



Welcome back after the summer break. The eighth edition of the '**INTERREGional News**' from the Special EU Programmes Body 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.

North West Europe — latest news!!!

The North West Europe Programme Steering Committee (PSC) conditionally approved 5 projects at its meeting on 25-26 June 2009. The Programme received 32 project applications of which 25 were deemed eligible. Of these, 5 were conditionally approved including one Northern Ireland partner. The **fifth call is open currently** and will close on **07 October 2009**. Decisions on the projects submitted to the 5th call will be taken on 7-8 December 2009. The **sixth call** will open in March/April 2010. As many organisations across Europe are working on project ideas and plans, partner searches have recently been circulated and added to the SEUPB website. Please see: <http://www.seupb.eu/programmes2007-2013/interreg-overview/partnersearch.aspx>. If you have a project idea for the North West Europe programme, you will have the best opportunity to meet partners and talk about your idea at the **Annual Conference which will be held in Rotterdam on 8-9 October 2009**. More details: http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=annual_event

Northern Periphery Programme

NPP Annual Conference 2009: LAVA09: The Northern Periphery Programme is holding an Annual Conference entitled 'LAVA09' on 10, 11 November in Reykjavik, Iceland. The main aim of the conference is to initiate collaboration between traditional and creative industries. The NPP is inviting representatives from each of the partner countries of the programme to participate including local and regional development agencies, representatives of associations for traditional industries and public authorities, representatives for creative industries and public sector organisations. For more details: www.northernperiphery.eu

New Focused Call for Preparatory Projects The PMC has widened the focus of its call for preparatory projects to the 9 themes including exchange of best practice and establishment of co-operation networks between R&D institution and SMEs, developing innovative product and service solutions for developing and maintaining transport infrastructure in Priority 1 and urban-rural partnerships in Priority 2. For more details:

<http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/news/show/&tid=84>

Guidance Note on Lead Partner Responsibility The Programme Secretariat has drafted a guidance note in order to assist NPP 2007—2013 Lead Partners in fulfilling their responsibility as the supervisor in the partnership, monitoring the project implementation and the expenditure related to the implementation. For more details: www.northernperiphery.eu/en/news

Open Days—European Week of Regions and Cities

The seventh annual **Open Days—European Week of Regions and Cities**, will take place in Brussels from **5-8 October**. Online registration is currently open. For more information: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/opensdays

First Level of Control NI

Calling all approved projects...Helen Clarke has recently joined the transnational programme team at SEUPB as the Verification Officer for all transnational and interregional projects in Northern Ireland. Helen will carry out all of the vouching and verification of expenditure for all approved projects in the NPP, Atlantic Area, NW Europe and INTERREG IVC programmes and is on hand to provide advice and assistance to project applicants. Over the coming weeks Helen will be meeting with all approved projects. In the meantime, if you have any questions on eligibility of expenditure in NI, please contact Helen at: Helen.clarke@seup.eu

INTERREG IVC Programme

Inter-regional Co-operation Projects A practical brochure, summarizing the 41 projects approved in the first round of INTERREG IVC funding, is now available. This publication details by theme the initiatives undertaken by regional and local authorities to improve their regional development policies. Each project description is accompanied by contact details of the lead partner, plus a map showing the location of all project partners. To download this brochure please go to: http://www.interreg4c.net/load/First_collection_final_LowRes.pdf