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The Interreg North-West Europe Programme 2021-2027 in a nutshell

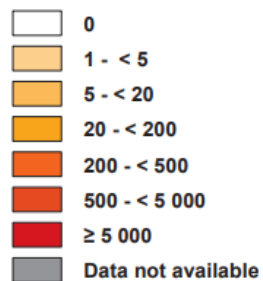
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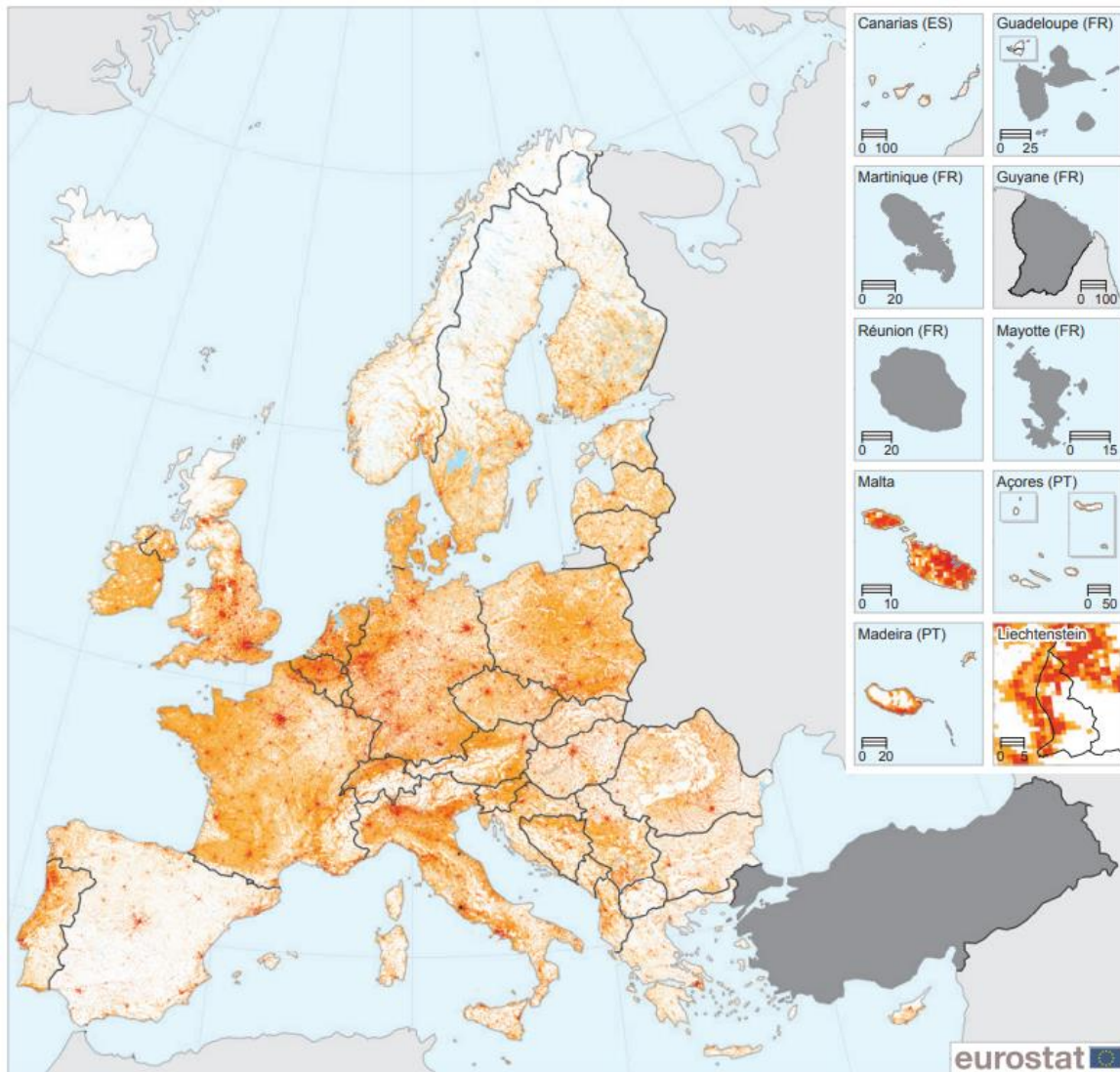
Mapping North-West Europe

