

Note on the participation of partners from outside the NWE area

Although Interreg NWE focuses on the North-West Europe region, Article 20 of Regulation No 1299/2013 states that “the managing authority may accept that all of part of an operation is implemented outside the Union part of the programme area, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

- The operation is for the benefit of the programme area;
- The total amount allocated under the cooperation programme to operations located outside the Union part of the programme area does not exceed 20% of the support from the ERDF at programme level;
- The obligations of the managing and audit authorities in relation to management, control and audit concerning the operation are fulfilled by the cooperation programme authorities, or they enter into agreements with authorities in the Member State or third country or territory in which the operation is implemented.”

However, National Authorities from **Austria** and **Bulgaria** have informed us, that partners from the two countries will not be eligible to participate in the upcoming calls for projects launched by the Interreg North-West Europe Programme.