



Implementing the Atlantic Action Plan: 3rd UK National Workshop on Funding and Project Development

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**2014-20 European Territorial Co-operation (ETC,
aka Interreg) Programmes**

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What is ETC/Interreg?

- EU funding, 2014-20 Cohesion Policy
- Different to other 'Structural and Investment Funds' – multinational, not domestic; joint programmes and projects
- Focus on shared challenges and opportunities
- Nearly 90 programmes across Europe, €10b+ budget for 2014-20 - UK involved in 15, €2.5b+.

OVER €1b UNCOMMITTED

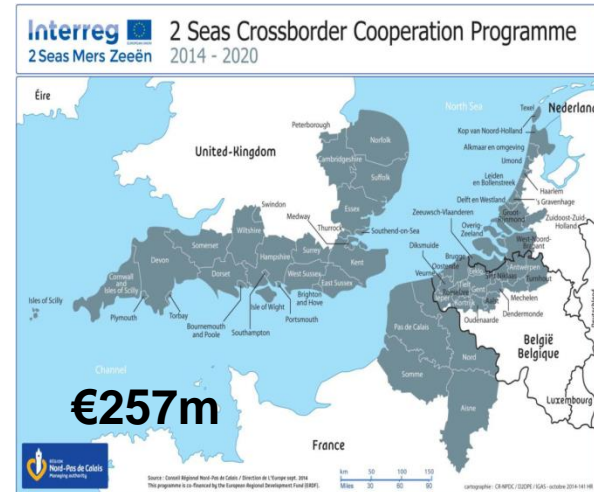
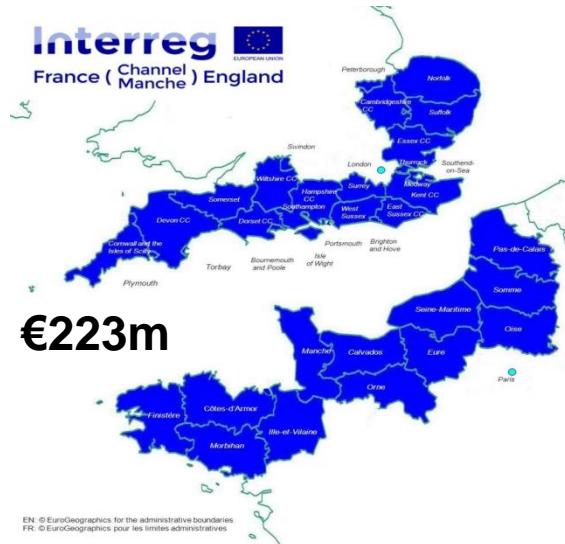
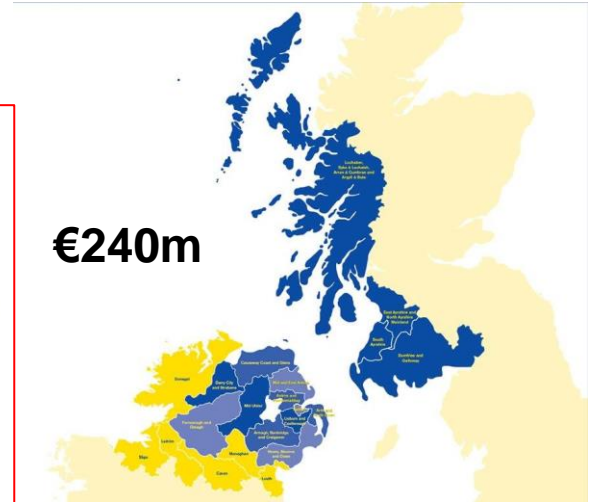
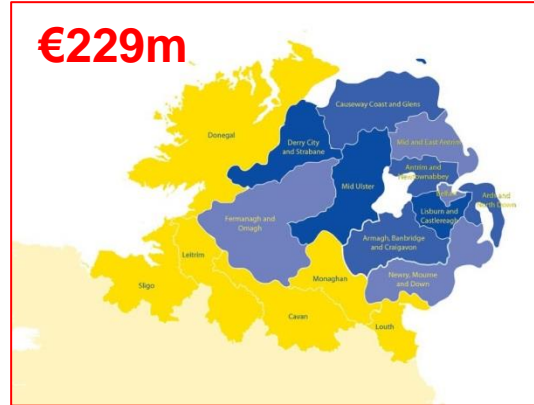
How does it work?

