

Territoriality in Interreg North-West Europe



KEY QUESTIONS

Which transnational challenge are you addressing in your project?

How is this challenge specific to North-West Europe?

Which regions in North-West Europe are particularly affected by it?

■ WHY IS TERRITORIALITY IMPORTANT?

The Interreg NWE Programme is a funding instrument of the European Union's Cohesion policy. As such, its aim is to **reduce social, economic and environmental disparities between regions** and ensure a balanced development across all territories.

The NWE Programme is therefore not just about what a project changes on a given topic, but also **where it achieves this change** in the North-West European area.

It's about how project results contribute to reducing territorial disparities between regions in one of the Programme's thematic objectives.

■ WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME EXPECT?

NWE projects are expected to address a **transnational challenge** which is specifically relevant to the North-West European area.

In addressing this challenge, projects should have a **placed-based approach**. This means:

- Identifying the specific territories in NWE that are concerned by the challenge
- Describing the characteristics of these territories
- Providing a rationale to their selection as areas of intervention for the project

■ WHERE TO FIND DATA TO JUSTIFY YOUR TERRITORIAL APPROACH?

- Check the [Interreg North-West Europe Territorial Analysis](#) and the [Interreg Programme](#)
- Consult the [ESPON database\(s\)](#)
- Consult the [Statistical Atlas of Eurostat](#)
- Read the [regional info sheets](#) of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- Have a look at the official portal for European data data.europa.eu

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