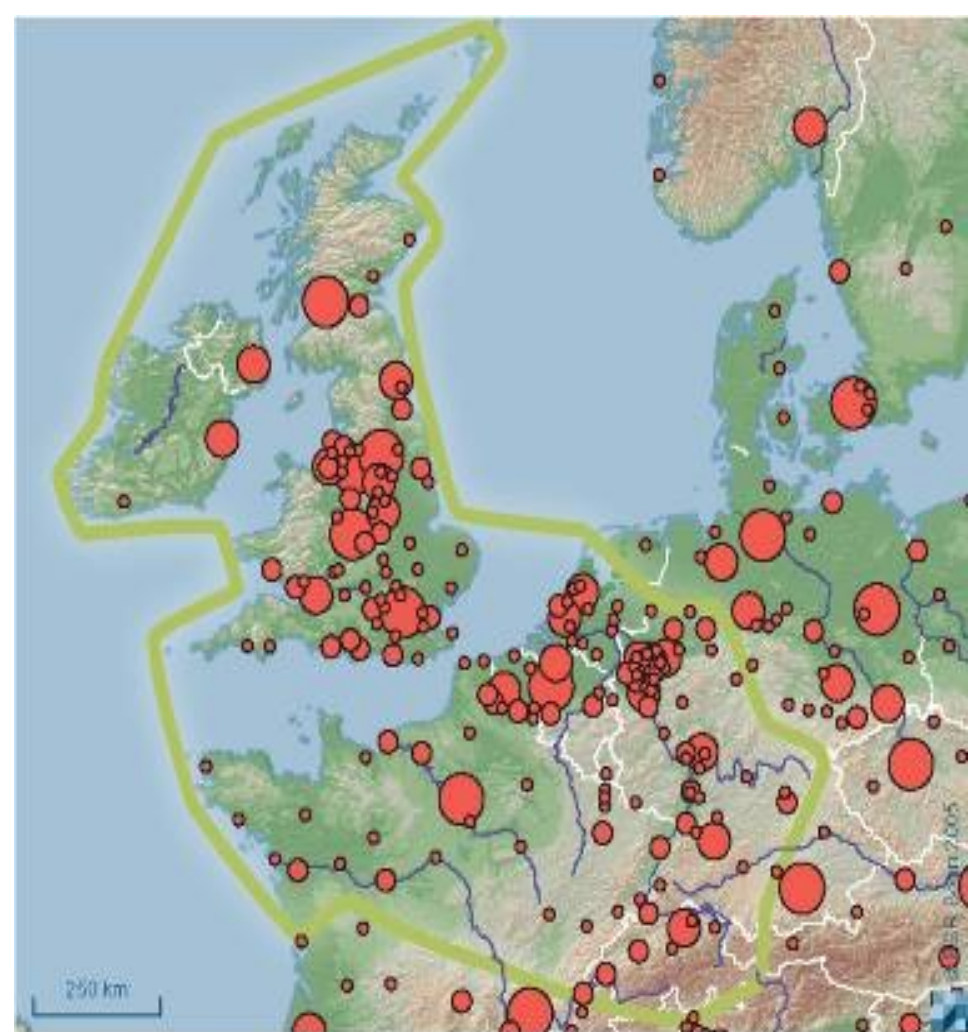
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**Structural Funds 2007-2013:
Transnational Cooperation areas
North West Europe**

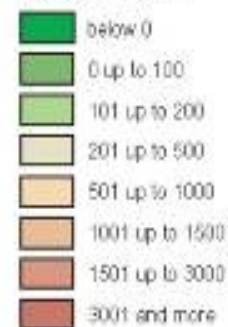
Cooperation area

Characteristics

- 21% of the EU territory
- 180 million inhabitants
- 39,5% of the EU population
- 307 inhabitants/km² (that's high!)
- 75% of the population lives in densely populated, urban areas
- High levels of industrialisation & economic activity
- Connectivity problems & issues



Heights in meters



Cities with more than 100000 inhabitants





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The Interreg IVB NW Europe programme, 2007-13: Programme Priorities

