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Call 4 and 2021-27 programme

NWE essentials

What does the Programme expect?

Alexandre Colombani, Joint Secretariat

The NWE Programme 2021-2027

7 countries

Belgium, France, Germany,
Ireland, Luxembourg, the
Netherlands and Switzerland

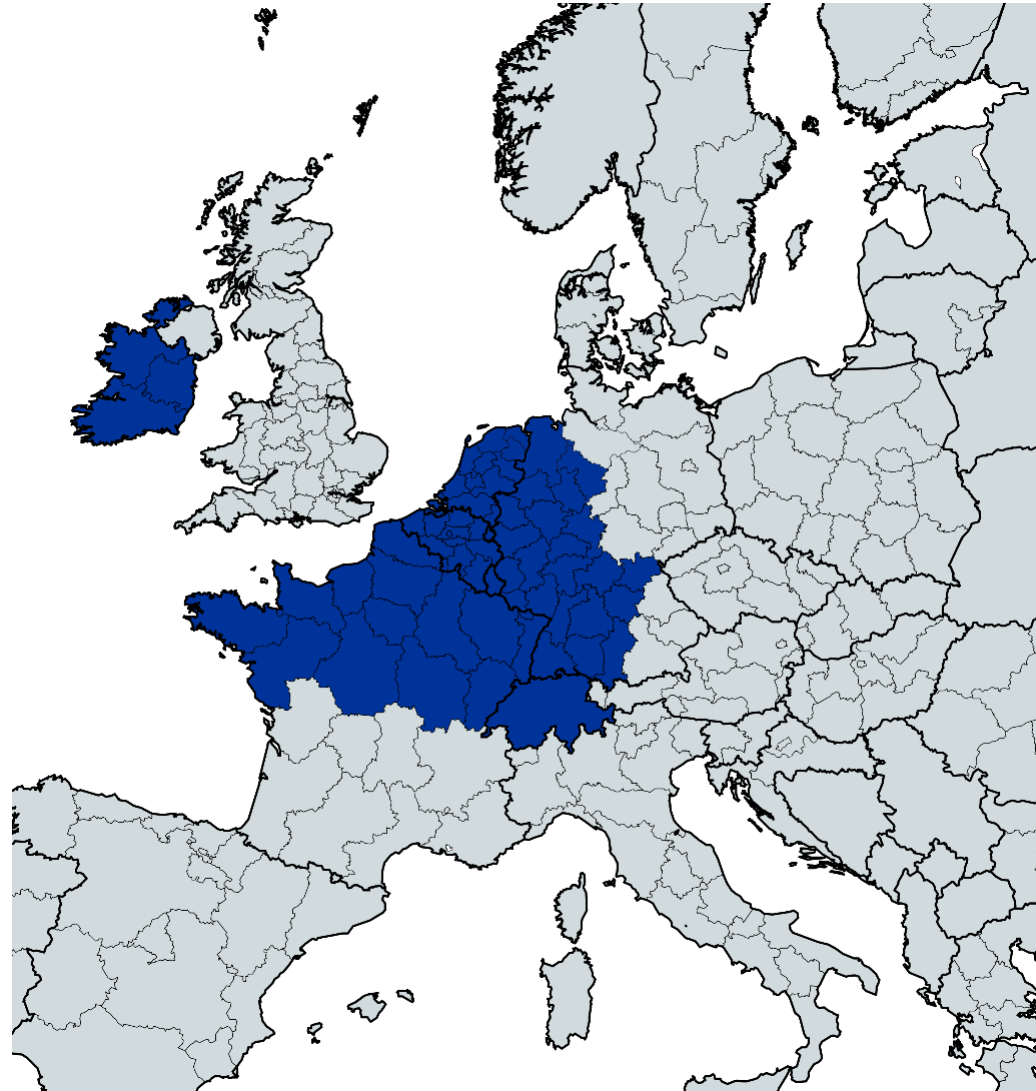
Partnerships

Minimum 3 partners from 3
different countries

Overall budget: >€310 million
EU funded (ERDF)

