



8th Call for Applications – Application Pack 2012

1. Guidance Note for the 8th Call

Introduction

The 8th call for applications will take place in spring 2012. The programme has now allocated almost all of its funding and as a result limitations apply to this call. Full projects can apply under priority 3 only; Priorities 1, 2 and 4 are closed for full projects and project extensions. Please note that this guidance note is intended for full projects only and a separate guidance note is available for cluster applications on the programme website.

At the current time 55 projects have been approved and the programme has as such achieved its target for the overall number of approved projects. In addition, 5 cluster projects have been approved. Approximately EUR 5.1 million of EU funding remains whereas the Norwegian funding has been fully allocated. This means that, beside another cluster project in priority 1, there is no funding left for projects in priorities 1, 2 and 4 and the funding still available in priority 3 is very limited.

There is no Norwegian funding left. Norwegian partners should not go ahead without contacting the Norwegian Contact Point, Kate Clarke, the Norwegian national authorities and/or the programme.

The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the current status in each of the open priorities and direct project developers towards those areas of intervention where the programme still lacks projects or still sees interesting potentials. We ask you to pay particular attention to the guidance provided in this paper before working on your application and in order to ensure that your idea still has a real opportunity for funding.

Approved projects and the programme strategy

All areas of intervention in all priorities are addressed to a very high or high degree though from a gaps perspective. You are strongly advised to check your project idea section against the already approved projects in the programme.

Projects in the 8th call can address any of the areas of intervention under priorities 3 but should be aware of the funding limits. In addition, the funding available in priority 3 will also have to cover cluster applications approved under that priority. This means that you should not assume that the full amount available will be allocated to full projects. All projects planning to apply for the call are strongly recommended to make use of the possibility for [pre-assessment](#). Pre-assessments must be submitted online to the programme no later than Monday 16 January 2012.

Dates

The 8th call for applications will be open from 6 February 2012 until 5 March 2012. During this time applications can be submitted to the Secretariat. Please note that the application form is already open for editing. This enables project applicants to view the form's requirements as well as to already draft the application for later submission.

The online system is also open for pre-assessments. Submissions for pre-assessments are possible until Monday 16 January 2012.

Extensions

A number of extensions of on-going projects have been approved by the programme so far. If you are planning to apply for an extension within priority 3 during this call, please make sure to highlight the added value of this extension especially in comparison to the already approved activities, outcomes and partnership. The value for money aspect will be crucial for the assessment of any extensions. Please note the extra information on extensions which is part of this guidance package.

Grant rate and funding available

The grant rate for project partners from the programme regions in Denmark, Flanders, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and UK is 50%.

Approximately EUR 5.1 million remains in priority 3.

Please see above for specific comments on Norwegian funding.

More information

When preparing your application, it is strongly recommended to take the programme's fact and info sheets and the 'Strategy & Priorities' booklet into consideration. You can find them in the [document library](#) of the programme's webpage.

[Project ideas](#) can be viewed and published and information about [pre-assessment](#) can be found on the website.

Also view the [programme's](#) news for additional information.

Guidance for priorities 3

Priority 1 – Building our capacity for innovation

This priority is closed to further full project applications and project extensions as all funding has been allocated. However, there is a possibility for one more cluster project. Please consult the separate application pack for cluster projects.

Priority 2 – The Sustainable Management of our Environment

This priority is closed to further full project applications and project extensions as all funding has been allocated.

Priority 3 – Improving the accessibility of places in the NSR

There has been some change in the status of priority 3 following the recent Steering Committee meeting where, besides a cluster project, two new projects were approved. One under area of intervention 3.2 ('To promote the development of multi-modal and transnational transport corridors') and one under area of intervention 3.3 ('To promote the development of efficient and effective logistics solutions'). As such, there is now reasonable coverage of all areas of intervention. With regard to possible project ideas, it should be emphasised that priority 3 is also open for transport projects related to innovation and technology development with interfaces to priority 1 ('Building on our capacity for innovation'), such as the development of sustainable solutions, inter-operable transport systems, integrated ticketing etc., as well as for projects related to the role of transport in sustainable regional development with interfaces to priority 4 (Promoting sustainable and competitive communities). There are also interfaces between priority 3 and priority 2 (Sustainable management of our environment), with the environment being a cross cutting theme for the programme as a whole.

In terms of your project idea, you are advised strongly to check it against the projects already approved in these areas and the description in the '[Strategy & Priorities](#)' booklet. Information on the projects already approved can be found on the programme's website in the 'Projects' section.

Priority 4 – Promoting Sustainable and Competitive Communities

This priority is closed to further full project applications and project extensions as all funding has been allocated.

