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Interreg Atlantic Area Programme 2014-2020

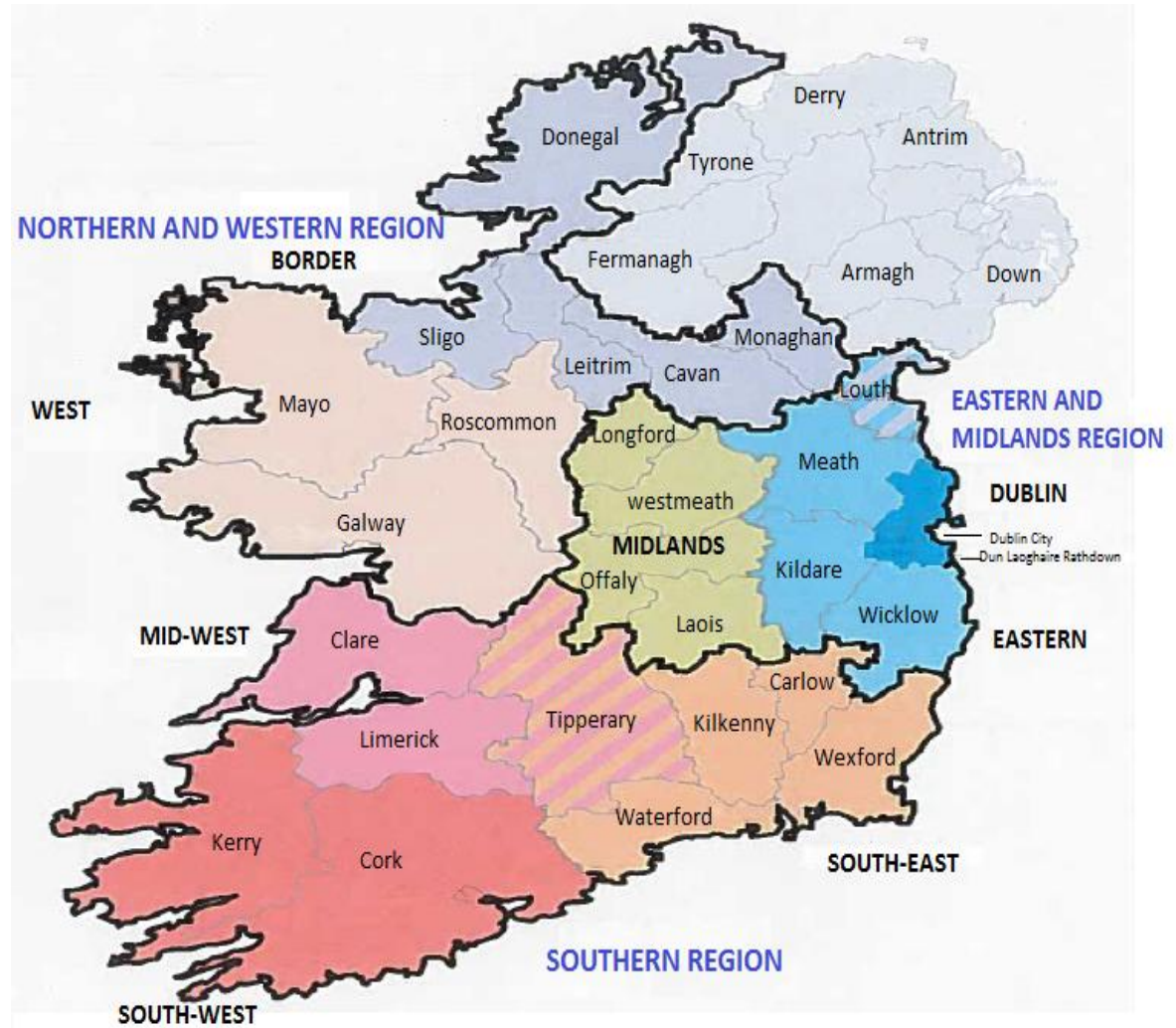


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Strategic Planning Areas



What is INTERREG?

- INTERREG is a series of European Territorial Cooperation programmes that aim to stimulate cross border and inter-regional cooperation in the European Union.
- Started in 1989, INTERREG is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- The new phase of the Programme is INTERREG V, covering the period 2014-2020

Why participate?

- Identified need to co-operate across borders/regions
- To build partnerships and critical mass
- Develop opportunities and New Ideas to address regional challenges.
- Develop new Products and Services
- Network and Exchange
- Implementation of Policies

European Territorial Co-operation 2014-2020

- Cross Border Programmes (INTERREG VA)

Ireland -Wales Programme

Ireland/Northern Ireland/Scotland Programme.

