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**INTERREG VB & VC TRANSNATIONAL
 AND INTERREGIONAL PROGRAMMES –
 AN OVERVIEW**

**What are the Transnational and Interregional
 Co-operation Programmes?**

Funding under the European Territorial Co-operation (ETC) INTERREG V Programme is divided into three different strands:

- **Cross-Border (INTERREG VA)**
 Programmes aim to bring adjacent cross-border regions closer together through the development of joint projects.
- **Transnational (INTERREG VB)**
 Programmes aim to promote a higher degree of territorial integration, with a view to achieving sustainable, harmonious and balanced development across the EU and better territorial integration across the EU and non-EU Member States.
- **Interregional Co-operation (INTERREG VC)**
 Programmes aim to improve the implementation of regional development policies and Programmes, in particular the Programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and other ETC Programmes.

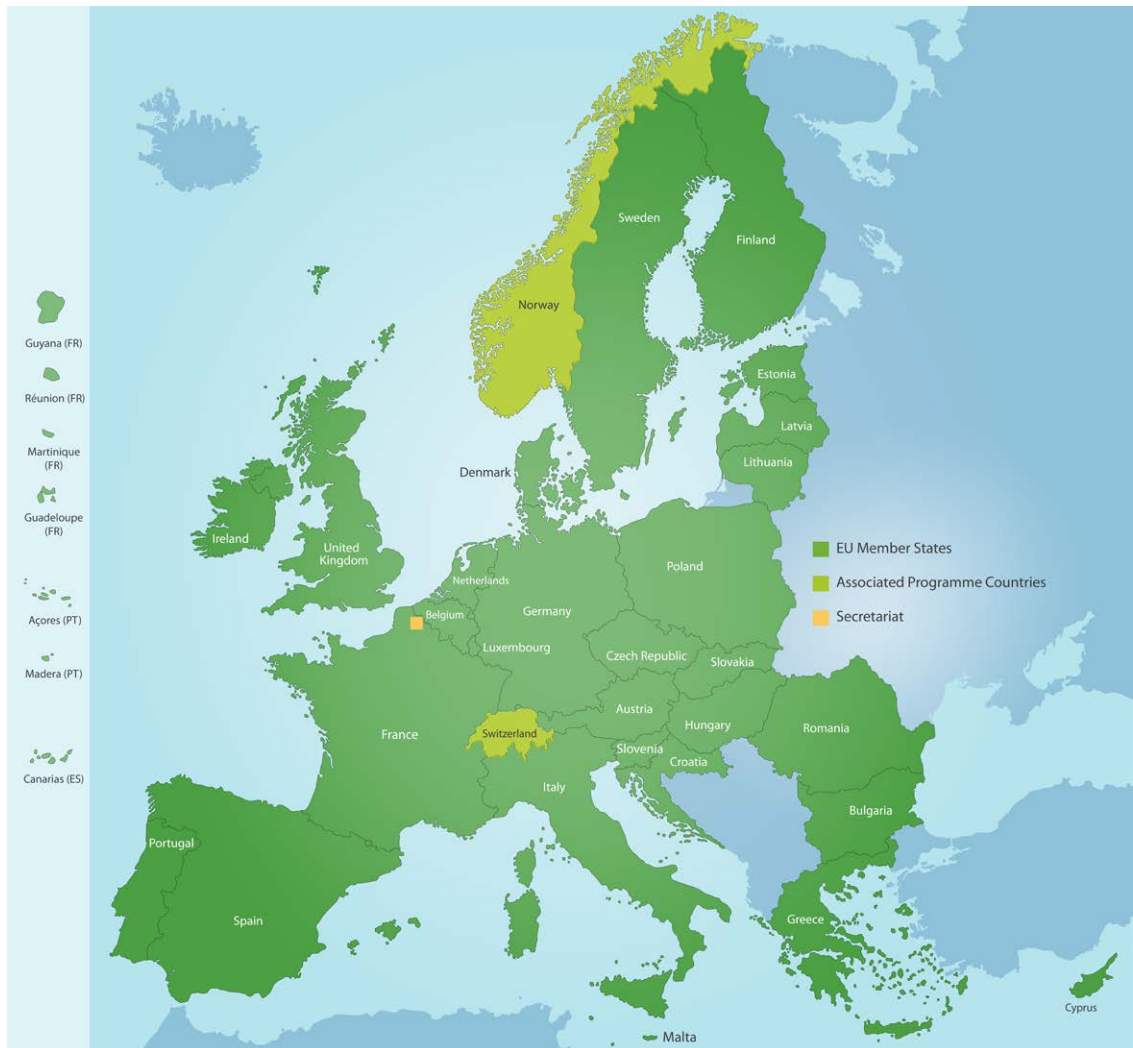
The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) is the Regional Contact Point for the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme and Information Point for the other Transnational and Inter-regional Programmes in Northern Ireland.

