



Special EU Programmes Body
Foras Um Chláir Speisialta An AE
Boord O Owre Ocht UE Projects

European Territorial Co-operation

INTERREG IVB North West Europe Programme

Project Development Workshop on Innovation

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INTERREG IVB and IVC

How we are organised in Northern Ireland

Role of SEUPB



European Union
European Regional
Development Fund
Investing in your future

The Northern Ireland Context

- DFP: Accountable department and NI input to UK Member State role
 - 2000-06 Programmes: 17 projects with NI partners
 - May 2007: President Barroso establishes European Commission Task Force for Northern Ireland
 - February 2008: NI Executive agree that departments should examine the potential of these programmes within their specific policy areas
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The Northern Ireland Context

- **April 2008 – Task Force Report Published**

“Openness to other regions with similar characteristics, especially where they have succeeded in developing a modern knowledge economy, could also be exploited in a more systematic way. This could come about through more participation in regional networks or initiatives or through EU trans-national cooperation programmes offering a unique opportunity to share views and engage in wider networks around strategic themes in coherent geographic areas.”

The Northern Ireland Context

14 April 2008: Commissioner Hubner launches report in Belfast

- *“We hope....to treble our level of participation in EU transnational programmes compared with 2000-06”*

Martin McGuinness MP MLA, deputy First Minister

- *“Northern Ireland will also give attention to increasing our participation in the transnational and interregional strands of INTERREG IV. DFP and SEUPB are working closely to strengthen our capacity as a region for these programmes.”*

Rt. Hon. Peter Robinson MP MLA, Minister for Finance and Personnel

- **Building NI capacity:**
 - Reinvigorated approach
 - Departmental Coordinators Group
 - Joined up approach with SEUPB
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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



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- 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*
 - *Project Development Workshops*
 - *Project Surgeries*
 - *Advice on budgets*
 - *Produce monthly newsletter INTERREGional News*
 - *Attendance at meetings / presentations*
 - *Assistance with partner searches*



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- 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*