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# Breakout session

## NWE essentials

What does the Programme expect?

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# Agenda

- 1. CAREPEAT presentation**
  - 2. Programme priorities**
  - 3. Project partnership**
  - 4. What does an NWE project deliver and how is it structured?**
  - 5. NWE Essentials:**  
**Territoriality – Cooperation – Impact**
  - 6. How to get through the application process ?**
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# Care-Peat





## Programme priorities



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## Priority 1



### Climate and environment

SO 2.7

Nature protection and  
biodiversity

SO 2.4

Climate adaptation and  
disaster risk prevention

## Priority 2



### Energy transition

SO 2.1

Energy efficiency

SO 2.2

Renewable energy

## Priority 3



### Circular economy

SO 2.6

Circular and resource  
efficient economy



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## Priority 4



### Innovation and resilience

SO 1.1

Innovation capacities  
and the uptake of  
technologies

## Priority 5



### Inclusive society

SO 4.1

Access to employment

SO 4.5

Access to healthcare

SO 4.6

Culture and sustainable tourism



## Project partnership



# Eligibility criteria

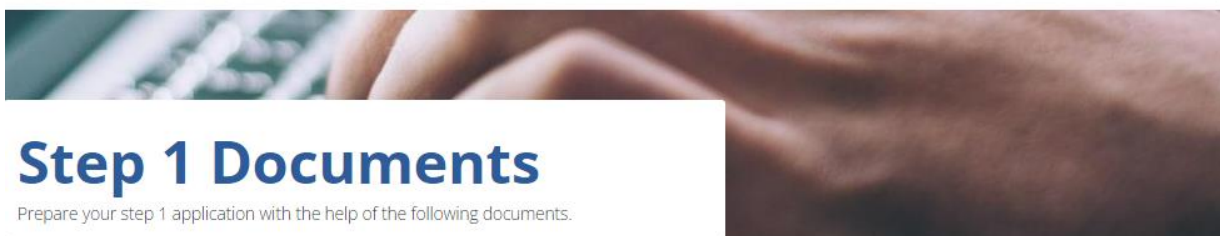
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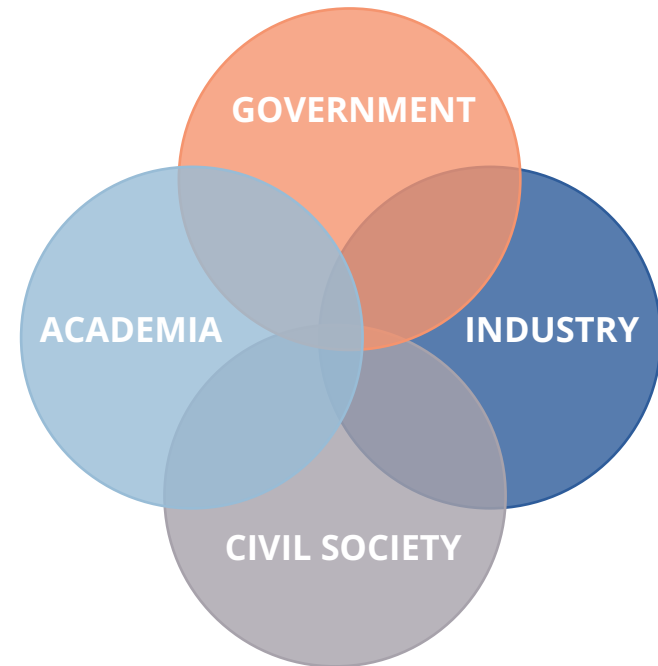
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# Who can apply?

