



Overview about Maritime Related Projects in the IVB NSR Programme

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Today's presentation

- The Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme
- Financing Maritime Related Projects
- Challenges for Project Applicants



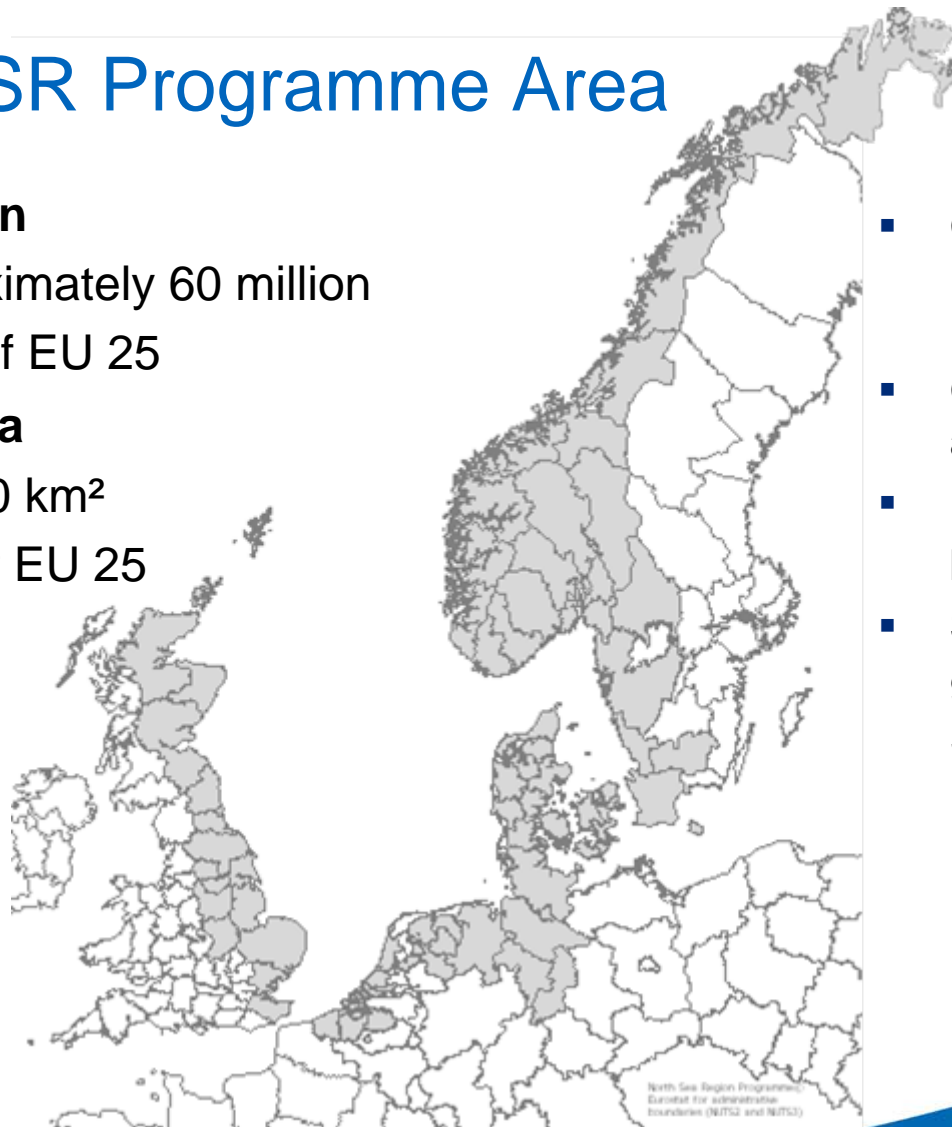
The NSR Programme Area

Population

- Approximately 60 million
- 13 % of EU 25

Land Area

- 664.000 km²
- 14 % of EU 25



- **Geographical diversity**
Finnmark (N): 1.5 inh./km²
Hamburg (G): 2.293 inh./km²
- **GDP/Capita** 75-150 % EU 15 average (2002: 28.516 €)
- **Unemployment**
below EU average
- **SMEs**
99,6% of enterprises are SME's

Programme aim:

To make the North Sea region a better place to live, work and invest in

1. Increase the overall level of innovation taking place across the North Sea region

2. Enhance the quality of the environment in the North Sea region

3. Improve the accessibility of places in the North Sea region

4. Deliver sustainable and competitive communities

Priority 1: Building on our capacity for innovation

Objective 1: Building the innovation-capacity of businesses

Objective 2: Building the transnational dimension of clusters and research and innovation networks

Objective 3: Building society and the institutional capacity for innovation

Objective 4: Promoting the adoption and use of ICT applications

Priority 2: The sustainable management of our environment

Objective 1: Sustainable development of the coastal land and sea areas through integrated coastal zone management

Objective 2: Developing preventative and responsive measures to address acute and chronic marine pollution

Objective 3: Adapting to and reducing risks posed to society and nature by a changing climate

Objective 4: Promoting environmentally-responsible energy production practices

Priority 3: Improving the accessibility of places in the NSR

Objective 1: To promote regional accessibility strategies

Objective 2: To promote the development of multi-modal and transnational transport corridors

