



Ireland Wales Cooperation Programme 2014-20

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Management Arrangements 2014-20

Managing Authority for 14-20: Welsh European Funding Office in partnership with the Southern Regional Assembly and Dept. of Public Expenditure & Reform

Joint Secretariat: is located in Carmarthen, Wales and in Waterford, Ireland

4 Development Officers (DOs): (2 in Ireland & 2 in Wales)

2 Irish DOs are based in the Southern Regional Assembly in Waterford

Emma Doran and Breda Curran

Roger Seddon –North Wales

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Eligible Area 2014-20

Eastern & southern counties of Ireland & western counties of Wales

Ireland

- Dublin
- Meath
- Kildare
- Wicklow
- Carlow
- Kilkenny
- Wexford
- Waterford
- *Tipperary
- *Cork
- *Kerry

Wales

- Swansea
- Carmarthenshire
- Pembrokeshire
- Ceredigion
- Gwynedd
- Isle of Anglesey
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- *Flintshire
- *Wrexham

*Programme area extended to include these previously adjacent areas

IRELAND/WALES CROSS BORDER PROGRAMME (2014-2020)



Eligible Applicants

- National, Regional & Local Authorities
- Government Departments
- State Agencies
- Universities & Higher Education Colleges
- Innovation & Research Centres
- Business Associations, networks & Support agencies
- Chambers of Commerce
- SMEs (subject to State Aid rules)
- Social Enterprises
- Community Sector & Civil Society



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Funding Allocation 2014-20

ERDF Grant	€79.2 million
Match Funding	<u>€19.8 million</u>
Total Budget	€99 million

Grant rate of 80%, partners must supply 20% matched funding - of which at least 5% must be cash matched funding



Programme Priority Axis

Priority Axis 1: Cross -Border Innovation

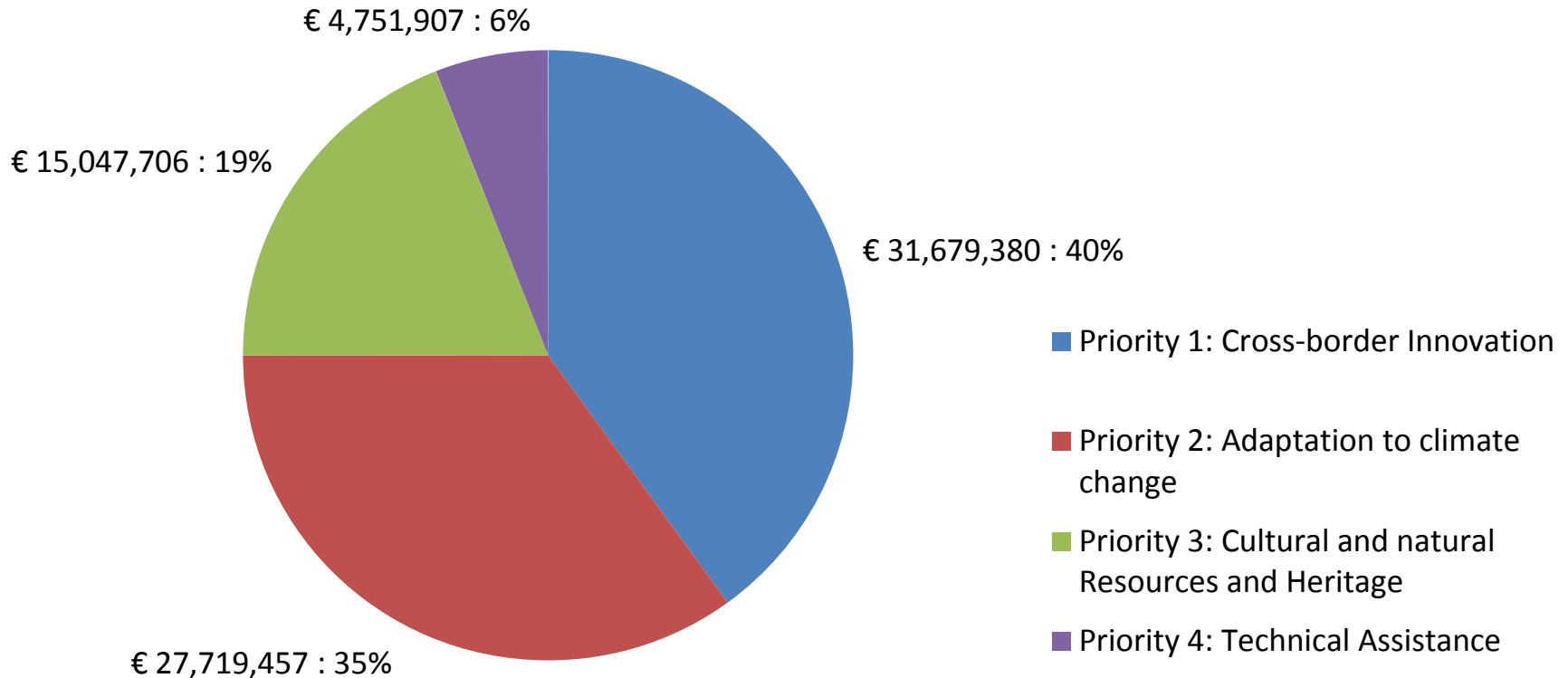
Priority Axis 2: Adaptation of the Irish Sea and Coastal Communities to Climate Change

Priority Axis 3: Cultural & Natural Resources and Heritage



Funding Allocation per Priority

ERDF Financial Allocations



Priority Axis 1

Cross-Border Innovation

Specific Objective 1:

To increase the intensity of knowledge transfer collaborations involving research organisations and SMEs in line with the shared priorities of the smart specialisation strategies.



