



Press Release

NEW PROGRAMME APPROVED!

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The North Sea Region Programme Secretariat, Viborg, Denmark

Formal approval of IVB programme as of 3 October 2007

The Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme was formally approved on October the 3rd, after a preparation period of nearly two years.

The programme works with cutting edge policy areas in regional development through transnational projects. A principal aim of the programme is to expand the scope of transnational cooperation and focus on high quality projects in innovation, the environment, accessibility, and sustainable and competitive communities.

The 2007-2013 programme will expand the scope of transnational cooperation, incorporating policy level involvement and long lasting and tangible effects to maximise the outcomes of the projects. Innovation is recognised as a key factor in driving the economies of the region and will be at the heart of the programme.

The geographical area

The region is connected by the North Sea, and the programme area is made up of regions in the 6 member states and Norway that border the North Sea. In size the region covers an area of 664.000 km², 14% of the EU25 area and a population of approximately 60 Million, 13% of the EU25.

First Call for Applications currently running

The First Call for Applications for the Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme is now open. The Call will run from Monday 17th September until and including Monday 15th October 2007. The call is open for all 4 priorities including all 14 areas of intervention. Please check the website for further information.

The second Call for Applications is scheduled to run from 18 February to 17 March 2008. For the latest information on this call, please keep an eye on the news section of the programme website.

A number of thematic seminars will be held in the coming year to explore the scope of the programme and to improve the quality of potential projects. Please check the website for further information.

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