



Interreg Programmes & the Atlantic Action Plan

Atlantic Area Programme 2014 – 2020

Interreg VB Transnational Co-operation

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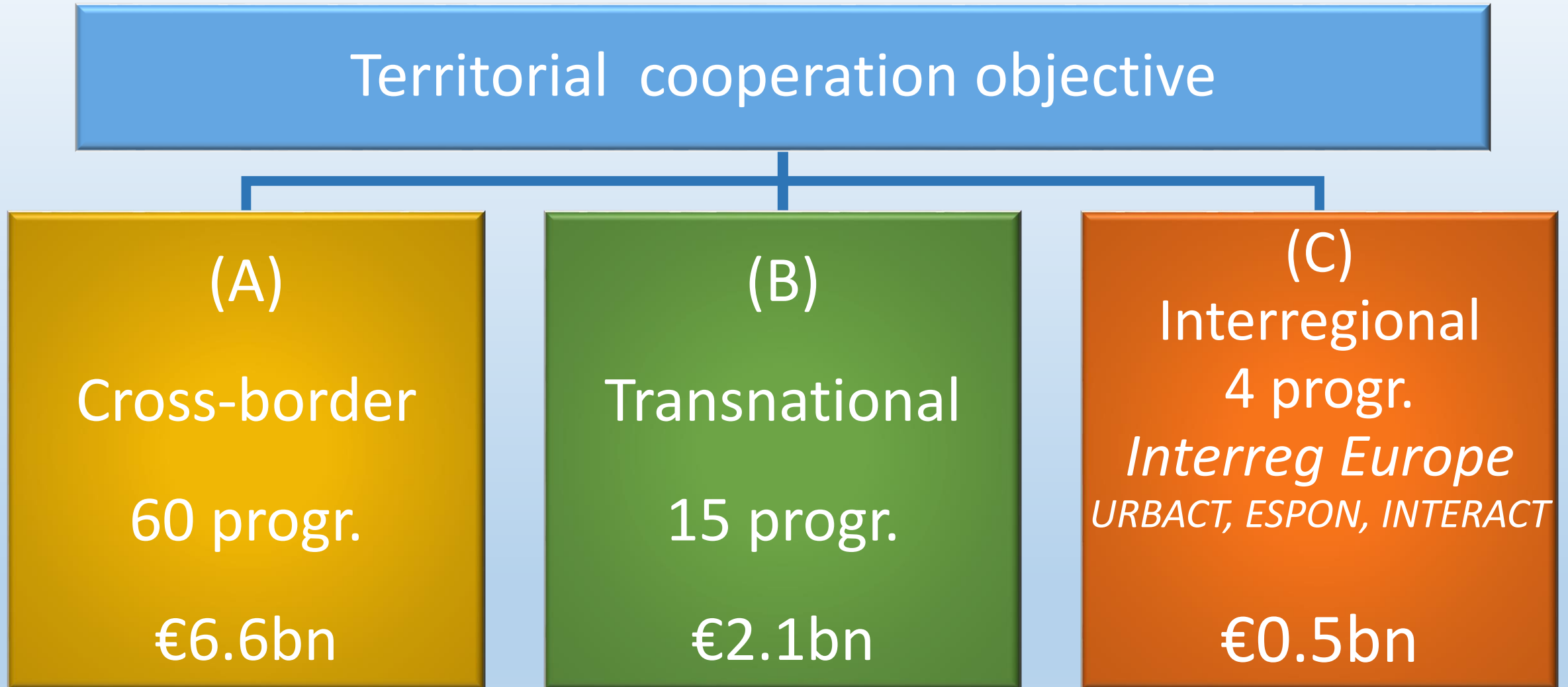
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What is Interreg ?

