

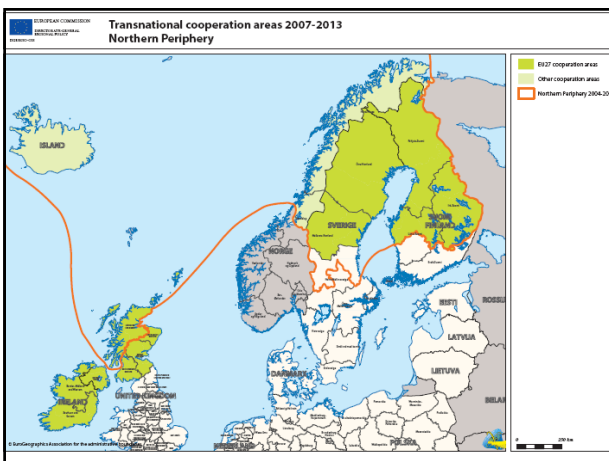


NORTHERN PERIPHERY PROGRAMME
Transnational Co-operation 2007 - 2013

FUTURE OF NORTHERN PERIPHERY PROGRAMME

- NPP will continue in the next programming period
- The programme area will be more or less the same as now but will be extended to include Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, west coast of Norway and possibly the whole of Scotland
- Extended geography opens up new opportunities for partnership and co-operation





DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROGRAMME

AIM: to submit a new operational programme to the European Commission by December 2006 and to have first call for applications in early 2007

- Tight schedule for programme development
- Drafting process well underway
- A new structure has been put in place to ensure that the new programme has local, regional and national input
- It is important that the process involves a broad consultation process



PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURE

The programming development structure consists of the following four bodies:

- Programme Monitoring Committee Plus (PMC+)
- Joint Programming Committee (JPC)
- Content Drafting Team (CDT)
- Administration and Management Drafting Team (AMDT)

All bodies have the aim of producing a simplified high quality operational programme for the new Northern Periphery Programme



PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE PLUS (PMC+)

Umbrella body that provides basis for local, regional and national level participation

Main tasks:

- Make strategic overall decisions & set framework for programming work
- Approve priorities for new programme & approve final draft of new operational programme for approval by the partner countries and submission to the EC

Composition:

Consists of existing NP Programme Monitoring Committee members and reps from new partner countries/regions of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.



JOINT PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (JPC)

The JPC will ensure that a new programme is produced and delivered on time.

Main tasks:

- Appoint drafting teams & approve work plan for itself and drafting teams
- Discuss draft texts, ensure new programme takes into account guidance and regulations of EC
- Arrange and oversee the Ex Ante Evaluation of the INTERREG IIIB NPP

Composition:

1 representative from each MS and non-MS (9 persons in total)



CONTENT DRAFTING TEAM (CDT)

Comprises key actors from within the different regions that provide 'bottom up' regional and local perspectives

Main tasks:

- Drafting the description, analysis, strategy and priority parts of the programme, including a proposal for the relative financial weight (%) of the proposed priorities.
- Update any drafts after input from the JPC and the PMC+.
- Provide the final draft of the Content to the JPC for further assessment. 1 representative from each MS and non-MS (9 persons in total)



CONTENT DRAFTING TEAM (CDT)

Composition:

- The drafting team is open to all participating countries and consist of people from the regional and/or national level.
- Also there is a core group of writers (3-5 persons) consisting of persons from the Joint Secretariat, individual members of the team or external experts.



ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT DRAFTING TEAM (AMDT)

Main tasks:

- Drafting the management and financial structure

Composition:

- The drafting team is open to all participating countries people from the national level, JPS, MA and PA.



CONSULTATION PROCESS

Seminars/conferences:

- The national members of JPC are responsible for proposing seminars/conferences in their own countries to inform & involve relevant actors at the national and regional level in the programming process.
- Spatial North Conference June 19th – 21st 2006.



CONSULTATION PROCESS

Simplification

- Simplification is a central goal of all programming bodies – applies to all aspects of programme development
- Consultation process has begun to determine best methods of providing Regional Contact Points and Regional Advisory Groups
- Questionnaires have been drafted and completed by all relevant bodies
- Aim to standardise the service provided and make it more comprehensive



PRIORITIES / THEMES ACCORDING TO ERDF REGULATIONS

Primarily

- Innovation
- Environment
- Accessibility
- Sustainable urban development



SUGGESTED THEMES FROM UPDATE OF MID TERM EVALUATION (UMTE)

Indicative list of strategic themes

Ensuring the sustainability of communities and resources

Exploiting the economic, social and cultural potential of communities in peripheral and sparsely populated areas

Helping communities adapt to the consequences of climate change

Investing in renewable energy sources

Managing natural resources sustainably



THEMES FROM UPDATE OF MID TERM EVALUATION (CONTINUED)

Helping businesses to innovate and compete in response to globalisation

Promoting Triple Helix cooperation and complex partnership in research and innovation

Improving the competitiveness of SMEs

Improving connectivity

Exploiting the potential of maritime links

Improving accessibility through ICT connections and usage



SUGGESTED HORIZONTAL THEMES BY THE UMTE

- Sparsity of population
- Peripherality
- Rurality
- Youth
- Elderly

Max of 4 priorities – no measures!



SUGGESTED PRIORITIES BY THE CONTENT DRAFTING TEAM

Three priorities and no measures:

- Priority 1: Accessibility, Innovation and Business Development
- Priority 2: Natural and Cultural Resources and Sustainable Local Development
- Priority 3: TA-budget (only administration measure, no project measure and activities)



FINANCING

- Draft regulations provide more flexibility in spending project funds:
- Up to 20% of ERDF may finance expenditure incurred outside the area, providing that it is for the benefit of the regions in the co-operation objective area
 - Up to a maximum of 20% of Norwegian funds may be used to finance expenditure incurred by Norwegian partners located outside the eligible programme area in Norway
 - Up to 10% of ERDF and Norwegian funds may finance expenditure incurred on the territory of countries outside the European Community



IMPORTANT ASPECTS TO BE FURTHER DEVELOPED

- Defining a vision for the programme.
- Strategic themes to support the priorities and the vision of the programme.
- Key objectives as aims for the priorities
- Future project generation
- New indicator system
- A new application package and reporting system, streamlined with other programmes



NEXT STEPS

- Keep in touch with your regional representative
- Take part in any national, regional or local consultation events in your area
- Regional consultation process will be happening from September 15th – October 6th
- Consider future project ideas that will fit into the new priorities/themes
- Application round for preparatory project focusing on the next programme period, end date 3rd of October 2006, for approval by the end of November. Instructions will be given by the end of June 2006.
- Spatial North Conference in Sundsvall, 19th – 21st of June 2006. Focusing on the future programme, a major consultation transnational event for the next period.



NEXT STEPS

- Submission of Programme to the European Commission by mid December
- Estimated approval by the European Commission June 2007
- Programme start in July 2007
- Activities such as partenariats will start in January 2007
- Eligible expenditures from programme submission date or when starting the new period, probably 1st of January 2007.