

# Interreg Atlantic Area Programme Overview



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**INTERREG Atlantic Area** is an European funding Programme that promotes **transnational cooperation** among **36 Atlantic regions of five European countries**. With a total budget of **€ 185M**, being **€140M** of European Regional Development Fund (**ERDF**), this Programme co-finances cooperation projects in the fields of Innovation & Competitiveness, Resource Efficiency, Territorial Risks Management, Biodiversity and Natural & Cultural Assets.



## What is the INTERREG Atlantic Area Programme?

The primary features drawing the area together are its **environmental heritage and maritime dimension**, as well as a **territorial and urban development common pattern** based on a majority of intermediate rural areas and a limited number of large metropolitan areas.

Among other points of convergence of the Atlantic Area, the tradition of cooperation, the **existing strong networks** between relevant actors and the **solid cultural heritage and identity** operate as key factors for its **joint development**.

## What is the INTERREG Atlantic Area Programme?

- Supports international cooperation projects;
- Contributes for economic, social and territorial cohesion;
- Promotes regional sustainable development
- Provides a direct answer to regional challenges in the following areas:
  - Innovation and competitiveness;
  - Resource efficiency;
  - Territorial Risks Management;
  - Natural and cultural heritage.



## Cooperation area - the Atlantic Area opportunities and challenges

- 36 regions;
- 2014-2020 new regions such as Canary Islands (Spain), the autonomous regions of the Azores and Madeira (Portugal) re-joined the Programme



“The Programme **supports cooperation addressing shared regional challenges and innovative approaches**, to **strengthen territorial and sustainable economic development in the Atlantic Area**. The Programme targets **partnership projects** which will provide **joint solutions to shared transnational challenges** faced by **eligible regions along the Atlantic coast in France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.**”





## Priorities and Objectives



### **1. Stimulating innovation and competitiveness to accelerate intelligent growth**

- 1.1 Enhancing innovation capacity through cooperation to foster competitiveness
- 1.2 Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products services and processes



### **2. Fostering resource efficiency promoting renewable energies and energy efficiency models**

- 2.1 Fostering of renewable energies and energy efficiency
- 2.2 Fostering Green growth, eco-innovation and environmental efficiency



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### **3. Strengthening the territory's resilience to risk of natural, climate and human origins**

3.1 Strengthening risks management systems



### **4. Enhancing biodiversity and the natural and cultural assets of the Atlantic Area**

4.1 Improving the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems' services

4.2 Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development

## Breakdown per priority axis

Priority	ERDF	Total	Co-financing rate
<b>Priority 1</b> - Innovation and competitiveness	47 117 240	62 822 988	75%
<b>Priority 2</b> - Resource efficiency	29 744 404	39 659 206	75%
<b>Priority 3</b> - Territorial risks	15 267 039	20 356 053	75%
<b>Priority 4</b> - Biodiversity, natural and cultural assets	39 483 720	52 644 961	75%
Technical assistance	8 400 791	9 883 284	85%
<b>Total</b>	<b>140 013 194</b>	<b>185 366 492</b>	<b>76%</b>



## Cooperation criteria

- **Joint development** : the project idea and scope are jointly settled by the partners.
- **Joint execution**: the activities, outputs and results are jointly implemented by the partners.
- **Joint staffing**: all partners have equal responsibility for joint staffing roles and their application within the project.
- **Joint financing**: all partners contribute financially to the project resources.