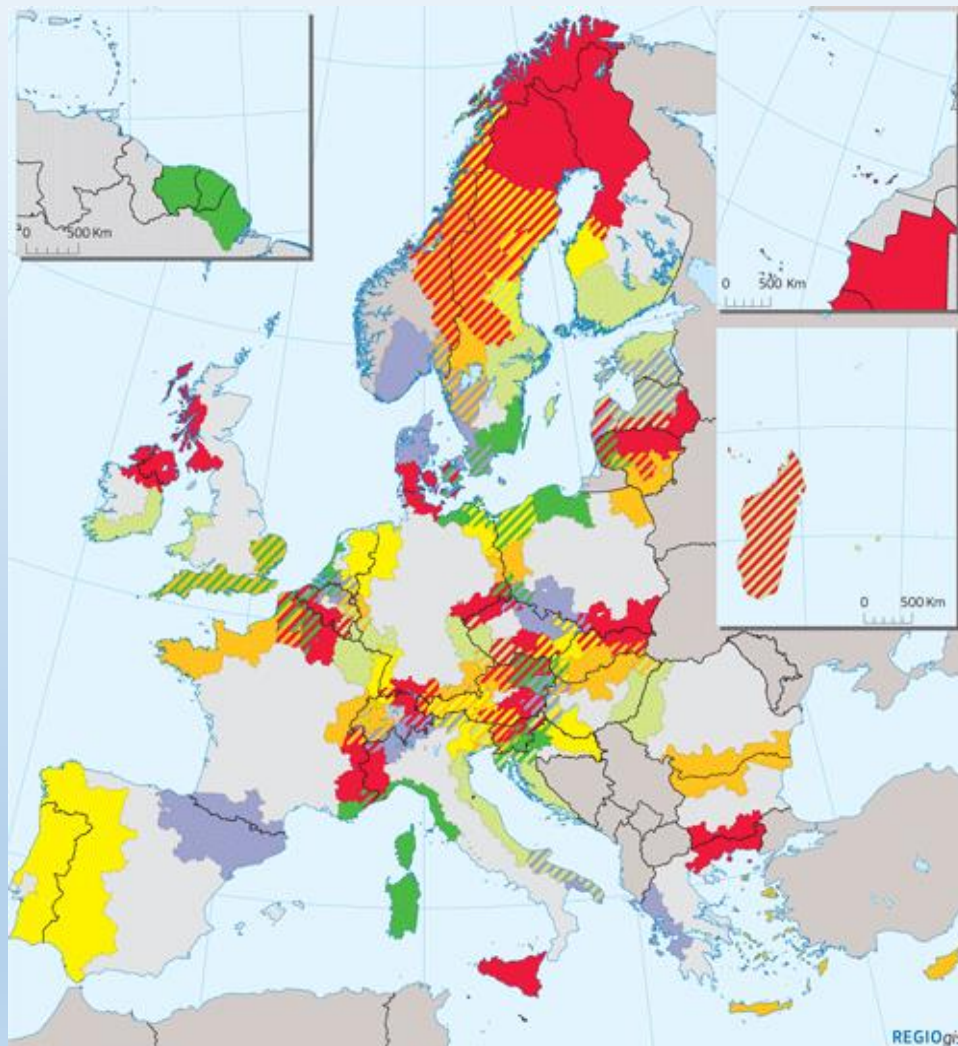
- Third Structural Funds Objective (2.8% of ESIF budget)
- European Territorial Co-operation (ETC)
- ERDF funding for problems at or caused by national borders
- Three different strands for 70+ co-operation zones

