



**INTERREG III B
NORTHERN PERIPHERY PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME & STATUS**

PROGRAMME VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Our vision

Is of the people of the Northern Periphery working together to secure prosperous and sustainable development of their communities, and wise management of distinctive cultural and natural resources, in a manner that contributes to the attainment of joint European objectives.

Our objective

To find through transnational co-operation within the programme creative ways to improve functionality and maximise the potential of the Northern Periphery, whilst seeking to compensate for the permanent disadvantages represented by harsh climate, long distances, complicated topography and sparse population.



FEATURES OF THE NPP AREA

- An abundance of natural resources
- High quality environment and unusual climatic conditions
- Indigenous groups with important cultural heritage
- A flexible and skilled labour force

On the other hand

- Difficult geographical and climatic conditions
- A vulnerable environment
- Low population density and biases in age-and gender structure
- Dependence on single economic activities and public employment
- Low income per capita and high unemployment

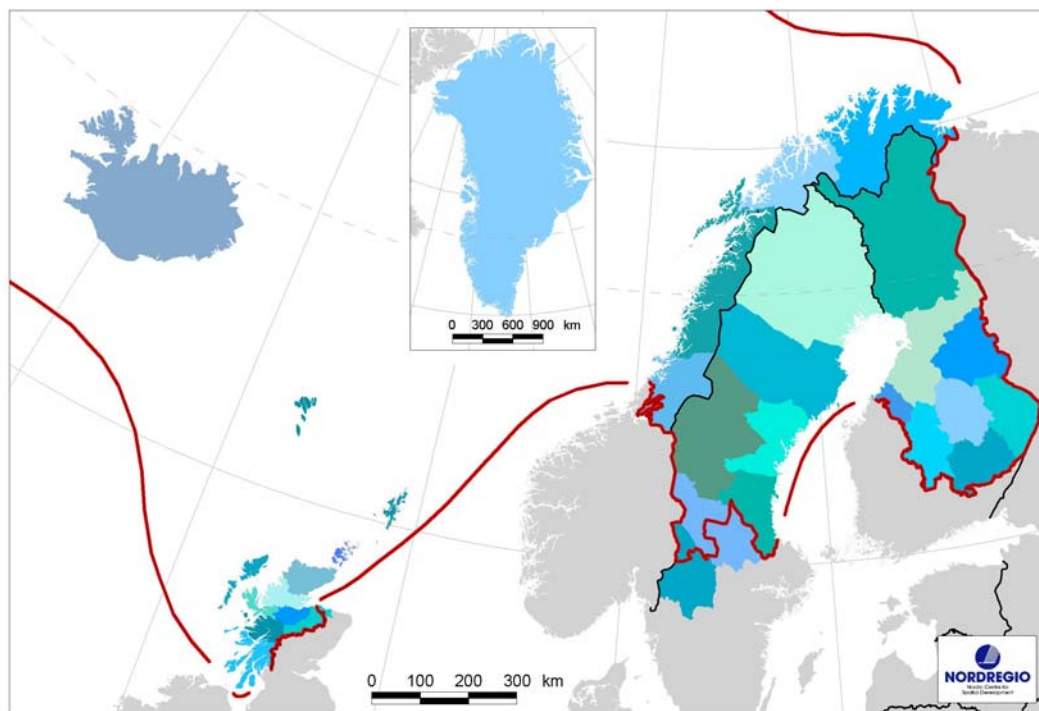


STRATEGIES

- Co-operation and networking to solve common problems or utilize opportunities
- Co-operation and networking to carry out joint innovative activities and linked research
- Co-operation and networking for interactive learning and exchange of experience and good practice



PROGRAMME AREA



PARTNERS AND THE PROGRAMME AREA

- United Kingdom/ Scotland: The Highlands and Islands
- Sweden: The Objective 1 regions, Gävleborg and parts of Dalarna and Värmland
- Finland: the Objective 1 regions and adjacent areas in Keski- Suomi, Pohjois-Pohjanmaa and Keski-Pohjanmaa
- Norway, the four northernmost counties of Nord-Trøndelag, Nordland, Troms and Finnmark
- The Faroe Islands
- Greenland
- Iceland
- On a project-by-project basis: North-West Russia