- **Public:** Local/regional/national authorities, governmental agencies, public equivalent organisations
- **Private:** SMEs and business support organisations
- **Academia:** Universities, public research centres, private research units, schools and higher education, training centres
- **Civil Society:** Sectoral associations, NGOs, lobby organisations, citizens groups





# Partnership requirements

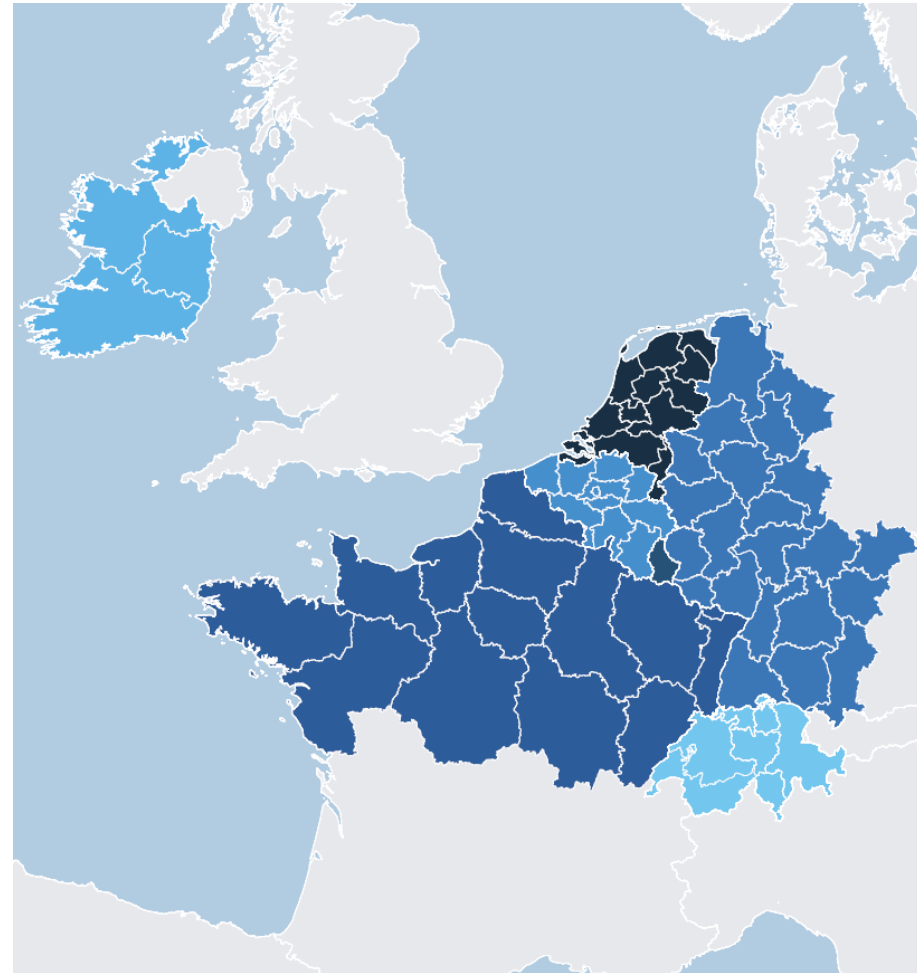
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- **3 partners** from 3 different countries
- At least **2 partners from the NWE area**
- **Lead partner** must be from NWE Programme area
- **Lead partner** must be public, non-profit, or a body governed by public law





# Type of partners

	<b>Lead partner &amp; Project partner</b>	<b>Associated organisations</b>
<b>Involvement</b>	Fundamental role, active for the whole duration	Remote
<b>Budget</b>	Have budget	No budget
<b>Eligibility rules</b>	Apply Programme rules	Travel and accommodation can be reimbursed for them
<b>Controller</b>	Need one	None
<b>Partnership Agreement</b>	Sign the Partnership Agreement	Does not sign



# Lead partner (LP)



- LP is the overall responsible of the project
- LP signs the contract with the Programme
- LP coordinates and manages the project

## Partners from outside NWE

- Possible
- Needs good justification (Why this partner and not someone from NWE?)
- UK organisations