Who can apply?

A wide range of organisations from the Public, Private and Third Sectors can apply as part of a transnational partnership to the Programmes. Potential applicants may include governmental (local, regional and national), education and knowledge institutions, civil society organisations such as NGOs and non-profit organisations and enterprises including social enterprises. Please see overleaf for specific eligible regions for each Programme.

How do I apply?

Please consult each of the Programme websites (see overleaf) for further information on how to apply, details on the application process and timelines for calls for applications.



Aim and Priorities

The Programme funds projects and thematic platforms based around its four Priority Areas to allow regional and local public authorities and other players of regional relevance across Europe to exchange ideas on the way public policies work, and thereby find solutions to improve public policy and strategies for their own citizens.

Priority Areas

Priority 1: Research and Innovation.

Priority 2: Competitiveness of SMEs.

Priority 3: Low Carbon Economy.

Priority 4: Environment and Resource Efficiency.

ERDF Funds Available:
€360 million.

Grant Rate:
85%.

Eligible Regions:

All 28 EU Member States are eligible under the Programme in addition to two non-EU Member States - Switzerland and Norway.

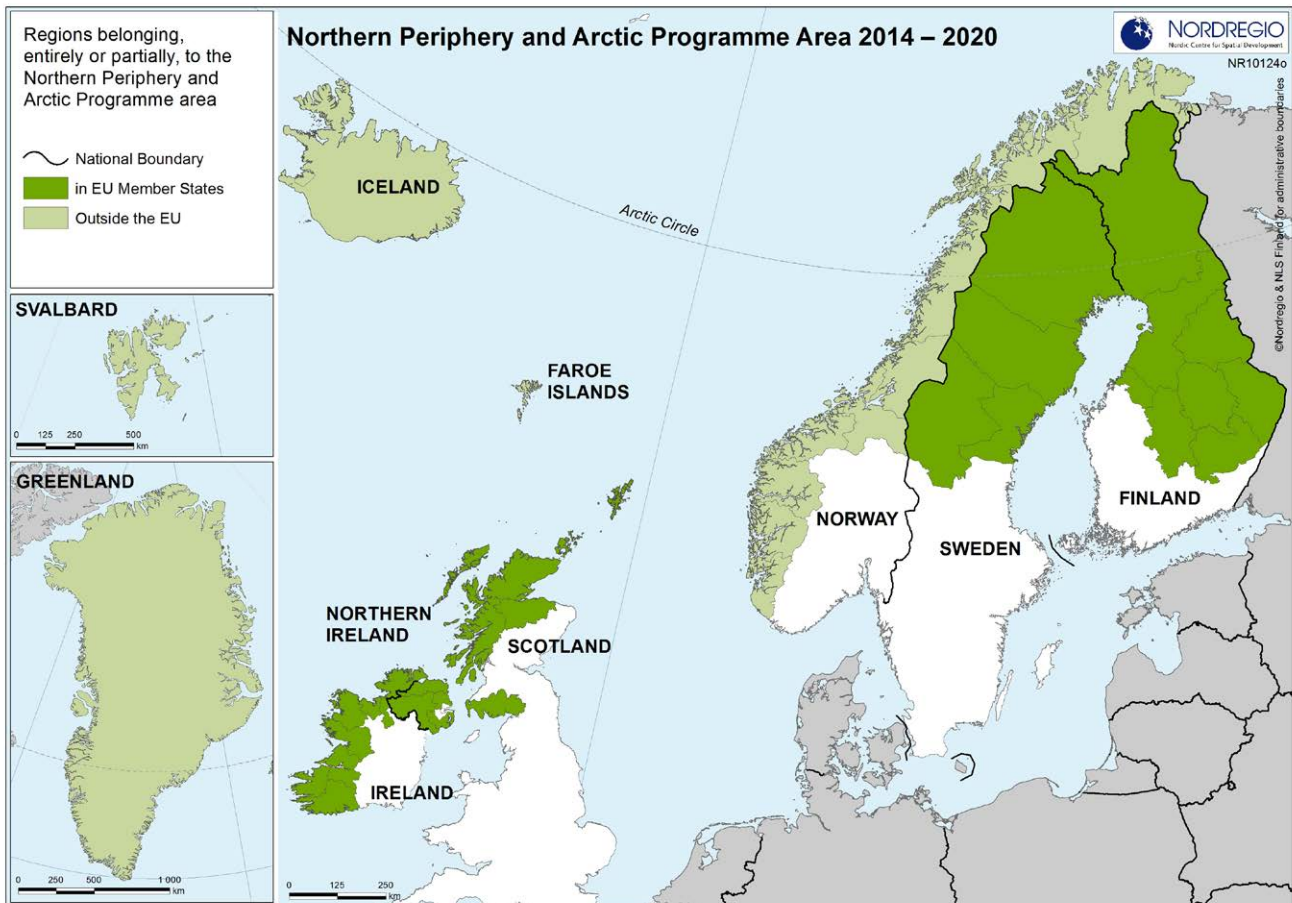
Minimum Number of Partners Required:

