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Breakout session

Climate and environment

**Smart climate and environmental resilience
for NWE territories**

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Agenda

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1. Climate and environment...

... challenges and opportunities in NWE ?

... objectives and target groups ?

... expected outputs and results ?

2. Approved projects so far ?

3. How to get through the application process ?

4. My project pitch in 1 minute !



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Challenges & opportunities in NWE



SO 2.4 Climate adaptation and disaster risk prevention

Challenges regarding

- Adverse weather events
- Natural disasters
- Water quality and quantity

Opportunities

- Risk management and resilience
- Disaster preparedness and response
- Sustainable water management
- Ecosystem-based approaches
- Risk-adapted spatial planning
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Evidence-based decision making

SO 2.7 Nature protection and biodiversity

Challenges regarding

- Declining biodiversity & natural areas
- Discharges/heat stress/air pollution
- Intensive land use and urbanisation
- Fragmented ecosystems

Opportunities

- Recovery and protection of biodiversity
- Green and blue infrastructure
- Ecosystem services
- Increased knowledge and capacity
- Solutions for heat stress and air pollution reduction



Territoriality

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- Challenges and opportunities specifically in NWE
- In which kind of regions (rural, urban, intermediate...)

What is Interreg NWE?
The Interreg North-West Europe Programme fosters transnational cooperation to make the area more resilient, and to contribute to a better quality of life and well-being of all citizens

Territorial analysis

A territorial analysis identifying the NWE Programme's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats – comparatively to other (Interreg) Programmes was conducted. Drawing lessons from the 2014-2020 period, it seeks to answer the following question: What type of territorial projects would deliver added value to European Territorial Cohesion through transnational cooperation? The document defines Interreg NWE's needs regarding its territorial span and includes recommendations for a geographical area to be covered by the next programme. It also addresses target groups to engage with and topics to tackle in 2021-2027. This is a background document which supported the working groups and NTF discussions and helped in drafting the new Cooperation Programme.

[Download the full territorial analysis](#) [Download the summary version](#)

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Maps

How fast are rail trips between EU cities and is rail faster than air

This paper analyses rail speed on a set of 1 356 routes between medium and large EU cities located less than 500 km apart. On only 3 % of routes between these cities do rail speeds exceed 150 km/h and on 30 % of routes the speed is below 60 km/h. Rail speeds tend to be lower and more connections are missing in eastern EU Member States and on cross-border routes.

- Working Paper
- Interactive map

European Regional Competitiveness Index

Since 2006, the EU Regional Competitiveness Index (RCI) has been providing the member states of

MAPS (PROJECTS)

- ➔ See NWE Territorial Analysis
- ➔ See EU regional policy information and maps:
https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information-sources/maps_en
- ➔ Look into NWE specific data from Eurostat



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Objectives and target groups



Objectives SO 2.4

Climate adaptation and disaster risk prevention

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To embed climate adaptation and risk reduction measures into territorial strategies and local initiatives

To reduce/prevent severe negative effects of weather. Place-based solutions and multimodal mobility and/or spatial planning processes.



To jointly address natural risk management, disaster response and sustainable water management challenges

Jointly demonstrate and implement scalable and replicable solutions; implement climate and environmental resilience, adaptation, and mitigation measures



To improve the capacity of stakeholder through joint training schemes

To translate climate change resilience, adaptation and mitigation into policies and actions. Active involvement of citizens in climate and natural risk resilience and disaster preparedness and response.



Objectives SO 2.7

Nature protection and biodiversity

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To embed ecosystem-based approaches, blue - green infrastructure, biodiversity, and natural capital into territorial strategies and local initiatives.

Develop and implement joint strategies and action plans.



To ensure the uptake of innovative technologies, solutions, products, and services to preserve nature and biodiversity or reduce heat stress and air pollution

by jointly demonstrating and implementing nature-based solutions, measures to reduce heat stress, integrated monitoring systems, ecological corridors, etc.



To improve the capacity of stakeholders through joint training schemes

to promote biodiversity management, the planning and implementation of environmental protection and nature-based solutions, green and blue infrastructure, etc.