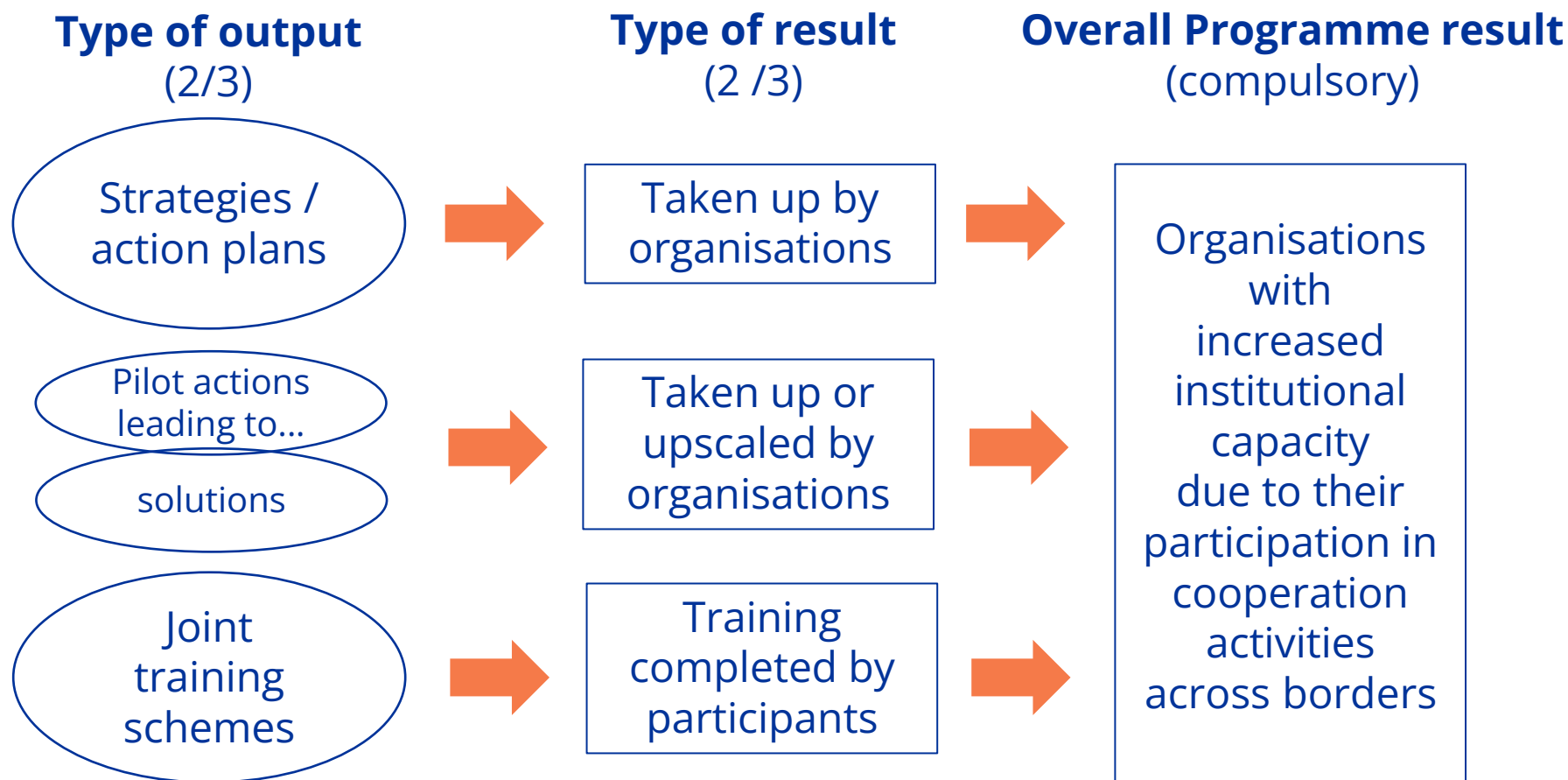


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deliver and how is it structured?**