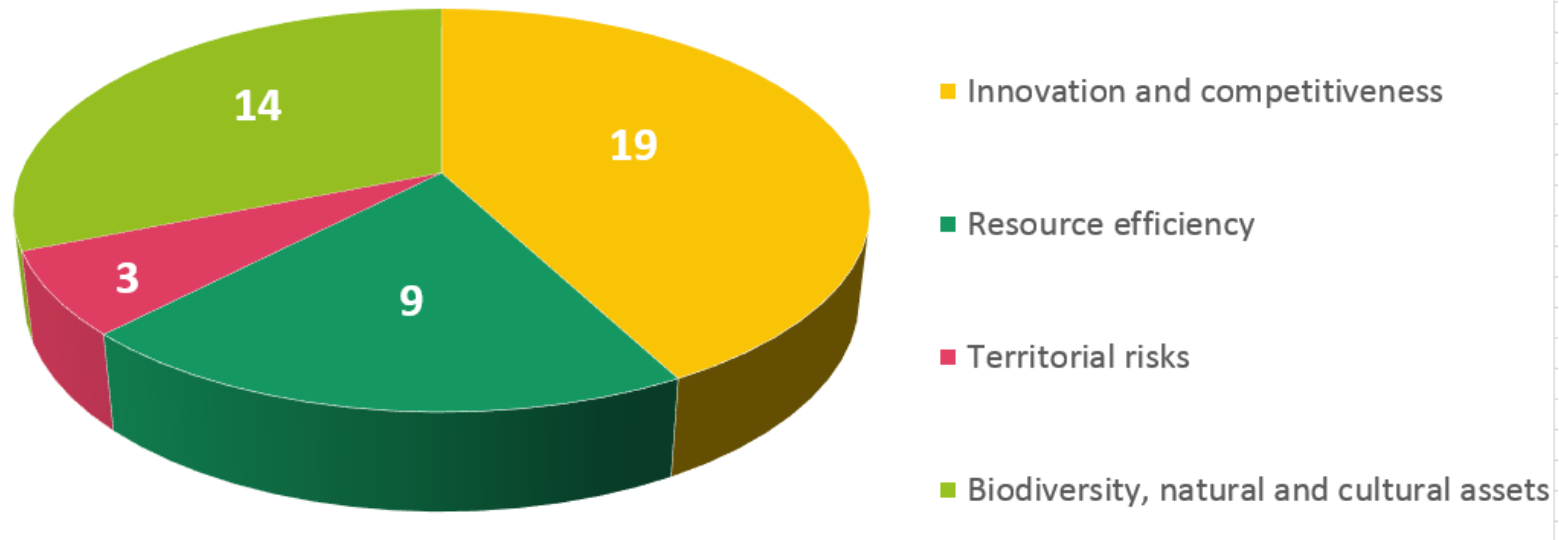
## Calendar and latest developments

- The **Atlantic Area Programme** was **approved** on **17 November 2015** by the European **Commission**.
- The **kick-off event** was organised in Porto on 24 May 2016, with more than 300 participants from the five Member States: official launch and further information about the thematic investment priorities and the first call for projects.
- **First call in April 2016**, in two steps, and was open to all priorities of the programme.
- The first step ran from 26 April to 31 May 2016: applicants presented an Expression of Interest (EOI). The Joint Secretariat received **425 EOI**, from which the Monitoring Committee (MC) selected **102 proposals to present a full project application** on a second stage, from 31 October 2016 to 11 January 2017.
- The **MC meeting in Porto**, on 4-5 May 2017: decision on the first call with **45 approved projects**.
- **Contractualisation** process and **projects' implementation**

