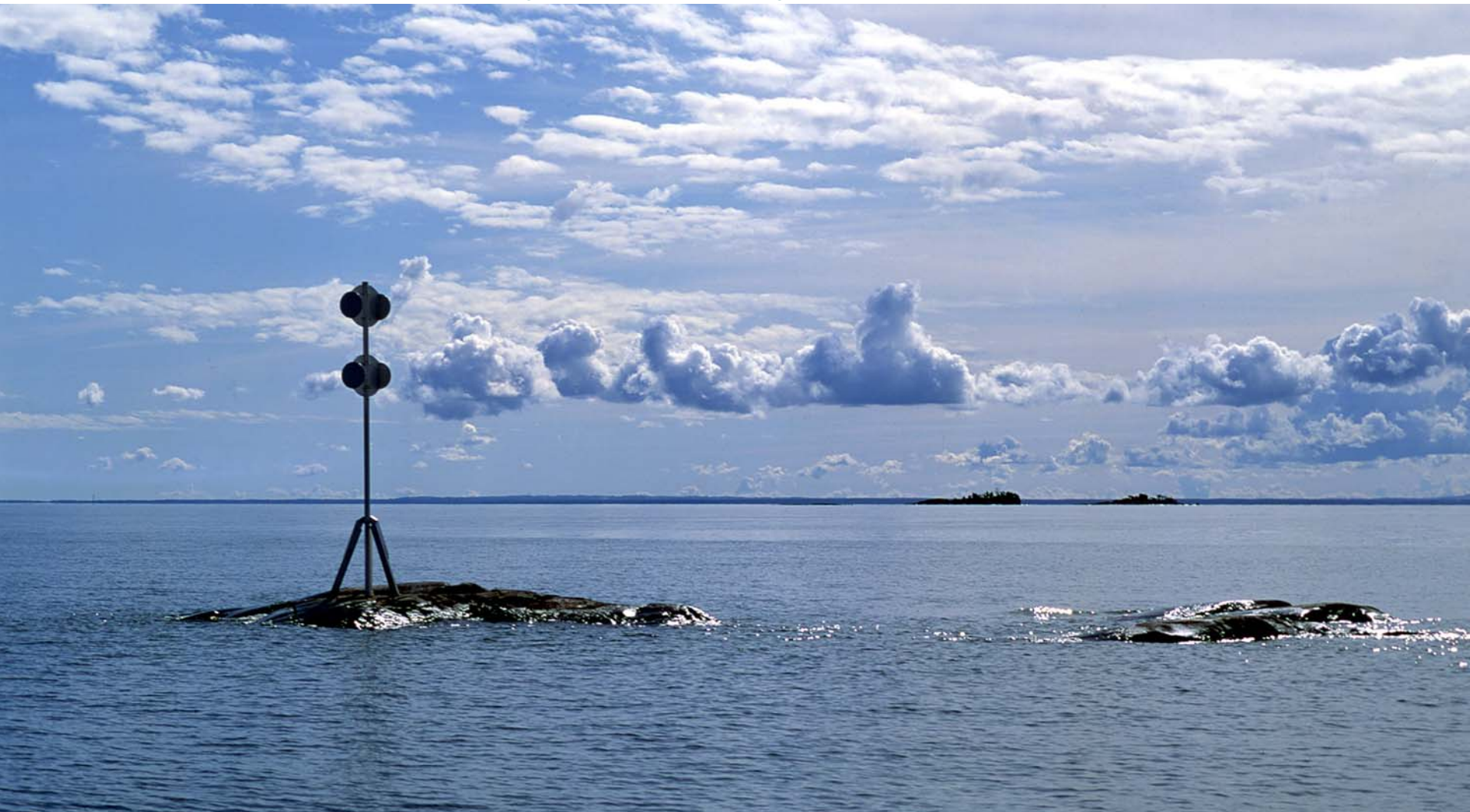


# Waterways for Growth

Interreg IVB North Sea Region



## Partnership

**Lead partner:** British Waterways (UK)

**Budget:** €3.4 million

**Partnership:**

14 partners from 6 countries – Norway, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium & UK

