



**Welcome** to '**INTERREGional News**' from the Special EU Programmes Body. This newsletter aims to bring you up to date with developments on the **INTERREG VB Programmes** that are relevant to Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland (the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme, the North West Europe Programme and the Atlantic Area Programme) as well as the **INTERREG VC 'EUROPE' Programme** for the new programming period from 2014-2020. All of the programmes are at varying stages of development and implementation but we would encourage you to begin thinking about project ideas and discussing these with us at the earliest opportunity.

## Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme (NPA) - First Call Decisions



**Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme**  
2014-2020

The Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme Monitoring Committee met on the 10th February 2015 to consider twenty applications submitted under the First Call. In total, thirteen projects were approved for funding with approximately €13.4m in ERDF allocated, representing 24% of the programme funding.

For a detailed overview of the 13 approved projects, please visit this [overview](#). In total, eight projects with Northern Ireland (NI) Partners were approved including two with NI Lead Partners – South West College (TARGET Project) and the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust (Drifting Apart Project). Congratulations to those partners from NI who were successful under the first call!!

## NPA Programme Second Call Reminder!!

The **Second Call for Applications** under the programme will close on the 10th April 2015. Please visit the following website for further information on the call and to download the application form and associated documentation:

<http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/news/show/&tid=316>

In addition to the second call for main project applications, a Call for Preparatory Project Applications has opened on a rolling basis, information on the call can also be found on the programme website.



## Have you got a project idea or are you searching for a partner?

The INTERREG EUROPE Programme wants to help you share your ideas and find partners ahead of the programmes first call for applications in Spring 2015.

For further information please visit the programme website:

<http://www.interreg4c.eu/nc/project/search>

## Atlantic Action Plan

If you are interested in applying under the Atlantic Area Programme in the future, it is important that you are aware of the Atlantic Action Plan which the EU Commission formally adopted in 2013 to help revitalise the marine and maritime economy of the Atlantic Area. For further information please visit the Action Plan website — <http://www.atlanticstrategy.eu/>

For further information on the Atlantic Area Programme please visit — <http://atlanticarea.ccd-r-n.pt>

## North West Europe Programme—Transnational Cooperation Works!!

Ahead of the First Call for Applications for the North West Europe Programme in April, find out how the programme is making the region a better place to live by collaborating together across borders:

<http://eu.is.not.only.brussels.nweurope.eu/>

## Upcoming Events!!

North West Europe Programme, Project Ideas Laboratory — 17th March, Lille

NPA Programme —Lead Partner Seminar—24/25 March, Solvør, Norway

NPA Programme, Second Call Application Clinics - 26th March 2015 —Contact Declan McGarrigle for further details

Energetic Algae Project Event at Cambridge University – 'Algae Around the World' - 19th March 2015 <http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?>