

First Call Monitoring Committee Decisions



| Project name | Budget in EUR* | Partnership | Summary |
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| Priority Axis 1 - Innovation | | | |
| 1.4 TARGET | Total cost 2.028.579 | Lead Partner: South West College (NI) | This project will develop tools to enhance capacity of manufacturing companies in the NPA region to adapt and embrace new technologies and innovation. The toolbox developed will consist of subsets such as Digital manufacturing (robotics and simulation), New ideas and thinking (human centred and environmental thinking, competitiveness), Business models and modern Product innovation. |
| Making Regional Manufacturing Globally Competitive and Innovative | Total grant 1.246.609 | Partnership: CENTRIA University of Applied Sciences (FI), Narvik University College (NO), Luleå University of Technology (SE), Sligo Local Enterprise Office (IE), Cavan Innovation and Technology Centre & Cavan LEO (IE), University of Iceland (IS) | |
| 1.5 CEREAL | Total cost 867.997 | Lead Partner: Matis – Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D (IS) | Warmer growing conditions, improved varieties and technologies, and concerns about sustainability are creating new opportunities in northern areas for greater cereal production. The main outputs from the project will be increased numbers of farmers growing cereals for feed, malting or milling and the production of higher value cereal products like seed, malt, food and beverages. These changes will increase employment, income and consumer choice in rural areas. The main beneficiaries will be growers and their local communities, SMEs and consumers. |
| Northern Cereals – New Markets for a Changing Environment | Total grant 498.679 | Partnership: Agricultural University of Iceland (IS), Bioforsk North (NO), Agronomy Institute (SC), Agricultural Centre (FO), Forestry and Agrifoods Agency (CA) | |
| 1.7 Smart Fish | Total cost 1.294.019 | Lead Partner: University of Iceland (IS) | The core product developed in Smart-Fish is an electronic device printed onto a thin, flexible label that will be put on individual food packages. Also developed, is a service for collecting and presenting data from the electronic labels. It can be used for monitoring and tracking location and temperature of packages during transport, and the results will be presented both to the producers / distributors and to the end-consumers in a user-friendly way by use of smart phones. |
| Smart Labels for High-quality Products | Total grant 744.947 | Partnership: Oulu University of Applied Sciences (FI), Ardtoe Marine Research Facility (SC), Nofima (NO), Hätälä Oy (FI) | |
| 1.9 IMPROVE | Total cost 1.536.320 | Lead Partner: ERNACT (IE) | The main project objective is to increase the innovation capacity and knowledge awareness of the six regions in the project in the field of developing technology-driven public services by strengthening linkages between all stakeholders in the innovation chain and by using transnational cooperation to fill |
| Involving the coMmunity to co-PRoduce public serVicEs | Total grant 958.133 | Partnership: Donegal County Council (IE), Derry City Council (NI), Association of Local Authorities in Västernorrland (SE), Regional Council of North Karelia (FI), Karelia University | |

* Disclaimer: the final amounts will be established during the contracting phase.

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| | | | of Applied Science (FI), Bifrost University (IS), Municipality of Borgarbyggð (IS), Western Norway Research Institute (NO) | knowledge gaps. The increase will be measured using a <i>Regional Awareness Scoreboard</i> with the baseline score changing from <i>average/good</i> to <i>good/high</i> across the participating regions as a result of the project. |
| 1.14 URCHIN Utilisation of the Arctic Sea Urchin Resource | Total cost | 1.050.922 | Lead Partner: Nofima (NO) | The URCHIN project aims to utilise the sea urchin resource present in the northern arctic regions. The challenges of fishing, sustainable and responsible harvesting of stocks, legislation and supply chains for sea urchin products from isolated and environmentally harsh and challenging areas in the Northern and Arctic region will be addressed. The challenges will be overcome through innovation and national and transnational technology transfer. |
| | Total grant | 600.123 | Partnership: Matis (IS), Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (IE), Marine Research Institute (IS), Arctic Caviar AS (NO), Thorisholmi (IS) | |
| 1.16 RemoAge Remote support of Aged people | Total cost | 1.999.952 | Lead Partner: County Council of Norrbotten (SE) | The RemoAge project will tackle the challenge of supporting people with dementia and other frail older people to age in place in remote and sparsely populated areas of the northern periphery of Europe, with long distances and limited resource to meet the challenge. It will build on and roll out tested and evaluated service packages that will meet this challenge. |
| | Total grant | 1.230.288 | Partnership: Society of Local Authorities in Norrbotten (SE), Luleå University of Technology (SE), The Norwegian Center for Integrated care and Telemedicine (NO), The University of Stirling (SC), NHS Shetland Isles (SC), NHS Western Isles (SC) | |
| 1.17 SPARA2020 Smart Peripheral and Remote Airports 2020 | Total cost | 2.467.896 | Lead Partner: The Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (SC) | The EU Cohesion goal calls in particular for an improvement to the framework conditions for peripheral regions. Better accessibility and the sustainability of this access remains one of the central means of moving towards this goal. This project aims to address this by focusing on the unique challenge of air access to remote and sparsely populated areas in the NPA Region. These areas depend on their peripheral airports to play a vital social and economic development role and support local communities and employers' needs for investment, purchasing power, tourism and welfare. This project will deliver increased innovation within public service provision of these airports which are supported directly and indirectly by local, regional and national governments. |
| | Total grant | 1.575.242 | Partnership: Swedish Transport Administration (SE), Sundsvall Timrå Airport (SE), Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly (IE), Storumans Municipality Enterprises Ltd (SE), Robert Gordon University (SC), University of the Highlands and Islands (SC), Molde University (NO), University of Sydney (AU), Edda Systems AS (NO), Sensec AB (SE) | |
| Priority Axis 2 - Entrepreneurship | | | | |
| 1.1 RYE Connect | Total cost | 1.825.998 | Lead Partner: Kajaani University of Applied Sciences (FI) | RYE Connect will provide better transnational business opportunities, services and solutions for young entrepreneurs |
| | Total grant | 1.186.831 | | |

