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Did you know that this call for proposals may be your very last opportunity to apply for funding?

When can I apply?

The first step of the 6th Call for proposals will be open from mid-February until 2 May 2018. During this period, applicants will have the chance to submit a Concept Note of their project.

What is a Concept Note?

A Concept Note explains the strategic outline for a project. It contains information on the partnership and overall budget, the proposed objectives, outputs and results and the contribution to the Programme.

How can I apply?

Your entire application is developed, submitted and evaluated through the [Electronic Exchange Platform \(EEP\)](#). We know from feedback of current EEP users that the platform is very easy to work with. However, if you need extra support, we encourage you to [download our EEP user guide](#).

At the opening of the Call, you will find the application pack, including the Terms of Reference, on [our website](#). (scroll down the page to find the documents)

What will happen next?

The Member States will discuss each of the submitted Concept Notes and provide recommendations on the strategic dimension of the project. It is up to the partnership to then decide whether or not to participate in the second step of the application process.

The second step (full Application Form) will open on 8 August and close on 6 November 2018. The Monitoring Committee decision is to be expected by February 2019.





Right to the Target!

Last month's event in Lille gathered 107 professionals eager to share experiences with potential partners and develop project ideas.

5 project labs in the morning and 5 labs in the afternoon backdropped the discussions on how to tackle certain cross-border challenges. Thanks to the positive contributions of the participants as well as the effective moderation of the 2 Seas Technical Assistance, 25 different project ideas have been designed.

An online event survey was filled out by 48 participants and indicated a very high satisfaction rate. 21 people responded that they will definitely submit under Call 6. The remaining 27 said they might be participating. Some reactions from participants:

"Very good initiative, well organised, leads to results, certainly worth to re-organise."

"Excellent event, thank you to all that made it happen and looking forward to taking project ideas forward. Your professionalism was outstanding."

"This was a really useful format. I felt like I was able to have open, flowing conversations that were able to aid in pulling together a potential project."

Participants now have the chance to fine-tune their ideas and write a Concept Note to be submitted between mid-February and 2 May 2018.

Whether you participated in this event or not, you can always [contact your territorial facilitator](#) for assistance in project development or to find out more about the results of the project labs. He or she will be able to assist you in your language.

[Click here if you want to see pictures](#) taken during the event 2 Seas: Right to the Target!

New projects approved

On 22 November 2017 the Interreg 2 Seas Monitoring Committee approved 4 new projects. This brings the total number of approved projects to 40!

Congratulations to PROWATER, SLIC, SIREE and COBRA!

Have a look at the [2 Seas website](#) and find out who is behind these projects and what these partners are aiming for.

Meet the project: SSEnt

SSEnt stands for Spark Social Enterprise. This social innovation project gathers partners from the United Kingdom, Belgium and the Netherlands. The project aims at enabling social enterprises to develop and deliver more sustainable and high impact innovations.

Emma Turner, network manager at The Platform, lead partner of this project, explained to us what drives the partners to join forces and what the project will deliver:



“Innovation is crucial to all business, however the complexity of social enterprise, with its triple bottom line, makes it even more complex and, in turn, requires a distinctive supportive and well-equipped environment. It is not enough to have innovation-driven social enterprises in isolation. The Spark Project partners present a shared vision for social enterprises to reach their potential in creating sustainable and high impact innovations and the joint skills, expertise and passion held across the territories is a powerful force for change.

The Spark Project will enable social enterprises to map innovation, gain support, create partnerships and access the conditions to innovate successfully, sustainably and with high impact. Gleaning and sharing international knowledge, experience, influences, inspirations and innovations will lead to an expansion and strengthening of the phenomena of social enterprise and, in turn, the citizens that will be impacted by success of social enterprises in the 2 Seas area.”

Social enterprises can now use the SPARK Innovation Roadmap. This guide is designed to help enterprises reap the rewards of innovation.

[Link to the project website](#)

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