**Priority:**

4.2 Sustainable growth solutions for expanding areas



## Objectives

1. **Develop a framework for the sustainable development of inland waterways in the NSR**
2. **Stimulate business development & entrepreneurship**
3. **Create a common approach to regenerating historic waterways & watersides**
4. **Secure the sustainable management & development of the resource**





## Waterways for Growth focuses on:-

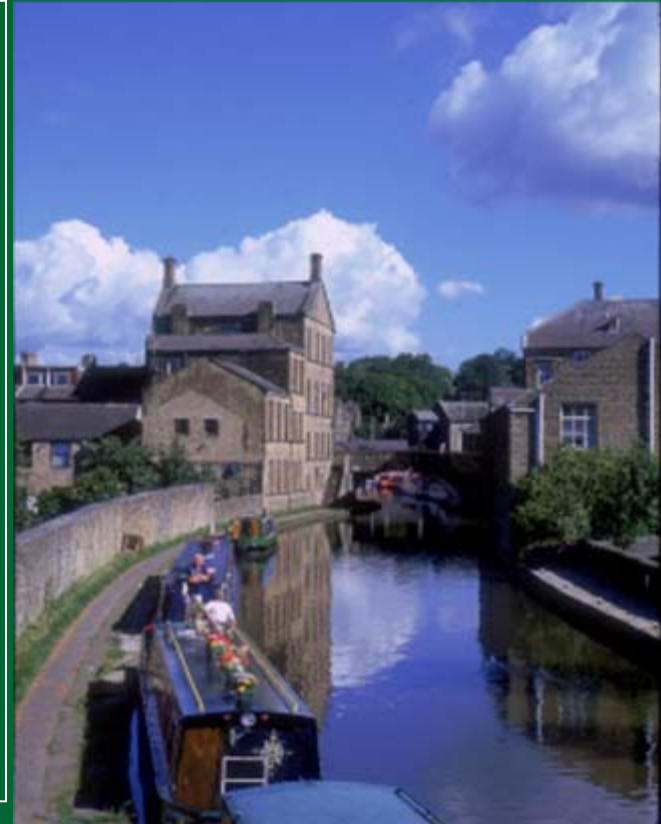
- Navigable waterways – canals, rivers, lakes
- Smaller-dimension waterways

The waterway network of the North Sea Region is transnational & linked to the sea



## **Multi-functional use of waterways – Need for balanced approach in waterway management**

- **Sustainable transport**
- **Focus for regeneration / economic growth**
- **Business development – esp. tourism**
- **Promoting health & well-being**
- **Climate change & ecological management**
- **Community engagement – Third Sector; education etc.**



## Links to EU policy

- **Maritime policy**
- **Tourism policy**
- **Environmental policy – Water Framework Directive**
- **Transport policy – TEN-T; NAIADES**
- **Territorial agenda – ESDP; CEMAT guiding principles; Norvision**
- **European Agenda 21**
- **Lisbon & Gothenburg agendas**



## Transnational impacts

- **Input to EU policy from a waterway “sectoral” viewpoint eg. “Inland” link to Maritime Policy; NAIADES**
- **Input to future EU programmes esp. structural funds**
- **Greater understanding / awareness of how EU agendas impact on the sector & how account of this can be taken in national / regional / local waterway policies & plans**
- **Possibly leading to Europe-wide strategy for the sector**



## National / regional impacts

- **Waterway management responsibilities vary from country to country with regard to national / regional responsibilities**
- **However each partner country has waterway policies / strategies at the appropriate level**
- **Timetable for revision / update of these needs to be taken into account**
- **Other policies / strategies impact on waterways**  
**Eg. Regional economic, spatial, tourism, cultural strategies etc.**



## National / regional impacts

- Framework for addressing multi-functional use of waterways in national, regional & local policies, strategies & plans

Eg. At national level in the UK, through the revision of Defra policy document *Waterways for Tomorrow*

- Ensuring that the multi-functional use of waterways is recognised on other strategies & plans