1. Developing the NWE knowledge-based economy by capitalising on our capacity for **innovation**

Priority 1 - € 89.3 m

2. Sustainable management of **natural resources** and of natural and technological risks

Priority 2 - € 86.9 m

3. Improving **connectivity** in NWE by promoting intelligent and sustainable transport and ICT solutions

Priority 3 - € 89.3 m

4. Promoting strong and prosperous **communities** at transnational level

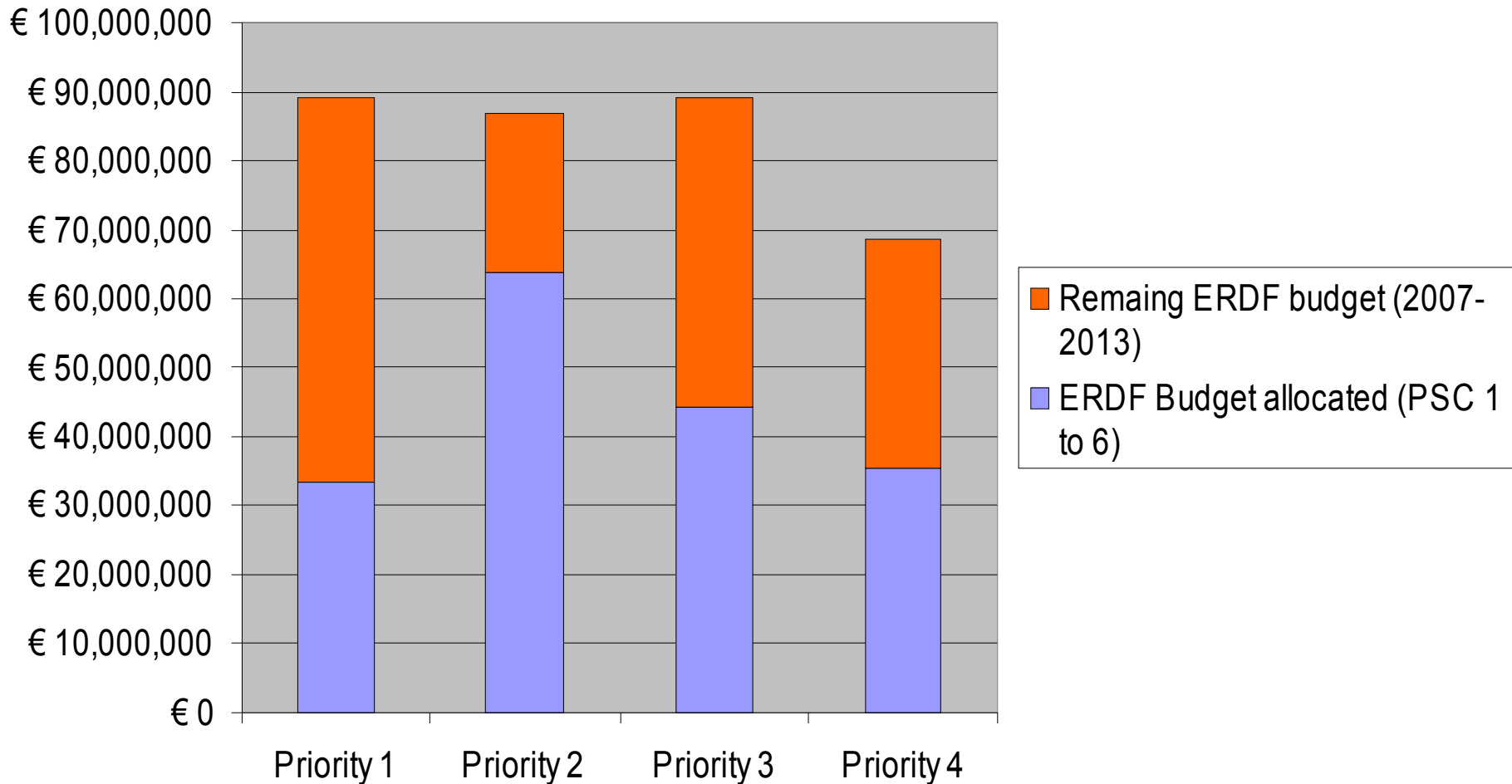
Priority 4 - € 68.5 m





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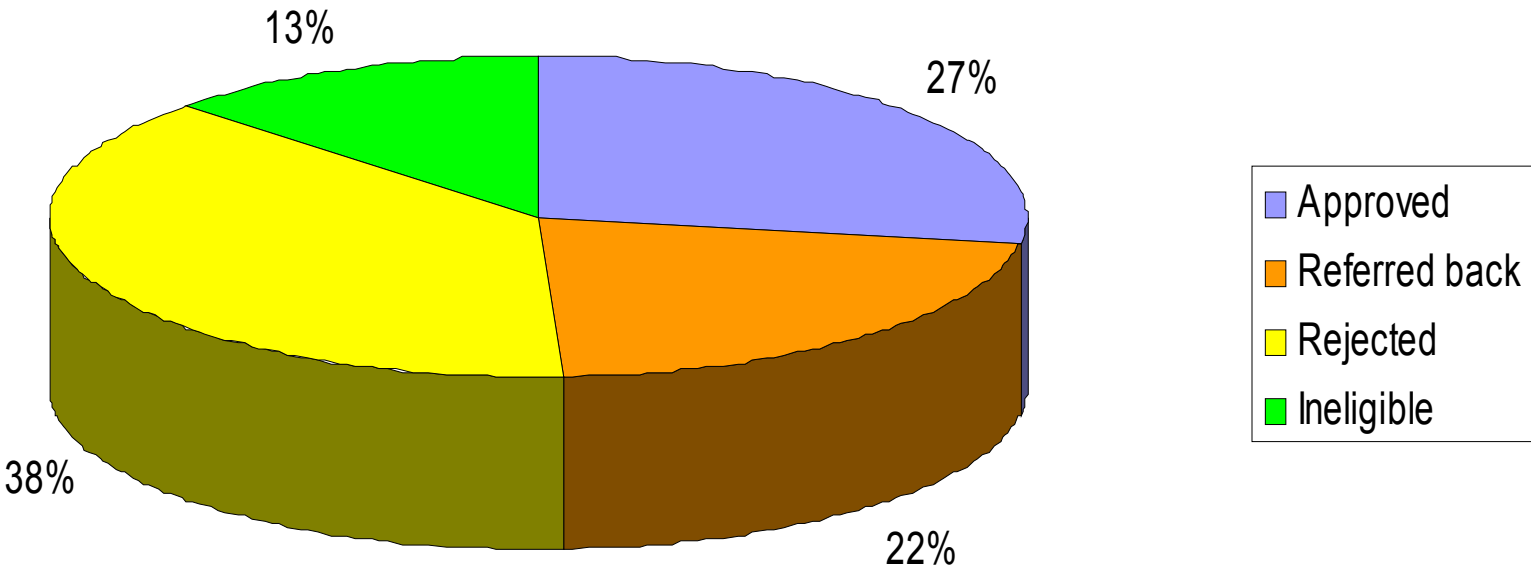
ERDF committed to date by priority