Co-financing : 60% EU funded

Simplified Costs and reporting



Programme priorities



See website for IP and [Factsheets!!](#)

Priority 1



Climate and
environment

SO 2.7

Nature protection and
biodiversity

SO 2.4

Climate adaptation and
disaster risk prevention

Priority 2



Energy transition

SO 2.1

Energy efficiency

SO 2.2

Renewable energy

Priority 3



Circular economy

SO 2.6

Circular and resource
efficient economy

Programme priorities



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Priority 4



Innovation and resilience

SO 1.1

Innovation capacities
and the uptake of
technologies

Priority 5



Inclusive society

SO 4.1

Access to employment

SO 4.5

Access to healthcare

SO 4.6

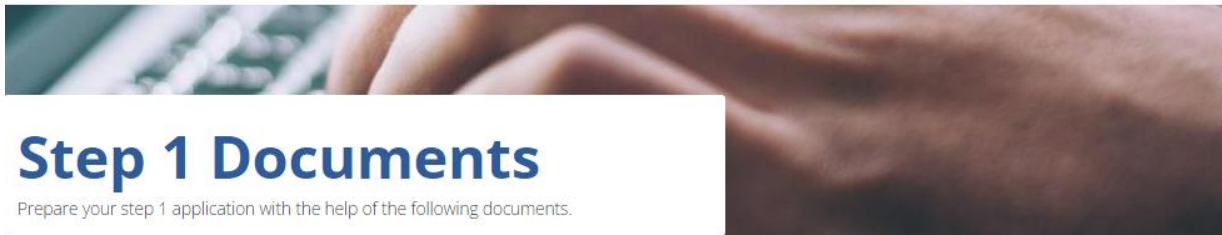
Culture and sustainable tourism

Eligibility criteria



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Step 1 Documents

Prepare your step 1 application with the help of the following documents.

Application process

Get an overview of the milestones and timeline of the application process.

This infographic explains our two-step application process.

[Download](#)

Intervention logic

Structure your project idea with the help of the intervention logic infographic.

From territorial challenges and opportunities to project results and societal benefits for North-West Europe.

[Download](#)

Step 1 application form

The step 1 application form is a word version of what applicants will find on the Interreg NWE Joint electronic submission system (Jems) and need to fill in to submit a step 1 application.

Please note that this document is made available for demonstration and information purposes only.

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Step 1 eligibility criteria

The step 1 eligibility criteria are the list of criteria each project must comply with to be declared eligible.

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Step 1 assessment criteria

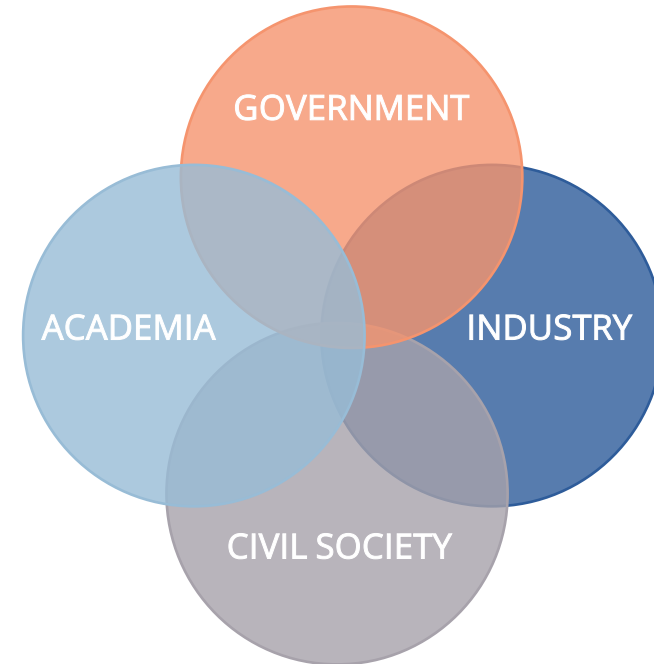
The step 1 assessment criteria are the criteria against which every project application will be assessed to establish its relevance and feasibility.