An urbanised area

Population density based on the Geostat population grid, 2011 (number of inhabitants per km²)



Source: JRC, Eurostat, Geostat population grid 2011



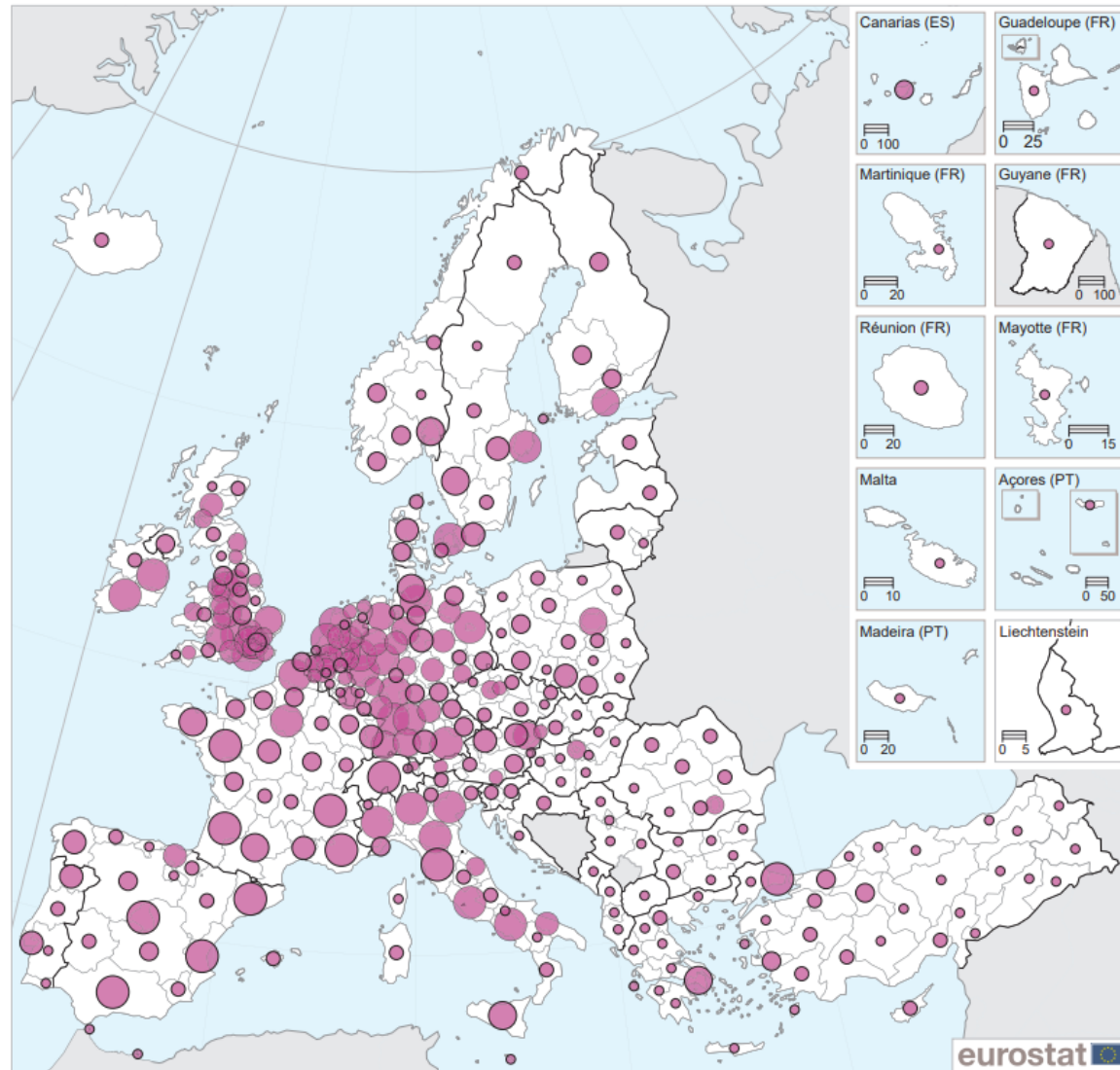
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A GDP-productive area