Target groups

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Local / regional / national
authorities

Universities,
research centres

**TARGET
GROUPS**

SMEs and business
support organisations

Sectoral associations, NGOs



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Expected outputs and results



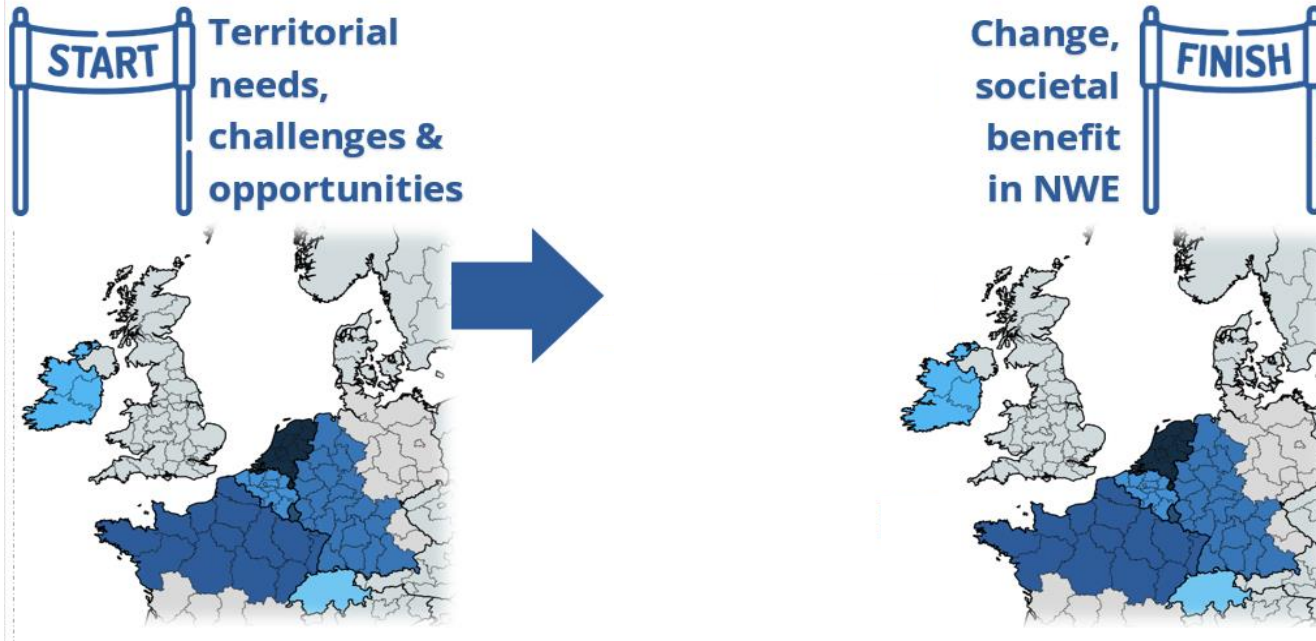
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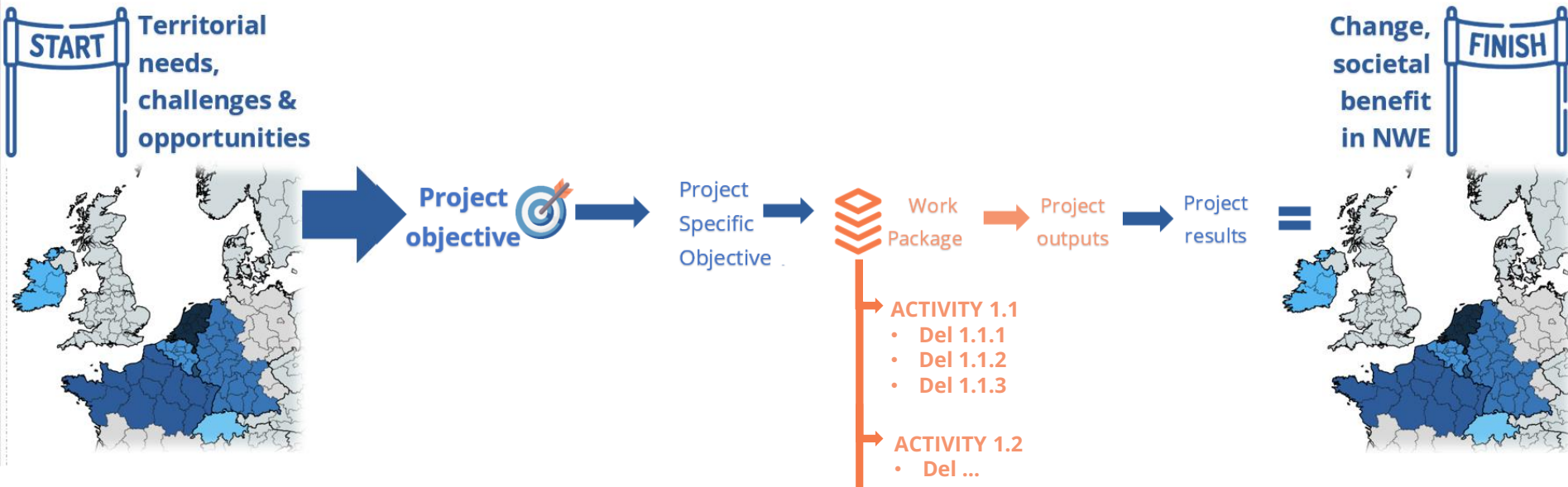
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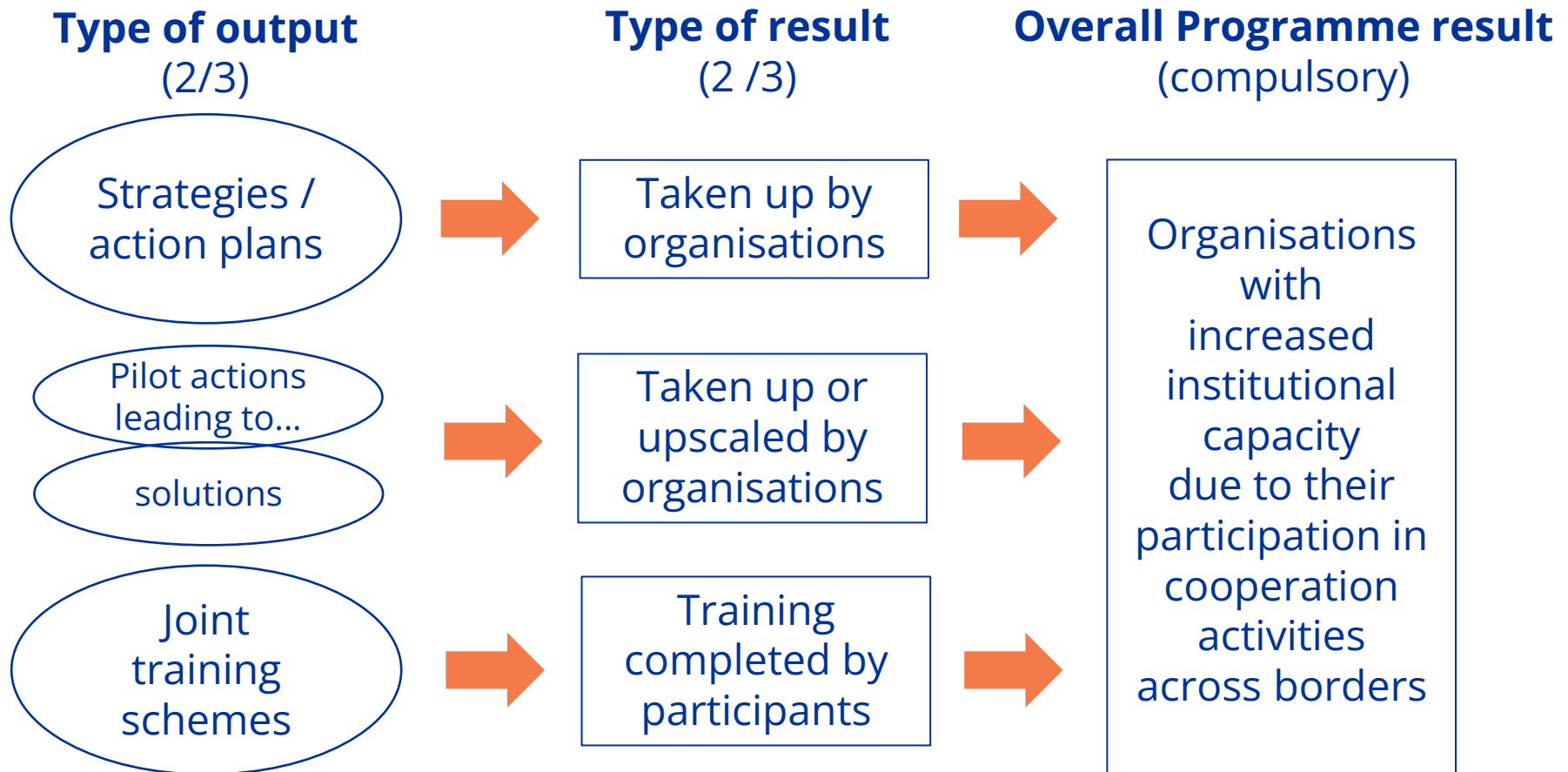
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2 out of 3 output types developed & taken up