Decisions on whether to grant funding will be based on this document.

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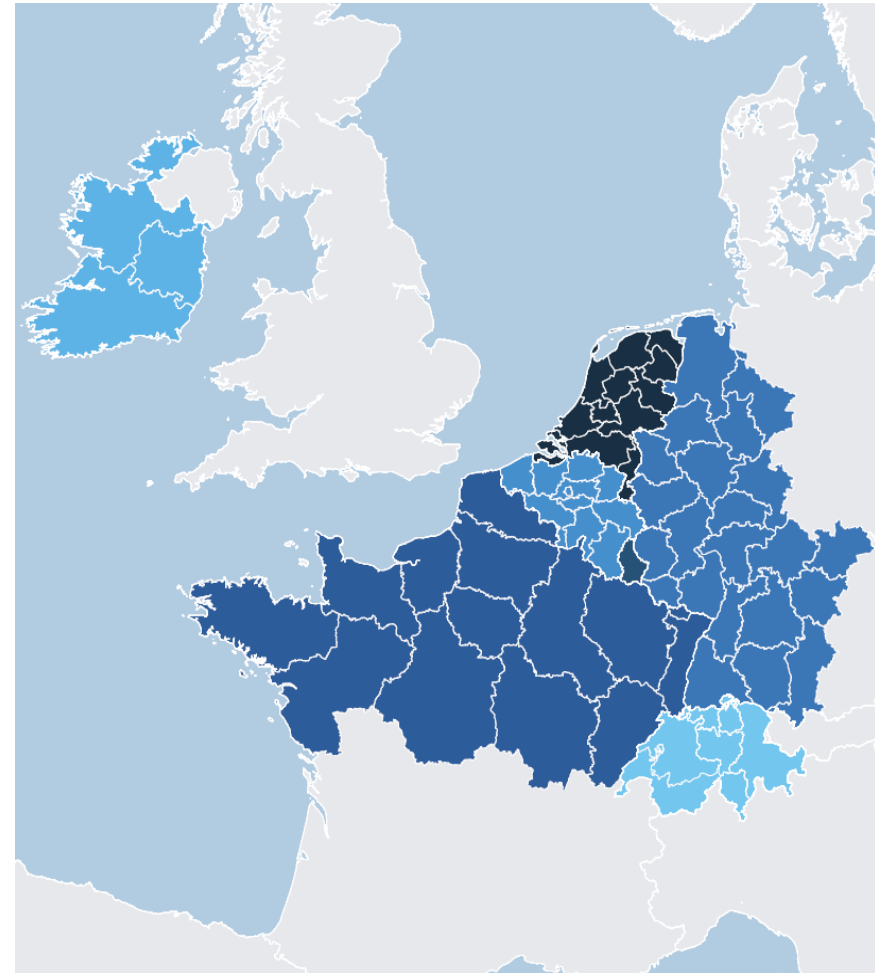
Who can apply?

- **Public:** Local/regional/national authorities, governmental agencies, public equivalent organisations
- **Private:** SMEs and business support organisations
- **Academia:** Universities, public research centres, private research units, schools and higher education, training centres
- **Civil Society:** Sectoral associations, NGOs, lobby organisations, citizens groups



Partnership requirements

- **3 partners** from 3 different countries (at least **2** from the NWE area)
- **Lead partner** must be from NWE Programme area
- **Lead partner** must be public, non-profit, or a body governed by public law
- **Co-financing** (EU 60%, partners 40%)



Type of partners

| | Lead partner & Project partner |
|------------------------------|---|
| Involvement | Fundamental role, active for the whole duration |
| Budget | Have budget |
| Eligibility rules | Apply Programme rules |
| Controller | Need one |
| Partnership Agreement | Sign the Partnership Agreement |

Lead partner (LP)



- LP is the overall responsible of the project
- LP signs the contract with the Programme
- LP coordinates and manages the project

Partners from outside NWE

- Possible
- Needs good justification (Why this partner and not someone from NWE?)
- UK organisations