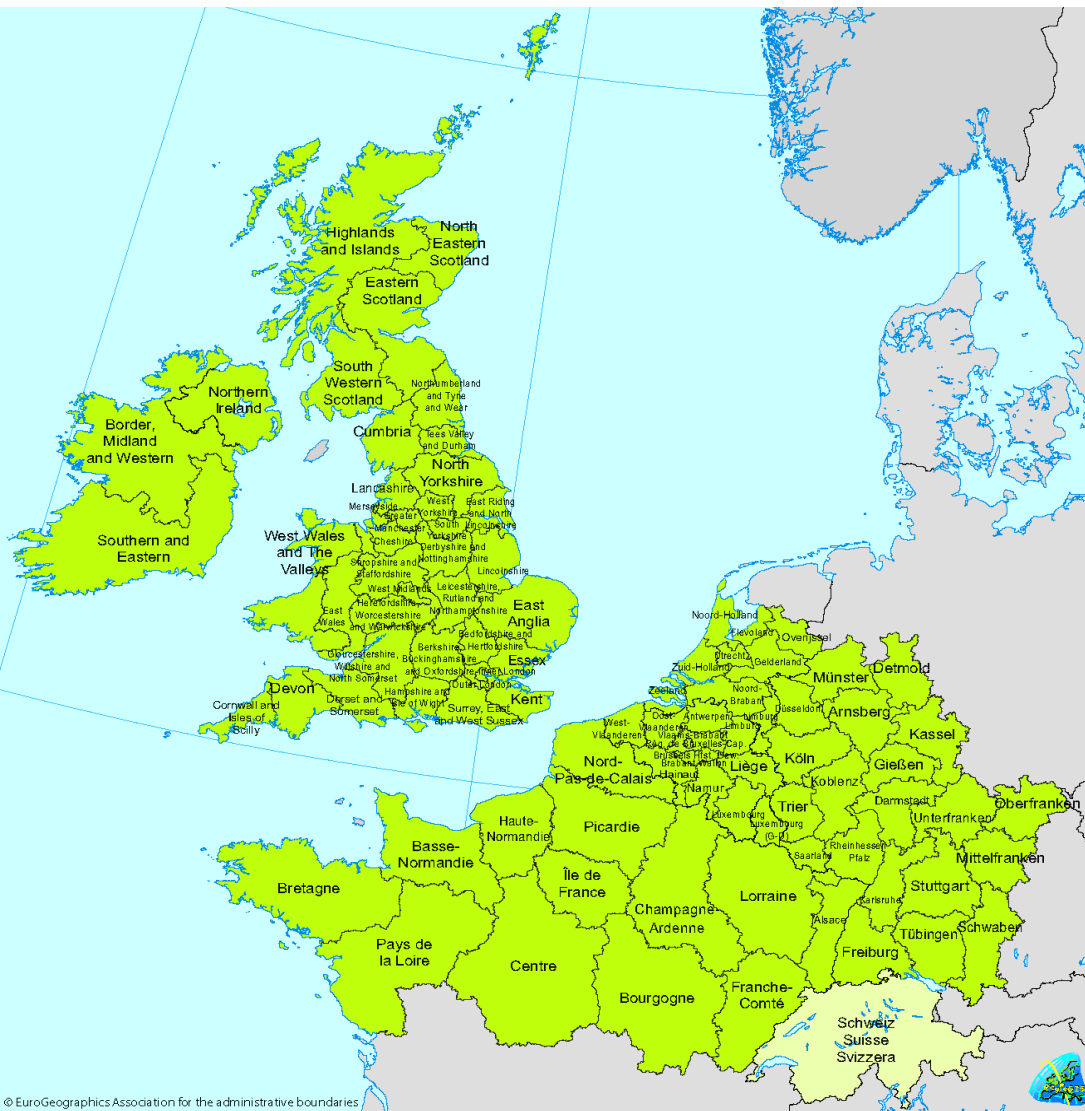
*Gross domestic product (GDP), 2018
(billion EUR, by NUTS 2 regions)*