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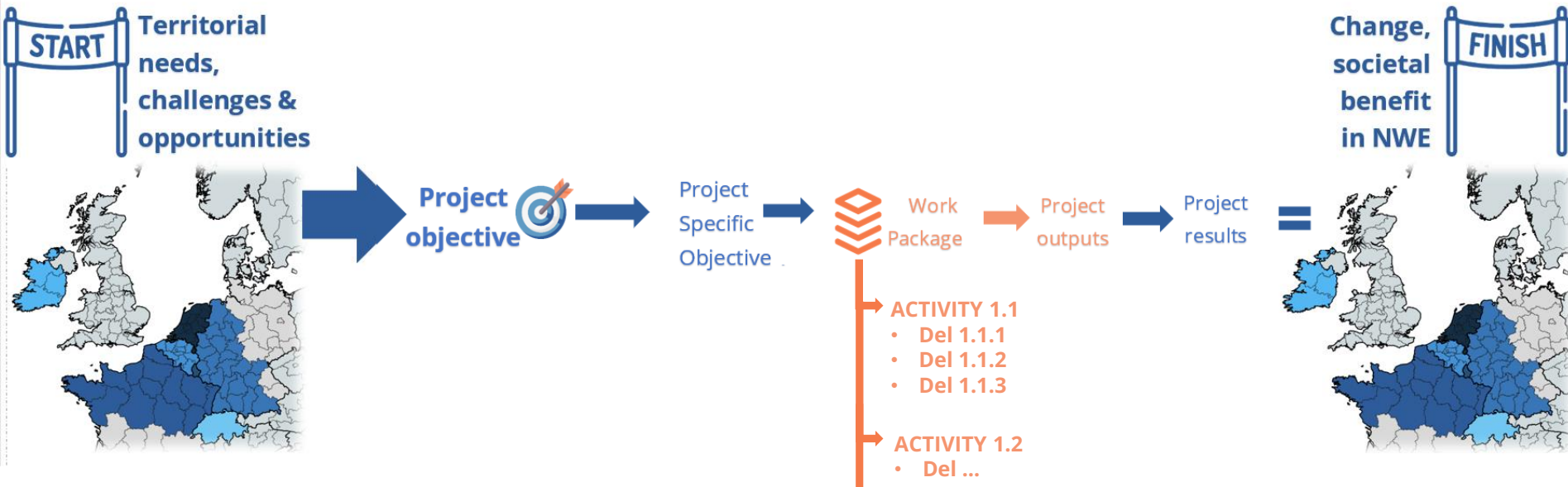
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Example: Resilient River (ResiRiver)