THE PROGRAMME AREA



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PRIORITIES AND MEASURES

Priority 1. Communications

Measure 1.1 Transportation, Logistics & Transport Infrastructure (3,130 MEUR)

Measure 1.2 Access to Information Society (3,130 MEUR)

Priority 2. Strengthen Sustainable Economic Development

Measure 2.1 Sustainable Use of Nature & Natural Resources (6,534 MEUR)

Measure 2.2 Business Innovation & Development of Human Resources (4,356 MEUR)

Priority 3. Community Development

Measure 3.1 Household Related Service Provision (5,717 MEUR)

Measure 3.2 Public Management & Spatial Planning (2,45 MEUR)



PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- Formal programme period is from 2000 - 2006
- First NPP projects were approved in 2001
- 11 projects due to finish in 2005
- Only 2 projects have submitted final reports so far
- Last date for project activities is 31st December 2007



PROGRESS TO DATE

- 2004 was an extremely important year for the programme
- There was a strong focus on project development – partenariats, project workshops, etc.
- Resulted in 90% of programme funds being committed by end of 2004 (only 53% at end of 2003)
- Now the focus has moved to project & programme dissemination



MICRO & PREPARATORY PROJECTS

- A very useful tool in project development
- 600 000 Euros now been allocated to micro & prep projects
- 49 projects approved & 89% of allocation committed
- Identified by Interact as an example of good practice & featured in:

“Handbook on Financial Support to Draft INTERREG Project Applications”



PARTNERSHIPS

- In total NPP projects involve over 300 partners from across the programme area
- Average project size involves 9 partners
- There are associated partners in North-West Russia, USA and Canada
- 68% of projects involve more than 3 countries
- Majority of NPP projects involve SMEs either as partners, co-financiers, participants or recipients of project outputs
- 50% of the projects approved in 2004 received co-financing from the private sector



PROGRAMME STATUS

The Northern Periphery Programme still has some limited funds available for main projects:

- ERDF (EU Member States' funding)

Priority 1: 78 % committed

Priority 2: 99.8 % committed

Priority 3: 100 % committed

- Total NPP Funds (inc. Non-Member States' funding) = 30 455 317 Euros
- 29 407 539 Euros committed by May 2005
= 97% of total funds now committed



FOCUS

The main focus is on encouraging projects in Priority 1

	Total ERDF 1.1	Total ERDF 1.2
Budget	1646500	3246500
Committed	1041044	2794594
% of budget	63,2%	86,1%
Funds Remaining	605456	451906



NON MEMBER STATES

	Total Norway in NPP	Total Iceland in NPP	Total Greenland in NPP	Total Faroe Islands in NPP
Budget	5500000	1500000	378667	375000
Committed	5522706	1550011	336827	345346
% of budget	100,4%	99,4%	89,0%	93,3%
Funds remaining	0	0	41840	29654

We are expecting additional funds from Iceland to be confirmed shortly



PRIORITY 1

Transportation, Logistics and Transport Infrastructure Access to Information Society

- Multi-modal transport system
- Viable ways of delivering public transport
- Better ways of maintaining public transport system
- ICT as tool to give actors in remote areas access to services, information and cultural events
- ICT as a mean to locate jobs



IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE PROGRAMME

- No more Norwegian money is available
- Please contact the Norwegian Regional Contact Point or the JPS if you are planning on submitting an application with a Norwegian partner
- Decision date: 9th December 2005
- Last chance to have a 2 year project !
- End dates in 2006:

End Date:

3rd March 2006

18th September 2006

Decision Date:

11th May 2006

1st December 2006



OTHER EVENTS

- Swedish Partner Seminar: April 2006
- Icelandic Partner Meeting: October 2006
- Next Lead Partner seminar on the 31st of January 2006 in Umeå



