



**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** (the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) 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.

## ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME - LAUNCH OF THE FIRST CALL

The First Call for Applications under the Atlantic Area Programme will be launched on the **26<sup>th</sup> April 2016**. The application process will be in two stages, the first stage will be an Expression of Interest, if successful at this stage you will be invited to submit a more detailed Stage 2 Application later in the year.

The programme is divided into four separate priority areas which are: **1.** Stimulating Innovation and Competitiveness / **2.** Fostering Resource Efficiency / **3.** Strengthening the Territory's Resilience to Risks of Natural, Climate and Human Origin and **4.** Enhancing Biodiversity and Natural and Cultural Assets.

Further information on the Programme is available on the following website: <http://www.atlanticarea.eu/>

## PROJECT IDEAS LAB - NORTH WEST EUROPE PROGRAMME

**Interreg**  *The next Call under the North West Europe Programme will open in April 2016. Participate and get ready for the next call for projects by attending a Project Ideas Lab on the 7th April in Frankfurt, Germany.*

Find new partners, give visibility to your project idea and meet the Interreg NWE team. The team will give you an insight in what made some applications succeed and others fail in the two previous calls. But the floor will be mostly yours: there will be a program of activities to help you network, find new partners and make progress in the development of your idea.

You can register for the event at the following link:  
<http://www.nweurope.eu/news-events/project-ideas-lab-frankfurt-7-april/>

## NORTHERN PERIPHERY & ARCTIC (NPA) PROGRAMME - FOURTH CALL



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

The NPA Programme has announced that the Fourth Call for Applications will open on the 1st May 2016. The Programme has published the Terms of Reference for the Call, you can download the requirements at the following link:

[http://www.interreg-npa.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Fourth\\_call\\_pre-announcement.pdf](http://www.interreg-npa.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/Fourth_call_pre-announcement.pdf)



## INTERREG EUROPE PROGRAMME - NORTHERN IRELAND INFORMATION SEMINAR

SEUPB in partnership with the **Interreg Europe Programme** will hold an Information Seminar on the Programme on the **20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Europa Hotel, Belfast**. The Interreg Europe Programme helps regional and local governments across Europe to develop and deliver better policy. By creating an environment and opportunity for sharing solutions, the Programme aims to ensure that government investment, innovation and implementation efforts all lead to integrated and sustainable impacts for people and places - to register, please visit the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/interreg-europe-event-information-seminar-registration-22218900329>

Further information on the Programme is available on the following website: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/>



## PROJECT FOCUS - GREBE PROJECT

The 'Generating Renewable Energy Business Enterprise' (GREBE) is a project to support renewable energy enterprises over the 3-year period, 2015 – 2018.

It is a transnational project operating across the West of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Finland, Norway and Iceland, and will be led by the Western Development Commission (WDC). The project, which has a budget of €1.77m and is co-funded by the EU's Northern Periphery & Arctic (NPA) Programme, will focus on the challenge of helping to develop renewable energy business opportunities through harnessing the natural resources of the region.

As well as WDC as Lead Partner, other partners include Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Action Renewables in Northern Ireland.

For further information please visit: <https://greberenewableenergyblog.wordpress.com/>



## INTERREG VB/C FUNDING IN NORTHERN IRELAND - THE STORY SO FAR.....

**19 PROJECTS involving NORTHERN IRELAND PARTNERS APPROVED TO DATE.....**

**22 NORTHERN IRELAND PARTNERS involved in Transnational Approved Projects.....**

**2 NORTHERN IRELAND LEAD PARTNERS.....**

**12 PROJECTS involving Northern Ireland/Ireland Partners engaging in CROSS BORDER COLLABORATION.....**

**OVER €4M IN ERDF ALLOCATED to Northern Ireland partners under the Interreg VB/C Programmes.....**

### NEW VERIFICATION OFFICER

Lisa Kelly has recently commenced a role as the verification officer for all Interreg VB/C Programmes in Northern Ireland.

Lisa is based within SEUPB and will vouch and verify all Northern Ireland partner expenditure under the programmes in the future.

Lisa is also available to provide advice and assistance as you develop your project and throughout project implementation. Lisa can be contacted on 02890 266660 or via email: [lisa.kelly@seupb.eu](mailto:lisa.kelly@seupb.eu)

### KEY DATES

#### EVENTS

**Interreg Europe Northern Ireland Information Seminar** - 20th April 2016 in Belfast

**North West Europe Third Call Project Ideas Lab** - 7th April 2016 in Frankfurt, Germany

**NPA Programme - How to Apply Seminar** - 1st June 2016 in Cork

#### UPCOMING CALLS

**Atlantic Area Programme First Call Closes** - 27th May 2016

**North West Europe Third Call Closes** - 27th May 2016

**Interreg Europe Programme Second Call Closes** - 13th May 2016

**NPA Programme Fourth Call Closes** - 30th September 2016

To discuss INTERREG VB or VC in further detail or any specific project ideas that you have please contact:

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