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Priority Axis 1 - Cross-Border Innovation

Activities to be Supported

Activities which will:

- Focus on increasing innovation within SMEs,
- Strengthen research, technological development and innovation
- Create cross-border innovation clusters/networks

There is a Particular Focus on sectors where there is expertise in both regions:

- Marine & Environmental sciences (including renewable energy)
- Food & Drink
- Life Sciences



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Priority Axis 2

Adaptation to Climate Change

Specific Objective 2:

To increase knowledge and awareness of climate change adaptation for the Irish sea and coastal communities



Priority Axis 2 – Adaption to Climate Change

Activities to be Supported

Activities which will:

- Promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
- Increase our knowledge of the impacts of climate change – negative and potentially positive
- Assist coastal communities in adapting to climate change, improving their security, well-being and health
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the environment of the Irish Sea including its bio-diversity, habitats and species and its vulnerability to climate change



Priority Axis 3

Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage

Specific Objective 3:

To sustainably realise the potential of natural and cultural assets in increasing visitor numbers to coastal communities in the Programme area



Priority Axis 3 – Cultural & Natural Resources and Heritage

Activities to be Supported

Activities which will:

- Enhance the natural and cultural environment, thereby making the Programme area a more attractive place to live, work and visit
- Deliver economic growth through increasing visitor numbers to coastal communities in the Programme area
- Support entrepreneurial activity in SMEs active in promoting maritime leisure, heritage and cultural industries located along the coast



How To Apply

1. Visit Programme Website,

www.wefo.gov.uk/programmes/irelandwales in the new year

www.irelandwales.eu will be launched

2. Download the Programme documents:

- Co-operational Programme
- Implementation Arrangements paper
- Eligibility Rules and Guidance

3. Contact your local Development Officer

- Working with the Development Officers is mandatory. Operations will not be considered by the JS or Steering Committee otherwise. It's important to document the operation development process – it will be necessary to include it in the application

Programme Requirements

- Must have at least one Irish and one Welsh beneficiary (maximum of six beneficiaries)
- Must demonstrate why the operation needs to be delivered cross border



Application Process

Key Solid red lines represent critical decision points between development stages.
Broken red lines represent the gateway review decisions go/hold/reject in the appraisal process.

WEFO Formal Process							
Pre Entry							
Planning Phase	1 st Appraisal Stage	2nd Appraisal Stage		Approval	Mobilisation Phase	Delivery Phase	Closure
Teams to plan projects through: a) the EPF and pro-active engagement with potential sponsors b) applicants contacting WEFO using the web portal	Initial assessment against core Criteria	Continued assessment against 3 core criteria along with additional detailed Criteria highlighting specific project elements		Funding Decision	Review/Risk Management	Review/Risk Management	Final Review
	Strategic Fit	Indicators & Outcomes	Suitability of Investment	Delivery profile to be created, allowing for the initial mobilisation phase	Procurement & Recruitment undertaken	Project delivery	Potentially annual project closure Evaluation/Audits Post closure Monitoring
	Delivery	Value for Money	Long Term Sustainability		Delivery profile to be populated in more detail as more accurate data available	Monitoring/reviews	
	Funding & Compliance	Project Management	Cross Cutting Themes		Ends with a review of successful mobilisation		
	Under each criteria: key evidence requirements related to rating awarded	Criteria assessed in turn in an order determined by a case by case basis	Each criteria assessment is a potential gateway that could lead to the cessation of project development		No claims to be invited until successful completion of mobilisation		
Due Diligence & on going support from PDO							

Application Process

- Pre Planning stage

- Initial contact with the Development Officer
- Submission of a short summary of the proposal
- Development meeting(s)
- Completion of Operation Logic Table (OLT)
- Submission of OLT to the Technical Group

Application Process

- Business Planning Stage 1

- Completion of Core Criteria
 - Strategic Fit
 - Delivery
 - Finance & Compliance
- Submission of Business Plan to the Programme Steering Committee (PSC)

Application Process

- Business Planning Stage 2

- Completion of six remaining criteria
 - Indicators & Outcomes
 - Value for Money
 - Project Management
 - Cross Cutting Themes
 - Suitability of Investment
 - Long term Sustainability
- Submission to PSC for final approval

Following Approval

- Induction meeting
- Subsidy Contract
- Mobilisation stage
- Delivery
- Closure

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Thank you
For your attention