EU-27 = 13 484

- < 20
○ 20 - < 40
○ 40 - < 60
○ 60 - < 80
○ 80 - < 100
○ ≥ 100



The NWE Programme 2014-2020



Across NWE

- 102 financed projects
- 1078 project partners
- €378 million ERDF allocated

In Luxembourg

- €7 million ERDF
- 28 Luxembourgish partners
- 23 projects

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Aim:

Promoting a green, smart and just transition in
NWE

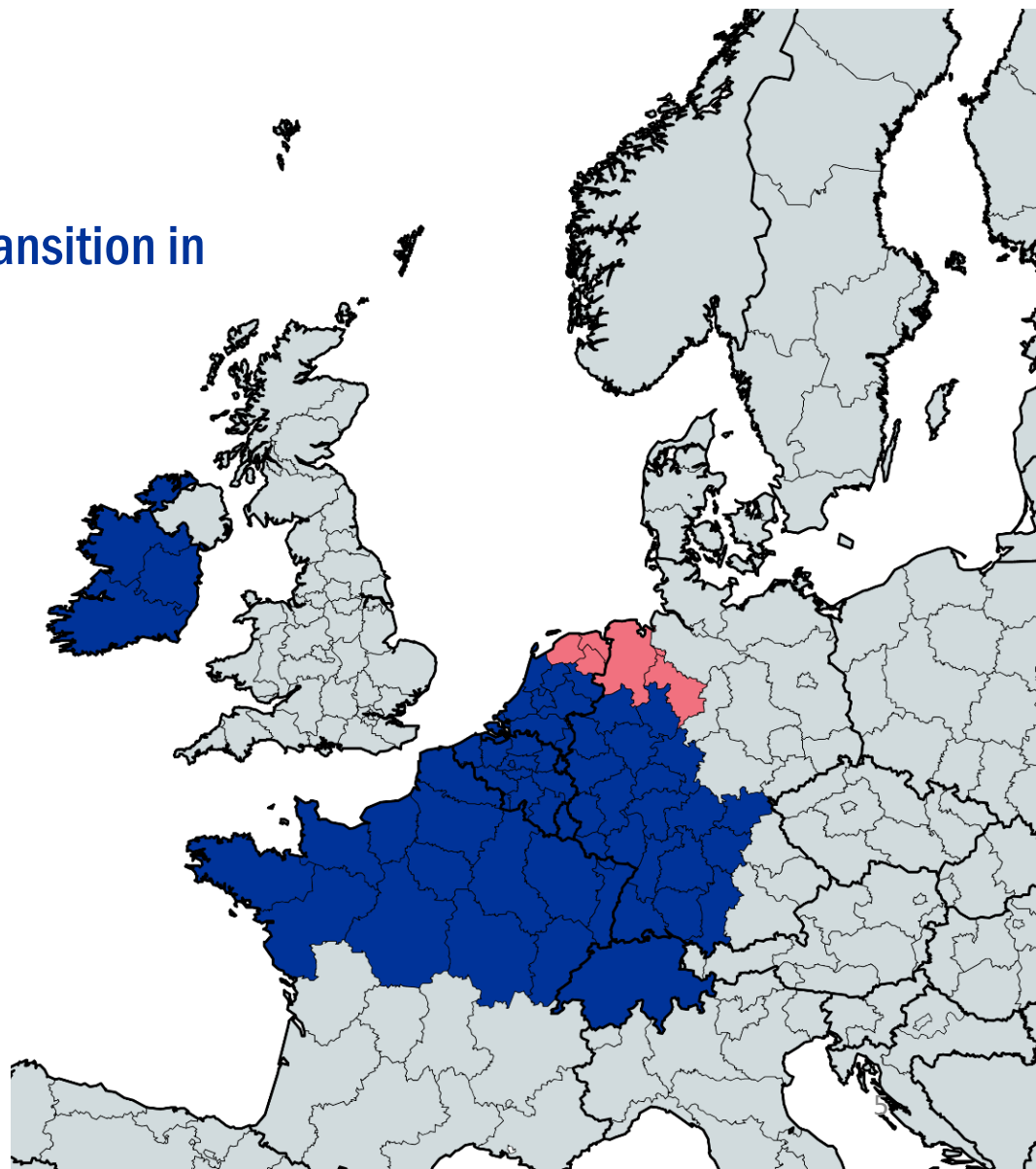
Countries:

BE, DE, FR, IE, LU, NL, CH

New regions in DE (Bremen,
Leine-Weser, Weser-Ems) and
NL (Groningen, Friesland,
Drenthe)

Overall budget: € 310M ERDF

Co-financing: up to 60%



Thematic focus

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Priority areas

1. Climate and environment
2. Energy transition
3. Circular Economy
4. Innovation and resilience
5. Inclusive society



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Priority 1

Climate and Environment

Enhancing **nature protection, biodiversity** and reducing all forms of **pollution** (SO2.7)

Promoting **climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention** resilience (SO 2.4)

Priority 2

Energy Transition

Promoting **energy efficiency** and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (SO2.1)

Promoting **renewable energy** (SO 2.2)

Priority 3

Circular Economy

Promoting the transition to a **circular and resource efficient** economy (SO 2.6)

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Priority 4

Innovation and resilience

Developing and enhancing
research and innovation
capacities and the uptake
of **advanced technologies**
(SO 1.1)

Priority 5

Inclusive society

Enhancing the **effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets** and
access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure
and promoting social economy (SO 4.1)

Ensuring **equal access to healthcare** through developing infrastructure,
including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional
to family and community-based care (SO 4.5)

Enhancing the role of **culture and sustainable tourism** in economic
development, **social inclusion** and social innovation (SO 4.6)

Type of projects

Projects are expected to :

- Jointly tackle **common territorial challenges** and/or opportunities.
- **Develop / test / adapt** new or existing approaches **and implement** them in different contexts (e.g., regions, sectors, environments, etc.)
- Aim at the further **dissemination, uptake and roll-out** of the approach developed.

Type of activities

A combination of at least 2 of the following activities :

- **Elaboration and implementation of joint strategies and/or action plans**
- **Joint development and implementation of pilot actions testing tools and/or solutions**
- **Capacity building and awareness raising activities (incl. joint trainings)**

Factsheets

Available here for every SO: <https://www.nweurope.eu/programme-2021-2027/call-1-support-documents/>

Example

Objectives

Within this Specific Objective, the Programme aims

- Develop green/blue infrastructure to ensure ecosystems and prevent the loss of biodiversity
- Embed in strategic ecosystem-based approach corridors, biodiversity, and natural capital.
- Show the benefits of sound green/blue infrastructure effects e.g., heat stress.
- Reduce the incidence of human activities on air

Target groups

- **Local/regional/national authorities, government organisations**, (including agencies or para-public relating to rivers, environment, natural protection, biodiversity protection and green/blue infrastructure more resilient regions.
- **Universities, public research centres, private education, training centres** are highly relevant

Activities

Projects should implement a combination of activities, such as:

- **Elaboration and implementation of joint strategies and/or action plans**, for example, nature management plans for measuring, maintaining, enhancing, and valorising green/blue infrastructure, ecosystem services, biodiversity (e.g., invasive species); or adaptation and mitigation measures at local or regional level with the aim to reduce heat stress and air pollution in the NWE area.
- **Pilot actions for testing tools and/or solutions**, for example demonstration and joint implementation of scalable and replicable solutions to embed green infrastructure and ecosystem-based approach in relevant strategies and measures; or of innovative measures to reduce heat stress by enhancing and installing green and blue infrastructure for adaptation.
- **Capacity building and awareness raising activities** in the field of innovation for resilience, for example, training schemes related to biodiversity, promoting its management, or planning and implementation of environmental protection and nature-based solutions, green / blue infrastructure, etc.