# Expected outputs & results

## 2 out of 3 output types developed & taken up





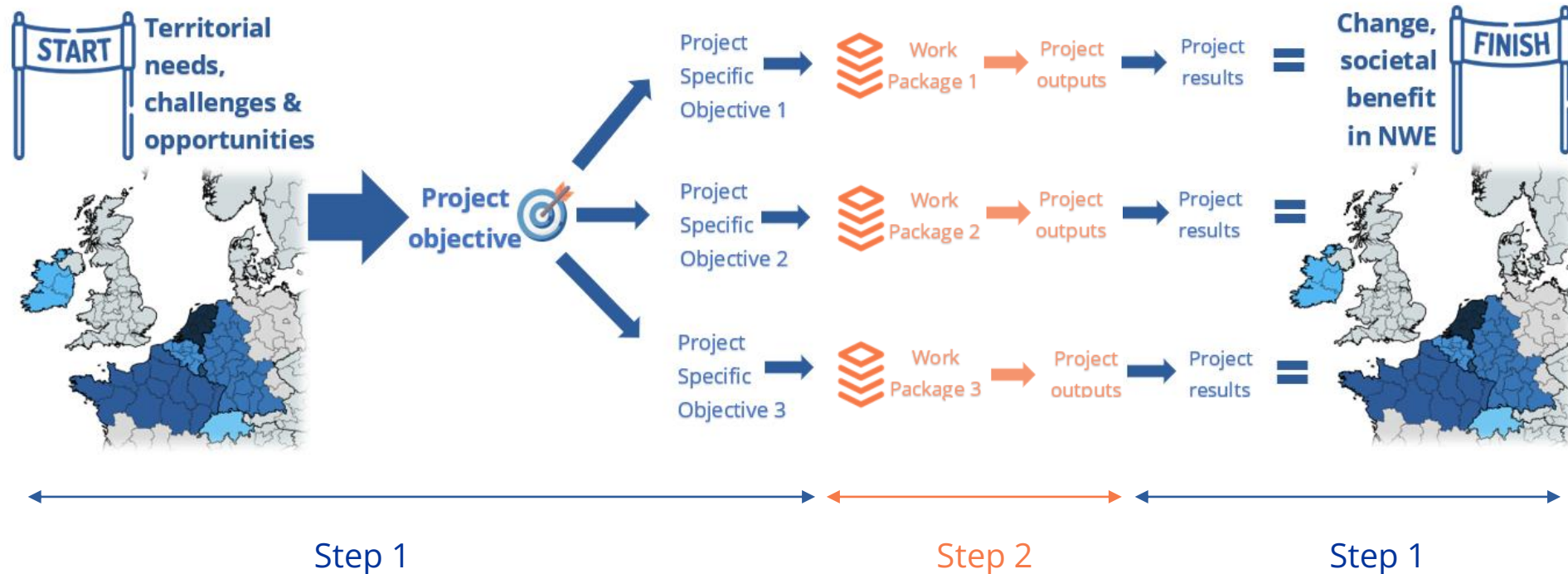
# Project intervention logic

## NEED

## OBJECTIVE

## ACTIVITIES

## RESULTS





# NWE Essentials

## Territoriality – Cooperation – Impact



# Assessment criteria

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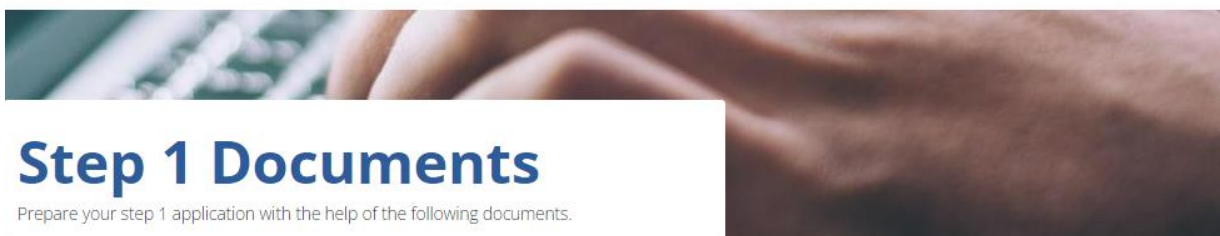