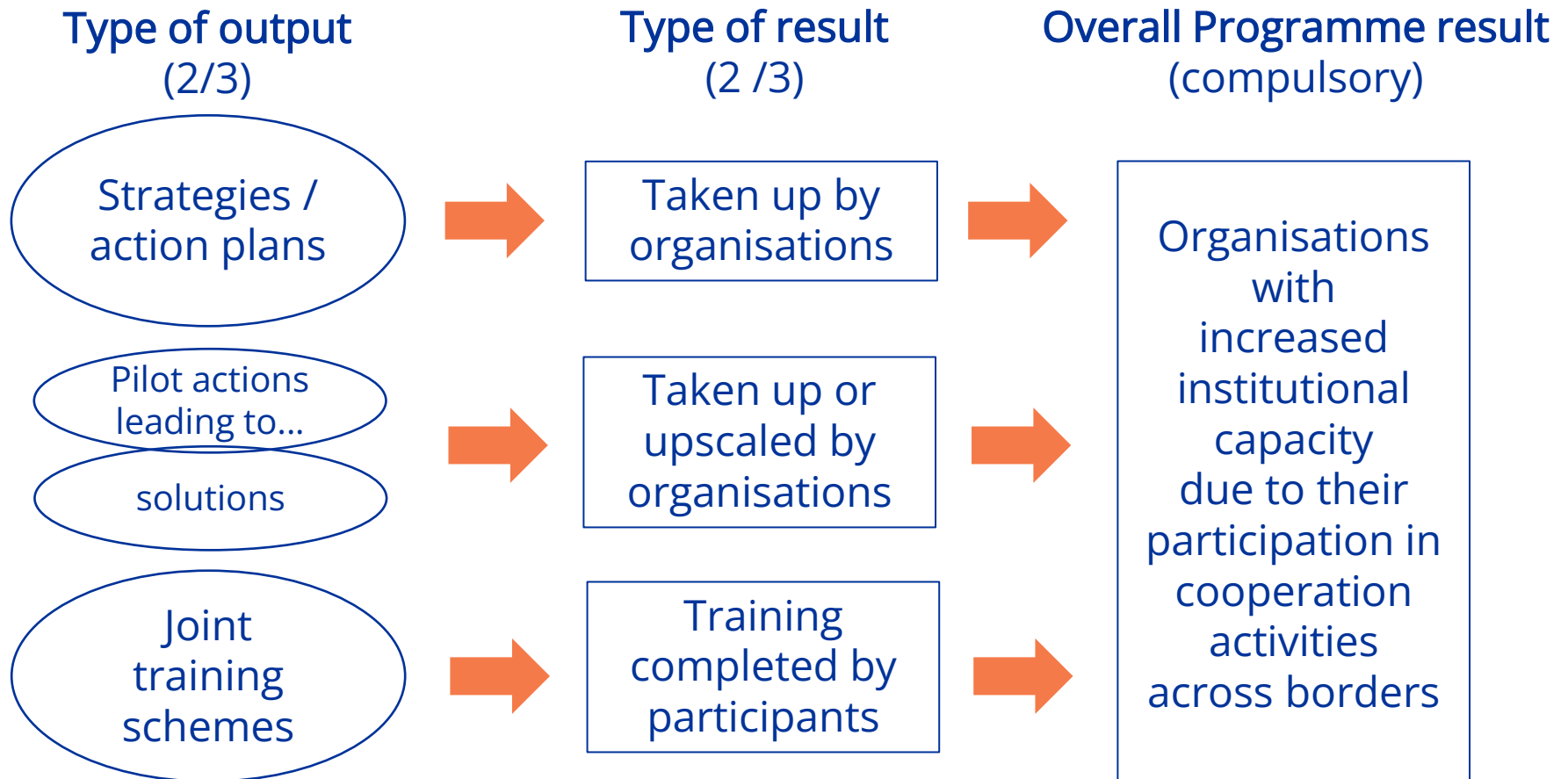


What does an NWE project
deliver and how is it structured?

