



Welcome to '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 and news from the programme secretariats. Please send us any information you would like to see included in the newsletter to the email address below.

Northern Periphery Programme – latest news!!!



The Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) of the Northern Periphery Programme conditionally approved 4 projects at its meeting in Enniskillen on 9 —10 June 2010. This include **one** project with a Northern Ireland project partner and one project with a Northern Ireland associated partner. In addition, the Committee approved one project extension. The **Sixth Call** for applications to the NPP will open on **3 September 2010** and will close on **14 October 2010**. The call is open to applicants from across the programme

area and to projects addressing both priorities: **Promoting Innovation and Competitiveness in Remote and Peripheral areas** and **Sustainable development of natural and community resources**. The Sixth call will be a targeted call where projects should demonstrate their potential to fight the severest impacts of the economic crisis, creatively seek to the creation of jobs and businesses that prevent unemployment and develop innovative solutions for finding new ways out of economic crisis. In addition, two gaps have been highlighted and applicants are sought in these areas: **Urban Rural Partnerships for new Service Solutions** and **Maritime safety in relation to remote areas with arctic, harsh conditions**. Five themes have also been identified that could be addressed more strongly. More information and full list of the themes will be issued close to date. If you are putting together an application, please contact your NPP Regional Contact Point in Northern Ireland, Teresa Lennon - teresa.lennon@seupb.eu The application pack for the sixth call will be available on the NPP website from 3 September 2010. In order to assist project applicants, the Programme Secretariat is organising a “**How to Apply**” seminar on **16 September 2010** in Copenhagen. The purpose of the event is to assist project applicants in the development of a good quality applications. More details will follow.

Northern Periphery Programme – Preparatory Projects

At the recent PMC, it was decided to continue the call for preparatory projects. Preparatory projects require at least two partner organisations from two countries working together to develop a main NPP project. Preparatory projects are requested which can demonstrate that they produce a new product or service that has a transnational or trans-regional character or that can transfer and adapt existing products and services from one region into transnational or trans-regional solutions. Preparatory projects should demonstrate their potential to address the negative impacts of the global economic crisis and its effects in Northern Periphery area, by creatively seeking to increase the creation of jobs and businesses that prevent unemployment, and develop innovative solutions for recovering from the global economic crisis. More details can be found on the NPP website at [Call Announcement](http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/content/show/&tid=211). The application form and guidance can be downloaded from <http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/content/show/&tid=211>

Project Support in Northern Ireland / Ireland

In preparation for the next call to the NPP, the Regional Contact Points in Northern Ireland and Ireland will host a **one day project surgery on Friday 30th July 2010** in the SEUPB offices. If you are currently preparing an application to the NPP and would like to meet with the contact points on this date to discuss your project further please contact SEUPB.

Atlantic Area Programme

The SEUPB, together with the UK and Ireland Contact Points for the Atlantic Area Programme will hold a project workshop on **Thursday 29th July 2010** in the SEUPB offices. The workshop will outline the current priorities of the programme and will be aimed at potential applicants to the Atlantic Area programme who have well developed project ideas. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



North West Europe - latest news!!

The Programme Steering Committee (PSC) of the North West Europe Programme conditionally approved 2 projects at its 6th meeting, which was held in **Belfast on 16 – 17 June 2010**. The Programme received 19 project applications, of which 16 were deemed eligible. Altogether 2 projects were conditionally approved, 7 referred back and 7 rejected.

The **7th Call** for applications will be open on **03 September 2010** and will close on **24 September 2010**. The decision on the projects submitted to the 7th call will be taken at the next Programme Steering Committee meeting on **02 – 03 December 2010**.

The Annual Event will take place in **Manchester on 6 – 7 December 2010**. The event will explain how innovation applies to the North West Europe Programme across its four priorities and in particular to Priority 1- Capitalising on Innovation. The conference will also promote the impact of the Programme in North West Europe so far and offer networking opportunities for potential and current project promoters and other stakeholders for all four Priorities. More information will follow.

Dates to remember!!!

Northern Periphery Programme

6th Call will open on **03 September 2010** and will close on **14 October 2010**.

08-09 September 2010 - Lead Partner Seminar and Annual Conference, Ireland

16 September 2010 - How to Apply Seminar, Copenhagen

North West Europe Programme

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6-7 December 2010 — Annual Conference, Manchester

Summer break!!!

This is the last edition of INTERREGional newsletter before summer. The next edition will be issued in September 2010.

Open Days - European Week of Regions and Cities

The eighth annual **Open Days - European Week of Regions and Cities**, will take in Brussels from **4 – 7 October 2010**. On the eve of an intensive debate on the reform of Cohesion Policy post 2013, this year's Open Days will concentrate on 'Competiveness, Co-operation and Cohesion'. More than 130 workshops, seminars and debates as well as exhibitions and networking opportunities will take place in partnership with 245 regions across Europe. Online registration is open from 05 July 2010 and more information is available at: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2010/index.cfm?nmenu=1&sub=100

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