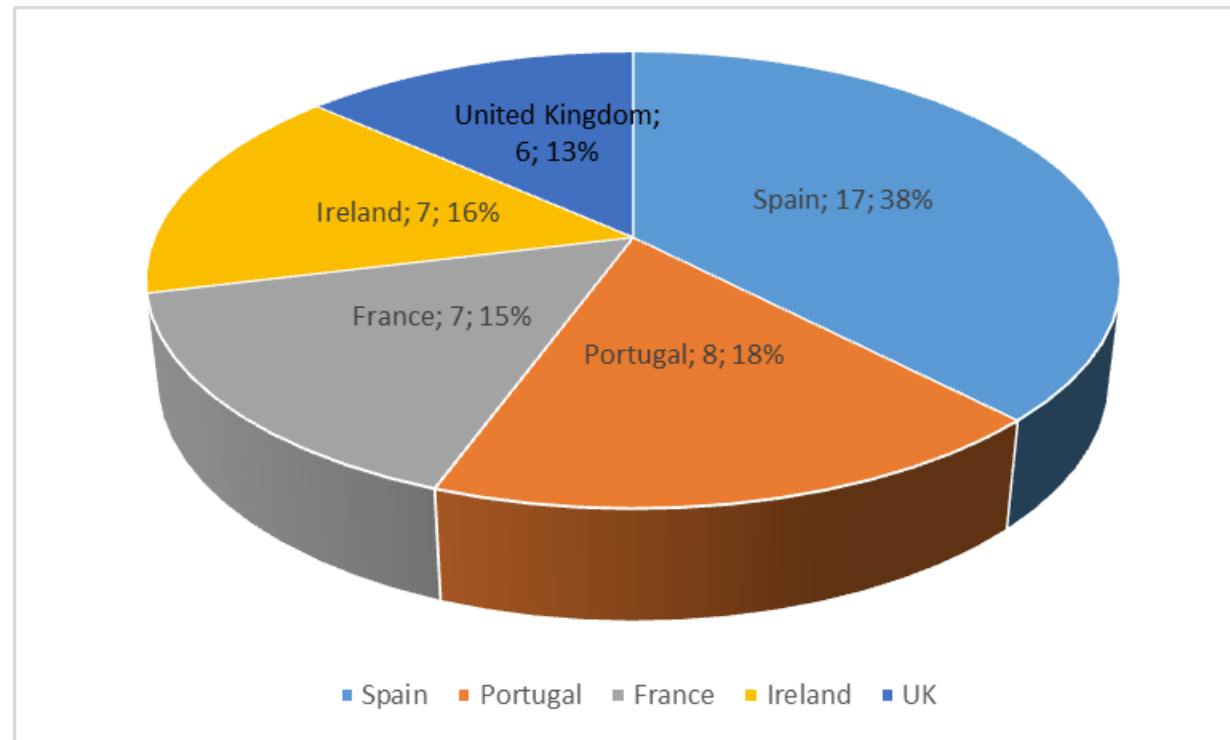
## First call - 45 approved projects

Priority	Number of projects	ERDF (euros)	ERDF 2014-2020 by Priority (euros)	% ERDF 2014-2020 by Priority	BUDGET	Budget 2014-2020 by Priority	% Budget 2014-2020 by Priority
1.1	7	12 138 203,64	47 117 240,00	74,75%	16 184 271,50	62 822 988,00	74,75%
1.2	12	23 081 568,76			30 775 424,96		
2.1	6	13 375 214,62	29 744 404,00	65,05%	17 890 286,16	39 659 206,00	65,20%
2.2	3	5 974 704,07			7 966 272,09		
3.1	3	5 684 896,23	15 267 039,00	37,24%	7 579 861,64	20 356 053,00	37,24%
4.1	8	15 614 709,76	39 483 720,00	70,13%	20 819 613,02	52 644 961,00	70,13%
4.2	6	12 074 972,69			16 099 963,60		
	<b>45</b>	<b>87 944 269,77</b>	<b>131 612 403,00</b>	<b>66,82%</b>	<b>117 315 692,97</b>	<b>175 483 208,00</b>	<b>66,85%</b>

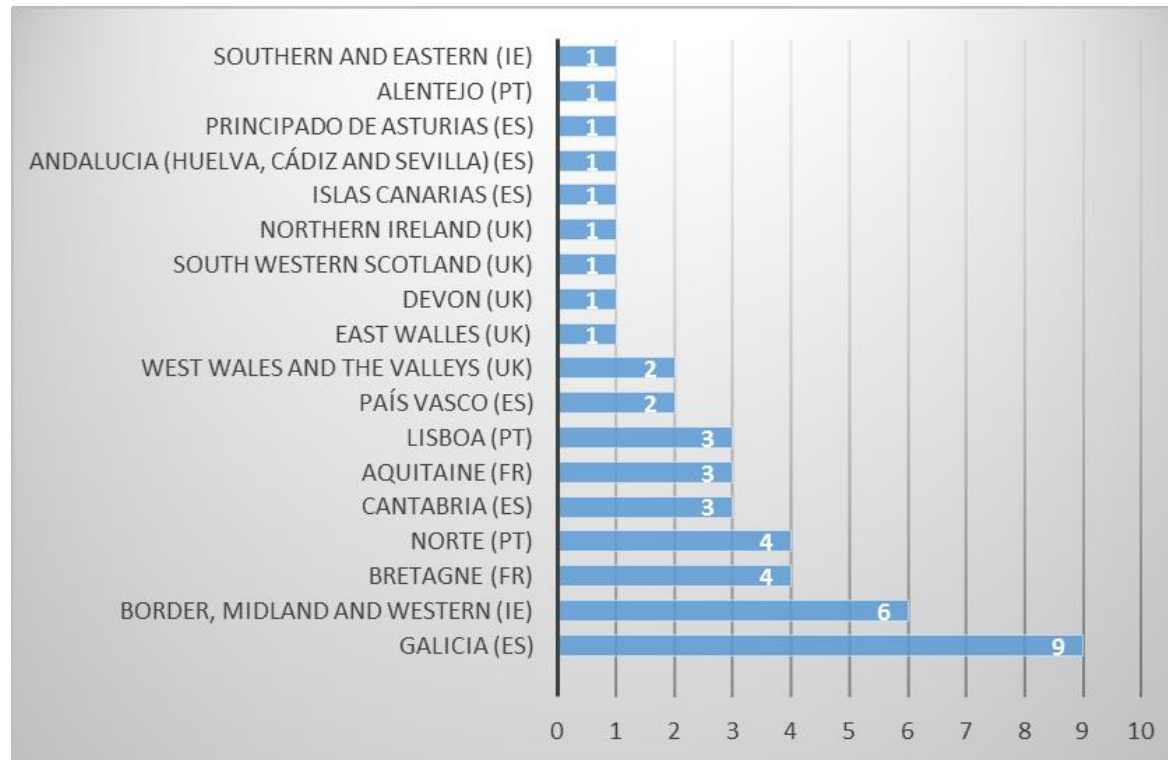
## 45 projects approved in the first call *per priority*