Results

The **combination of these activities** may lead to results such as:

- Key aspects of biodiversity preservation, green/blue infrastructure or heat stress and air pollution better embedded into territorial strategies and local initiatives.
- Increased knowledge and capacity of stakeholders about green/blue infrastructure and biodiversity-enhancing / nature-friendly practices.
- Innovative technologies, solutions, products, and services taken up aiming to prevent or reduce heat stress and air pollution, ensuring coherence between the proposed approaches and local/regional needs.

Simplified application process

- One main person of contact throughout the whole development process : **the NWE contact point**
- **Shorter development process:** approximately 8-9 months between submission step 1 and final step 2 decision.
- **Application form step 1:** Focus on challenge / objective / results / core partnership
 - No question on baseline and long-term effects
 - Associated partners only in step 2
- **Application form step 2 :**
 - Reduced number of work packages
 - Simplified budget presentation
 - State aid self assessment questionnaire in AF

Simplified financial rules

- **Preparation costs** : lump sum 50,000 TEC
- **Simplified cost options (SCOs)** :
 - Option 1 : admin flat rate of 15% + flat rate of 6 or 8% on travel and accommodation
 - Option 2 : flat rate of 40 % of direct staff costs for all other eligible costs.
- **State aid** : Ceiling of € 2M of total public contribution (GBER Art 20)

