

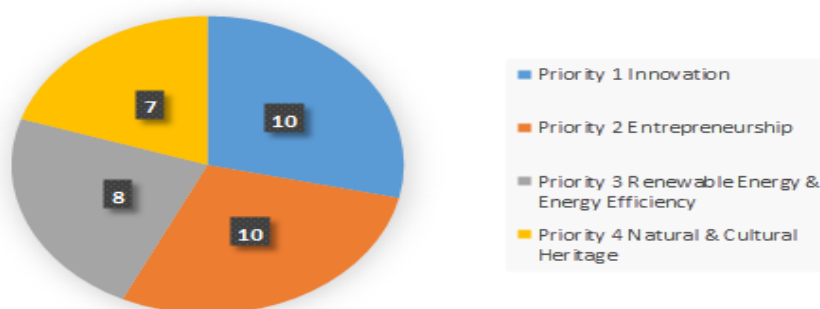


Welcome to 'INTERREGional News' from the Special EU Programmes Body. This newsletter aims to bring you up to date with developments on the **INTERREG VB Programmes** (the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme, the North West Europe Programme and the Atlantic Area Programme) as well as the **INTERREG 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.

NORTHERN PERIPHERY AND ARCTIC PROGRAMME — UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS — 4TH CALL

The 4th call under the NPA Programme closed on 30 November 2016. 35 full applications have passed the eligibility/admissibility screening and are currently going through technical assessment involving the Joint Secretariat and Regional Advisory Groups. The Northern Ireland Regional Advisory Group will meet on 19 January 2017 to consider all applications with final decisions taken by the Programme Monitoring Committee on 2 March 2017.

Applications Received by Priority



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



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In October 2016, the Programme Monitoring Committee approved 66 out of 211 stage 1 applications received under the 2nd call. The 3rd call for applications will open from the 1 March—30 June 2017.



ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME—UPDATE ON STAGE 1 APPLICATIONS

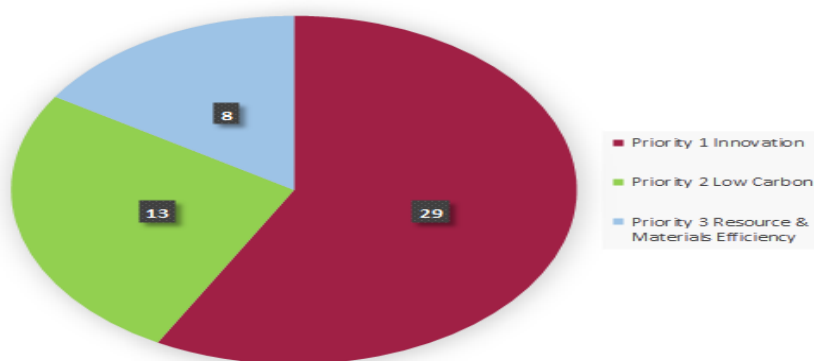
Of the 425 Expressions of Interest received into the 1st call for applications, 102 were approved to submit a full application. The deadline for submission has been extended to 12 noon on 22 December 2016 due to technical difficulties with the online application system. Of the 102 EOIs, 5 have Northern Ireland Lead Partners and a further 20 have Northern Ireland partners.



NORTH WEST EUROPE PROGRAMME — UPDATE ON STAGE 1 — 4TH CALL

50 stage 1 applications which include Northern Ireland Partners and Lead Partners, were received under the 4th call by the 30 November deadline. All are currently going through assessment and will go to the Programme Monitoring Committee in March 2017 for a decision on how many progress to stage 2.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY



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PROJECT FOCUS — FREED (NPA Programme)

The FREED Project (Funding Resources for Innovation in Energy Enterprise Development) held their 'Innovate Energy 2016 Conference' recently on 8th December in the Passive Pavilion in CREST, South West College, Enniskillen. The project aims to support SME's by offering funding and support to those with innovative Ideas for the energy sector, and is funded under Interreg's Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme. The project itself is running for 3 years, with partners from all over the region; University of Oulu (Finland), South West College (Northern Ireland), European Institute for Innovation (Eifl – European-wide), Limerick Institute of Technology (Ireland), Western Development Committee (Ireland), Green Angel Syndicate (Scotland) and Narvik Science Park (Norway).



Front Row (L-R): Nick Lyth (Green Angel Syndicate), Chris Ashe (EIFI), Mary Keaveney (Western Development Commission), Niko Hänninen (University of Oulu)

EVENTS UPDATE

A Full Programme of events to support potential applicants and project partners and Lead Partners will be available in early 2017.....



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