The Interreg strands and main programmes

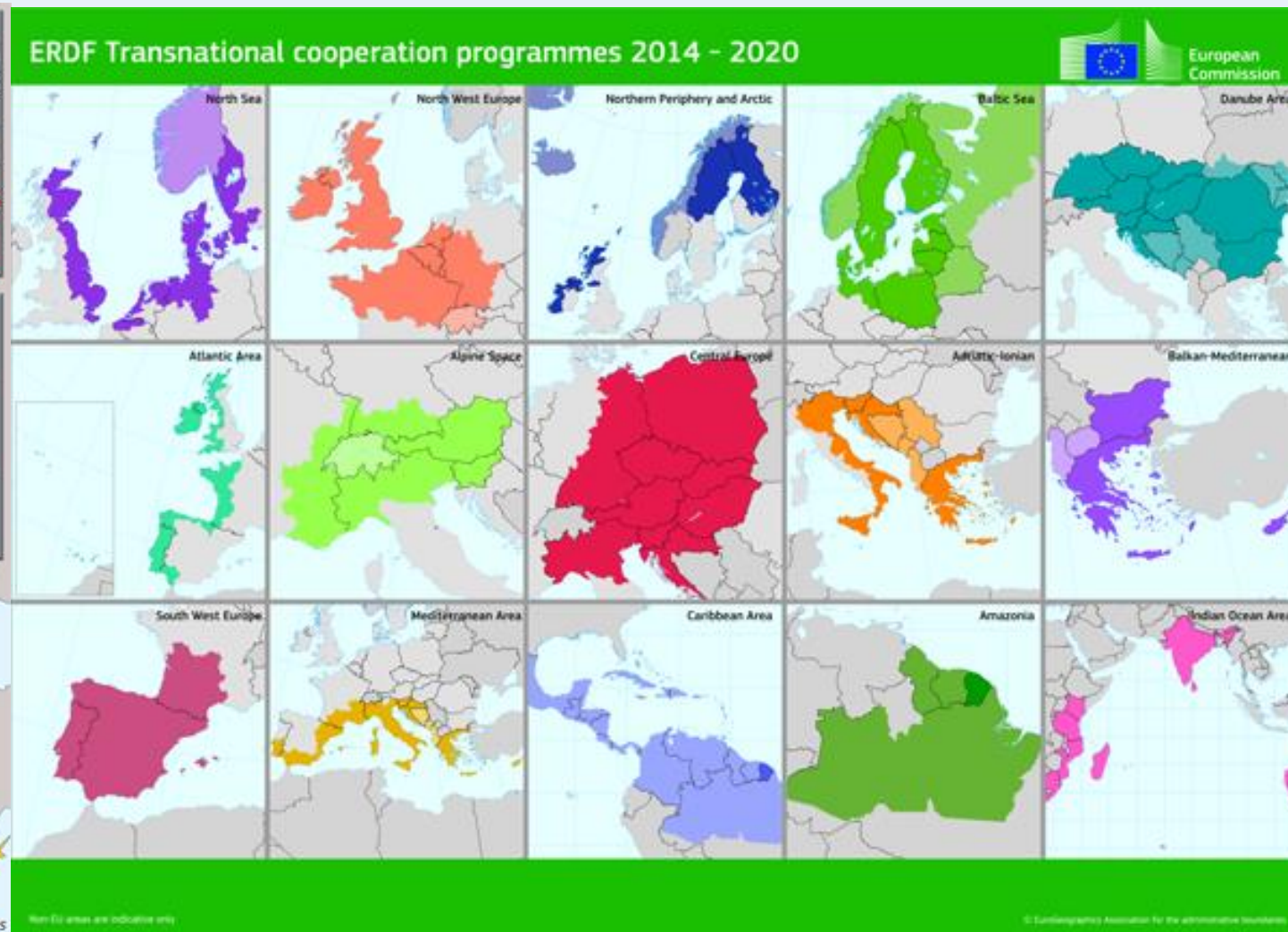


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Cross-Border



Transnational



ETC in the UK relevant for the AAP (A)

- **Ireland-Wales** (98,998,059 €)
 - Innovation; Climate change; Natural and Cultural resources
- **Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland** (282,761,998 €)
 - Innovation; Environment & resource efficiency; Transport & energy networks; Social inclusion
- **Two Seas** (256,648,702 €)
 - Innovation; Low Carbon; Climate change; Resource efficient economy
- **Manche / Channel** (359,326,320 € *ERDF only*)
 - Innovation; Low carbon economy; Enhance attractiveness of the area

