

Welcome to the first edition in 2010 of the '**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, upcoming calls for projects, news from the programme secretariats and will highlight programme successes! Please send us any information you would like to see included in the newsletter to the email address below.

Financial Management Seminar for Atlantic Area approved projects

The BMW Regional Assembly in conjunction with the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) organised a training seminar in the European Public Information Centre, Dublin for approved project partners from Ireland and Northern Ireland in the INTERREG IVB, Atlantic Area Programme. The main focus of the seminar was to inform project partners of the claims process and how to fill in the Execution Report. Jean Luc Fres from the Secretariat of the Atlantic Area gave detailed explanations on the different sections of the claim and specified what information and documentation was required to complete each section. Michael O'Brien (BMW Regional Assembly) and Teresa Lennon (SEUPB) gave an overview of the Atlantic Area participation in Ireland and Northern Ireland whilst Joe Flynn (BMW Regional Assembly) and Helen Clarke (SEUPB) gave presentations on the First Level of Control in their respective regions. Almost 40 participants from Northern Ireland and Ireland participated in the event.



INTERREG IVC – 3rd Call now open.....

A Quick Reminder! The third call for INTERREG IVC is now open and the closing date is **5 March 2010**. This call is restricted to Capitalization type projects. This means that projects must demonstrate that they have good results and transferable tools and approaches, as well as good management skills and knowledge of the theme in question. This knowledge could be the result of any successful policy experience at European, national, regional or local levels. A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 partners from different countries across the EU is required. Project budgets should range from €1-2 million. The application pack of the third call is available on the programme website: www.interreg4c.eu. The application form has to be submitted electronically by e-mail to application@interreg4c.eu at the latest by 5 March 2010. Similarly the original, unbound hard copy hand signed, stamped and dated should be sent at the latest by the same date to the following address: **INTERREG IVC 3rd call proposals; Les Arcuriales-Entrée D-5e etage; 45 rue de Tournai; 59000 Lille; France**. There must be no difference between the electronic version and paper version of the application form. Further guidance for project applicants please go to the website <http://www.interreg4c.net/application.html>

Northern Periphery Programme—5th Call Opening soon

The **Fifth Call** for applications to the NPP will open on **3 February 2010** and will close on **24 March 2010**. The call is open for the two priorities of the programme: **Promoting Innovation and Competitiveness in Remote and Peripheral Areas** and **Sustainable Development of Natural and Community Resources**. The application pack for the call will be available on the NPP website from 3 February 2010. In order to assist project applicants, the Programme Secretariat is organising a '**How to Apply**' seminar on **23 February 2010** in Copenhagen, Denmark. The purpose of the event is to assist project applicants in the development of a high quality main project applications. All participants are expected to have well developed project ideas when attending this event. The registration deadline is **15 February 2010**. For more details and register please go to <http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/events/show/&tid=47>



Atlantic Area- latest news

Recent Successes.....The **Atlantic Area Monitoring Committee** met on 23 - 24 November in Santiago de Compostela and made decisions on the project applications submitted during the second call. Of the 78 applications presented, 24 projects were approved included **2 projects with Northern Ireland partners.**

North West Europe – latest news

The Programme Steering Committee of the North West Europe programme conditionally approved 14 projects at its meeting in Brussels on 8-9 December 2009. This include **one** project with a Northern Ireland project partner.

The **6th Call** for Proposals will open on **12 March 2010** and close on **9 April 2010** at noon. The decision on the projects submitted to the 6th call will be taken at the next Programme Steering Committee on 16-17 June 2010.

On **15 February 2010** Antoinette Jordan, the Ireland Contact Point, together with the Secretariat of the North West Europe programme will host a **Project Development Workshop**. If you are interested in attending please send email to Antoinette Jordan ajordan@seregassembly.ie by **8 February 2010**.

On **25 February 2010**, the North West Europe Secretariat in Lille will host Individual Meetings for applicants who are ready to submit a project application for the 6th Call for proposals. If you would like to reserve a meeting please go to http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=read_event&id=1676

Summary of all Call Dates

Northern Periphery Programme

Fifth call open: **3 February 2010 - 24 March 2010**

How to Apply Seminar for NPP: **23 February 2010**

North West Europe Programme

Sixth call: **12 March 2010 – 9 April 2010**

Project Development Workshop: **15 February 2010**

Dublin

Individual Meetings with the NWE Secretariat: **25 February 2010 Lille**

INTERREG IVC Programme

Third Call: **9 December 2009 – 5 March 2010**

The Special EU Programmes Body moved...

On the 15th January 2010 the Special EU Programmes Body moved from the Gasworks to new premises on Clarence Street West, Belfast. Our contact numbers remain the same, however, our new postal address is as follows:

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