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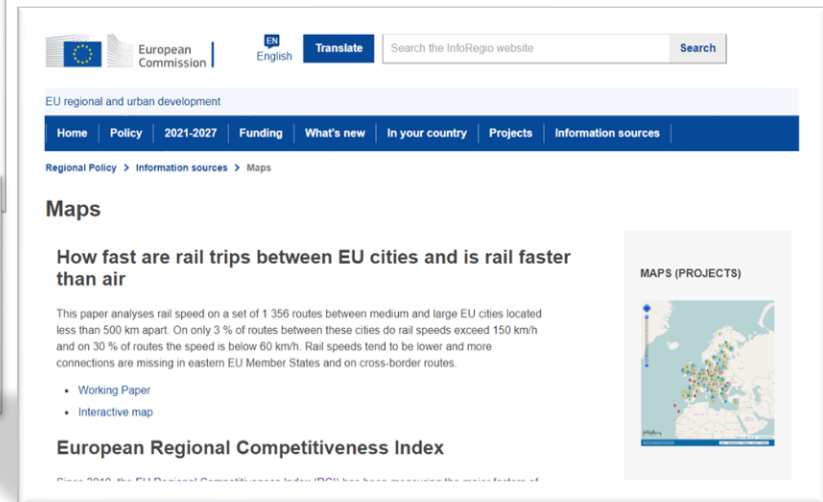
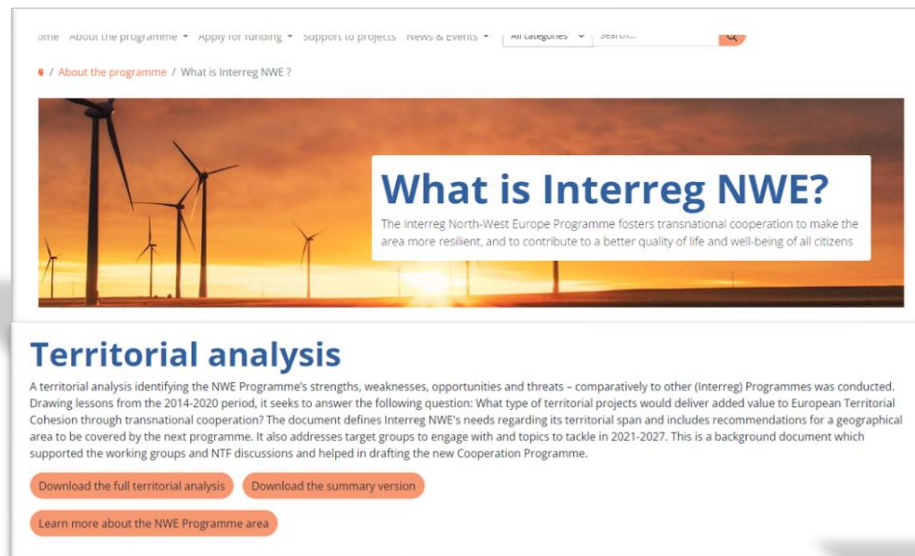
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# Territoriality

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



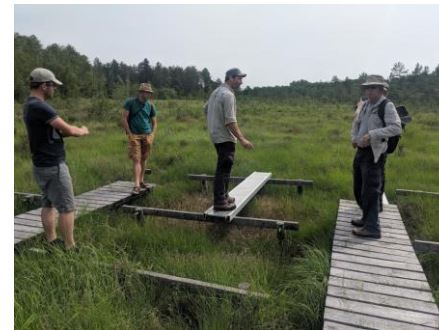
- ➔ See NWE Territorial Analysis
- ➔ See EU regional policy information and maps:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/information-sources/maps\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information-sources/maps_en)
- ➔ Look into NWE specific data from Eurostat



# Territoriality in Care-Peat

9 pilot sites in 5 countries – 800 ha in total

- - Former peat extraction sites, drained agricultural land and forestry restore to
  - Lowland raised bogs (IE and UK)
  - Transition mire and quaking bog (BE and FR)
  - quaking bogs and rich-fen reed-bed (NL)





