



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, 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.

Northern Periphery Programme — 5th Call close soon!!!



The Fifth Call for Applications is currently open! It will run from the **3rd of February** to the **24th of March 2010**. The call is an open call addressing both priorities of the programme: Promoting innovation and competitiveness in remote and peripheral areas; Sustainable development of natural and community resources. Applicants are particularly encouraged to address the negative impacts of the global economic crisis and focus on innovative solutions. In addition, two gaps have been highlighted and applicants are sought in these areas: **Urban Rural Partnerships for new Service Solutions** and **Exchange of Best Practice between R&D institutions and SMEs**. Six themes have also been identified that could be addressed more strongly. More information and full list of the themes you can find on the

<http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/content/show/&tid=210>. If you are putting together an application, please contact your NPP Regional Contact Point in Northern Ireland, Teresa Lennon — teresa.lennon@seupb.eu

Northern Periphery Programme — New Call for Preparatory Projects!!!

The NPP has recently issued an ongoing call for preparatory projects. **Preparatory projects only require two partners from two Member States**. The maximum grant to a Preparatory project is **18 000 EUR**, up to 60% of eligible costs (**30 000 EUR total budget**). Projects applicants should demonstrate their potential to address the negative impacts of the global economic crisis and its effects in the 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. In addition, a wider definition of products and services has been developed. You can find more details in the [Call Announcement](#). The application form and guidance can be downloaded from the <http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/content/show/&tid=211>

Phoenix 2010 Partenariat!!!

On **21-22 April 2010**, the NPP Secretariat is organizing the **Phoenix 2010 Partenariat** in Portrush, Northern Ireland. The focus of the two day event will on **linking the traditional and creative industries** across the Northern Periphery area. It is hoped that it will be possible to identify project ideas and discuss the necessary changes and next steps to make collaboration between traditional and creative sectors possible, thus stimulating innovation and bringing economic growth to the Northern Periphery Programme area. During the Partenariat you can expect facilitated discussions on how best to build collaboration between the traditional and creative industries. Key actors from different regions across the Northern Periphery will be present as will project idea holders. The Secretariat of the Programme, together with Regional Contact Points will be on hand to provide advice on applying to the programme for preparatory funding. Ideally, successful preparatory projects will lead to main project application proposals in the 6th application call in September 2010. **If you have a project idea** that involves a collaboration between creative and traditional industries and fits with the NPP priorities and themes, please contact your Regional Contact Point: Teresa Lennon for Northern Ireland: teresa.lennon@seupb.eu or Michael O'Brien for Ireland: mobrien@bmwassembly.ie.

If you would like to attend the Phoenix 2010 Partenariat in Portrush, Northern Ireland, please register online no later than **29th March 2010**. For further information and to register please go to <http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/events/show/&tid=52>



INTERREG IVB & IVC Good Practice Guides available online

Are you submitting a project application to an INTERREG IVB or IVC programme? If so, you may be interested to read the good practice guides recently developed by the SEUPB. These guides highlight the eligibility and selection criteria of each of the programmes and provide advice on what the assessors wish to read in your application. These guides can be found at <http://www.seupb.eu/programmes2007-2013/interreg-overview/transnational.aspx>

Summary of all Call Dates

Northern Periphery Programme

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

Phoenix 2010 Partenariat in Portrush, Northern Ireland: 21– 22 April 2010

North West Europe Programme

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

North West Europe — 6th Call now open...



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The 6th Call for applications to the North West Europe programme is open from **12 March 2010 — 9 April 2010**. All applications must be submitted in English completed, dated, stamped and signed, together with all annexes and all Letters of Support from all partners. Applications must arrive by Friday 09 April 2010 at the following address: **INTERREG IVB NWE Joint Technical Secretariat**, Les Arcuriales, 45, rue de Tournai, 6/D, 59000 Lille, France. The decisions on project selection will be made during the Steering Committee which will take place on **16-17 June 2010**. For further details and to download application pack please go to: <http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=page&page=funding&id=359>

North West Europe — latest news!!!

To date the North West Europe programme has committed approximately 50% of the funds available across all four priorities of the programme. However, some gaps still exist. These are in priority 1 (Developing the knowledge based economy by capitalising on capacity for innovation) and priority 4 (Promoting strong and prosperous communities). In order to address these gaps, the Secretariat will host transnational workshops covering **Priority 1** and **Priority 4** on **18th and 19th May 2010** respectively in Brussels. The workshops are aimed at organisations with project ideas in these areas and will concentrate on project quality. Invitations will be issued on the North West Europe website after Easter. For further information please contact Ian Hill, UK Contact Point for the North West Europe Programme on ian.nweurope@btinternet.com

A UK Project development workshop for UK partners with project ideas, will take place provisionally in **May 2010**. Details will follow in the next coming weeks. The next **Annual Event** for North West Europe will take place in **Manchester** on **6 and 7 December 2010** with a special focus on **Innovation**. More information will be available soon on the website: www.nweurope.eu

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