IDEA

Expected outputs & results

2 out of 3 output types developed & taken up



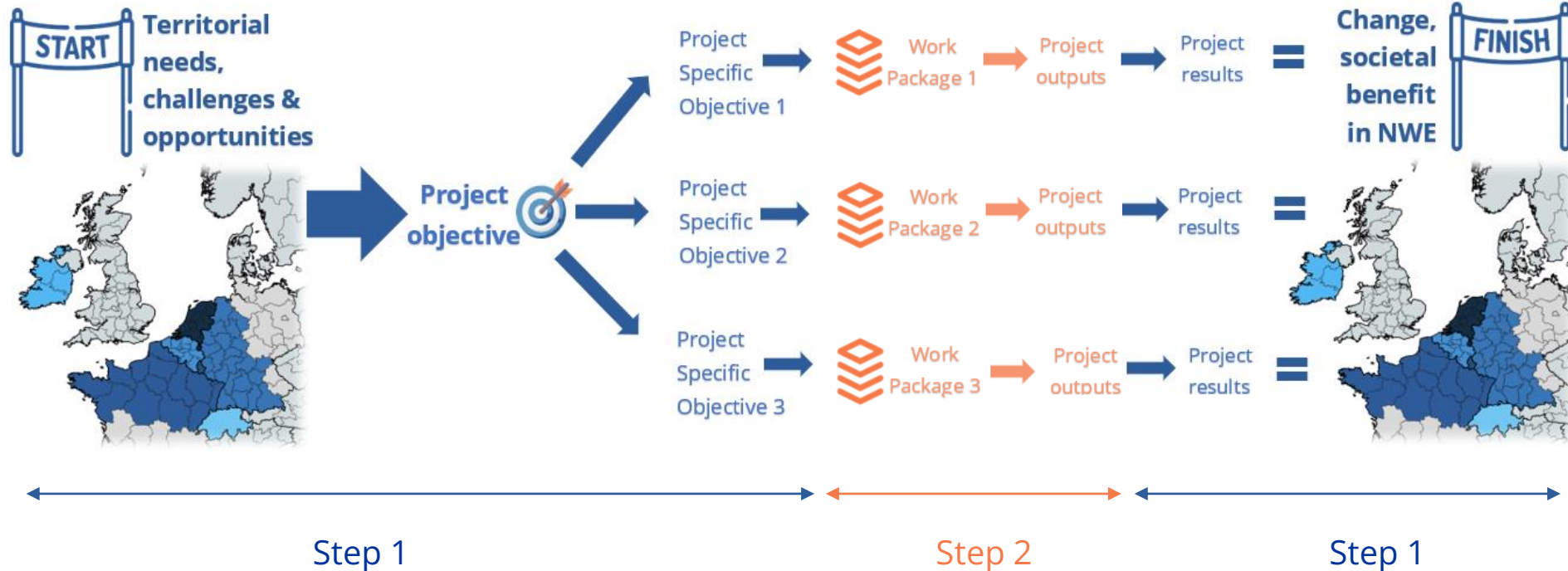
Project intervention logic

NEED

OBJECTIVE

ACTIVITIES

RESULTS





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NWE essentials

What makes a good Interreg NWE project?

