

ANNOUNCEMENT
FOURTH CALL FOR PROJECTS
PHASE 2
16 JULY TO 27 SEPTEMBER 2013

SUMMARY

The Atlantic Area Transnational Cooperation Programme 2007-2013 launched from 21 January to 28 February 2013 its fourth call for projects by means of a call for Expressions of interest (EOI). Within the first phase of the application process, a short list of EOIs were approved by the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) to go forward to the phase 2 and submit a full project proposal. Selected EOIs are invited to submit their full project application from July 16th to September 27th.

Objectives

The following priorities are open for the second phase of the fourth call:

1. Promote transnational entrepreneurial and innovation networks.
2. Protect, secure and enhance the marine and coastal environment sustainability.
3. Improve accessibility and internal links.
4. Promote transnational synergies in sustainable urban and regional development

Application process

The process was organised in two stages.

First stage - submission of an Expression of interest

Applicants were invited to submit EOIs, providing a broad outline of the proposed project. The EOIs set out a background and summary of the project, justification for the project, project objectives, a description of the partnership, details on the Implementation Methodology, an indicative project budget and other basic project information.

Second Stage – Shortlisting of EOIs, submission of full projects and approval

- 1- Following the admissibility check and assessment by the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) of the EOIs, the Monitoring Committee approved a shortlist.
- 2- Shortlisted EOIs are now invited to prepare and submit a full project application.
- 3- Full Project Applications will be checked by the JTS against admissibility and assessment criteria, they will then be scored and ranked and submitted to the PMC for approval.

Date: 15/07/2013

Practical information

The full application form to be used on phase 2 shall be prepared on the basis of the EOI form through the Access tool “AppForm2013V4_FullProjectPreparation.accdr”. This application tool, the Full Project Applicants Handbook and other relevant documents can be downloaded from the programme web site (www.coop-atlantico.com) in the section “Call for projects” / “4th Call for projects 2013” / “Second phase – submission of full projects”.

Timetable	
16 July 2013	Launch of Phase 2 of the Fourth Call for Projects
27 September 2013	Deadline date for submission of full project proposals
25 October 2013	JTS assessment reports
November 2013	PMC decision on full projects applications
December 2013	Notification and beginning of contracting process

Full projects applications submitted after 8 pm (UTC/GMT/Portuguese time) on September 27th 2013 will automatically be considered not admissible.

Who can apply?

Only selected EOIs may apply for the second phase of the fourth call for proposals.

Only the Lead Partners of selected EOIs may submit the corresponding full project applications.

Financial allocation

An indicative ERDF amount of **€ 6 000 000** is foreseen for this fourth call for projects. The following table provides a breakdown by priority of the foreseen ERDF funding:

Priorities	ERDF (€)
1 - Promote transnational entrepreneurial and innovation networks	1 750 000
2 - Protect, secure and enhance the marine and coastal environment sustainability	2 500 000
3 - Improve accessibility and internal links	1 000 000
4 - Promote transnational synergies in sustainable urban and regional development	750 000

The ERDF intervention rate will not exceed 65% of eligible project costs.

General rules

Full projects applications must be submitted using the pre-completed electronic application form available in the EOIs area of the PCC. Applications not submitted through the approved electronic application form will not be considered for approval.

The main specifications established in the EOI application fields must be maintained. Within the established time delay, selected EOIs must:

- Complete the Full Application Form, describing the work plan, the communication plan, the budget plan, the monitoring indicators and the information about the measures on the capitalization and the sustainability of project results.
- Complete, sign and attach the co-financing declarations in the annexes section.
- Submit the completed Project Application Form through the PCC.

Once submitted in the valid format, full proposals will undergo an admissibility check based on the following criteria:

Nº	Criterion
1	The application was submitted before the closing date through the means established by the Programme
2	The electronic application form is valid and all compulsory sections are completed
3	The main specifications of the expression of interest remain unchanged in the full project

Admissible full applications will be assessed by the JTS against the set of selection criteria established for the Phase 2 of the call.

The Programme Monitoring Committee will ultimately make the final decision on all full projects applications.

Additional information

Please use the help tools of the Programme website or contact directly the Joint Technical Secretariat or your National Correspondent. Contacts addresses are available on the Programme website (<http://www.coop-atlantico.com>).