Expected outputs & results

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Challenge:

River systems in NWE need climate adaptation

Example Resilient Rivers (ResiRiver)

Societal change:

NbS are used; preventing impact of flooding and drought

Project objective

Project Specific Objective



Work Package

Project outputs

Project results

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SO 1 (WP1)

Mainstream NbS in NWE river basins

SO2 (WP2) Increase capacity of orgs to design & implement NbS

SO3 (WP3) Upscaling of NbS by ensuring application in future plans

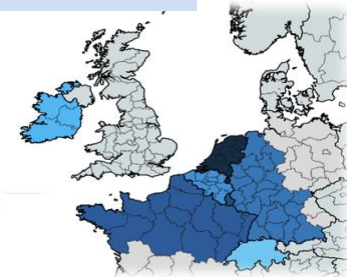
Outputs

- Jointly developed **Pilot Actions**
- Jointly developed **solutions**
- **Training scheme** for professionals to plan, design and implement NbS
- Jointly developed **guidelines** for future

Results

- Jointly developed solutions **taken up/up scaled**
- Training scheme **completed**
- Joint guideline/strategy **taken up**
- Organisations with **increased capacity**

Overall Obj: To create Resilient River Systems through mainstreaming and upscaling of Nature-based Solutions (NbS)





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Approved projects so far



Approved projects

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Call 1

Step 1

Step 2

**14 projects
approved**

165 partners

- ✓ ResiRiver
- ✓ BUFFER+
- ✓ IB-Green

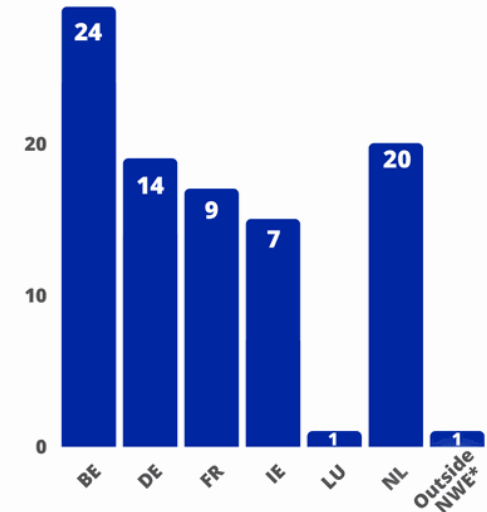
34 applications

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SUBMITTED
APPLICATIONS

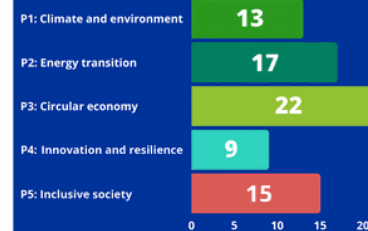


APPLICATIONS PER COUNTRY

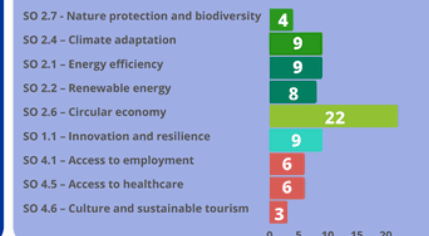


*Applications with a Lead partner from outside the NWE area are not eligible

APPLICATIONS PER PRIORITY



APPLICATIONS PER SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE





Approved projects

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ResiRiver – *NbS for resilient river systems*

Rural_Roadwater_Rescue – *climate adaptive water hubs*

FlashFloodBreaker – *resilience to flash floods*

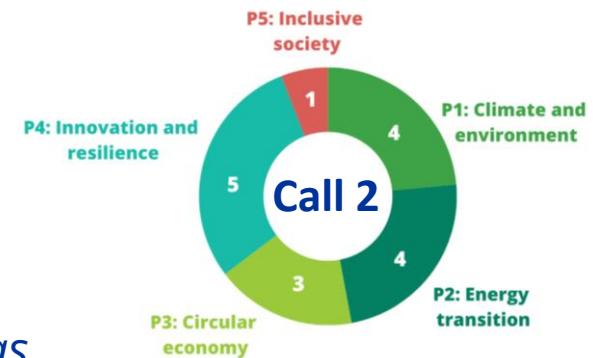
Buffer+ – *carbon + water in peatlands*

Cool Neighbourhoods – *heat stress reduction*

GreenDense – *green infrastructure in urban areas*

IB-Green – *greening of industrial and business parks*

MigForest – *forest resilience, assisted migration*





Approved projects

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Project partners

Meet the organisations financed by the Programme

How to get through the application process ?



Application process

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FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS

opened on 15 November 2023



APPLICATION STEP 1

closing on 21 March 2024



APPLICATION STEP 2

closing on 26 September 2024



NOTIFICATION & PROJECT START

December 2024



Application form

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Jems User Guidance

www.nweurope.eu/web/content/4599?unique=b48e511c4814cc4987c314a96624bf492324cac0&download=true



Application form

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Project overview

Application form

Project version (current) V. 1.0

A - Project identification

A - Project identification

B - Project partners

Partners overview

C - Project description

C.1 Project overall objective

C.2 Project relevance and context

C.3 Project partnership

C.5 Project Results

C.6 Project Time Plan

Application annexes

Check & Submit



Sections of the application form in step 1

- What to pay attention to in Jems
- Pre-submission check
It does not guarantee that a submitted AF is complete and declared eligible.
- Also see Word version of the application form on NWE website



Hints and tips

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- **Pick your LP** wisely

Don't underestimate...

- time to **identify the common challenge** & research **existing projects**
- time to set up the **partnership**
- time for **drafting**
- time for the **translation of summaries**
- time to get to know and fill in **Jems**
- time to write in a **clear and understandable way**
(with external help?)

And remember... “Less is more ”



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Key reference documents

Interreg Programme document

Programme Manual

NWE Territorial Analysis



Other guidance documents

SO Factsheets, FAQ, intervention logic infographic,
application process infographic,
application form (Word)...



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Get in touch with your **Contact Point**

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How to find partners

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Sign up to the NWE online community

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Interreg NWE Online Community. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the Interreg logo and 'Co-funded by the European Union' on the left, and links for 'Home', 'Find Partners', 'Browse Ideas', 'Sign in', and 'Sign up' on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are two blue boxes on the left: one with '1031 ORGANISATIONS' and another with '43 PROJECT IDEAS'. The main content area features a large central image with the text 'Interreg NWE' and a red banner below it that says 'Online Community'. The background is a collage of various images related to infrastructure, environment, and community activities.



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Q&A



FAQ

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- Why should my project apply for Interreg funding?
 - What is meant by the place-based approach?
 - Is the Programme also funding projects that contribute to reducing GHG emissions?
 - What is the average budget expected for projects?
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Thank you