Success rates for first 6 calls

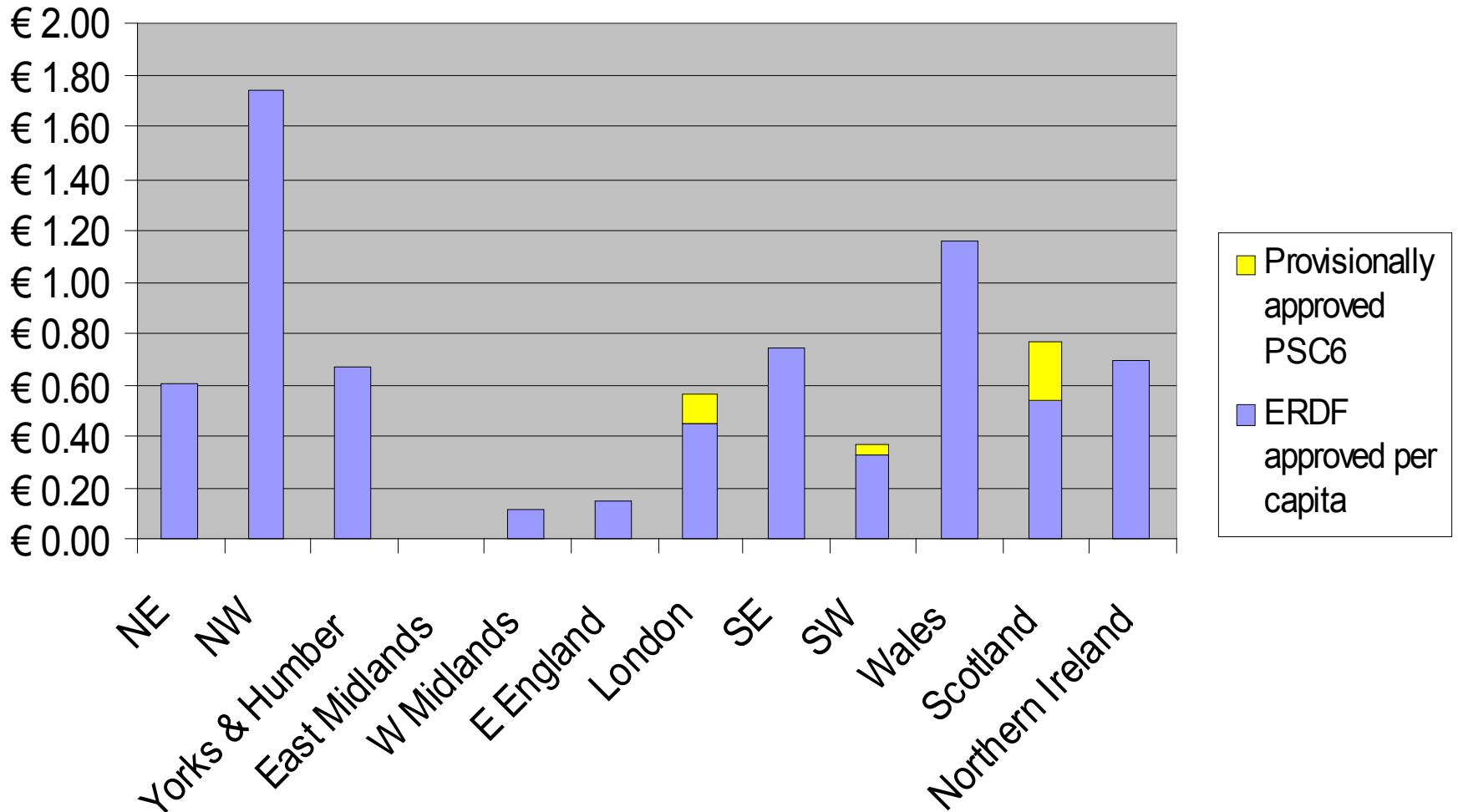
Interreg NW Europe calls 1-6





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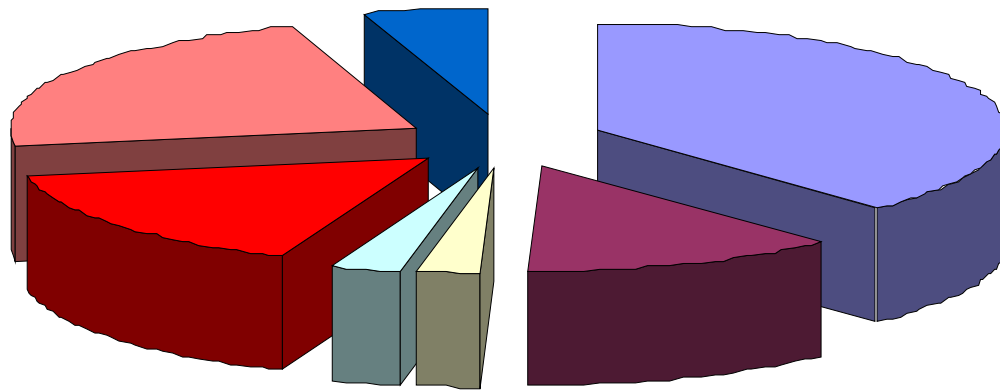
Funds committed to each UK region/country





UK partners in approved projects by sector

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- Local Public Authority
- Regional Public Authority
- National Public Authority
- Research Institution
- University of Higher Education Institution
- Non-Profit-organisation
- Private enterprise



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Focus on priority 1

Objective 1.1: to promote greater entrepreneurship and facilitate the translation of innovations and knowledge into (marketable) products, processes and services that strengthen the competitiveness of NWE

Objective 1.2: to develop new and strengthen existing growth clusters and SME networks by building on the endogenous potentials of NWE cities and regions

Objective 1.3: to use and improve territorial cooperation in order to strengthen the institutional and territorial framework for innovation and the transfer of knowledge within NWE



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Priority 1: approved projects

1.1: to promote greater entrepreneurship and facilitate the translation of innovations and knowledge into products, processes & services

REGAIN
ECCE
FITT
FASILIS
CAPEM
FOOD2MARKET
ENEVATE

7 projects

1.2: to develop new and strengthen existing growth clusters and networks by building on the endogenous potentials of NWE cities and regions

COLLABOR8
GREENOV
SIGNATURE
COMPOSITE

4 projects

1.3: to use and improve territorial cooperation in order to strengthen the institutional and territorial framework for innovation and the transfer of knowledge within NWE

IOIT

1 project



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Project examples

FASILIS – Sharing of public and private research infrastructures in the field of human health (biotech, pharmaceutical and medical technology) for SMEs

CAPEM - to increase the manufacture and the use of eco-materials in building construction

GREENOV - developing the economic sector of sustainable renovation of existing buildings, by stimulating the innovation capacity of SMEs working in this field.

SIGNATURE - to support innovation development in the physical and logical security sector.

COMPOSITE – technology transfer to companies working with composite materials

IOIT – to develop an 'open innovation' approach for knowledge-based companies and to unlock knowledge from public bodies



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What next?

- Continuing 2 calls per year; next call closes spring 2011
- UK project development workshops twice per year (next in Nottingham 10 Jan 2011)
- Gap analysis undertaken during autumn 2010
- Annual event on Innovation theme; Manchester 6-7 December 2010 (register on www.nweurope.eu)
- Project development support for NI partners in conjunction with SEUPB



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