



**Welcome** to the tenth 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.

**Transnational Conference - "Making European Co-operation a Reality in Northern Ireland: INTERREG IVB and IVC Programmes 2007-13"**

On 19 November 2009, DFP in conjunction with SEUPB hosted a successful seminar to showcase successful projects and to further promote participation in the INTERREG IVB and IVC programmes. Finance Minister Sammy Wilson welcomed the successful participation of Northern Ireland organisations already participating in transnational and interregional projects and urged others to get involved as the remaining funding from the programmes will be allocated over the next 18 months. The event was attended by over 150 participants as well as representatives from all of the INTERREG IVB & IVC programmes, including the Ireland and UK Contact Points. SEUPB would like to thank all approved projects for taking part in the project exhibition. Further information and all presentations from the event can be found on the SEUPB website: <http://www.seupb.eu/programmes2007-2013/interreg-overview/Events.aspx>



**Approved Projects in Atlantic Area Programme — Date for your diary**

If you are participating in the Atlantic Area programme, you will be aware that the process for claiming expenditure and the First Level of Control involves using an electronic platform. In order to assist project partners to understand the system, SEUPB, together with the BMW Regional Assembly in Ireland is organizing a training seminar on **Monday 18 January 2009**. Please keep this date free in your diary and more details will follow in the coming week.

**INTERREG IVC – latest news!!!**

**74 projects approved in 2nd call.** The Monitoring Committee has approved 7 Capitalization Projects and 67 Regional Initiative projects at their meeting of 4-6 November in Stockholm, Sweden. This includes **5 projects with Northern Ireland partners**. The **3rd call for Capitalisation projects is open now** and will close on **5 March 2010**. In relation to the 3rd call the INTERREG IVC Programme will organize a **Lead applicant seminar on 20-21 January 2010** in Prague. The objective of the seminar is to give detailed and structured advice to lead applicants in developing their applications. Applicants will also have the possibility of an individual consultations with an INTERREG IVC staff member on the following day. Deadline for registration is **18 December 2009**. For more information and to download registration form please see link below: [http://www.interreg4c.net/application.html#\\_777](http://www.interreg4c.net/application.html#_777)



**Northern Periphery Programme - latest news**

The **Fifth Call** for Applications will open on **3 February 2010** and will close on **24 March 2010**. The call is open for both priorities of the programme. The application pack for the call will be available on the NPP website from 3 February 2010. The Programme Secretariat is organizing a seminars on 'How to Apply' for the fifth call on **23 February 2010** in Copenhagen, Denmark. More information will follow. The Sixth Call for Applications is planned for 3 September 2010, and this call will be a focused call to generate strategic projects. More information will be published in July 2010.

**North West Europe – Strategic Initiatives still open**

Around 140 potential project promoters met on 16 and 17 November in Brussels to discuss the six Strategic Initiatives projects. The aim of these meetings was to identify a critical mass of agencies interested in developing these project ideas into concrete project proposals. The result of these meetings was six project briefs in the areas of: NWE Energy Agency, Biomass energy development, energetic algae/bio-solar-safe, economic cluster development, NWE network innovation centres and freight telematics and logistics chain management. **The Strategic Initiative project development is still an open process, so if any NI partners wish to be involved please contact SEUPB.** The work will continue with a second meeting in January-February (tbc) to develop project briefs. More information can be found at: [http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=read\\_news&id=1671](http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=read_news&id=1671)

**Summary of all Call Dates**

**Northern Periphery Programme**

5th call open: **3 Feb until 24 March 2010**

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

**Atlantic Area Programme**

Training seminar for all NI approved projects:

**18 January 2010**

**North West Europe Programme**

6th call: **Spring 2010**

**INTERREG IVC Programme Third Call: 9 December 2009 – 5 March 2010**

**INTERREG IVC Lead applicant seminar: 21 January 2010**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
WISHING YOU SUCCESSFUL  
PROJECTS IN 2010.**



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