# Cooperation

- Are all **necessary partners** involved to achieve the project objective?
  - Is there a **need for cooperation across countries** to tackle the identified challenge?
  - Do partners **jointly develop** project outputs, do they **learn from each other**?
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## Nature conservation organisations

- Natuurpunt (BE)
- Lancashire Wildlife Trust (UK)
- Natuurmonumenten (NL)
- North Wales Wildlife Trust (UK)

## Research institutes

- CNRS - National center of scientific research (FR)
- BRGM - French Geological survey (FR)
- Manchester Metropolitan University (UK)
- University of Galway (IE)
- University of Orléans (FR)
- University of Rennes (FR)
- Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences (NL)

## Umbrella organisation for site managers

- Eurosite (NL)





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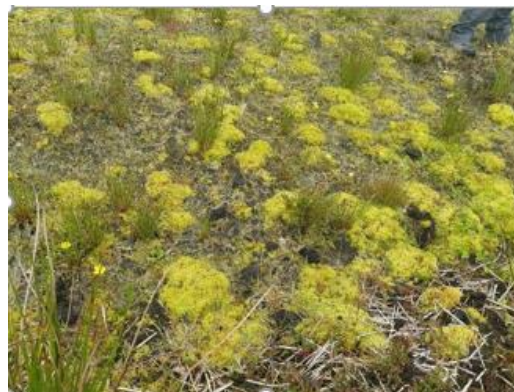
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- For all sites hydrology is key to restoration
- Ask for different restoration techniques: test and demonstrate
- Joint restoration planning by researchers and nature managers
- All pilot sites used same methodology to measure GHG fluxes





- Will the project contribute to the achievement of the Programme's objectives?

See NWE Interreg Programme (IP)

- How does the project build on existing practices?
  - Who are the target groups that will benefit from the project?
  - How will the project deliver long-term effects?
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# Impact in Care-Peat

- Identification of socio-economic models as carbon credits and carbon farming
  - Raising (political) awareness and propose new strategies to policy makers and national, regional and local authorities
  - Create working groups on EU and national/regional level
    - Transnational working groups, e.g. Eurosite 'Peatland Restoration & Management Group'
    - Regional platforms on peat restoration in 5 countries
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# How to get through the application process ?



# Application process

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## **FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

*opening on 15 November 2023*



## **APPLICATION STEP 1**

*closing on 21 March 2024*



## **APPLICATION STEP 2**

*Submission by 26 September 2024*



## **NOTIFICATION & PROJECT START**

*December 2024*

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# Programme bodies

- Contact Points
  - Joint Secretariat
  - Managing Authority
  - Monitoring Committee
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# Application form



<https://www.nweurope.eu/jems>

## **Jems User Guidance**

<https://www.nweurope.eu/web/content/4599?unique=b48e511c4814cc4987c314a96624bf492324cac0&download=true>

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# Application form

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Project overview

Application form

Project version (current) V. 1.0

A - Project identification

B - Project partners

C - Project description

Application annexes

Check & Submit



Sections of the application form in step 1

- What to pay attention to in Jems
- Pre-submission check
  - ! 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



## 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, simple is best"**

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# How to get support



## 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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**Sign up to the NWE online community**

<https://www.nweurope.eu/nwe-online-community>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Interreg NWE Online Community. The header is dark blue with the Interreg logo, European Union flag, and text 'Co-funded by the European Union' on the left. Navigation links 'Home', 'Find Partners', and 'Browse Ideas' are in the center, and 'Sign in' and 'Sign up' are on the right. The main content area features a grid of images. On the left, two blue boxes highlight '1050 ORGANISATIONS' and '36 PROJECT IDEAS'. The central part of the grid has a large image with the text 'Interreg NWE' and a red banner below it that says 'Online Community'. The grid is composed of various images related to community, science, and infrastructure.



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## Projects & themes

Discover our 2021-2027 projects



## Support to projects

Access the project implementation resources



## Project partners

Meet the organisations financed by the Programme



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**Thank you**

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