



North Sea Region Programme INTERREG IV/B

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« North Sea Region 2007-13 » Programme

- A good programme, a good record
 - ❖ BE-DK-D-NL-SW-UK-NOR
 - ❖ 664,000km², +60mio people
 - ❖ €274mio total

• Priorities:	€ mio
❖ Innovation	57
❖ Environment	78
❖ Accessibility	78
❖ Sustainable communities	47

North Sea Programme as lever, as facilitator

- Challenges :
 - ❖ Energy links
 - ❖ Transport links
 - ❖ Environment change
 - ❖ Demographic change
 - ❖ Global trade
- Require a cooperative response
 - ❖ transnational, macro-region approach
- Experiences of:
 - ❖ Baltic Sea Region
 - ❖ Alpine Space
 - ❖ Danube Basin, etc.
- Macro-region dimension between EU-27 and national

North Sea Programme – focussed approach

- Good analysis, good response
- Strategic approach, strategic projects, real needs
- Involve the real players, the overall policy people
- Deliver results, communicate results

North Sea Programme – having an impact

- Link to other investment, align further investment
- Link to other policies:
 - ❖ Internal market
 - ❖ Transport
 - ❖ Maritime policy
 - ❖ Research, development, information society
 - ❖ Safety and security
- Deliver results that count ...

North Sea Region – making a difference

- Good seminars, good workshops
- Good implementation
 - Leading to real impact,
 - Unlocking important policy decisions
 - Unlocking bigger investment
 - Leaving real results