



ATLANTIC AREA Transnational Programme
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Atlantic Area Transnational Cooperation Programme 2007-2013

Programme Information Seminar

Third Call for Proposals

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Introduction & Programme background



Eligible Regions:

Atlantic areas of:

**Spain,
France,
Portugal
Mainland UK**

**Ireland (Entire country)
Northern Ireland,**

INTERREG Atlantic Area Objectives

Strategic objectives of the Programme

“To contribute to the territorial cohesion of the Atlantic Area by strengthening transnational co-operation which generates concrete progress in terms of fair development of the knowledge economy, promotion of maritime heritage and balanced polycentric development”

Tangible transnational cooperation

Cohesive, balanced and **sustainable** territorial development considering maritime heritage

Strategic orientation of AA Programme

Influenced by:

- Large variance in RDI of the AA space & growth centres
- Accessibility deficits throughout territory
- R & D penetration low (compared to EU average)
- Challenges posed by Maritime sector
- Natural Hazards posed – Flooding, forest fires, pollution
- Work of Maritime Safety Umbrella Group
- Climate Change & Coastal erosion
- Urban Sprawl & its effects on the area
- ICT penetration (Broadband/e-commerce etc)

Atlantic Area – Some facts

	INTERREG IIC	INTERREG IIIB
Programming period	1994-1999	2000-2006
Number of approved projects	48	84
Number of partners, of which	128	643
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>France</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>184</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>193</i>
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>132</i>
Average size of project partnership	2.7	7.65
Total programme budget	€24m.	€220m.
Total projects budget	€15m	€194m.
Average project budget	€0.31m	€2.3m.

Global Position following two public calls

	Proposals received	Proposals approved	ERDF approved
First call Closed June 2008	68	24	€39.5m
Second Call Closed June 2009	78	24	€35.3m
Totals	146	48	€74.8m

Remaining EU Grant support of €23m for third call

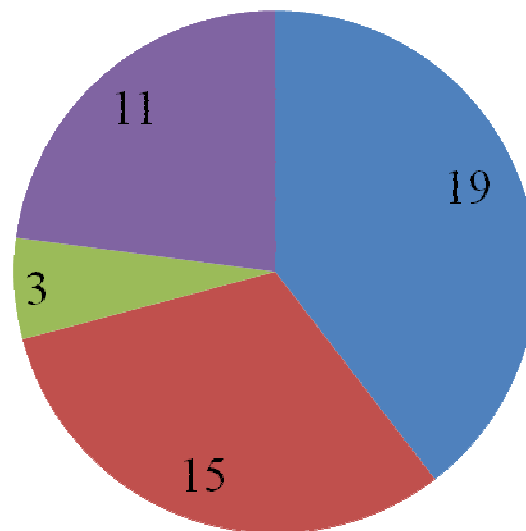
Financial Overview by Call

First Call	M€	Second Call	M€
Priority 1	11.9	Priority 1	13.5
Priority 2	13.7	Priority 2	13.6
Priority 3	7.8	Priority 3	-
Priority 4	6.0	Priority 4	8.1
	39.4		35.2

**Programme
ERDF 97.8 M€**

**Remaining
ERDF 23 M€**

Project approvals breakdown by priority following two calls



- Priority 1: Enterprise & Innovation
- Priority 2: Marine & Coastal Environment
- Priority 3: Access & Internal Links
- Priority 4: Transnational synergies/Urban & Regional development

Member State Lead Partners

Member State	First Call	Second Call	Total
Spain	11	8	19
France	5	8	13
Portugal	4	3	7
United Kingdom	3	3	6
Ireland	1	2	3

Some examples of Marine & Transport projects supported to date

Transportation & Access

START Project (www.start-project.eu)

Interconnectivity in Transport Systems and Making Travel throughout Atlantic Space easier.

Lead Partner: Mersey Travel (UK) with 13 others partners from Spain, Portugal & France

PROPOSSE (www.proposse.eu)

Promotion of Short sea shipping as alternative to other forms of transportation of goods. Project involves Ports of Gijon, Cork, Le Havre & Aveiro.

Lead Partner: Autoridad Portuaria de Gijon

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Marine Economy Projects supported

MAREN (www.marenproject.eu)

Brings together experts across Marine Renewables sector to address key challenges posed by Marine Renewable Energy Technologies.

Lead Partner: Cardiff University (UK) & partners from the five member states.

ANCORIM

Strengthening capacity of decision makers in Atlantic regions in order to prevent coastal risks posed by Climate Change and to pool knowledge together to improve technical responses to coastal challenges.

Lead Partner: Regional Council of Aquitaine & involve a total of 15 partners in Spain, France, Portugal and Ireland

Future Prospects

- Strategic Focus on Third Call
- Fifth Cohesion Report
- Integrated Strategy for Atlantic Area
- Proposed conference under Irish Presidency on Maritime Atlantic Strategy – December 2011

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