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| | | | Partnership: Advantage Foundation (NI), Greenland Business (GL), Rural Development Council (NI) | inside the whole NPA region. This will be achieved by developing a wide Associate Network working closely together, in a geographically intelligently managed model of a leaner partnership. Project partners come from Finland, Northern Ireland and Greenland, each working as a centre point for their associates and actions. The practical tools and methods developed and used in this project are based on the knowledge and best practice of the previous RYE project (Rural Youth Entrepreneurship). |
| 1.3 Craft Reach | Total cost | 1.777.231 | Lead Partner: Royal Society for Development (NO) | The Craft Reach project aims to develop and test services to help quality craft businesses grow and prosper in peripheral areas by improving their business models and their premises, lifting the products onto the international market and use businesses as focal points in the local community and as inspiration for young people. The project reaches out to a wider part of the local community, but retains the artisan at its centre. |
| | Total grant | 1.082.542 | Partnership: Économusée Society Network (CA), Research Centre, University of the Faroe Islands (FO), Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust (NI), Teagasc (IE), Matis (IS), Municipality of Sermersooq (GL) | |
| 1.10 Creative Momentum | Total cost | 1.999.611 | Lead Partner: Western Development Commission (IE) | Creative Momentum (CM) tackles the peripherality and distance to market challenges experienced by entrepreneurs in the creative and cultural industries across the Northern Periphery and Arctic area, as well as low economic diversity in these regions. It provides enterprise development and market expansion spaces, services and supports with a transnational focus. At the core of CM is a shared vision that good ideas should transcend distance and that creativity is not bounded by geography. CM recognises and embraces the comparative advantage of a peripheral perspective and works to enable creative industries in the NPA area to bring this unique perspective to the global stage. |
| | Total grant | 1.292.123 | Partnership: National University of Ireland, Galway (IE), Cultural Council of North East Iceland (IS), Craigavon Borough Council / SEED Group (NI), Technichus Mid Sweden Ltd (SE), Lapland University of Applied Sciences (FI) | |
| 1.12 SAINTS Slow Adventure In Northern Territories | Total cost | 1.825.712 | Lead Partner: University of the Highlands and Islands (SC) | 'Slow Adventures in Northern Territories' (SAINT) will work with SMEs to make them more aware of how to capitalise on the business opportunities in guided 'slow adventure' experiences, offering simple nature-based, immersive journeys, living and travelling in wild places, through marketing to new, distant customer markets. Northern Europe's wide-open, 'wild' spaces provide a great, saleable contrast with the target group's lives in |
| | Total grant | 1.129.415 | Partnership: Derry City Council (NI), Wild Norway (NO), Mid-Sweden University (SE), Border Midland West Assembly (IE), Naturpolis Ltd (FI), Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services Ostrobothnia (FI), University of Iceland (IS), | |

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| | | | University of Akureyri (IS), Nord-Trøndelag University College (NO) | urban centres around the world. |
| 1.15 Cool Route Cruising Oceans On Latitudes above 51° North | Total cost | 1.257.388 | Lead Partner: Cork Institute of Technology (IE) | The project investigates all aspects of the practical logistics and business potential to establish a bi-directional yacht cruising route along the offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area, stretching from the South of Ireland, to the UK (Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) on onwards to Norway. As an eco-tourism product, exploiting the natural resources of the zone in a manner that is sustainable and environmentally viable; this new sea route will be marketed internationally and will have a common branding, booking and information system. |
| | Total grant | 790.563 | Partnership: Donegal County Council (IE), Glasgow Caledonian University (SC), Royal Cork Yacht Club (IE), Derry City Council (NI), Port Authority of Torshavn (FO), Blue Seas Marinas (SC), Western Norway Research Institute (NO) | |
| Priority Axis 4 – Natural and Cultural Heritage | | | | |
| 1.2 Drifting Apart Reuniting our geological heritage | Total cost | 1.751.050 | Lead Partner: Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust (NI) | The Drifting Apart project will unearth and strengthen the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the fascinating and interconnected geological heritage of the Northern Periphery and Arctic region, and its many links to natural, built and cultural heritage – It will support the development of new and aspiring Global Geoparks, the promotion of innovative products and services for social and economic prosperity and to continue to build a strong network of Geoparks in the Northern Periphery and Arctic Region. |
| | Total grant | 1.091.296 | Partnership: Magma Geopark (NO), Geopark Shetland (SC), Fermanagh District Council (NI), Reykjanes Geopark (IS), Federal State Budget Institution “Kenozero National Park” (RU), Stonehammer Geopark (CA) | |
| Total: 13 main projects | Total cost | 21.682.675 | Explanation country codes: | |
| | Total grant | 13.426.791 | FI – Finland | AU – Australia |
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