## 45 projects approved in the first call - Lead Partner by country



## 45 projects approved in the first call - Lead partners by region





## Calendar and latest developments

- **Second call** open since **15 March 2018**  
Applicants have 11 weeks to submit their full project application



15 March 2018	Opening of the call for projects
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 – 1:00 PM (Lisbon time)	Deadline for the submission of the application
End of October 2018	Monitoring Committee approval decision

## Allocation by priority for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call

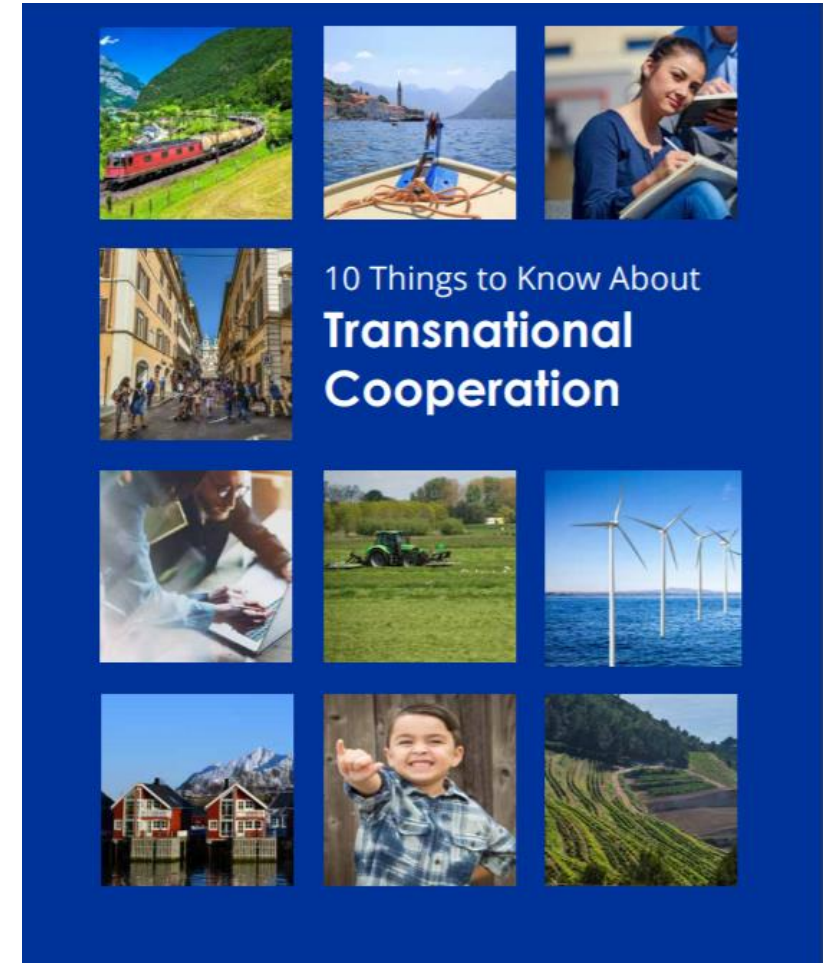
Priorities	Specific objectives	Indicative ERDF allocation
1. Stimulating innovation and competitiveness	1.1 - Enhancing innovation capacity through cooperation to foster competitiveness	EUR 11 M
	1.2 - Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes	
2. Fostering resource efficiency	2.1 - Fostering renewable energies and energy efficiency	EUR 10 M
	2.2 - Fostering Green Growth, eco-innovation and environmental efficiency	
3. Strengthening the territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin	3.1 - Strengthening risk management systems	EUR 10 M
4. Enhancing biodiversity and natural and cultural assets	4.1 - Improving the protection of biodiversity and enhancing ecosystems' services	EUR 12 M
	4.2 - Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development	

## 10 things to know about Transnational Cooperation

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### STRATEGIC VALUE of transnational cooperation:

1. Helps to reduce regional disparities and increases cohesion in specific territories
2. Builds trust across borders and fosters European integration for a more competitive Europe
3. Funding is decisive in making macro-regional strategies work



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### **IMPACT of transnational cooperation – WE**

Policy making and initiate change, and therefore have long-term impact

Thank you!

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