ETC in the UK relevant for the AAP (B&C)

- **Atlantic Area** (185,366,492 €)
 - Innovation; Resource efficiency; Environmental risk protection; Natural and Cultural resources
- **North West Europe** (396,134,342 €)
 - Innovation; Low carbon; Resource efficiency
- **Norther Periphery Arctic** (78,636,424 €)
 - Innovation; Entrepreneurship; Energy efficiency; Natural and cultural heritage
- **Interreg Europe (C)** (315,264,678 €)
 - Innovation; SME competitiveness; Low carbon; Environment & Res eff

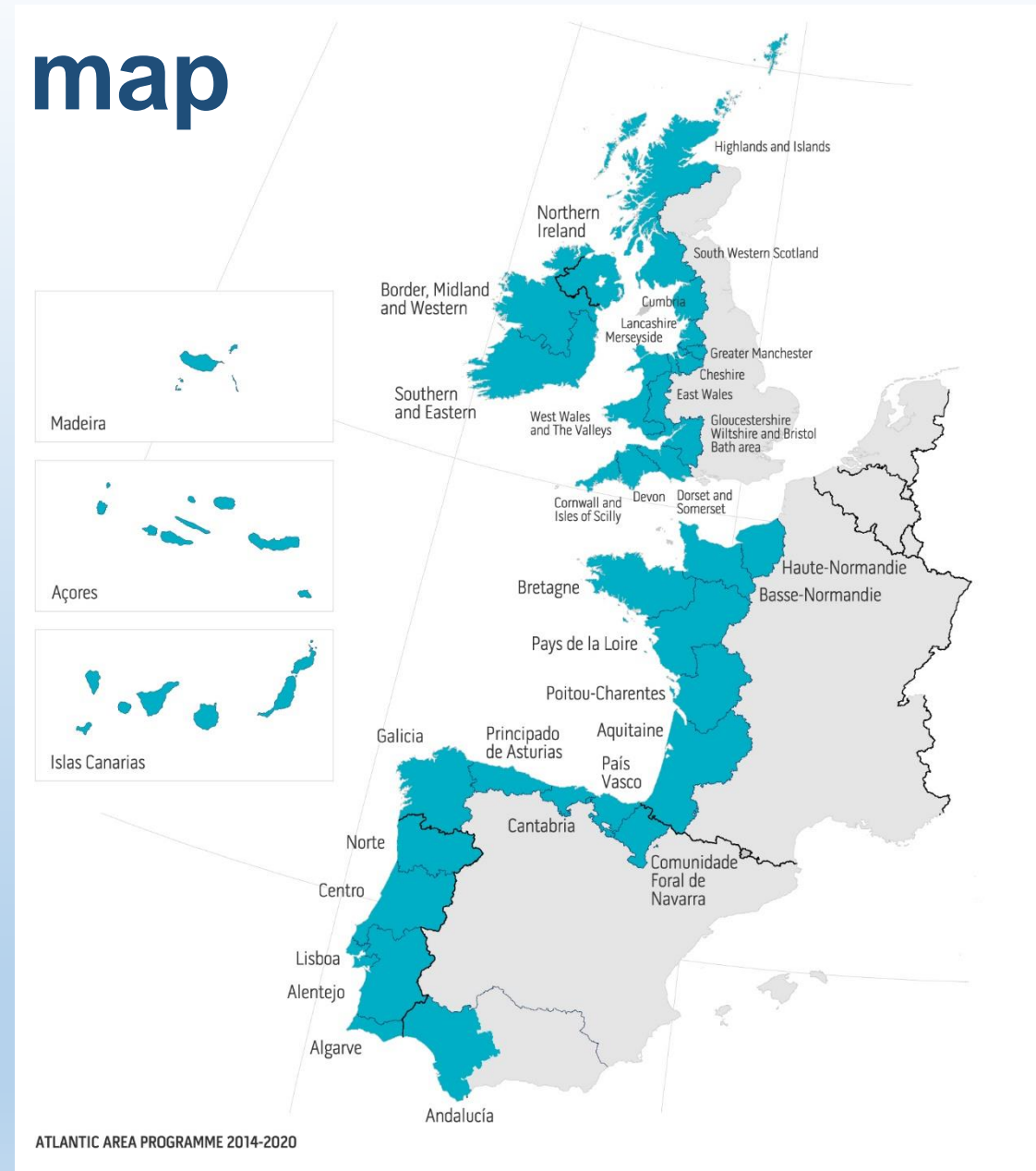
ETC intervention principles

Across all ETC Programmes the UK has been working to ensure:

- Maximum impact on growth and focussing on results and value for money
- Promote economic development through innovation, support jobs & growth
- Tackling shared challenges on climate change and resilience
- Projects need to be genuinely cross-border / transnational / inter-regional

Atlantic Area map

- **5 Countries:**
Portugal, Ireland, *Spain, *France, *UK
 - Madeira (PT), the Azores (PT), and Canaries Islands (ES)
 - (*parts of)
- **United Kingdom:** Northern Ireland, Highlands and Islands, South Western Scotland, North West of England, Wales, South West of England
- **Out of area partners:**
Only if indispensable to achieve the project objectives