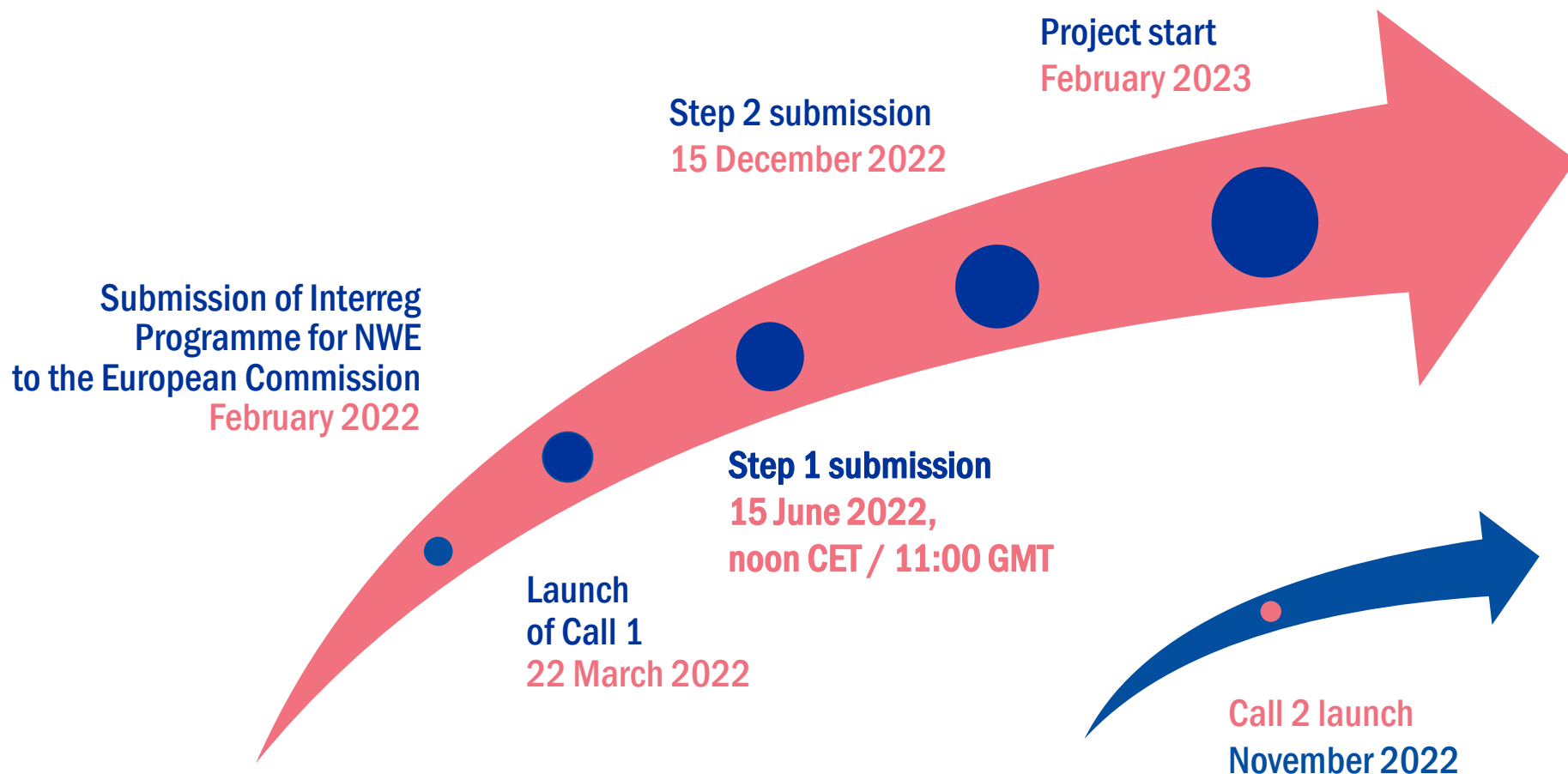
Timeline calls 1 and 2

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How to participate to the Interreg North-West Europe Programme 2021-2027 From idea to project

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How to get started




- Visit www.nweurope.eu
- Check already funded (EU-) projects in your field*
- Join the [NWE online community](#) for networking and project ideas
- Register to [LU-Fonds Européens](#) and [NWE-Newsletter](#)
- Get in touch with your [national contact point](#)

* e.g. Interreg [NWE](#), [Europe](#), [Grande Région](#), [KEEP](#)

Interreg NWE 2021-2027


<https://www.nweurope.eu/programme-2021-2027/>

- Interreg Programme
- Programme manual
- 9 factsheets for the specific objectives
- FAQ
- Programme newsletter
- NWE online community
- Timeline
- Terms of reference Call1



Interreg NWE Programme 2021-2027


Interreg NWE has formally started the process aimed at designing a new programme which will run in the next seven years (2021-2027). An Interreg NWE task force (NTE) made of delegations from each country involved in the future NWE Programme was launched at the end of 2019. The pages below cover the different aspects of this process and present all the available information. Disclaimer: the priorities, objectives area and process outlined in the sections below are the outcome of the Programme's first discussions, which are still ongoing. Hence, the information mentioned here is only indicative at this stage of the process and might evolve in the coming months, both in their wording and scope. What is listed below may not be included in the final Interreg Programme (the official background document of Interreg NWE).



Interreg NWE Call 1

The first Interreg NWE call for projects in the 2021-2027 period is now open. It will close on Wednesday 15 June at 12.00 pm noon CET (11.00 am GMT). This call is open to all programme priorities and Specific Objectives (SOs). Over the lifetime of the Programme, € 287 million of ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) will be allocated to projects. No ceiling is set for this call.


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Draft Interreg NWE programme 2021-2027

Interreg North West Europe formally started the process aimed at designing a new programme (2021-2027) at the end of 2019. An Interreg NWE task force (NTE) made of delegations from each country involved in the future NWE Programme was launched and has, since then, worked on developing the Interreg Programme (IP) for North-West Europe to be submitted to the European Commission for feedback and approval.


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Programming process and timeline

The dedicated task force set up to design the next NWE Programme (NTE) gathers representatives of six Members States as well as, in advisory capacity, the joint Secretariat, the Managing Authority (Région Hauts-de-France), Contact Points and an external facilitator.


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Programme area

We are particularly proud to announce that six new regions from Germany and the Netherlands will join our programme.