- Transnational Co-Operation (INTERREG VB)

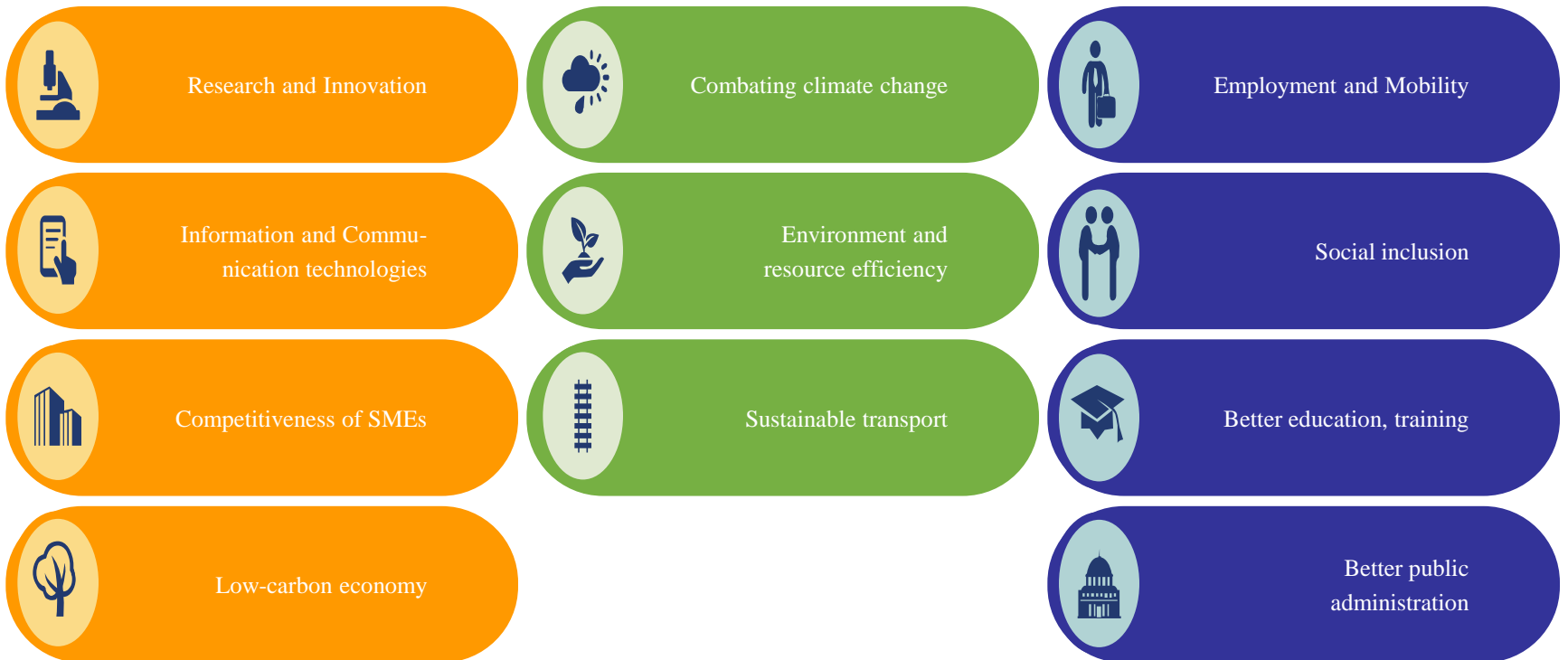
Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme (NPA)

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North West Europe Programme

- INTERREG EUROPE (VC) – EU 28 MS

EU 2020 – Thematic Concentration



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Role of Regional Assemblies in INTERREG

- Host National Contact Point in Ireland
 - *Provide Project Development Assistance to promoters*
 - *Advice on Application preparation*
 - *Host Seminars to announce calls for proposals*
 - *Partner Searches*
- Programme Monitoring Committee member (PMC)
- First Level Control Body in Ireland.
- Promote North/South co-operation in projects.

A brief look Back on Atlantic Area since 1994

	Interreg IIC	Interreg IIIB	Interreg IVB
Programme period	1994-1999	2000-2006	2007-2013
No. of projects approved	48	84	71
No. of Partners	128	643	639
No. of Irish Partners	13	52	86
Total Programme Budget	€24m	€220m	€158m
Average Project Budget	€0.31m	€2.3m	€1.75m