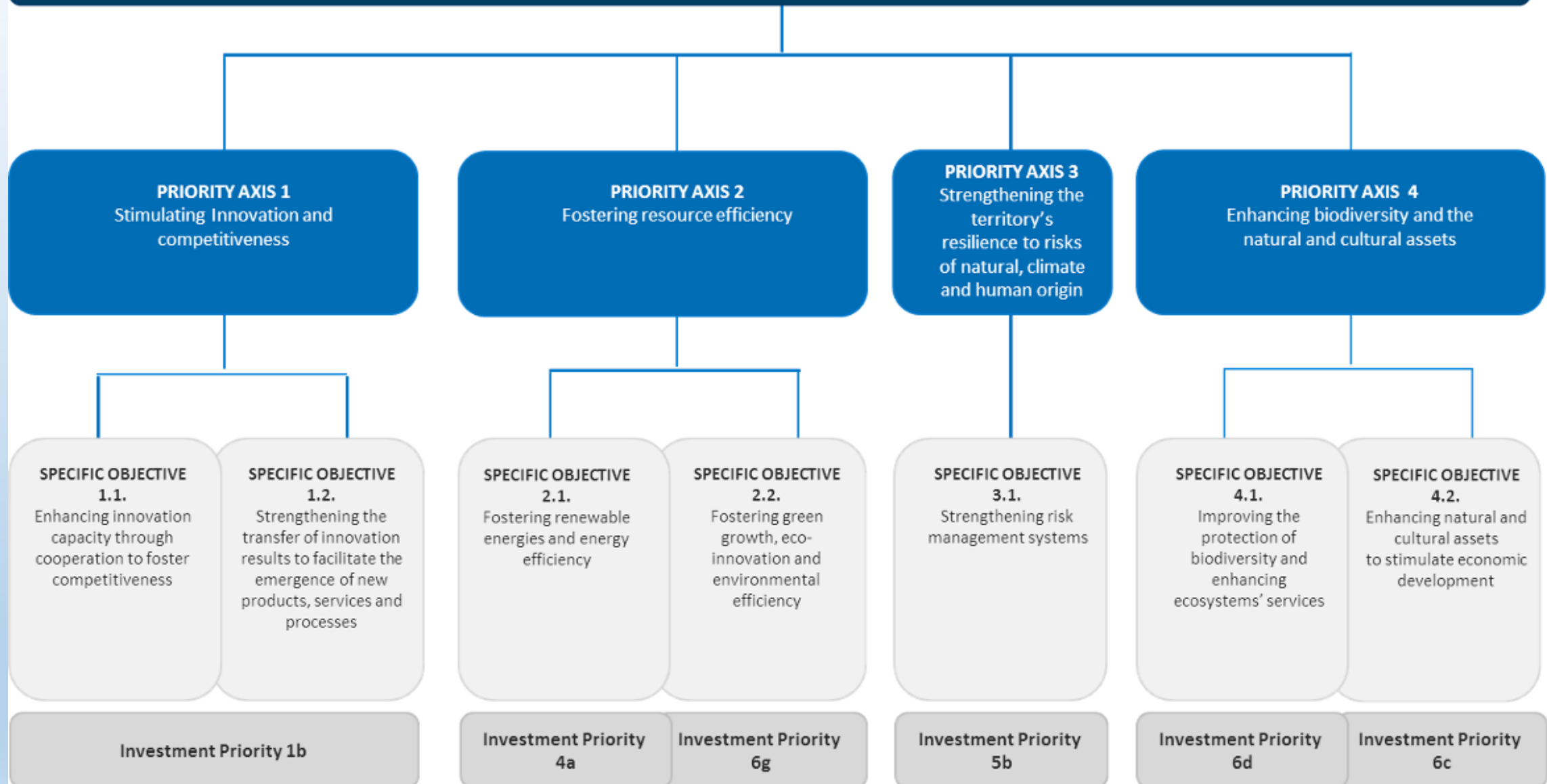
Atlantic Area - Facts and Figures

- **Population:** 58.96 million inhabitants (2012)
 - AA: 84 inhab./km², EU28 116 inhab./km² (Eurostat)
- **GDP:** € 1,486,301€ million (2011)
 - Approx. €25,000 pp but clear divide North / South
- **Total programme value:** €185,366,492
(of which: €140,013,194 ERDF)
- **Intervention rate:** 75%

Key challenges

- Accelerating intelligent growth through co-operation
- Fostering renewable energy
- Supporting eco-efficient economy, incl. green and blue growth
- Improve capacity of natural risk management
- Promote and enhance natural and cultural assets

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Priority 1 - Stimulating innovation and competitiveness

Specific Objective 1.1: Enhancing innovation capacity through cooperation to foster competitiveness

- Creation of an innovation-friendly environment

Specific Objective 1.2: Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes

- Transforming R&D&I into high profit products, processes and services

Indicative types of actions

- Development of regional innovation chains
- Development of technology transfer initiatives
- Enhancement of intersectoral cooperation

Priority 2 - Fostering resource efficiency

Specific Objective 2.1: Fostering renewable energies and energy efficiency

- Foster renewable energy by assisting the development of an adequate environment

Specific Objective 2.2: Fostering green growth, eco-innovation and environmental efficiency

- Support the introduction of eco-innovation in services and products
- Foster the green growth economy

Indicative types of actions

- Practical 'on-the-ground' demonstrations of new techniques
- Improvement of spatial management to enhance the use of renewable energies

Priority 3 - Strengthening the territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin

Specific Objective 3.1: Strengthening risk management systems

- Improved cooperation framework contributing to reduce risks and their impact

Indicative types of actions

- Networking of technical and scientific resources available in the area
- Development of capacity-building initiatives
- Development of environmental monitoring and prevention systems

Priority 4 - Enhancing biodiversity and the natural and cultural assets

Specific Objective 4.1:

Improving the protection of biodiversity and enhancing ecosystems' services

- To develop a more integrated environmental approach, considering economic and social issues

Specific Objective 4.2:

Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development

- To promote cooperation in order to generate new sources of wealth and a sustainable development

Indicative types of actions

- Harmonisation and coordination of environmental management strategies
- Initiatives to preserve and protect the natural species, landscapes and sites

What's next for the Atlantic Area

- Programme approved on 17/11/2015
- First call expected early 2016
- Start preparing project ideas and look for partners
- Focus on: needs, objectives, impact, results, real change
- Develop a realistic budget (value for money)
- Put together an effective partnership: sector, skills, capacity
- Get in touch with National Contact Point for support



THANK YOU!

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