Three partners from three countries, two of which must be from EU Member States.

Programme Secretariat:
 Based in Lille, France.

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Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme
2014–2020

Aim and Priorities

The Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme aims to expand the regions' horizons, building on concrete outcomes and enabling the Programme area to be a first class region in which to live, study, work, visit and invest.

Priority Areas

Priority 1: Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities.

Priority 2: Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage.

Priority 3: Fostering Energy-Secure Communities.

Priority 4: Protecting, Promoting and Developing Cultural and Natural Heritage.

ERDF Funds Available:
€56 million.

Grant Rate:
65%.

Eligible Regions:

Parts of the EU Member States of Finland, Western Ireland, Sweden and the UK (Scotland and Northern Ireland excluding Belfast and Greater Belfast) in co-operation with the Non-Member States of the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and Norway.

Minimum Number of Partners Required:

Three partners from three participating countries, one of which must be an EU Member State.

Programme Secretariat:

Based in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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- EU co-operation areas
- Other co-operation areas

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North-West Europe
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Aim and Priorities

The Programme's mission is to produce measurable positive change in the North-West Region of Europe in three thematic areas: Innovation, Low Carbon and Resource & Materials Efficiency.

Priority Areas

Priority 1: Innovation - to enhance the innovation performance of enterprises throughout the Programme area.

Priority 2: Low Carbon - to facilitate the uptake of low carbon technologies, products, processes and services in sectors with high energy saving potential and to help aid the implementation of transnational low-carbon solutions in transport systems.

Priority 3: Resource and Materials Efficiency - to optimise the (re)use of material and natural resources.

ERDF Funds Available:
€370 million.

Grant Rate:
60%.

Eligible Regions:

Parts of the EU Member States of Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and Germany. The UK, Ireland and the non-Member State, Switzerland, are also included.

Minimum Number of Partners Required:

Three partners from three different countries, two of which must be from the eligible area.

Programme Secretariat:

Based in Lille, France.

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ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME 2014-2020



Aim and Priorities

The overall Programme objective is to implement solutions in response to the regional challenges that exist in the fields of innovation, resource efficiency, the environment and protection of cultural assets, in order to generate a better quality of life in the Atlantic Area territory.

Priority Areas

Priority 1: Stimulating Innovation and Competitiveness.

Priority 2: Fostering Resource Efficiency.

Priority 3: Strengthening the Territory's Resilience to Risks of Natural, Climate and Human Origin.

Priority 4: Enhancing Biodiversity and Natural & Cultural Assets.

ERDF Funds Available:
€140 million.

Grant Rate:
75%.

Eligible Regions:

Northern Ireland, Ireland, the Atlantic areas of Spain, France, Portugal and the West of Scotland, Wales and England.

Minimum Number of Partners Required:

Three partners from three participating countries.

Programme Secretariat:

Based in Oporto, Portugal.



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