Objective 3: To promote the development of efficient and effective logistics solutions

Priority 4: Promoting sustainable and competitive communities

Objective 1: Tackling the needs of areas in decline

Objective 2: Promoting sustainable growth solutions for expanding areas

Objective 3: Promoting energy-efficiency in settlements



Financing Maritime Related Projects

- Maritime issues is considered to be a cross-cutting theme
- Maritime knowledge economies (Priority 1);
- Developing maritime spatial planning concept for the NSR (Priority 2);
- Response to maritime accidents (Priority 2);
- Support of maritime corridors (Priority 3);
- Promote harmonised and easy access to data bases on maritime transport activities (Priority 3)
- Develop sustainable tourism concepts to utilise the cultural assets, natural and built environment (Priority 4)



Financing Maritime Related Projects

- Examples of maritime projects:
 - Northern Maritime University (NMU) (Priority 1)
 - SAWA (Priority 2)
 - StratMos (Priority 3)
 - Waterways 4 Growth (Priority 4)



Financing Maritime Related Projects

- Northern Maritime University (NMU):
 - Common curricula for the North Sea region oriented maritime business management programmes (B.Sc & M.Sc. level)
 - Professional accreditation of programmes and qualifications
 - NMU network



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- **SAWA:**
 - Centres for education towards sustainable risk flood management around the North Sea
 - Adaptive strategy for implementation of flood risk management plans in the North Sea Region
 - Decision support database for flood protection measures in the North Sea Region



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- StratMos:
 - Transnational solutions for ‘invisible’ inter-modal transport
 - Strategies for connecting transport networks and corridors
 - A system model of MoS and inter-modal transport



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- **Waterways 4 Growth:**
 - A framework for the sustainable development of inland waterways
 - New and expanded businesses based on waterways
 - A common approach to regenerate historic waterways



First, Second and Third Call

Projects Approved until SC3

The Interreg IVB
North Sea Region
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Project Acronyms under each Area of Intervention

Priority 1:

Building on our capacity for innovation

Areas of Intervention

1.1 Building the innovation capacity of business

NMU, ERIP

1.2 Building the transnational dimension of clusters and research and innovation networks

e-CLIC, IFP, NSSP, Power Cluster, Smart Cities, POYO

1.3 Building society's and the institutional capacity for innovation

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1.4 Promoting the adoption and use of ICT applications

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Priority 2:

The sustainable management of our environment

Areas of Intervention

2.1 Sustainable development of the coastal land and sea areas through integrated coastal zone management

2.2 Developing preventive and responsive measures to address acute and chronic marine pollution

Ballast Water

2.3 Adapting to and reducing risks posed to society and nature by a changing climate

Aquarius, CLIWAT, CPA, DiPol, Mare, SAWA

2.4 Promoting environmentally responsible energy production practices

enerCOAST, C2CI

Priority 3:

Improving the accessibility of places in the NSR

Areas of Intervention

3.1 To promote regional accessibility strategies

3.2 To promote the development of multi-modal and transnational transport corridors

StratMoS + StratMoS-Exp

3.3 To promote the development of efficient and effective logistics solutions

Dryport, NS Frits

Priority 4:

Promoting sustainable and competitive communities

Areas of Intervention

4.1 Tackling the needs of areas in decline

DC NOISE, VRA

4.2 Promoting sustainable growth solutions for expanding areas

MP4, CA!, Waterways for Growth

4.3 Promoting energy efficiency in settlements

ANSWER, Build with Care



Allocated Funding

- 51% of the total ERDF funding allocated
 - Still a 50% grant rate
- 67% Norwegian equivalent allocated
 - Grant rate reduced to 30%





Allocated Funding per Priority

Member states only

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
	ERDF	ERDF	ERDF	ERDF	ERDF
Total	28.649.856	39.067.986	39.067.986	23.440.792	130.226.620
Allocated	18.275.390	24.254.484	6.803.021	16.692.573	66.025.468
Funding left	10.374.466	14.813.502	32.264.965	6.748.219	64.201.152
% left	36	38	83	29	49



What is the programme looking for?

- Oriented towards implementation
- An overall transnational approach
- Creating impact for the North Sea region
- Creating lasting results
- Contributing to the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas
- Linking to National and European policies
- Contributing to a positive innovation orientated culture in the North Sea region



The state aid rules

- The state aid rules are old news, but ...
- Increased emphasis on state aid rules from the European Commission, which impact directly on the projects
- The state aid rules do not distinguish between public and private partners



What is state aid?

- The support must be considered as aid
- Musth be given by way of public funds – this included EU funding
- Musth be selective e.g. confined by a budget
- Must distort or threaten to distort competition i.e. the beneficiary gain a competitive advantage via the support



Where does this leave you?

- All project results must be made available to the general public free of charge
- No partner can claim intellectual or physical ownership of project results
- All project partners must adhere to the public procurement rules in the context of the project
- A separate account must be opened for the project in the accounting system and it must be possible to separate project activities from other activities



First and foremost!

Take advice seriously and be honest
with your private sector partners!

Have a plan B when your private sector
partners drop out!



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