

INTERREG VA REPORT 2016 (CITIZEN'S SUMMARY)




WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME DO:

The EU INTERREG VA Programme promotes greater levels of cross border co-operation. The programme operates within Northern Ireland, the Border Countries of Ireland and Western Scotland. It is funded by the EU, the Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government.

Research and Innovation

Value: €71.6m
(EU support €60.9)

The programme will enhance cross-border collaboration in research and innovation within the sectors of Health & Life Sciences and Renewable Energy. It will also foster cross-border partnerships between SME's and research institutions, which will result in new products, processes and tradable services.


 A total of **6** projects have been approved, with **1,408** SME's to receive support and 165 researchers to be employed at PhD level or above.

Sustainable Transport

Value: €47m
(EU support €40m)

The programme will support the development of cross-border greenways and cycle networks for pedestrians and cyclists, reducing high carbon emissions, creating a 'community' of users and increasing the number of cross-border journeys made by cycling and walking.

 A cross-border multi modal hub will introduce integrated connected services in a bid to utilise cross-border public transport.

 The programme has approved 3 projects, which will create **78Km** of new cross-border greenways.

€283m Budget
(EU support €240m)

Official launch –
22 Jan 2016

EU Funding Committed
€132m

Total Funding Committed
€164m

Value: €84.7m
(EU support €72m)

Environment

The programme supports:

- Cross-border collaboration in the recovery of protected habitats and priority species.
- Cross-border management of marine protected areas and species, resulting in better conservation status.
- Cross-border collaboration in the improvement of water quality in Carlingford Lough and Lough Foyle.
- The improvement of freshwater quality and the enhancement of biodiversity in cross-border river basins.

 With **7** projects approved, over **5,000** hectares of habitats will be enhanced and **33** conservation action plans developed.

Value: €62m
(EU support €53m)

Health

The programme will contribute towards the development of cross-border health and social care initiatives that will enable better access for tens of thousands of people. Approved projects will improve the delivery of services in a range of areas including Children's Health Services and Acute Services.

 The programme has approved **7** projects, with **35,000** patients/families set to benefit from better quality health and social care services.