- Member states set strategic direction
- Operational delivery delegated to Managing Authority / Joint Secretariat
- Cooperation Programme document
- Joint projects, consortia and Lead Partner
- Applications – managed by Secretariat, decisions by member states, **Contact Points**
- Contracts & management by Secretariat
- Finance & risk management by member states
- 20% flexibility...

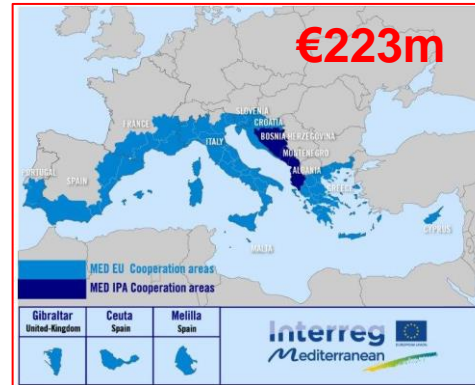
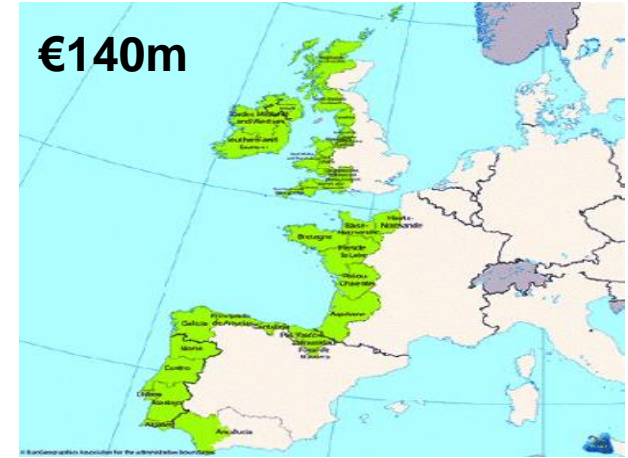


Cross-Border

IRELAND/WALES CROSS BORDER PROGRAMME (2014-2020)



Transnational



Interregional

€359m
Interreg
Europe

€74m
URBACT



€39m
Interact

€41m
ESPON

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Relationship between Atlantic Strategy Action Plan and ETC

- Regulatory obligations to show synergy.
- Clear links between AAP and aims of ETC programmes – shared focus on EU2020, maritime aspect to many ETC programmes
- But not ‘one and the same’ - some different focus, and different programme geography
- Strategic alignment – programmes will look for European, national and local linkages
- No direct selection criteria focused just on Atlantic Strategy, but part of consideration
- Not essential to link ETC and AAP – but where links can be made, they should be

Focus on low carbon

- TO4 ‘low carbon economy’, TO7 ‘sustainable transport’
- Component of most programmes – important for programmes and UK
- Over 20% total budget (over €500m) available for low carbon projects
- Lots of remaining money for low carbon (North West Europe nearly €100m, FCE and Two Seas €30m+, North Sea almost €20m)
- Not only marine energy – but an obvious focus of many projects

Marine energy projects

Range of different types of project, for example

- Hydrogen storage and infrastructure
- Reducing emissions from freight / logistics
- SME innovation support
- Demo/tests of new technology
- Small-scale community microgeneration

Various size and scale of projects, various lengths and budgets – flexible and adaptable

Things to consider if applying...

- Why do you need ETC funding, what is the international need?
- What is the (demand-led) market failure?
- How does your project fit with wider policy at EU, national and/or local level
- What tangible change will you deliver, what benefits will local people & business enjoy?
- How will your results be durable, sustainable and used as widely as possible?
- How will you deliver the project successfully, effectively and compliantly?
- Are the right people involved?



Thanks for listening!

Happy to discuss further after today...

**...but please use contact details given in
earlier slides for the best advice...**

Any questions?