



Welcome to the seventh edition 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. This is the last edition before the summer break. The next edition will be issued in September.

North West Europe — latest news!!!

The fifth call for the NW Europe programme will close on **07 October 2009**. As many organisations across Europe are working on project ideas and plans, partner searches have recently been circulated. These include projects in the areas of; Innovation, Strengthening Communities (health care, tourism) and Improving Connectivity: multi modal transport. If you are planning to apply to the fifth call, please note that the UK Contact Point, in association with the Programme Secretariat, will be hosting a '**Early Stage Workshop**' on 7 July 2009 in Glasgow to support project development. If you wish attend this seminar please contact Ian Hill directly: ian.nweurope@btinternet.com. The **North West Europe programme secretariat** is also embarking on a roadshow tour in June and July to assist with project applications. The roadshow will be in Dundalk on **Tuesday 8 July** from 10:00—16:00. For registration please email the Ireland Contact Point, Antoinette Jordan: ajordan@sergassembly.ie by 1 July 2009. Further information can be found at: http://nweurope.eu/index.php?act=annual_event_blog

Northern Periphery Programme

Do you have a project idea?

The Northern Periphery Programme is holding a project workshop on 3—4 September.



The themes of the workshop will be '**Urban Rural Partnerships for new service solutions**' and '**Promoting Competitiveness by developing the capacity for innovation**'. If you have a project idea which will fit under either of these themes, you may be interested in attending. More information will be available on the NPP website in July: www.northernperiphery.eu or contact SEUPB directly.

Calling all approved NPP projects If you were unable to attend the recent lead partner seminar and information and communication training sessions recently in Finland, all materials and presentations are now available online at: <http://tinyurl.com/lj6np8> You can find the presentations on the event page under the tab: *Documents*.

Recent Successes...The **NPP Monitoring Committee** met on 4 - 5 June 2009 in Torshavn, Faroe Islands and made decisions on the project applications submitted during the fourth call. Of the 9 applications presented, 6 projects were approved with conditions included 2 projects with Northern Ireland partners. In addition, the Committee approved 2 project extensions.

Atlantic Area Programme

The Atlantic Area programme recently closed the second call for applications. 78 applications were received. It is expected that the Monitoring Committee will meet in the Autumn to assess these projects.

INTERREG IVC Programme — 3rd Call.....

At a recent meeting of the Monitoring Committee it was decided that third call will be held in two steps— so there will be different time frames for different types of projects. The call for **Capitalisation projects** will be opened at the **end of 2009**. Further details on the conditions of this call including a maximum budget allocation will be decided by the Monitoring Committee in October 2009.



The Monitoring Committee is committed to launching a further call for **Regional Initiative projects**, but the conditions of this call will not be fixed until an analysis at programme level of the approved projects from the first and second calls is carried out.

A series of seminars and information events will be organised by the Secretariat and the Information Points in 2009-2010. A dedicated **Capitalisation event** will be organised under the chairmanship of the Swedish presidency of the EU in **December 2009**.