Sarah Davoren, National Contact Point Ireland



NWE Essentials

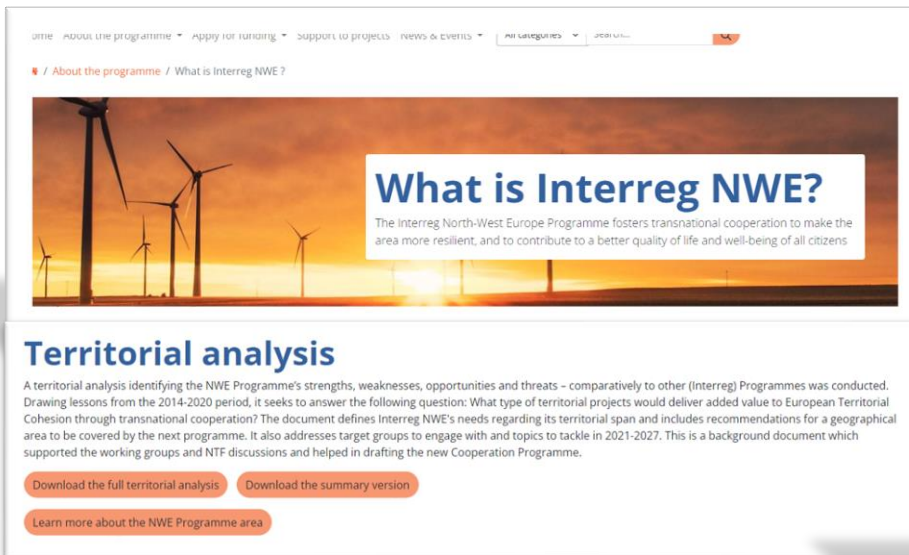
Territoriality – Cooperation – Impact



IDEA

Territoriality

- Challenges and opportunities specifically in NWE
- In which kind of regions (rural, urban, intermediate...)



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What is Interreg NWE?

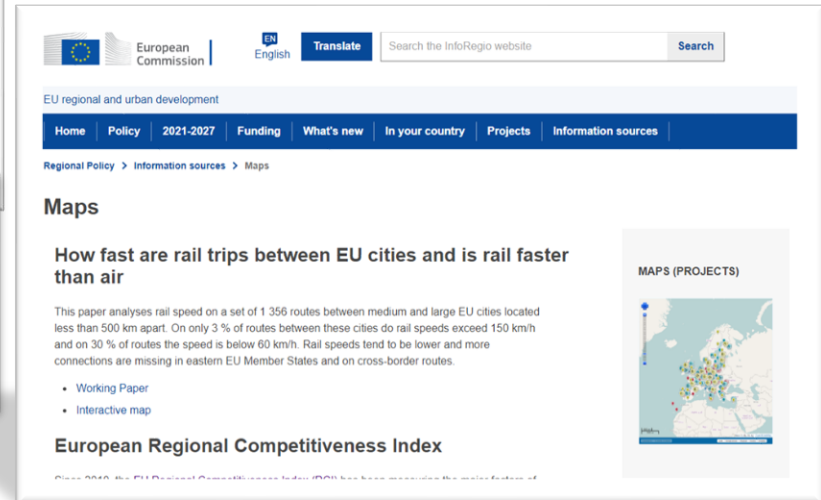
The Interreg North-West Europe Programme fosters transnational cooperation to make the area more resilient, and to contribute to a better quality of life and well-being of all citizens

Territorial analysis

A territorial analysis identifying the NWE Programme's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats - comparatively to other (Interreg) Programmes was conducted. Drawing lessons from the 2014-2020 period, it seeks to answer the following question: What type of territorial projects would deliver added value to European Territorial Cohesion through transnational cooperation? The document defines Interreg NWE's needs regarding its territorial span and includes recommendations for a geographical area to be covered by the next programme. It also addresses target groups to engage with and topics to tackle in 2021-2027. This is a background document which supported the working groups and NTF discussions and helped in drafting the new Cooperation Programme.

[Download the full territorial analysis](#) [Download the summary version](#)

[Learn more about the NWE Programme area](#)



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EU regional and urban development

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Regional Policy > Information sources > Maps

Maps


How fast are rail trips between EU cities and is rail faster than air

This paper analyses rail speed on a set of 1 356 routes between medium and large EU cities located less than 500 km apart. On only 3 % of routes between these cities do rail speeds exceed 150 km/h and on 30 % of routes the speed is below 60 km/h. Rail speeds tend to be lower and more connections are missing in eastern EU Member States and on cross-border routes.