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Call 1 support documents

Interreg North West Europe will open its first call for proposals for the 2021-2027 programming period on Tuesday 22 March. In the meantime, some preliminary documents are made available. Get ready!

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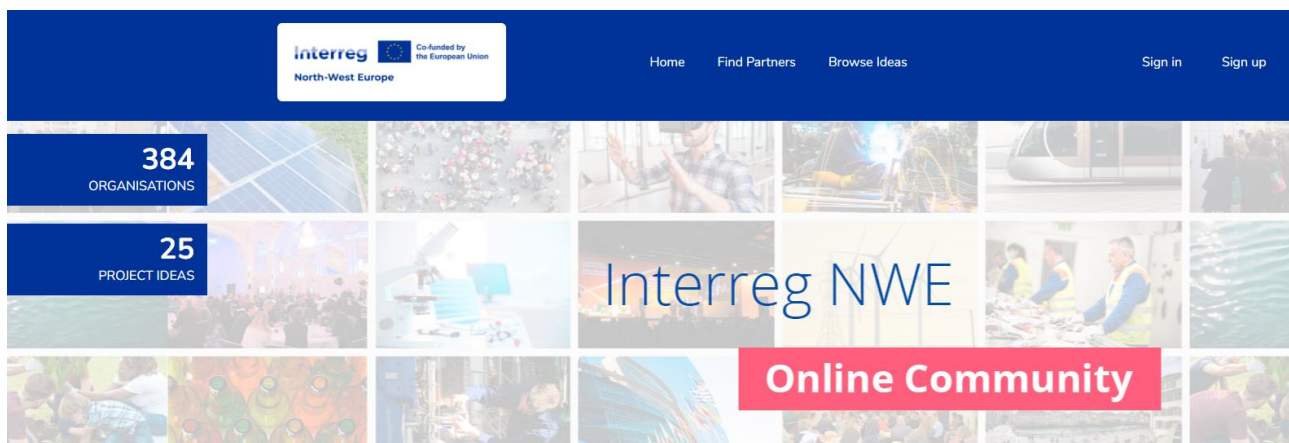
NWE online community

Join the NWE community! Register to our brand-new online community to network, find potential partners and get in touch with them, add your project idea or browse those in the pipeline.

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NWE Online Community

- Find international partners
- Float project ideas
- Browse ideas in the pipeline
- Centralised library of key call documents and guidance
- Click here to Register: www.community.nweurope.eu



Who can apply?



Public and private legal entities are eligible as partners

Partnership requirements

To be eligible:

- **3 partners** from 3 different countries
- **At least 2 partners from the NWE area**
- **Partners outside the NWE area can join if well justified**



Partner roles

- Lead partner
- Project partner
- Associated organisation (observer)



What makes a good project?

9 Characteristics of the ideal project

A good project...

- clearly **defines** its **needs** and **relevance** to the NWE-area
- contributes to **achieving programme's objectives**
- has **measurable results**
- embeds **transnational cooperation** at its core
- builds on existing knowledge and **goes beyond existing approaches**
- has a **strong partnership** structure
- makes a **lasting change** and plans its long-term effects
- **communicates** its project activities and results
- **manages risks**

[Further information](#)

Application process

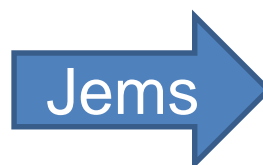
2 Step
approach

Step 1: idea, main objective, partnership
Step 2: + detailed workplan and budget

Appraisal at
both stages

- Eligibility
- Quality

Online
Submission
only



Jems – Joint electronic monitoring system



Jems - Technical guidance

Version 1.0 - Date: 22/03/2022



Project overview

Application form

Project version
(current) V. 1.0

A - Project identification

A - Project identification

B - Project partners

Partners overview

C - Project description

C.1 Project overall objective

C.2 Project relevance and context

C.3 Project partnership

C.5 Project Results

C.6 Project Time Plan

Application annexes

Time for questions



Thank you



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