INTERIM PAYMENT CLAIM & NEXT PROGRESS REPORT

- NPP with co-operation from the projects certified enough expenditure to meet the N+2 in 2004
- Next progress reports & claims due by 28th of February 2006 – use latest version of progress report
- Interim payment claims due 15th November 2005 for all expenditure until end October 2005



INTERREG NEWS

- INTERACT becoming a more useful source of information
- <http://www.interact-eu.net>
- Organised thematic project events:
 - May 2005 in Prague
- Database of all Interreg projects
- Sharing of best practice & experience



- Overview
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15.08.2005

New section! CBC across EU external borders

INTERACT Point Managing Transition and External Cooperation created a new section on this website.

[more details](#)

04.08.2005

Vacancies at Baltic Sea Region Joint Technical Secretariat

[more details](#)

26.07.2005

European Commission tabled "Community Lisbon Programme"

[more details](#)

25.07.2005

Call for Proposals INTERREG IIIB Baltic Sea Region

The INTERREG IIIB Baltic Sea Region launched its eighth call for proposals. The call will be closed on 23 September 2005 and applications will be decided on in December 2005.

[more details](#)

16.07.2005

OPEN DAYS - Programme and registration details available

The European Week of Regions and Cities will take place in Brussels from 10 to 13 October 2005.

[more details](#)

14.07.2005

Workshop documentation from INTERACT Point Managing Transition and External Cooperation online

- INTERREG
- INTERREG Programme
 - Maps
- Programme Management
 - Tools
- **Project Database**
- Good Practice Projects
- Regulatory Framework
- Cadre Réglementaire
- Policy Papers
- CBC across EU external borders

Search the INTERREG Project Database

Welcome to the INTERACT Project database, developed by [INTERACT Point Information & Animation \(IA\)](#). This database offers presentations of a selection of ongoing and completed projects in all INTERREG III programmes throughout Europe. You can search on project name or on part of a project name. You can also search on theme, country, INTERREG strand and programme, or choose "all" in the search fields.

IA would like to thank the INTERREG programmes and projects for contributing in the collection of data. If you wish to contribute with an INTERREG project, please fill in the [project description form](#) or contact ip.ia@interact-eu.net.

INTERREG Project Database

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General

▶ submit

This project database is under development and the number of projects will grow each month. IA aims to keep the information up to date.

NPP WEBSITE

- Constantly trying to update and improve the website
- Please send project logos, photos, information material, etc. to JPS
- New features include:
 - Newsletter subscription
 - Project Publications
 - Events section (for projects too)
 - Vacancies
 - 2004 NPP Annual report now on-line
 - Information & Publicity Section – to be further developed
- Feedback are welcome!



NORTHERN WOOD HEAT: Developing Small and Medium Scale Woodfuel Supply Chains

Measure: 2.1

Eligible Budget: 1 880 554 euros


NPP Award: 1 005 035 euros

The Northern Wood Heat project will investigate and develop sustainable local, small to medium size woodfuel supply chains in partner countries, disseminating the findings through practical demonstrations, technical reports and leaflets, a project website, and three symposia. In Scotland, demonstration supply chains will be set up at 4 sites. These will incorporate expertise from Finland and examine the economics of wood fuel supply. In Iceland, a feasibility study will be undertaken and a pilot scheme developed using information from Scotland and Finland. In Finland, a chopped firewood supply chain will be set up to demonstrate strategies for improving product quality and customer service and reliability. Education and training products will also be developed for international markets.



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End Date:

30/09/07

Project Publications

[Northernwoodheat Leaflet.pdf - 778K](#)

[NorthernWoodHeat.ppt - 6630K](#)



European Union

LATEST FUNDING NEWS

97% of NPP funds now committed following latest Steering Committee meeting but funds still available for projects in Priority 1 and Priority 2

NEXT APPLICATION END DATE

12th September 2005

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