- Working Paper
- Interactive map

European Regional Competitiveness Index

MAPS (PROJECTS)



➔ See NWE Territorial Analysis

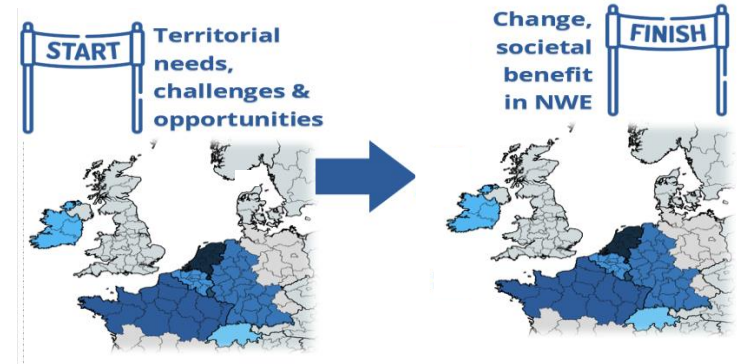
➔ See EU regional policy information and maps:

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information-sources/maps_en

➔ Look into NWE specific data from Eurostat

Cooperation

- Are all **necessary partners** involved to achieve the project objective?
- Is there a **need for cooperation across countries** to tackle the identified challenge?
- Do partners **jointly develop** project outputs, do they **learn from each other**?



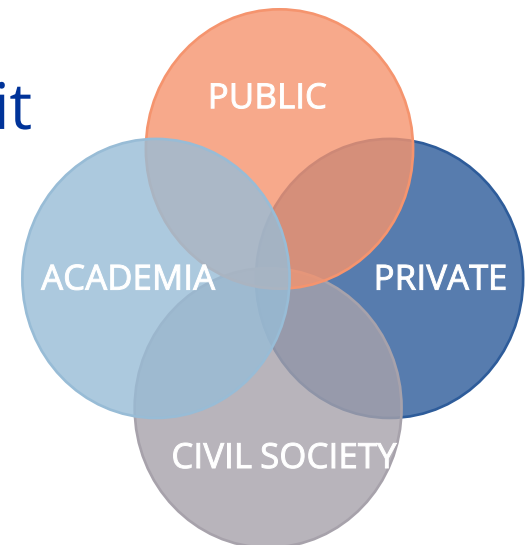
Impact

- Will the project contribute to the achievement of the Programme's objectives?



See website for IP and [Factsheets!!](#)

- How does the project build on existing practices?
- Who are the target groups that will benefit from the project?
- How will the project deliver long-term effects?





Application process

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FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS
open 15 November 2023



APPLICATION STEP 1
closes 21 March 2024



APPLICATION STEP 2
closes 26 September 2024



NOTIFICATION & PROJECT START
December 2024

Application form

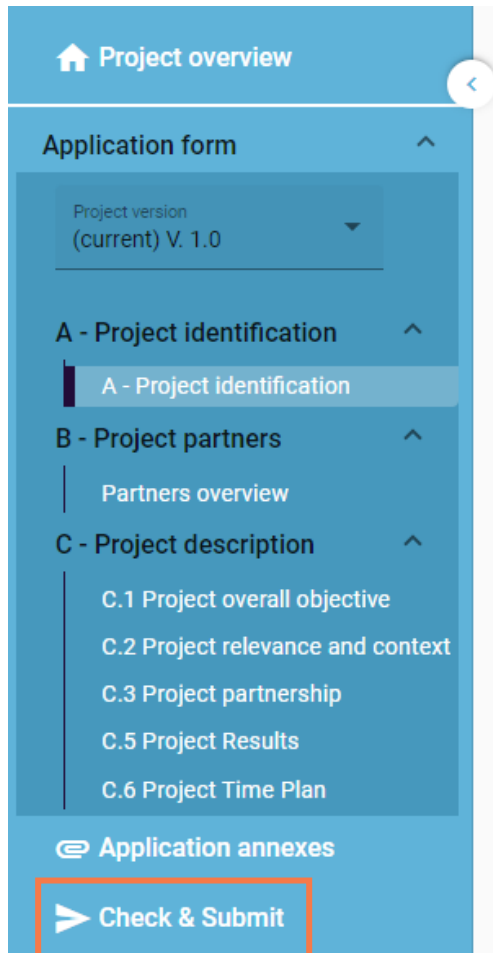


<https://www.nweurope.eu/jems>

Jems User Guidance

<https://www.nweurope.eu/web/content/4599?unique=b48e511c4814cc4987c314a96624bf492324cac0&download=true>

