

## INTRODUCTION

The Interreg 2 Seas Programme approved 22 projects for funding throughout 2016. These projects involve over 200 organisations from England, France, The Netherlands and Belgium (Flanders). The 2016 focus was to generate quality projects. In the upcoming years, the Programme will more intensively share the results of these projects through its channels and events.



This implementation year has also been crucial for the development of most of the functionalities of the Electronic Exchange Platform. It does now fully comply with the e-cohesion principles in terms of monitoring of approved projects. Major progress was carried out notably through the development of the full claiming process.

Finally, the Programme has completed its management and control system description to prepare for the predesignation audit that took place in November.

## APPROVED PROJECTS

*Note that this publication highlights only a selection of the projects that have been approved in 2016. You can find information on all of the projects on the Programme website [www.interreg2seas.eu](http://www.interreg2seas.eu).*



4 projects will aim to improve the **framework conditions for innovation**. **ICAReS** will develop a cross-border innovation cluster and create the necessary conditions for innovation in the field of remote sensing and advanced data communication and processing. **SEAS 2 Grow** will tackle the challenge of ageing populations which leads to pressure on social and medical services and housing affordability.

5 projects have been approved under the specific objective **Technological Innovation**. **IMODE** will enhance R&D in healthcare by developing solutions for novel pharmaceutical products and medical devices through new multicomponent drug systems. **3D&FPP** will increase the possibilities for 3D metal printing in industries that need high precision manufactured metal parts such as medical industry, maritime industry, aviation ...



The 2 Seas Monitoring Committee also approved 3 **Social Innovation** projects. **DWELL** will enable patients with type 2 diabetes to access tailored support. The project aims to give patients mechanisms to control their condition and improve their wellbeing. **PACE** will improve access to child-care, with special attention to employment of vulnerable families.

The **Low-carbon Technologies** objective initiated 5 new projects in 2016. **SHINE** will reduce carbon emissions in residential dwellings. **BISEPS** will increase the adoption of mid-scale sustainable energy technologies (heat exchange, wind energy, combined heat & power, smart grids or large scale solar) in business clusters.





4 projects will investigate how 2 Seas areas could be **adapted to climate change**. Several organisations work together in **WRC** (Water Resilient Cities) which will demonstrate how SUDS (retrofitting sustainable urban drainage) can improve the adaptive capacity of cities. **SCAPE** also aims to find solutions to improve management of water, but this project will mainly operate in coastal zones, both urban and rural.



Also the **Circular economy** objective initiated one project: **BIOBOOST**. It will accelerate the transition to a bio-economy by implementing regional test and pilot projects for development of new techniques, methods and products in the horticultural sector and supporting their development towards market uptake.

**USAR** is the only project approved under specific objective **Efficient use of resources and materials**.



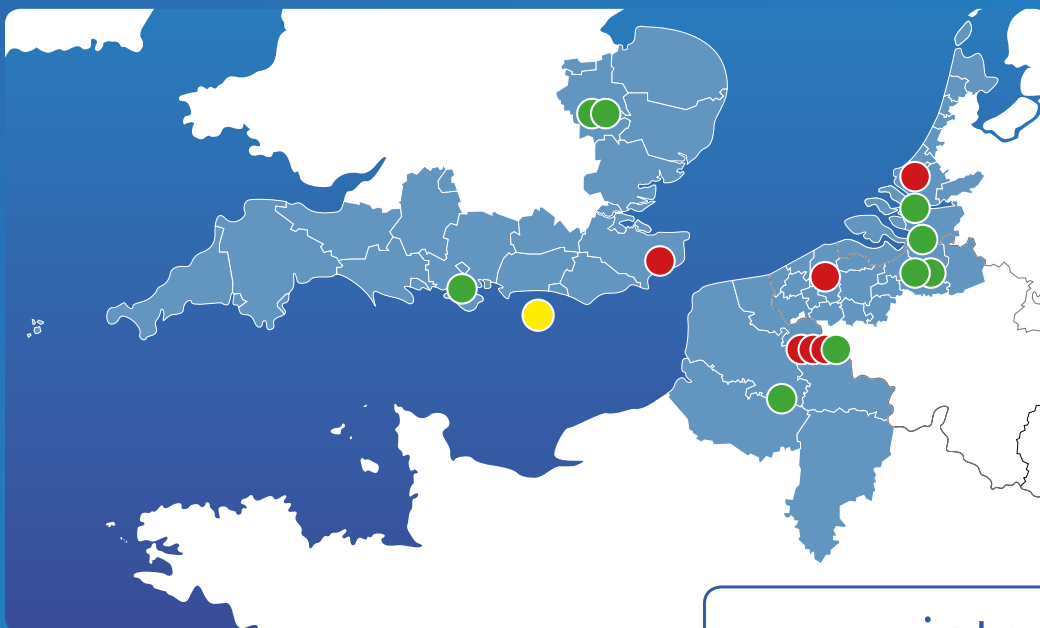
This project will introduce technologies, methods and tools for the use of dredging sediments as a resource into the practice of water managers.



## EVENTS

The Interreg 2 Seas Programme has organised different events throughout 2016:

- 9 applicant seminars to train organisations on how to apply for 2 Seas funding
- 6 seminars for approved projects to highlight the rules and procedures for those who have successfully applied for funding.
- 1 cooperation fair to gather partners from Belgium (Flanders), England, France and the Netherlands to foster the development of cross border projects.



 applicant seminar

 seminar approved projects

 cooperation fair

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