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VB NORTH SEA REGION PROGRAMME

How and when to develop a
good application

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Achievements from the past

- 4 priorities: no significant gaps in content delivery
- Almost 100% of available funding allocated to 83 projects (10 calls)
- To date: 1030 project partners
- 3 main project types: call 1 to 8 projects ('normal') & clusters and small initiatives on future perspectives + communications
- Average of 2m EUR funding with a range of <1m to 5.6m
- Promoted in Europe and around the world
- Open for policy developments
- 33 projects completed
- Pilots, trials, demonstrations have led to lasting results and additional investments - making an impact on the region and beyond



Lessons from the past

All projects must be:

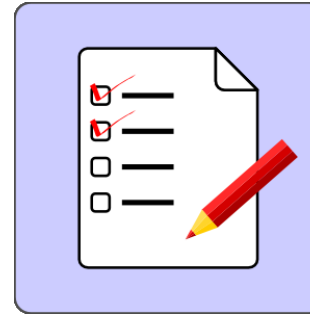
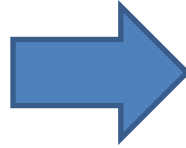
- + Based on the shared or complementary needs of all partners
- + Reliant on joint implementation
- + Focused on delivering progress on core programme goals
- + Implementing EU policy
- + Innovative
- + Based on demonstrating and proving what is possible
- + Limited and specific in the changes they seek to generate
- + Inspiring national and regional policy and practices



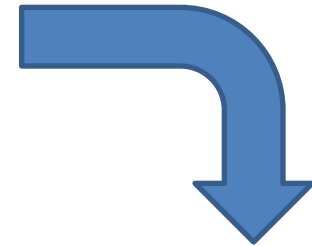
How it works



Shared challenges and
shared ideas for solutions



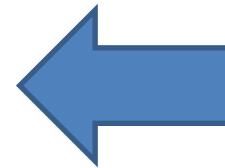
Jointly develop, test and learn
from 'new' solutions



Success = Better solutions
available and in use for the
whole programme area



Share learning with the wider
programme area





What will be in the application?

- + *Builds on the 2007-2013 form*
- + *With attempts to clarify and simplify*
- + *In line with EU-wide efforts to harmonise*
- + *Will be electronic only*
- + *Will have automatic tools to prevent the most common errors*
- + *Not yet finalised but...*





Application preview

- Project summary
- Partnership including relevance and motivation of all partners
- Common challenges, joint approach and need for transnational cooperation
- Objectives, results and main outputs
- Link to other strategies, policies, initiatives and projects
- 'Horizontal principles': Equality, non-discrimination and sustainable dev.
- Work packages, activities and deliverables
- Timeplan (by work package)
- Specification investments and external contracts
- Budget (by partner, by period, by budget line)

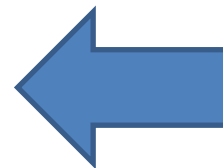
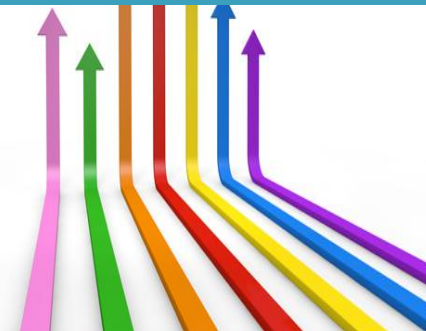
ALL SUBJECT TO FINAL DECISION



Don't get side-tracked on details. Keep focus on the bigger cooperation picture

Share
shared

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Transnational cooperation on spatial development 2007 - 2013 (INTERREG IV B)

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Application procedure for the new programme

3 main discussion strands:

A) Pre-assessment and full application (as is)

B) Two-step application (step 1: idea description
step 2: invitation only)

C) Project idea proposals and full applications
(mixture of A & B)



Application procedure: main motivations

- Having an option for submitting a mini-proposal (as first step)
- To get formal feedback on whether the proposal fits the programme
- Getting the Steering Committee's views already at idea stage
- Aim to avoid time and resources used on inappropriate applications
- Providing preparation costs at an early stage
- To open the door wide for newcomers



Timeline for applications

September 2014

17-18 Transnational Project Development Seminar and Partner Search:
Getting ready for the new programme

October 2014

06 Launch of application and guidance materials (tbc)

20 Opening of the online application system for project development (tbc)

Depending on the debate about future projects and application procedure:

First call: To be confirmed

Deadline for proposals: To be confirmed

Approval of first applications: To be confirmed

Updates on www.northsearegion.eu



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It's 106 miles to Chicago,
we got a full tank of gas,
half a pack of cigarettes,
it's dark... and we're
wearing sunglasses.





NSRP 2014-2020

- + Total ERDF contribution to the programme
EUR 167.253.971 + Norway EUR 10.000.000
- + The Grant rate will remain at 50%
 - New is 15% overhead flat-rate on staff costs
 - No documentation requirements, it is just added to the eligible salary automatically.





IVB VS VB –changes to the new programme

Interreg North Sea Region IVB – <i>current programme</i>	Interreg North Sea Region VB – <i>working with the Harmonised Implementation Tools</i>
12 Budget Lines	5 Budget Lines: 1. Staff costs, 2. Office and accomodation, 3. External services and experts, 4. Travel and Accommodation and 5. Equipment and investment
Hourly rate calculation – as per Instruction Note from October 2012	Possibility of standard regulation for accepted # of annual working hours



Changes continued...

Interreg North Sea Region IVB <i>current programme</i>	Interreg North Sea Region VB – <i>working with the Harmonised Implementation Tools</i>
<p>No Programme Rules</p>	<p>Possibility of programme rules to promote standardisation and common understanding/approach</p>
<p>Financial Reporting – Appendix 6, 8, 8a and 9</p>	<p>First Level Control Report, Checklist and Certificate as per the HIT Tools</p>
<p>Payments to projects – follow up by JTS until all open issues are resolved often leading to delay in payments</p>	<p>90 days rule for processing request for payments according to new EC Regulations</p>



New Online Monitoring System (OMS)

+ All communication through the OMS

Communication portal

Including First level control

+ Flexible user interface

Design your own dashboard

+ Easier administration

Only-once encoding principle

No paper copies





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Practical advice to applicants

+ Private partners

+ Advice to applicants

Minimum number of partners

Maximum number of partners

Material Investments

Shared costs



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Thank you!