Application form



The screenshot shows a web application interface for a project overview. At the top, there is a 'Project overview' header with a home icon and a back arrow. Below this is the 'Application form' section, which is expanded to show a list of sections: 'Project version (current) V. 1.0', 'A - Project identification', 'B - Project partners', and 'C - Project description'. Under 'C - Project description', there are sub-sections: 'C.1 Project overall objective', 'C.2 Project relevance and context', 'C.3 Project partnership', 'C.5 Project Results', and 'C.6 Project Time Plan'. At the bottom of the form, there is an 'Application annexes' section and a 'Check & Submit' button, which is highlighted with an orange border. A blue arrow points from the text 'Sections of the application form in step 1' to the 'Application form' section, and an orange arrow points from the 'Check & Submit' button to the text 'Also see Word version of the application form on NWE website'.



Sections of the application form in step 1

- What to pay attention to in Jems
- Pre-submission check
 - ! Does not guarantee that a submitted AF is complete and declared eligible.
- Also see Word version of the application form on NWE website

Hints and tips

Don't underestimate...

- time to **identify the common challenge** & research **existing projects**
- time to set up the **partnership**
- time for **drafting**
- time for the **translation of summaries**
- time to get to know and fill in **Jems**
- time to write in a **clear and understandable way**
(with external help?)

“Less is more “

How to get support



Key reference documents

Interreg Programme document

Programme Manual

NWE Territorial Analysis



Other guidance documents

SO Factsheets, FAQ, intervention logic infographic,

application process infographic,

application form (Word)...



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How to get support



 [Click here](#) for Irish partners mailing list:

- Your **key words** allow the CP to “find” you when international consortia need Irish expertise in your field
- Subscribes you to the Irish Newsletter with call info
- **Set up a meeting** to discuss your project idea



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newsletter**

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[→ Registration form](#)

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How to find partners



Sign up to the NWE online community

<https://www.nweurope.eu/nwe-online-community>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Interreg NWE Online Community. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the Interreg logo and navigation links: Home, Find Partners, Browse Ideas, Sign in, and Sign up. The main content area features a grid of images. On the left, two dark blue boxes highlight '1007 ORGANISATIONS' and '22 PROJECT IDEAS'. The central part of the page has a large white box with the text 'Interreg NWE' and a red banner below it that says 'Online Community'. The background is a collage of various images related to community, industry, and research.

Public Consultation on the Future of Cohesion Policy

The Minister for Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform, Paschal Donohoe has launched Ireland's **public consultation on the future of the European Union's Cohesion Policy**.

This forms part of a wider process which is being facilitated by the **Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform** in advance of negotiations on the post 2027 Cohesion Policy Legislative Package expected to be presented in mid-2025.

Your opinion counts: By contributing to discussions on the reform of the European Union's cohesion policy, you have the opportunity to make your voice heard and influence decisions that could have an impact in your region and your daily life. Your experience and ideas are valuable in shaping policy priorities that truly meet your needs.

The closing date for responses is 5pm, Sunday February 18th
[Click here for link.](#)



The poster features a scenic background of a lake and mountains. At the top, a yellow location pin icon is next to the text "Europe in my region". Below this, the main title reads "Public Consultation on the future of EU Cohesion Policy now open". A large QR code is centered in a white rounded rectangle. Below the QR code, the text says "Have your say on the future of the European Union's Cohesion Policy". At the bottom, a white box contains the following text: "The Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform will be facilitating a National Dialogue on Cohesion Policy, the results of which will be used to inform Ireland's viewpoint on cohesion policy into the future, the deadline for submissions is midnight, Sunday February 18th." Below this, it says "Also available at gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-public-expenditure-and-reform/". The footer includes logos for the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform, the European Union, and the Southern Regional Assembly.



Q&A



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