

# Interreg



EUROPEAN UNION

## 2 Seas Mers Zeeën

Programme co-financed by the  
European Regional Development Fund

## Who we are

**Interreg 2 Seas 2014-2020** is a European Territorial Cooperation Programme covering England, France, the Netherlands and Belgium (Flanders). The Programme is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and has a total of €241m ERDF to co-finance projects in the 2014 - 2020 period.

The overall objective is to develop an innovative, knowledge and research based, sustainable and inclusive 2 Seas area, where natural resources are protected and the green economy is promoted.

In order to realise this, projects that directly contribute to one of the Specific Objectives can be part-financed for up to 60 % of their total project budget. Next to these Specific Objectives, projects are also encouraged to take into account the two 2 Seas cross-cutting themes: "support to SMEs" and the "Maritime dimension".

## Who can participate ?

Interreg 2 Seas supports many kinds of organisations. These include:

- Public organisations (national, regional or local authorities)
- Organisation that fall within public law (e.g. universities, chambers of commerce, trade unions)
- Private organisations (micro, small, medium and large enterprises)
- Not-for-profit organisations

The **minimum partnership requirements** are:

- at least two organisations from 2 different Member States of the Programme area.
- at least one UK partner.

smart - sustainable - inclusive



Specific  
Objective  
1.1



Improve the **framework conditions** for the delivery of **innovation**, in relation to smart specialisation.

Specific  
Objective  
1.2



Increase the delivery of **technological innovation** in smart specialisation sectors.

Specific  
Objective  
1.3



Increase the development of **social innovation** applications to make more efficient and effective local services to address the key societal challenges in the 2 Seas area.

Priority Axis 1:  
Technological and  
social innovation

€107.8m  
ERDF

Specific  
Objective  
2.1



Increase the adoption of **low-carbon technologies** and applications in sectors that have the potential for a high reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Priority Axis 2:  
Low-carbon  
technologies

€51.3m  
ERDF

Specific  
Objective  
3.1



Improve the ecosystem-based capacity of 2 Seas stakeholders to **climate change** and its associated water-related effects.

Priority Axis 3:  
Adaptation to  
climate change

€38.5m  
ERDF

Specific  
Objective  
4.1



Increase the adoption of new solutions for a more **efficient use of natural resources and materials**.

Priority Axis 4:  
Resource efficient  
economy

€43.6m  
ERDF

Specific  
Objective  
4.2



Increase the adoption of new **circular economy** solutions in the 2 Seas area.

## A good Interreg 2 Seas project...

- contains a distinct **cross-border dimension** that is illustrated by a clear benefit for both the partners and the Programme area,
- is **result-oriented** and clearly identifies the change it wants to achieve,
- demonstrates a **demand-driven** character and is based on a common territorial need,
- **strategically fits** with one of the seven Specific Objectives of the Programme,
- brings together resources, knowledge and good practice to achieve **innovative** outputs and results.

## How to get started?

Check our **website** ([www.interreg2seas.eu](http://www.interreg2seas.eu)) for the timing of the next Calls for Proposals and register for the electronic **newsletter**.

Browse through our online Cooperation Corner to find potential project partners and upload your project idea.

Contact the Territorial Facilitator in your area and let them assist you with the development of your project.

All contact details for the Territorial Facilitation Network and the Joint Secretariat in Lille can be found on the 2 Seas website.



[www.interreg2seas.eu](http://www.interreg2seas.eu)

Joint Secretariat • Les Arcuriales  
45/D, rue de Tournai • 5<sup>ème</sup> étage • F-59000 Lille  
[contact@interreg2seas.eu](mailto:contact@interreg2seas.eu)  
T. : +33 (0)3 20 21 84 80

*Follow us on **twitter** @interreg\_2Seas  
and on **LinkedIn**.*