



**Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme**
2014-2020



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ANNOUNCEMENT

2nd Call for Main Project Applications

Background

The Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme 2014-2020 is part of the European Territorial Cooperation Objective supported by the European Regional Development Fund. The programme contributes to and aligns with the Europe 2020 Strategy, national and regional policies and development strategies, macro regional and sea basin strategies, and other programmes covering parts of the geographical area.

The NPA 2014-2020 provides a basis for cooperation between four EU Member States (Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom - Scotland and Northern Ireland) and the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and Norway. This means that the programme area encompasses the Euro-Arctic zone, parts of the Atlantic zone and parts of the Barents region, neighbouring on Canada in the West and Russia in the East. Despite geographical differences, the large programme area shares a number of common features, such as low population density, low accessibility, low economic diversity, abundant natural resources, and high impact of climate change. This unique combination of features results in joint challenges and joint opportunities that can best be overcome and realised by transnational cooperation. The transnational cooperation also includes partners from Canada and Russia.

See the NPA 2014-2020 Factsheet for introductory facts, on www.interreg-npa.eu.

The Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014-2020 was formally approved by the European Commission in December 2014.

Purpose of main project call

The programme's vision is to help to generate vibrant, competitive and sustainable communities, by harnessing innovation, expanding the capacity for entrepreneurship and seizing the unique growth initiatives and opportunities of the Northern and Arctic regions in a resource efficient way.

Funding priorities

The programme has 4 priority axes, which take account of the development needs and potentials of the programme area, together with the policy and historic context:

1. Using Innovation to Maintain And Develop Robust And Competitive Communities
2. Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage
3. Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
4. Protecting, Promoting and Developing Cultural and Natural Heritage

Details about the main project application call, application templates and guidance documents are published on the NPA 2014-2020 interim website www.interreg-npa.eu.

More information about the priority axes can be found in the Programme Manual, which is available here as well.

OPENING OF 2nd CALL:	5 th January 2015
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	April 10 th 2015
DECISION DATE:	June 9 th -10 th 2015

How to Apply Seminar

A *How to Apply Seminar* will be held on February 4th, 2015. This seminar will offer technical sessions regarding the main project application form, budget and partnership for potential project applicants. The seminar will be hosted at the NPA 2014-2020 Joint Secretariat offices in Copenhagen. Space is limited to one person per project application proposal.

Directions

The Joint Secretariat is easy to reach by metro from Copenhagen Airport. The nearest metro station "Christianshavn" is at walking distance from the office (10 minutes). Alternatively, a taxi ride from the airport will take approximately 30 minutes.

Address:

Northern Periphery and Arctic 2014-2020 Joint Secretariat
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If you arrive by train, you can find public transportation connections to the Joint Secretariat on the Danish Journey Planner <http://www.rejseplanen.dk/bin/query.exe/en?>

If you wish to participate

Please register online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-apply-seminar-mpa-2014-2020-2nd-call-for-main-project-applications-tickets-14956193377>. The deadline for registration is **January 23rd, 2015**.

Hotel accommodation has been pre-booked at the Copenhagen Strand Hotel www.copenhagenstrand.dk. Please use the following reference number when making your hotel reservation: **1508887**. The price for a single room per night is DKK 800 plus DKK 125 for breakfast. Pre-booked rooms are released after **January 20th, 2015**. Please also check the hotel website for special offers.

Additional call expected in 2015:

OPENING OF 3rd CALL:	August 2015
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	October 2015
DECISION DATE:	December 2015
FURTHER INFO:	Details of the expected call will be available at the end of June 2015 and published on the programme website and circulated as widely as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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