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The ISLES project has won a prestigious award for “best partnership working in the use of European Structural Funds”.

At a well-attended ceremony held on 23 November 2010 at the Glasgow School of Art, ISLES came top of twenty-one entries in what was the most competitive of the seven categories comprising the awards scheme.

In receiving the award on behalf of the project team, Mike McElhinney of the Scottish Government and co-chair of the ISLES Steering Group noted that the strength of ISLES was its collaborative structure and outlook, and that the INTERREG IVA funding brought added value to the work of the project.

Dignitaries present included Keith Brown, Scotland’s Minister for Skills and Lifelong Learning, and two senior officials from DG Regio and DG Employ.

The full list of shortlisted projects is available here:
<http://www.hipp.org.uk/news.asp?id=1098>

Commenting on the award, Howard Keery, Director of the Joint Technical Secretariat within the Special EU Programmes Body, which manages the INTERREG IVA Programme, said:

“This is a much sought after and prestigious award. The partners involved in the ISLES project have demonstrated a truly collaborative effort in driving the initiative forward and are to be congratulated. Without this partnership focused approach the cross-border based study would not have become a reality”.

The ISLES project is a cross-border initiative involving partners based in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.