Annex I

Overview table of projects approved (following the SC 7 decision in November 2011)

Priority 1 – Building our capacity for innovation

Overview table of projects approved per area of intervention

Area of Intervention	Acronym	Full name
1.1 Building the innovation capacity of businesses	NMU	Northern Maritime University
	ERIP	European Regions for Innovative Productivity
	Green Growing	Reducing energy use in the NSR horticultural greenhouse industry
1.2 Building the transnational dimension of clusters and research and innovation networks	e-clic	European Collaborative Innovation Centres for broadband media services
	IFP	Innovative Foresight Planning for Business Development
	NSSP	North Sea Screen Partnership
	Power Cluster	Developing the North Sea Offshore Wind Power Cluster
	Smart Cities	Smart Cities
	POYO	The Port is Yours
	ClimaFruit	Future proofing the North Sea berry fruit industry in times of climate change
1.3 Building society's and the institutional capacity for innovation	Skint	North Sea Skills Integration and New Technologies
	CCC	Creative City Challenge
	North Sea Supply	North Sea Supply Connect
1.4 Promoting the adoption and use of ICT applications	Opening up	Opening up
Cluster	DANS	Digital Agenda North Sea

For detailed information about each of the projects please consult the programme's [webpage](#).

Priority 2 – The Sustainable Management of our Environment

Overview table of projects approved per area of intervention

Area of Intervention	Acronym	Full name
2.1 Sustainable development of the coastal land and sea areas through integrated coastal zone management	LNS	Living North Sea
	TIDE	Tidal River Development
	BLAST	Bringing Land and Sea Together
	SUSCOD	Sustainable Coastal Development in Practice
2.2 Developing preventive and responsive measures to address acute and chronic marine pollution	Ballast Water Opportunity	North Sea Ballast Water Opportunity
2.3 Adapting to and reducing risks posed to society and nature by a changing climate	Aquarius	The Farmer as Water Manager under Changing Climatic Conditions
	CLIWAT	Adaptive and Sustainable Water Management and Protection of Society and Nature in an Extreme Climate
	CPA	Climate Proof Areas

	DiPol	Impact of Climate Change on the Quality of Urban and Coastal Waters (Diffuse Pollution)
	MARE	Managing Adaptive Responses to Changing Flood Risk in the North Sea Region
	SAWA	Strategic Alliance for Integrated Water Management Actions
	BioCHAR	Climate changing soils
2.4 Promoting environmentally responsible energy production practices	enerCOAST	BlueGreen Coastal Energy Community
	C2CI	Cradle to Cradle Islands
	North Sea SEP	North Sea Sustainable Energy Planning
Cluster	WaterCAP	Water management in a changing Climate, Adaptation to new conditions, and Promotion of new strategies

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Priority 3 – Improving the accessibility of places in the NSR
Overview table of projects approved per area of intervention

Area of Intervention	Acronym	Full name
3.1 To promote regional accessibility strategy	CARE-North	Carbon Responsible Transport Strategies for the North Sea Area
	Cruise Gateway	Towards sustainable growth of cruise shipping in the North Sea Region
	Green Airports	Sustainable Airport Solutions – Green Airports
	iTransfer	Innovative transport solutions for fjords, estuaries and rivers
	E-Mobility NSR	North Sea Region Electric Mobility Network
	ITRACT	Improving Transport and Accessibility through new Communication Technologies
3.2 To promote the development of multi-modal and transnational transport corridors	StratMos	Motorways of the Sea -Strategic Demonstration Project
	Food Port	Connecting Food Port regions – Between and beyond
	LO-PINOD	Logistics optimisation for ports inter-modality: Network, opportunities, development
	GreCor	Green Corridor in the North Sea Region
3.3 To promote the development of efficient and effective logistics solutions	Dryport	Dryport - A Modal Shift in Practice
	NS Frits	North Sea Freight & Intelligent Transport Solution
	CNSS	Clean North Sea Shipping: Competitive Marine transport services and reduction of emissions – A North Sea model

	ACCSEAS E-harbours	Accessibility for Shipping, Efficiency Advantages and Sustainability E-logistics in North Sea Region harbour cities
Cluster	MTC EVNSR	Maritime Transport Cluster Energy Vision North Sea Region

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Priority 4 – Promoting Sustainable and Competitive Communities

Overview table of projects approved per area of intervention

Area of Intervention	Acronym	Full name
4.1 Tackling the needs of areas in decline	DC NOISE	Demographic Change: New Opportunities in Shrinking Europe
	Vital	Vital Rural Area
	iAge	e-age Inclusion in Ageing Europe
	PROWAD	Protect and Prosper – Sustainable Tourism in the Wadden Sea
	SEEDS	Stimulating Enterprise Environments for Development and Sustainability
4.2 Promoting sustainable growth solutions for expanding areas	MP4	Making Places Profitable: Public and Private Open Spaces
	CA!	Coast Alive!
	Waterways for Growth	Waterways for Growth: A New Beginning for Inland Waterways
	SURF	Sustainable Urban Fringes
4.3 Promoting energy efficiency in urban and rural communities	ANSWER	A North Sea Way to Energy-Efficient Regions
	BwC	Build with CaRe: Mainstreaming Energy Efficiency in the Built Environment
Cluster	LowCAP	Low Carbon Regions in the North Sea

For detailed information about each of the projects please consult the programme's [webpage](#)