From 2007 – 2013 - €12.9m ERDF approved to 51 Irish Projects

*So who have been the main Irish Players in
Interreg Projects over the years ?*

Examples -

<i>Regional Authorities</i>	Border, Midland, West, South West, South East, Mid West, Dublin Region.
<i>Local Authorities</i>	Donegal, Galway, Mayo, Clare, Limerick City, Dublin City.
<i>Business Associations/Networks/ Support Agencies</i>	Irish Exporters, WESTBIC, CORKBIC, Donegal CEB, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown CEB
<i>Higher Education</i>	UCD/UCC/ TCD/ NUIG/AIT/CIT
<i>Sectoral Interests</i>	
<i>Marine/Aquaculture</i>	Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) Marine Institute Killybegs Fisherman's Organisation National Maritime College of Ireland Inland Fisheries Ireland
<i>Transport</i>	National Transport Authority Port of Cork
<i>Crafts</i>	Crafts Council of Ireland
<i>Food</i>	TEAGASC Westmeath CDL Bord Bia
<i>Tourism</i>	Shannon Development Failte Ireland

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Eligible Area

Atlantic Area Thematic Priorities – 2014-2020

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Description</i>
1	<i>Stimulating Innovation & Competitiveness</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhancing Innovation capacity to foster competitiveness- Strengthening transfer of Innovation results to facilitate emergence of new products, services & processes.
2	<i>Fostering Resource Efficiency</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fostering renewable energies & energy efficiency- Fostering Green Growth, eco innovation & environmental efficiency
3	<i>Strengthening the Territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strengthening risk management systems
4	<i>Enhancing Biodiversity and the Natural and Cultural Assets</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improving the protection of biodiversity & enhancing ecosystems services- Enhancing Natural and Cultural assets to stimulate economic development

Priority Axis 1

Stimulating Innovation and Competitiveness in the Atlantic Area

SO 1.1 – Enhancing Innovation capacity to foster competitiveness

- Creating an Innovation friendly business environment
- Develop new ideas across all sectors & bring them to market
- Focusing on Regions' Innovation strengths.

SO 1.2 Strengthening transfer of Innovation results to facilitate emergence of new products, services & processes

- Open up new markets for innovative new products & services.
- Helping to commercialise and market research & innovation results across all sectors of Atlantic economy



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Priority Axis 2

Fostering Resource efficiency

SO 2.1 Fostering renewable energies and energy efficiency

Exploiting the huge potential of the Atlantic Renewable resources.

Off shore wind, wave & tidal energies.

On shore energies such as wood/biomass/energy crops

SO 2.2 Fostering green growth, eco-innovation and environmental efficiency

Supporting transnational networks to promote recyclability, eco efficiency and reduction in waste.

Improved durability in goods & services – positively contributing to the Circular Economy

Priority Axis 3

Strengthening the Territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin

SO 3.1 Strengthening Risk Management systems

Addressing the threats posed to Atlantic regions by Climate change, Natural and man made disasters.

- Risk assessment, prevention & surveillance actions
- Planning Monitoring & Reporting
- Response mechanisms to threats
- Developing new risk management tools
- Awareness raising events for local communities
- Early detection & Mapping



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Priority Axis 4 Enhancing biodiversity and the Natural & Cultural Assets

SO 4.1 Improving the protection of biodiversity and enhancing ecosystems services

Preserving & protecting Atlantic biodiversity including marine life, river basins & protected areas

SO 4.2 Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development

Enhancing the attractiveness of the Atlantic Area – Tourism/Culture Heritage co-operation

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>EU BUDGET</i>
1	Stimulating Innovation & Competitiveness	€47.1m
2	Fostering Resource Efficiency	€29.7m
3	Strengthening the Territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin	€15.2m
4	Enhancing Biodiversity and the Natural and Cultural Assets	€39.4m
5	Technical Assistance	€8.4m
	TOTAL PROGRAMME ERDF BUDGET	€140m

PROGRAMME BUDGET 2014-2020 = €185.3M

GRANT RATE TO PROJECTS = 75%

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- National, Regional & Local Authorities
- Government Departments
- State Agencies
- Universities & Higher Education Colleges
- Innovation & Research Centres
- Business Associations, networks & Support agencies
- Chambers of Commerce
- SMEs – (Nature of participation TBC)
- Social Enterprises
- Community Sector & Civil Society

Managing Authority/JTS	Region of NORTE, Portugal (CCDR-Norte)
National Contact Points	
<i>Ireland</i>	Northern & Western Regional Assembly
<i>Spain</i>	Ministry of Finance, Madrid
<i>Portugal</i>	Ministry of Regional Development, Lisbon.
<i>United Kingdom</i>	Welsh European Funding Office, Cardiff
<i>France</i>	Pays de La Loire, Nantes

Opening Calls for projects estimated Quarter 3/4 2015

Strategic positioning with Atlantic Maritime Strategy priorities

Atlantic Maritime Strategy

1. Entrepreneurship & Innovation
2. Protect, Secure & develop the potential of marine & coastal environment
3. Improve accessibility & connectivity
4. Creation of a socially inclusive & sustainable model of regional development

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1. Innovation & Competitiveness
2. Resource Efficiency in Atlantic Area
3. Risk Management Systems
4. Biodiversity & promotion of Natural and Cultural heritage

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